

2027 FHWA Project Selection

Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee
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Puget Sound Regional Council

PSRC's Federal Funds

PSRC has project selection authority over specific formula funds from the **Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)**

- Surface Transportation Block Grant (**STBG**)
- Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (**CMAQ**)
 - *Simultaneous regional and countywide processes*
- Transportation Alternatives Program (**TAP**)
 - *Separate regional process*



Policy Framework

Policy direction from Board adopted in the [Policy Framework for PSRC's Federal Funds](#)

- Based on VISION 2050 policies and consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan
 - Adopted policy focus = *support for centers and the corridors that serve them*
- Preservation and Ped/Bike set-asides



Project Evaluation Criteria



- Based on VISION 2050 policies
- Criteria categories:
 - Development of Centers
 - Mobility and Accessibility
 - Outreach and Displacement
 - Safety
 - Air Quality / Climate Change



Background on Key Proposed Changes

Board direction on elements to inform project selection --

- *the **Regional Safety Action Plan** and prioritizing regional and local high injury networks*
- *the **Active Transportation Plan** and incorporating facility typologies and level of traffic stress*
- *Alignment with current state and **federal requirements** and developing new ways to address the needs of underserved communities*



New Active Transportation Resources (2026 RTP)



Pedestrian and Bicycle Facility Typology

Informs PSRC's data collection, encourages consistent terminology, and includes contextual guidance on appropriate facilities.

Bicycle Level of Traffic Stress (LTS)

All principal or minor arterial roadway segments have LTS categorization.

Pedestrian and Bicycle High Injury Network

High injury networks focused on collisions involving people walking, biking, or rolling.



Proposed Changes – Mobility & Accessibility

Current Criteria (not impacted by the proposed update):

- How does the project improve mobility and access to the center(s)?
- How does the project maximize the efficiency of the corridor?
- What problem is the project remedying?



Proposed Changes – Mobility & Accessibility (cont.)

Current Criteria:

- Describe how the project provides opportunities for active transportation.

Proposed Updated Criteria:

- Specific to pedestrian and bicycle elements included in the project:
 - Does this project provide active transportation improvements that are appropriate for the speed and volume of the roadway?
 - If the project is adding bicycle facilities or bicycle facilities already exist within the project's limits, please identify the current Bicycle LTS and describe how the project will impact active transportation users' comfort.



Proposed Changes – Safety

Current Criteria:

- Describe how the project addresses safety and security.
 - Does the project protect vulnerable users?
 - Does the project design for decreased speeds rather than relying on enforcement?
- Will the project improve safety for EFA communities?
- Does your agency have an adopted safety policy and did it inform project development?



Proposed Changes – Safety

Proposed Updated Criteria:

- Describe the current or anticipated safety and/or security issue(s) in the project area and how the project will improve these
 - Identify if the project is on the regional, state or a local High Injury Network.
 - Is the project on the regional Pedestrian and Bicycle High Injury Network? If so, describe how it will improve safety for people walking, biking or rolling.
 - Does the project design for decreased speeds rather than relying on enforcement?
 - Will the project improve safety in areas of low opportunity?



Feedback and Q&A

- Is there any feedback on these changes and how they might influence the Project Selection process?
- Are there any key elements missing from the proposed criteria update?



Next Steps

1. Look out for a document in our follow-up email with the full language for the proposed criteria update
2. We will bring your feedback back to RPEC in September
3. Outreach to the countywide forums in Sept-Oct
4. TPB briefing in September on the proposed changes
5. Adoption of the new policy framework in January
6. Call for Projects in February





Thank you

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