Regional Capacity Projects - Status Definitions

The Regional Transportation Plan contains a variety of investments – to preserve and maintain the transportation system, improve the system's efficiency, and expand the system with strategic capacity. These investments incorporate various modes of travel on a wide range of facilities, from local roads to major interstates. Most of these investments are considered "programmatic" in nature and are not called out as individual investments. These programmatic investments include, among other things, preservation, maintenance and operations, and capacity investments on local roadways. Projects that seek to modify capacity on the regional system are required to be explicitly identified on the Regional Capacity Projects List and are subject to additional review and approval by PSRC's Executive Board prior to implementation.

The Regional Capacity Projects List contains investments that are included in the plan's financial strategy (the "Constrained" plan). A project's status will affect the sponsor's ability to program funds and move forward towards implementation. Further, the ability to program and obligate funds in the regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) depends upon the investment status in the plan. Table 3 below describes the plan statuses and their corresponding requirements.

Table 3: Regional Capacity Project - Status Definitions

	Plan Category	Approval Status	Description	Regional Transportation Improvement Program Actions
Ready To Go ↑	**Constrained**	Approved	PSRC Executive Board has approved the project to proceed towards implementation.	Can program and obligate funds for any phase.
		Conditionally Approved	Approved pending the satisfaction of certain conditions, such as completion of NEPA; OR approved only for early right of way purchase.	Can program funds for phase but may not obligate construction or right of way funds unless conditions set by PSRC's Executive Board explicitly state otherwise.
↓ **Less Ready to Go**		Candidate	Project is not yet approved; financial and other analysis remains to be done, and Executive Board needs to take action.	Can program funds for any phase but may not obligate construction or right of way funds.

Additional information on plan investment procedures and requirements for admission, and moving from one status to another, may be found in the Administrative Procedures and Processes of the Regional Transportation Plan.