

# Regional Project Evaluation Committee

## December 4, 2020



# Welcome and General Meeting Procedures

- Please keep your cameras off and your microphones muted
  - *If you are using a computer and a phone to connect to the meeting, please mute your computer audio to reduce feedback; to mute a phone connection use \*6*
- Only designated members may participate in the discussion
- Members are asked to turn their camera on but keep their microphone muted when they wish to be called upon to speak
  - *Members may also use the “Raise Your Hand” feature in the Participants section, or signal in the chat box that they wish to speak, and they will be called upon by the facilitator*

*(Please note the meeting is being recorded, and the chat box is part of the public record)*



# Agenda

- Introductions
- Announcements
- Approval of October Meeting Summary
- TPB Debrief



Puget Sound Regional Council

## Regional Project Evaluation Committee Agenda

Date: **December 4, 2020** from 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. – **Extended Meeting**

Online Meeting Only: Use Zoom Connection Information Provided Below

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**1. Introductions and Announcements (9:30)**

**2. Approve Meeting Summary for October 23, 2020 \***

**3. Transportation Policy Board Debrief (9:40)**

The 'At Work' report for the Transportation Policy Board meeting on Thursday, November 12, 2020 is available on the PSRC website at: <https://www.psrc.org/tpb-meetings>:

**4. Discussion / Post-Meeting Action: Appoint New RPEC Chair and Vice Chair (9:45)**

Nominations received to date for the Chair and Vice Chair positions are identified below. Nominations may also be made at the meeting. Shortly after the meeting, an online poll will be sent to members to vote on all nominees. Alternates are reminded that they may only vote as a member's designee.

Chair: Russ Blount, Fife; Doug McCormick, Snohomish County  
Vice-Chair: Nytasha Walters, Shoreline; Russ Blount, Fife

**5. Action: Upcoming Funding Opportunities\* (9:55)**

The committee will finalize the discussion related to the upcoming funding opportunities, and act on a recommendation to the Transportation Policy Board for the distribution process for additional STP/CMAQ, HIP and TAP funds.

**6. Discussion / Possible Action: 2022 Project Selection Process Revision Proposals\* (10:45)**

The committee will continue discussions of the various proposals suggested for revisions to the next project selection process. If ready, action will be taken on a recommendation to the Project Selection Task Force. If not, action can be postponed until the January meeting.

**7. Other Business (11:25)**

**8. Information: RPEC 2021 Calendar\***

**9. Next Meeting: January 22, 2021: 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

**10. Adjourn (11:30)**

# Chair and Vice Chair Nominations

- Nominations to date - Chair:
  - Russ Blount, Fife
  - Doug McCormick, Snohomish County
- Nominations to date – Vice Chair:
  - Nytasha Walters, Shoreline
  - Russ Blount, Fife
- Other Nominations?
- Action to be taken by poll after the meeting



# *Upcoming Funding Opportunities*



# Summary of Funding Opportunities

- Supplemental 2021-2022 STP/CMAQ funds
  - *Recommend updated estimates and process*
- 2019-2020 Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP) funds
  - *Recommend distribution process*
- Rural Town Centers and Corridors Program
  - *Competition to be conducted second half of spring/summer 2021*
- 2021-2024 Transportation Alternatives Program
  - *Recommend distribution process*



# Supplemental 2021-2022 STP/CMAQ Funds

- Funding levels:
  - Prior discussions suggested using final 2020 allocation levels as updated estimates for 2021-2022
  - With increased estimates and impact of returned funds over the last few years, draft amounts =

Year	STP	CMAQ
2021	\$0	\$8.4m
2022	\$27.6m	\$12.7m

- 2021 extensions process will begin in February, may also impact these amounts



# Supplemental 2021-2022 STP/CMAQ Funds

- Process:
  - give opportunity for new 2023-2024 awarded projects to advance to 2021 or 2022
  - then apply available funding to newly adopted contingency lists, per standard process
- Recommendation:
  - Use of 2020 final allocation as updated estimates for 2021-2022
  - Concurrence on standard distribution process





# Highway Infrastructure Program Funds

## Reminder:

- HIP is set-aside of STP under the FAST Act
- Focus on roadways and bridges
- Obligation deadline of 3 years
- Available funds = \$15m total
  - 2019 = \$11.6m, due 9/30/22
  - 2020 = \$3.4m, due 9/30/23



# Highway Infrastructure Program Funds

- Distribution options:
  1. use existing contingency lists process
    - Most STP projects on the lists have full or partial eligibility for HIP funds
    - More detailed assessment would be taken on a project-by-project basis
    - *Refer to handout*
  2. City of Seattle request
- Discussion and Recommendation on distribution process



# Transportation Alternative Program Funds

## Reminder:

- TAP is set-aside of STP under the FAST Act
- Focus on community-based investments such as bicycle/pedestrian, historic transportation preservation, environmental mitigation, etc.
- Funds currently programmed through the end of the FAST Act
- Advised to continue programming
- 2020 final allocation = \$4.5m
  - If program through 2024, ~\$18m available



# Transportation Alternative Program Funds

- Distribution options:
  1. Regional competition, per traditional process
    - Would most likely occur in late spring/summer 2021
    - 1992-2013 utilized an ad hoc Citizens Advisory Committee
    - 2017 utilized a hybrid of countywide forums representation, BPAC and 2 citizens representing eligible categories
    - 2017 competition limited to \$2.5m per application, 3 applications per agency



# Transportation Alternative Program Funds

- Distribution options:
  2. Use existing contingency lists process
    - only bicycle/pedestrian eligibility category represented on the lists
      - historically don't receive many applications from other eligible categories
    - decision point on countywide forums only, or standard 50/50% regional/countywide distribution
      - *Refer to handout*
- Discussion and Recommendation on distribution process



# Summary of Recommendations

- Supplemental 2021-2022 STP/CMAQ funds
  - *Recommend updated estimates and process*
- 2019-2020 Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP) funds
  - *Recommend distribution process*
- 2021-2024 Transportation Alternatives Program
  - *Recommend distribution process*



***2022 Project Selection Process***  
***Discussion of Streamlining Options***



# Continued Discussion: Streamlining Options

Continued discussion of three primary options:

- CMAQ distribution – all at regional competition
  - *With modifications as noted in handout*
  - *Sub-component of limiting regional applications by sponsor*
- Existing process, but remove regional application limits by county
  - *Apply a limit by sponsor*

*Overview of comments and discussion to date*

*Action on recommendation today, or postpone to January*





# And Last but Not Least...

*Thank you to Don Cairns for ~20 years serving on RPEC, and the last 4 as our Chair.*

