



Puget Sound Regional Council

Special Needs Transportation Committee Agenda

Date: March 18, 2020 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Online Meeting Only: Use BlueJeans Connection Information Provided

- 1. Welcome and Introductions (9:30 a.m.)** – Gil Cerise, PSRC
- 2. Discussion: 2021-2023 WSDOT Consolidated Grant Process (9:40 a.m.)***

WSDOT's 2021-2023 Consolidated Grant call for projects is scheduled for summer of 2020. PSRC is preparing for its regional priority ranking distribution process to support the Consolidated Grant competition. PSRC staff will review PSRC's role in developing regional priorities for the statewide Consolidated Grant competition and will revisit regional priority ranking factors and proposed changes to those factors.

Note on how to provide feedback: Because the meeting is being held in a webinar format, PSRC staff will seek committee feedback via BlueJeans chat feature or through emails sent to gcerise@psrc.org. PSRC staff will read questions received and provide answers during the meeting.
- 3. Information: SNTC Membership by Voting Structure***
- 4. Next SNTC Meeting: May 20, 2020 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in PSRC Board Room, 1011 Western Avenue, Suite 500, Seattle, WA 98104-1035**
- 5. Adjourn**

*Supporting materials attached

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Item 2
March 18, 2020

MEMORANDUM

TO: Special Needs Transportation Committee (SNTC)
FROM: Kimberly Pearson, PSRC
SUBJECT: 2021-2023 WSDOT Consolidated Grant Process

IN BRIEF

At the March 18 SNTC meeting, PSRC staff will seek feedback on PSRC's regional priority ranking process for the upcoming WSDOT 2021-2023 Consolidated Grant competition. WSDOT is expected to issue a call for projects in summer of 2020.

BACKGROUND

In 2018, PSRC received 21 regional priority rankings to assign to applications seeking Consolidated Grant funding from WSDOT. Twenty-two applications were submitted, seeking \$9.8 million in Consolidated Grant funding. PSRC assigned the 21 rankings (7 A's, 7 B's, 7 C's, and 1 D) to applications through an initial evaluation of applications according to six regional priority ranking factors (Figure A) and recommendations from the SNTC using additional considerations identified by the SNTC (Figure B). WSDOT awarded \$9.0 million to 19 projects, after reviewing overall project scores calculated by WSDOT's state scoring team in addition to points added through regional ranking process. The PSRC region received 11.7% of statewide 2019-2021 Consolidated Grant funding.

Figure A. PSRC Regional Priority Ranking Factors & Evaluative Questions

Priority Ranking Factors	Evaluative Questions
1. Project Type	Is the application for preservation of an existing program?
2. Coordinated Plan: Emerging Needs and Gaps	Does the application support programs meeting the "Emerging Needs and Gaps" identified on page 31 of the 2019-2022 Coordinated Plan?
3. Coordinated Plan: Prioritized Strategies	Does the application address one or more "High Priority" strategies identified on page 43 of the 2019-2022 Coordinated Plan?
4. Uniqueness of Service or Program	Does the application provide information demonstrating that there are no alternate public transportation options for the populations served by the program within same geographic area?
5. Performance Measures and Targets	Does the application include appropriate performance measures and targets and a plan for ongoing data collection and evaluation of program performance?

6. Financial Sustainability	Does the application demonstrate that it is providing more than federal minimum required match from local sources in its project budget?
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Figure B. Additional Factors for Consideration Identified by the SNTC

Factors for Consideration	Description
1. Geographical Distribution of Regional Rankings	This factor addresses distribution of regional priority rankings (expressed as A's, B's, and C's) over the three PSRC counties participating in the Consolidated Grant competition.
2. Project Types	This factor addresses the variety of project types being recommended for regional priority ranking (e.g. mobility management, operating, and capital projects).
3. Agency Equity	This factor addresses the number of projects recommended to receive funding by an agency.
4. Compelling Cases for Agencies with Limited Resources	This factor addresses projects that provide valued services and programs, but which are challenged to provide the minimum local match.
5. Strategic Application of Federal/State Funds	This factor includes stakeholders' assessment of possible program eligibility for state/federal funding programs found within the Consolidated Grant program.
6. Coordination	This factor addresses projects that work together to make the most efficient use of limited resources.

PREPARING FOR SUMMER 2020 WSDOT CONSOLIDATED GRANT CALL FOR PROJECTS AND REGIONAL PRIORITY RANKING PROCESS

In summer of 2020, WSDOT will issue the call for projects to apply for 2021-2023 Consolidated Grant funding. As during the 2018 Consolidated Grant call for projects, applicants may seek two biennia (four years) of funding if they are eligible.

Because several projects sought and were awarded Consolidated Grant funding for a four-year period in the 2018 competition, there will be fewer regional priority rankings available for sponsors seeking funding in 2020.

During the 2020 competition, PSRC proposes to maintain the same overall ranking process as completed in 2018, but with the following modifications to the priority ranking factors used to provide an initial sorting of applications:

- Consolidation of Priority Ranking Factor 2 (“Coordinated Plan: Emerging Needs and Gaps”) and Factor 3 (“Coordinated Plan: Prioritized Strategies”); and
- Updating Priority Ranking Factor 5 (“Performance Measures and Targets”) to reflect the new operations, capital, and mobility management performance measures developed by the Performance Measures Working Group and the SNTC in the spring of 2020.

At the March 18 SNTC meeting, staff will present and seek committee feedback on draft objectives, strategies, and performance measures developed by the 2020 Performance Measures Working Group, as well as draft operations and capital performance measures. Performance measures are delineated into two types:

- Output Measures: Measures to describe immediate results or products of activities.
- Outcome Measures: Measures to describe short- and long-term impacts of outputs.

Mobility Management Objectives, Strategies, & Performance Measures

Objective #1: Ensure that people with special transportation needs are aware of and empowered to use the available transportation options.

- Strategy #1: Provide travel training/education to special needs community members.
 - Output Measures:
 - Number of trainings provided to clients/organizations
 - Number of clients/organizations trained
 - Demographics of clients/organizations trained
 - Outcome Measures:
 - Number of clients who continue to use public transit options after receiving training
 - ORCA card usage after having received training
- Strategy #2: Information Referral & Assistance
 - Output Measures:
 - Number of calls fielded
 - Number of website clicks/impressions
 - Number of trips planned
 - Outcome Measure:
 - Number of people with increased mobility via broad transit options as a result of these websites, apps, and programs

Objective #2: Ensure affordable, convenient transportation access to health and wellness services.

- Strategy #1: Coordinate with providers to match unmet transportation needs with services.
 - Output Measures:
 - Number of rides to health and wellness appointments
 - Decrease in missed health and wellness appointments
 - Outcome Measures:
 - Improved health outcomes of riders [specific measures to be determined]
 - Amount of money saved to due to reduced recidivism

Objective #3: Increase high-quality, efficient, coordinated, person-centered transportation options for special needs communities.

- Strategy #1: Increase coordination between transportation providers, county or regional mobility coalitions, and other stakeholders.
 - Output Measures:
 - Number of Mobility Coalition coordination meetings
 - Number of Mobility Coalition coordination meeting participants
 - Number of unique agencies represented at the Mobility Coalition coordination meetings
 - Number of transportation plans created to increase transportation system access and/or efficiency
 - Outcome Measures:
 - Number of community members served by more efficient trips

Operations Performance Measures

- Output Measures:
 - Revenue vehicle hours
 - Revenue vehicle miles

- Passenger trips
- Outcome Measures:
 - Undefined (for discussion)

Capital Performance Measures

- Output Measures:
 - Vehicles: Percentage of agency/program fleet that fall below the agency-defined Useful Life Benchmark (ULB)
 - Other Capital: Undefined (for discussion)
- Outcome Measures:
 - Undefined (for discussion)

PSRC will also initiate a discussion with the SNTC about the Consolidated Grant deliberation meeting, including potential additional factors for consideration for the 2020 competition. Figure B shows those additional factors that were applied in 2018, and they can be retained, updated, or replaced based upon SNTC feedback. As a reminder, additional factors for consideration should not duplicate the Ranking Factors and Evaluation Questions used to provide an initial sorting of applications.

During the March 18 SNTC meeting, PSRC will seek feedback from the SNTC regarding the regional priority ranking process and factors. The final opportunity to provide feedback before staff prepare regional priority ranking materials will be in May 2020.

If you have questions prior to the meeting, please contact Kim Pearson at kpearson@psrc.org, or (206) 464-5833 or Gil Cerise at gcerise@psrc.org or (206) 971-3053.

Membership and Voting Composition of Special Needs Transportation Committee

Representative	Type	Counties Served	Role				
			Informative	Coord. Plan Voting	WSDOT Consolidated Grant Voting		
Member	Alternate	County Representation					
Don Okazaki, King County Metro	Jeremy Trenhaile, King County Metro	King County Metro	Transit	King	X	X	X
Alex O'Reilly, KCMC (Bellevue)	Penny Lara, KC Metro	Representative from KCMC	Local Coalition*	King	X	X	X
Jon Morrison Winters, Seattle ADS	Pamela Calderon, Seattle ADS	Seattle-King County Aging and Disability Services	Area Agency on Aging/ADRC	King	X	X	X
Aaron Morrow, KCMC	Dorene Cornwell, KCMC	King County Persons with Disabilities / Advocacy Groups for Persons with Disabilities	Disability Advocacy Group*	King	X	X	X
★ Mark Smutny, Sound Generations	Amy Biggs, Snoqualmie Valley Transportation	Available county seat to be chosen by KCMC**	Other Special Needs Group*	King	X	X	X
Vacant	Alternate	County Representation					
Jerri Kelly, Pierce County Human Services	Penny Grellier, Pierce Transit	Pierce Transit	Transit	Pierce	X	X	X
John Mikel, Pierce Co. Aging&Disability Resources	Jodie Moody, Catholic Community Services	Representative from PC Human Services (f/k/a PCCC)	Local Coalition*	Pierce	X	X	X
Francie Peltier, PCCTC	Daniel Gross, Pierce Co. Aging&Disability Resources	Pierce County Aging and Disability Resources	Area Agency on Aging/ADRC	Pierce	X	X	X
Steve Hutchins, Around the Sound	Gerrit Nyland, Catholic Community Services	Pierce County Persons with Disabilities/ Advocacy Groups for Persons with Disabilities	Disability Advocacy Group*	Pierce	X	X	X
	Penni Belcher, UWPC/Sounth Sound 211	Available county seat to be chosen by PCCTC**	Other Special Needs Group*	Pierce	X	X	X
Wade Mahala, Community Transit	Brian Senyitko, Everett Transit	Community Transit/Everett Transit	Transit	Snohomish	X	X	X
★ Marianna Hanefeld, SNOTRAC	Brooke Knight, Northshore Senior Center	Representative from SNOTRAC	Local Coalition*	Snohomish	X	X	X
Janet Gant, Snohomish Co LTC & Aging	Stefanie Novacek, Snohomish Co LTC & Aging	Snohomish County Long-Term Care and Aging	Area Agency on Aging/ADRC	Snohomish	X	X	X
Leigh Spruce, Arc of Snohomish County	Corrina Fale, Arc of Snohomish County	Snohomish County Persons with Disabilities/ Advocacy Groups for Persons with Disabilities	Disability Advocacy Group*	Snohomish	X	X	X
Vacant	Christina Robertson Catholic Community Svcs Snohomish	Available county seat to be chosen by SNOTRAC**	Other Special Needs Group*	Snohomish	X	X	X
Jeff Davidson, Kitsap Transit	Jeff Vinecourt, Kitsap Transit	Kitsap Transit	Transit	Kitsap	X	X	
Kelly Schwab, KIRN	VACANT	KIRN - Kitsap County Coalition	Local Coalition*	Kitsap	X	X	
VACANT	VACANT	Kitsap County Dept. of Aging and Long-Term Care	Area Agency on Aging/ADRC	Kitsap	X	X	
VACANT	VACANT	Kitsap County Persons with Disabilities/ Advocacy Groups for Persons with Disabilities	Disability Advocacy Group*	Kitsap	X	X	
VACANT	VACANT	Available county seat to be chosen by Kitsap Group**	Other Special Needs Group*	Kitsap	X	X	
Member	Alternate	State and Regional Representation					
Ann Kennedy, Paratransit Services	Christie Scheffer, Paratransit Services	Paratransit Services	Medicaid	Regional	X	X	X
VACANT	Susan Carter, Hopelink	Hopelink	Medicaid	Regional	X	X	X
Sarah Nagpal, WSF	Jared Fernley, WSF	Washington State Ferries (WSDOT)	Ferry - WSDOT	State	X	X	X
Donna Smith, Sound Transit	VACANT	Sound Transit	Transit	Regional	X	X	X
Jacque Mann, PSESD	Michael Shahan, PSESD	Educational Service Districts	Education	Regional	X	X	X
Vacant	Andrew Strobel, Puyallup Tribe of Indians	Tribal Representation***	Tribes		X	X	X
		Employment Securities Department	Employment	State	X		
		OSPI	Education	State	X		
		ACCT		State	X		
		Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Public Transportation	State Transportation	State	X		
		Washington State Department of Commerce	Economic	State	X		
		Department of Vocational Rehabilitation		State	X		
		Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges	Education	State	X		
		Health Care Authority	Medicaid	Regional/State	X		
		DSHS	Medicaid	Regional/State	X		
		Multi-Service Center		King	X		
		Catholic Community Services		King	X		
		King County Housing Authority	Housing	King	X		
		Kitsap County Housing Authority	Housing	Kitsap	X		
		Pierce County Housing Authority	Housing	Pierce	X		
		Housing Authority of Snohomish County	Housing	Snohomish	X		
		Other Housing Authorities or Interests	Housing		X		
		Other Cities/Towns			X		
		Local Jurisdictions			X		
		CTA Northwest		State/Other	X		
		Other Tribes	Tribes		X		

* Local coalition in each County is responsible for selecting these seats: 1) Local Coalition; 2) Disability Advocacy Group; and 3) Other Special Needs Group.

** This is suggested to be a representative from a transportation provider or other special needs populations listed in coordinated plan including seniors, low income, youth, veterans, and limited english proficiency groups.

*** Representative is chosen by local Tribal Travel Planning Organizations (TTPO).

★ Note: SNTC Chair and Vice Chair for 2019-2020

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