



## Puget Sound Regional Council

### Memorandum

**Date:** August 26, 2020

**To:** Transportation Operators Committee

**From:** Gil Cerise, Program Manager

**Subject:** **Development of Transit-Related Work Program for PSRC's FY 2022-23 Biennial Budget**

PSRC is preparing its FY 2022-23 Biennial Budget, which will be adopted by the General Assembly in spring 2021. Per past practice, PSRC is sharing an initial draft of its transit-related work program with TOC for feedback prior to sharing with the Transit Executives.

In the 2018 project selection cycle, the PSRC Executive Board approved use of FTA Section 5307 funds for future PSRC transit-related work, including the \$2.5 million in FTA Section 5307 (FFY 2021 and 2022 funds) plus local match being used for the PSRC FY 2022-23 budget biennium.

After funding approval and programming in the Regional TIP, PSRC develops a transit-related work program and coordinates with the TOC prior to sharing the draft work program with the transit executives. PSRC then forwards the transit-related work program to the board as part of its biennial budget development, typically in November/December prior to budget adoption.

As is currently the practice, PSRC will continue to work closely with transit agencies through the TOC and will make updates and adjustments to the work program, as needed.

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Attachment A: DRAFT PSRC FY 2022-23 Transit-related Work Program

## **ATTACHMENT A**

### **Puget Sound Regional Council FY 2022-23 Transit-related Work Program (July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2023)**

The PSRC FY 2022-2023 work program will include the following major work program items providing context for this work:

- Development and adoption of a 2022 Regional Transportation Plan, consistent with VISION 2050, setting the stage for local jurisdictions' next comprehensive plan updates (2024) with a new 2050 planning horizon year; and
- Continued work to implement VISION 2050 actions that advance the transit-focused growth strategy in an equitable manner.

The PSRC regional transit work program will directly support these efforts with transit-supportive planning, policy, and data work beyond the standard PSRC Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) responsibilities. This work program incorporates both planning and data work subjects, as appropriate.

#### **VISION 2050**

Implementing actions called for in VISION 2050 is the focus of work in this topic area. A notable element of the updated regional growth strategy is an increased emphasis on accommodating future growth in proximity to high capacity transit, with a goal of 65% of population and 75% of employment locating near existing and planned high capacity transit service. Among the important transit-related work items implementing VISION 2050 is the development of a Regional Equity Strategy. Other VISION 2050 implementation work includes actions associated with Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) and housing that ensure that TOD is a significant factor in accommodating growth planned within transit station areas and corridors out to a 2050 planning horizon year.

Summary of work products:

- Support for development of the Regional Equity Strategy.
- Continuing the Regional TOD program and the Regional TOD Committee.
- Regional guidance for Transit Station Area densities.

#### **Regional Transportation Plan**

During the PSRC FY 2022-23 biennium, PSRC will continue work begun in the previous biennium to develop and adopt the 2022 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) with a new 2050 planning horizon year, as well as work to implement the plan consistent with the VISION 2050 regional growth strategy. With

adoption of the 2022 RTP scheduled in spring 2022, the remainder of the biennium's transit-supportive work program in this area will consist of implementation actions, including supporting local governments and transit agencies in preparation for the 2024 comprehensive plan updates and associated transit agency long range plan updates.

Summary of work products:

- Draft and final transit-related components of the 2022 Regional Transportation Plan. This includes:
  - Updated future transit network assumptions.
  - Updated access to transit work.
  - Updated transit performance measures framework.
  - Updates to other transit-related components, including but not limited to, transportation demand management; special needs transportation; and public transit-related innovations in mobility.
- Development of any resources or technical assistance called for in the 2022 Regional Transportation Plan that helps transit agencies and local jurisdictions work together to update plans and programs to implement the VISION 2050 regional growth strategy. An example of such a resource is the Transit Supportive Planning Toolkit developed in 2013.

#### **Ongoing Coordination Efforts and Emerging Issues**

PSRC will continue ongoing transit-related coordination and integration efforts, as well as working on emerging issues as they arise. As with past PSRC transit-related work programs, PSRC will continue dialogue with the public transportation operators, and update the work program based upon feedback as issues arise. This part of the work program includes work in the following areas:

- Annual transit integration report.
- Ongoing PSRC support/input at Transit Executives meetings.
- 2021 Regional Household Travel Survey oversample for transit, including analysis and communicating results to transit partners.
- Ongoing monitoring and reporting related to transit funding and service impacts associated with COVID-19 and I-976.
- Continued data and analysis in support of public transit operators, such as analysis of changing travel patterns associated with high capacity transit expansion and incorporating that into models.
- Coordination with public transportation operators on data collection and implementation of performance-based planning.
- Regional Transportation Demand Management (TDM) work.
- Continuing to advance equity, social justice, and similar considerations into the transportation planning process.