



2021 Rural Town Centers and Corridors Program and Transportation Alternatives Program

Transportation Policy Board - February 10, 2022

Introduction

- Calls for Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and Rural Town Centers & Corridors Program (RTCC) competitions released in October 2021
- Project Selection Committees for each competition completed their review and recommendations in January 2022
- Today: Requesting Board to release the recommended projects for a public review and comment period, with final action scheduled in March



RTCC Background

- RTCC program established from a 2003 study to assist in implementing projects serving rural town centers
- Two-stage process, with each countywide organization recommending up to three projects to compete regionally
- Convened a committee made up of representatives of four counties and WSDOT to recommend projects to receive the funding available through the program
 - \$5.47 million of FFY 2023-2024 funds



2021 RTCC Competition

- 2021 Competition:
 - ✓ 9 grant applications submitted
 - ✓ Total of \$6 million requested for the \$5.47 million available
- Projects scored by PSRC staff according to the established criteria
- Committee considered scores plus other factors such as geographic equity and a mix of project phases to develop the unanimous funding recommendation and prioritized contingency list (Attachment A)



TAP Background

- TAP provides funding for community-based transportation improvements, such as bicycle and pedestrian facilities, historic preservation of transportation assets and environmental mitigation
- Convened a committee made up of representatives from the four countywide forums, PSRC's Bicycle / Pedestrian Advisory Committee, and experts in the historic / environmental project categories to recommend projects to receive the funding available through the program
 - \$13.5 million in FFY 2022-2024 funds



2021 TAP Competition

- 2021 Competition:
 - ✓ 27 grant applications submitted
 - ✓ Total of \$37 million requested for the \$13.5 million available
- Projects scored by PSRC staff according to the established criteria
- Committee considered scores plus other factors such as county and agency equity and a mix of project phases to develop the funding recommendation and prioritized contingency list (Attachment B)
 - Split vote, 8 in favor, 3 opposed



Next Steps

Transportation Policy Board

- Today's action - release recommended projects for both RTCC and TAP funding for public comment
- March 10 - review public comments and recommend Executive Board approval of RTCC and TAP project funding recommendations

Executive Board

- March 24 – final approval of RTCC and TAP project funding recommendations



Today's Action

The Transportation Policy Board should release for public comment the lists of projects recommended for:

- **\$5.48 million of Rural Town Centers and Corridors Program funding as identified in Attachment A, along with the recommended contingency project list.**
- **\$13.5 million of Transportation Alternatives Program funding as identified in Attachment B, along with the recommended contingency project list.**



Questions?

