

# Freight Advisory Committee



April 13, 2022



Puget Sound Regional Council

# Agenda

**1. Welcome and Introductions (9:30) – Geri Poor, Chair**

Roll call and introductions.

**2. Approve Meeting Summary for February 9, 2022\* (9:35)**

**3. Action: CUFC Designation Process - Recommendation for the CUFC Designations\*\* (9:40)**

PSRC staff will provide an overview of the overall Critical Urban Freight Corridor (CUFC) designation process and timeline, and candidate corridor list that was submitted by jurisdictions. Committee members will review and discuss the candidate CUFC segment list, as well as criteria/considerations to apply to reduce the list to adhere to the region's mileage limit, and apply those considerations to determine the committee's recommended CUFC list for the region. If consensus cannot be reached on a committee-recommended list that meets the mileage limit, a special FAC meeting will be scheduled in May to allow the committee to complete this process.

**4. Discussion: Other Business and Announcements (10:55)**

**5. Next Meeting: June 8, 2022: 9:30-11:00 a.m. (If a special meeting is needed to complete the committee's CUFC recommendations, it will be scheduled May 11, 2022, 9:30-11:00 a.m.)**

**6. Adjourn (11:00)**





# 2022 CUFC Designation/NHFP Funding Processes

Timeline (2022)	Activity
January to mid-March	Solicit and select regional freight priority projects for NHFP funding competition Candidate NHFP projects provided to PSRC in February NHFP application package submitted to WSDOT on March 16
<b>Mid-March thru May</b>	WSDOT review/scoring of NHFP applications  PSRC work with FAC to identify roadways for CUFC designation
June - July	PSRC Board review / approval of CUFC list
Mid-July thru mid-August	WSDOT/PSRC review final submittal, FHWA review and certify designations
Mid-August	WSDOT notify project owners of selection process*

\*Fund utilization contingent upon FHWA approval of freight investment plan by December 2022



# CUFC Designation Process

- Guided by location of planned freight transportation improvement projects
- Covers roadway segments not already on Primary Highway Freight System
- Must meet federal guidelines for CUFC
- 94 segments submitted, totaling about 103 miles
- Up to ~71 miles of road segments can be designated within PSRC region



# CUFC Designation Process

## FAC Discussion and Action Item

Review and discuss the candidate CUFC list, refine so that total mileage  $\leq 71$  miles, and recommend list for advancement to PSRC's boards for approval.



# CUFC Process

## Federal Requirements for CUFC Designation

- Public road located in urbanized area, which meets one or more of the following four elements:
  - Connects an intermodal facility to the PHFS, interstate system, or an intermodal facility
  - Located within a corridor of a route on the PHFS and provides an alternative highway option important to goods movement
  - Serves a major freight generator, logistic center, or manufacturing and warehouse industrial land
  - Is important to the movement of freight within the region, as determined by the MPO or State

FHWA encourages states to consider first/last mile connector routes from high-volume freight corridors to freight-intensive land and key urban freight facilities, including ports, rail terminals, and other industrial-zoned land.

## PSRC'S 2016 CUFC Process

### Two-step approach

- Initial screening using available data to identify candidate corridors based on following criteria:
  - T-1 / T-2 freight corridor
  - Serves as first/last mile connector between intermodal facility and PHFN
  - Connects to large industrial/warehouse centers (minimum 200-acre industrial area within ¼-mile distance)
- Secondary screening to narrow down and identify segments with active freight projects



# CUFC Designation Process – Suggested Priorities

- Suggested priorities (in descending order):

1. Segments with NHFP candidate projects (totals ~9.7 miles)
2. Segments with priority projects intending to seek INFRA funds
3. Segments with other projects planned
4. Allocate any remaining balance to other freight-supportive road segments
  - Consider geographic balance, as well as FGTS designation

Totals about  
67 miles

