

An aerial photograph of a city, likely Seattle, with a large snow-capped mountain (Mount Rainier) in the background. The city is densely packed with buildings and greenery, and a large body of water (Lake Washington) is visible. The text is overlaid on the upper half of the image.

2022 Project Selection Process Regional FHWA Project Recommendation Meeting

Regional Project Evaluation Committee – May 26, 2022



Welcome and General Meeting Procedures

- Please keep your microphone muted until you are ready to speak
- Only designated members – *or* their alternates - may participate in the discussion
- Please use the chat box only if you are having technical difficulties
 - *We will not be moderating the chat box for other questions and general comments*



Today's Process

- Overview of funding amounts
- Review of materials and brief overview of projects
- Background on geographic equity
- Review meeting procedures
- Identify any voluntary withdrawals or reductions in requests
- Identify *Additional Factors*, beyond scores, to be considered in the recommendation of awards
- Recommend funding to projects and a prioritized contingency list



Overview of Funding Amounts

- Programming FFY 2025-2026 funds
- Need to be balanced by year – *PSRC can finalize if necessary*
- Cap on awards at 50% of available annual amounts
 - CMAQ = total of \$32.90m, \$16.45m per year
 - STP / CRRSAA = total of \$31.54m
 - \$20.57m in 2025
 - \$10.97m in 2026





Review of Materials

- As provided in agenda packet and follow-up information to members:
 - Attachment A: scores by rank, by funding source
 - Attachment B: full criteria scores, by category
 - Attachment C: additional project information
 - Project descriptions
 - Other considerations
 - Meeting Procedures





Review of Projects

❑ Total of 31 projects submitted

- Preliminary Engineering phases – 5
- Right of Way phases – 3
- Construction / Other phases – 24

❑ Project types:

- Equipment / Air Quality – 5
- Other Transit - 5
- Bike/ped – 9
- Freight related – 4
- Multimodal – 8

➤ *Reminder – new and revised criteria*



Geographic Equity

- Evaluation of geographic equity by county conducted after each process
- No target amount is applied during an individual project selection process
 - Competitive processes based on project merits as they relate to the adopted criteria

Geographic Distribution of PSRC FHWA Funds, 1992-2021

County	Population %	Total Awards	% of total	% - w/o Multicounty
King	52.8%	\$1,215,034,568	50.6%	54.8%
Kitsap	6.4%	\$166,641,186	6.9%	7.5%
Pierce	21.4%	\$461,380,947	19.2%	20.8%
Snohomish	19.4%	\$372,313,437	15.5%	16.8%
Multicounty	n/a	\$184,858,976	7.7%	n/a
Total	100.0%	\$2,400,229,114	100.0%	100.0%



Meeting Procedures

- No packages are to be considered – each project will be evaluated individually within the parameters of the available funding
- Actions will be by voice vote unless a roll call vote becomes necessary
- Please allow the discussion to be thorough and complete prior to any motions or amendments
- Committee may choose to set a cut-off line for scores, above which projects will be deliberated for recommendation



Project Revisions

Does any sponsor wish to withdraw or reduce their funding request?



Additional Factors

- The scores are one important tool in the decision-making process, but not the only tool
- Past cycles have identified the following additional factors to be used in the final recommendation process:
 - Geographic equity
 - Agency equity
 - Modal equity
 - Project completion / implementation
 - Balance among phases
 - Scalability
 - Unique circumstances





Final Reminders

- Recommendations must fully fund a phase
 - *Reasonable and feasible financial plan by the time of obligation*
- If funding reductions are proposed:
 - sponsors must commit to fully funding the phase with local or other funds, with a follow-up confirmation of fund availability; or
 - the committee and sponsor agree to a reduced scope of work for funding, with the balance of the scope applied to the contingency list

