Update on Draft Regional Transportation Plan

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PSRC Transit Access Resources

• Transit Access Assessment (2016)

- ✓ Interviews with local elected officials and regional case studies
- ✓ Findings about transit access in the region

• Transit Access Checklist and Toolkit (2017)

- ✓ Framework for assessing existing transit access conditions
- $\checkmark\,$ Tools for improving transit access
- Transit Access and Parking Strategy (2018 RTP)

✓ Guiding principles and key strategies for improved transit access



Regional Policy Support

- VISION 2050 includes goal to attract 65% of residential growth and 75% of employment growth to regional growth centers and within walking distance of high-capacity transit station areas
- Access to transit is a key policy focus area of draft 2022-2050 Regional Transportation Plan

 Feedback for Coordinated Mobility Plan update showed importance of transit access for people with specialized transportation needs



Transit Access: Work Program Key Questions

- What do you think the overall goals and objectives should be for this work?
- What do you think the **emphasis** should be for this work?
- How has landscape changed for access to transit since 2016?



Transit Plan Coordination

- There are numerous types of transit plans with varying levels of nexus to regional planning work at PSRC.
- VISION 2050 regional growth strategy relies heavily on transit agency long-range planning.
- Currently, PSRC experiences numerous different ways that transit agencies engage with the agency in development of transit plans.
- Transit plans cover a wide range of topics, including some that require specialized expertise from the transit agency.



Transit Plan Coordination

- There is an opportunity for PSRC and transit agencies to work together to coordinate timely regional guidance and input on a variety of transit planning products.
- This is also opportunity for transit agency input into regional planning work, including RTP implementation, comprehensive plan reviews, etc.
- See agenda packet attachment for discussion on potential opportunities associated with this topic.



2030 Transit Network

- Survey transit agencies on how quick a turn-around for a 2030 transit network.
- Needs to be consistent with Regional Capacity Project list in RTP 2022-2050.
- Need to assess most efficient method of delivering data for the network.



Mobility Needs from the Coordinated Mobility Plan

- Shorter travel times when taking regular transit or specialized transportation
- More transportation services at times when they are needed
- Accessible information about available services and language assistance
- Better access to health and wellness destinations (such as medical facilities, pharmacies, or grocery stores)
- More affordable transportation for families with low incomes
- More **connected ADA-accessible infrastructure** (such as connected sidewalks or wheelchair-accessible curb ramps)

