Preparation for the 2022 WSDOT Consolidated Grant Regional Priority Ranking Process

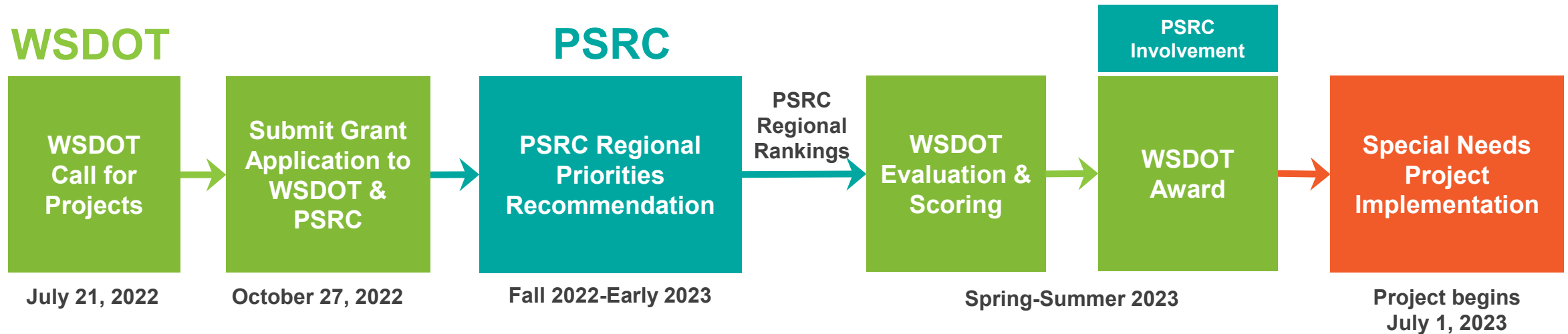## Special Needs Transportation Committee ● May 18, 2022

Puget Sound Regional Council

Today

- Consolidated Grant Regional Priority Ranking Process Overview

- 2022 Regional Priority Ranking Schedule (Updated)

- Committee Review & Confirmation:

  - PSRC Regional Priority Ranking Factors

  - Additional Factors for Consideration in Deliberation

- Next Steps

Consolidated Grant Process for PSRC Region

WSDOT

PSRC

PSRC Involvement

| WSDOT Call for Projects | Submit Grant Application to WSDOT & PSRC | PSRC Regional Priorities Recommendation | PSRC Regional Rankings | WSDOT Evaluation & Scoring | WSDOT Award | Special Needs Project Implementation |

July 21, 2022

October 27, 2022

Fall 2022-Early 2023

Spring-Summer 2023

Project begins July 1, 2023

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DRAFT 2022 PSRC Regional Priority Recommendation Timeline

July 21, 2022	**WSDOT Notice of Funding Opportunity**
August 3, 2022	PSRC Regional Priority Ranking Training
October 27, 2022	**Application Deadline for 2022 Consolidated Grant** – applicants in King, Pierce, and Snohomish counties must submit their applications to both WSDOT and PSRC for consideration.
November 16, 2022	PSRC Sponsor Presentation (NEW step in the process)
January 18, 2023	PSRC Special Needs Transportation Committee 2022 Consolidated Grant Regional Priority Ranking Recommendation
January 24, 2023	**WSDOT Due Date for Revised State Applications** – *if applicable*
January 25, 2023	PSRC Transportation Operators Committee Regional Priority Ranking Recommendation
February 9, 2023	PSRC Transportation Policy Board Regional Priority Ranking Recommendation
February 23, 2023	PSRC Executive Board Decision on Regional Priority Rankings
May-June 2023	WSDOT Funded Project List Announced and Award Letters Sent
July 1, 2023	**Project Begins**

NOTE: For discussion purposes only, all dates are subject to change.
Bolded dates are those provided by WSDOT in communication as of May 11, 2022.

WSDOT Consolidated Grant

Upcoming 2022 Consolidated Grant:

- Call for projects is scheduled on July 21, 2022

- Anticipate 15 rankings available:
  - 5 A's = 50 pts
  - 5 B's = 25 pts
  - 5 C's = 12 pts
  - Unlimited number of D's = 0 pts
  NOTE: 4-year projects will receive the same grade for both biennia

- Additional state and federal funding is available

- Major projects funded 4 years ago will come back to the region

PSRC Regional Priority Ranking Factors

- Applicants within the PSRC region are expected to address **both WSDOT's evaluation criteria <u>and PSRC's regional priority factors within the same application</u>**

  - PSRC's regional priority ranking factors are designed to help implement PSRC's Coordinated Plan

- PSRC staff will review applications for how they address the regional priority ranking factors

- PSRC will share the result with SNTC and interested parties a week prior to the deliberations

PSRC Regional Priority Ranking Factors

Project Title	County	Sustaining, Expansion, or New	Project Type	Grant Application Evaluation					Total Number of "Yes" Responses
				Project Type (Existing vs. New)	Support for Coordinated Plan	Uniqueness of Service	Performance Measures	Financial Sustainability	
A	County A	Sustaining	Operating	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	5
B	County B	Sustaining	Mobility Management	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	4
C	County C	New/Expansion	Capital	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	3
D	County A & C	New/Expansion	Planning	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	3
E	County A	New/Expansion	Operating	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	3
F	County B	Sustaining	Mobility Management	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	3
G	County C	Sustaining	Capital	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	3
H	County A & B	Sustaining	Operating	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	2
I	County A	Sustaining	Mobility Management	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	2
J	County B	Sustaining	Operating	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	2
K	County C	Sustaining	Operating	Yes	No	No	No	No	1
L	County B & C	New/Expansion	Operating	No	No	No	No	No	0

EXAMPLE

Final regional priority rankings will be discussed and determined at the SNTC Deliberation meeting, using "Additional Considerations" developed by the committee

Regional Priority Ranking Factors

Project Type (Preservation vs. New/Expansion)

- **Evaluation Method:** Only preservation and capital projects that are supporting existing programs will receive a "Yes."

Question: Do you have any recommendations for change?

Regional Priority Ranking Factors

Support for PSRC's Coordinated Mobility Plan

- **Evaluation Method:** Only applications that the project adequately addresses ~~at least one "Emerging Needs and Gaps" as well as~~ at least one "High Prioritized Strategy" will receive a "Yes."

Question: PSRC is suggesting addressing only one or more High Prioritized Strategies (included in the Coordinated Mobility Plan) for this factor. **Do you agree with this proposed change?**

Regional Priority Ranking Factors

Uniqueness of Service

- **Evaluation Method:** Applicants that adequately explain the uniqueness of their services will receive a "Yes."

Question: Do you have any recommendations for change?

Regional Priority Ranking Factors

Performance Measures and Targets

- **Evaluation Method:** If the applicant commits to tracking required performance measures and sets targets for those required performance measures, the applicant will receive a "Yes" for this factor.

Question: Do you think the supplement performance measures table provided by PSRC in the past was helpful? **Do you have any recommendations for change?**

Regional Priority Ranking Factors

Required & Suggested Performance Measures by Project Type (2020)

Program Types	Required Performance Measures	Suggested Performance Measures
Operating Projects		
All Operating Projects	• Passenger trips	• Revenue vehicle hours • Revenue vehicle miles
Capital Projects		
Vehicle Projects	• Vehicle Useful Life Benchmark (ULB) in years NOTE: ULB is defined as the expected lifecycle of a capital asset for a particular transit provider's operating environment, or the acceptable period of use in service for a particular transit provider's operating environment.	• None
Other Projects	Please see Federal Transit Administration guidance (https://www.transit.dot.gov/TAM) to develop relevant performance measures and targets	• None

Regional Priority Ranking Factors

Required & Suggested Performance Measures by Project Type (2020)

Program Types	Required Performance Measures	Suggested Performance Measures
Mobility Management Projects		
Information Referral & Assistance Projects	• Number of clients receiving trip planning services • Number of calls fielded **and/or** website clicks or impressions • Number of trips planned **and/or** referrals made	• Number of trips completed • Number of unduplicated clients receiving trip planning services
Travel Training, Education, & Orientation Projects	• Number of training provided to clients • Number of unduplicated clients trained • Number of unduplicated organizational staff trained	• Number of clients trained • Number of trainings provided to organizational staff
Mobility Coalition Projects	• Number of mobility coalition meetings • Number of mobility coalition meeting participants, excluding your own agency's staff • Number of unique agencies represented at the meetings	• Percentage of work program goals achieved

Regional Priority Ranking Factors

Financial Sustainability

- **Evaluation Method:** Operating projects seeking a federal/state funding amount less than 50% of their net project cost will receive a "Yes." Capital and mobility management projects seeking a federal/state funding amount less than 80% of their net project cost will receive a "Yes."

Question: This factor helps identify projects that have the ability to provide more than the federal minimum required match from local sources in their project budget. **Do you have any recommendations for change?**
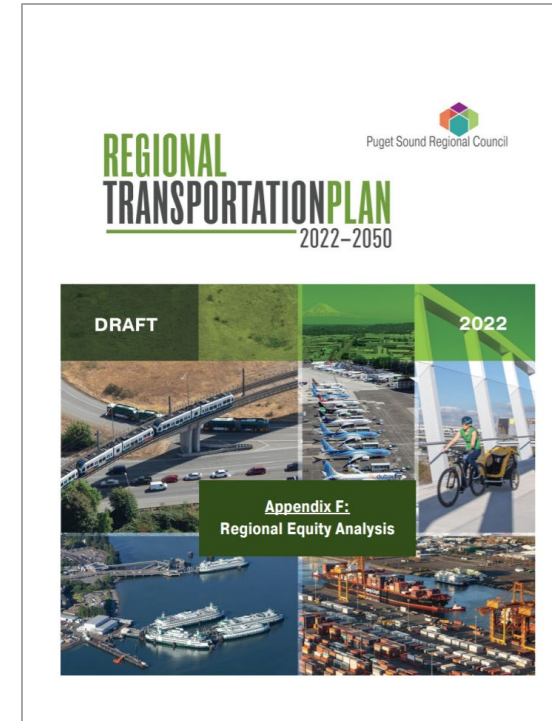
Regional Priority Ranking Factors

Prioritizing Equity (Potential New Factor Based Upon RTP)

- **Question: How can we ensure that equity is prioritized in this process?** For example, we could ask project sponsors to describe how their projects provide benefits to equity focus populations within the service area (potentially with supporting data).

Equity Focus Demographics:

- **People of color**
- **People with low incomes**
- People with disabilities
- Youth (ages 5-17)
- Older adults (aged 65 and above)
- People with limited English proficiency (LEP)

Factors for Consideration in Deliberation

Geographical Distribution of Regional Rankings
- This factor addresses the distribution of regional priority rankings over the three counties participating in the Consolidated Grant competition in the region.

Project Types
- This factor addresses the variety of project types being recommended for regional priority ranking (e.g., mobility management, operating, and capital projects).

Agency Equity
- This factor addresses the number of projects recommended to receive funding by an agency.

Compelling Cases for Agencies with Limited Resources
- This factor addresses projects that provide valued services and programs, but which are challenged to provide the minimum local match.

Factors for Consideration in Deliberation

Strategic Application of State/Federal Funds
- This factor includes stakeholders' assessment of possible program eligibility for state/federal funding programs found within the Consolidated Grant program.

Coordination
- This factor addresses projects that work together to make the most efficient use of limited resources. There are many levels of coordination, ranging from the basic sharing of training resources to the full integration of services. The Committee can discuss the full range of coordination for this topic.

Question: Are there any **other additional factors** you want the committee to consider adding to the 2022 priority ranking process? Are there any existing additional factors that **should be removed**?

Are there any additional factors for consideration that will **require data and analysis** prior to the deliberation meeting?

Important Dates

June 15, 2022 SNTC: Final edits to the factors and get consensus from SNTC

July 20, 2022 SNTC: Get ready for the call for projects release

July 21, 2022: Release Call for Projects

August 3, 2022: PSRC Priority Ranking Training

October 27, 2022: Application Deadline

November 16, 2022 SNTC: Sponsor presentations

January 18, 2023 SNTC: Regional priority ranking deliberation meeting

★ Visit PSRC online meeting calendar for upcoming committee meetings:

https://www.psrc.org/calendar

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