

# Freight Advisory Committee



May 11, 2022



Puget Sound Regional Council

# Agenda

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

Roll call and introductions.

**2. Approve Meeting Summary for April 13, 2022\* (9:35)**

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

PSRC staff will provide an overview of the updated draft candidate corridor list that was refined in coordination with jurisdictions. Committee members will review and discuss the refined candidate CUFC segment list, to determine the committee's final recommended CUFC list for the region.

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

**5. Next Meeting: June 8, 2022: 9:30-11:00 a.m.**

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





# 2022 CUFC/CRFC 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 June</b>	WSDOT review/scoring of NHFP applications PSRC work with FAC to identify roadways for CUFC designation <b>PSRC work with WSDOT/FAC to identify candidate roadways for CRFC</b>
July	PSRC Board review / approval of CUFC/CRFC 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 freight transportation improvement projects planned for implementation, and seeking NHFP or INFRA funds, between 2022-2026
- Covers roadway segments not already on Primary Highway Freight System
- Must meet federal guidelines for CUFC
- 103 miles originally submitted have been refined to ~72 miles
- Up to ~71 miles of road segments can be designated within PSRC region



# Refinement of CUFC Designations

- List primarily refined through voluntary reductions by sponsors
- Refined list has been grouped into four tiers, in descending order of consistency with CUFC criteria
  1. T1/T2 corridor with planned freight project, serving MIC or industrial subarea, and/or NHFP candidate project
  2. T3 corridor with planned freight project, serving MIC or industrial subarea
  3. T1/T2 corridor without planned freight project, serving MIC or industrial subarea
  4. T3 or undesignated corridor without planned freight project



# CUFC Designation Process

## FAC Discussion and Action Item

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



# CRFC Designation Process

- WSDOT to allocate miles per MPO region
- Corridor must be located outside WSDOT-designated *Highway Urban and Urbanized Area* (mapped)
- Considerations for designation (in descending order)
  1. Corridors with projects that intend to apply for INFRA funds between 2022-2026
  2. Corridors with other freight priority projects planned between 2022-2026
  3. Corridors that do not have projects planned in the next years but have been identified for other freight-supportive reasons
- Corridor must also demonstrate connection to freight movement
  - Located on FGTS network, providing connection to major freight facilities, or
  - Demonstrated importance to freight with verifiable data



# Next Steps

- May-June – PSRC staff will solicit candidate corridors for potential CRFC designation
- June FAC meeting – Review and refine CRFC list (and if needed, CUFC list) for recommendation to the Board
- July – Board review of CUFC/CRFC list for PSRC region, and submittal to WSDOT/FHWA

