Summer Planning Academy (SPA)

PSRC Executive Board March 23, 2023





Goals of SPA

- Introduce individuals to the planning process and profession at an early age.
- Engage young people on a regular basis to provide input on PSRC's policies and programs.
- Promote equity in the region by actively recruiting and engaging youth from diverse backgrounds including Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC) communities, low-income residents, and people with disabilities.



Development Process

- Informational interviews with peer MPOs.
 - Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)
 - Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC)-Bay Area
 - Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG)
- Modeling program after CMAP program.
 - Future Leaders in Planning (FLIP)
- Funding set aside in the budget to begin in 2023.



2023 Cohort

- No more than 20 high school students.
 - Focusing on rising juniors and seniors.
- Representation from all four counties.
 - Direct outreach to students from marginalized communities.
- Students eligible for \$500 scholarship a program completion.



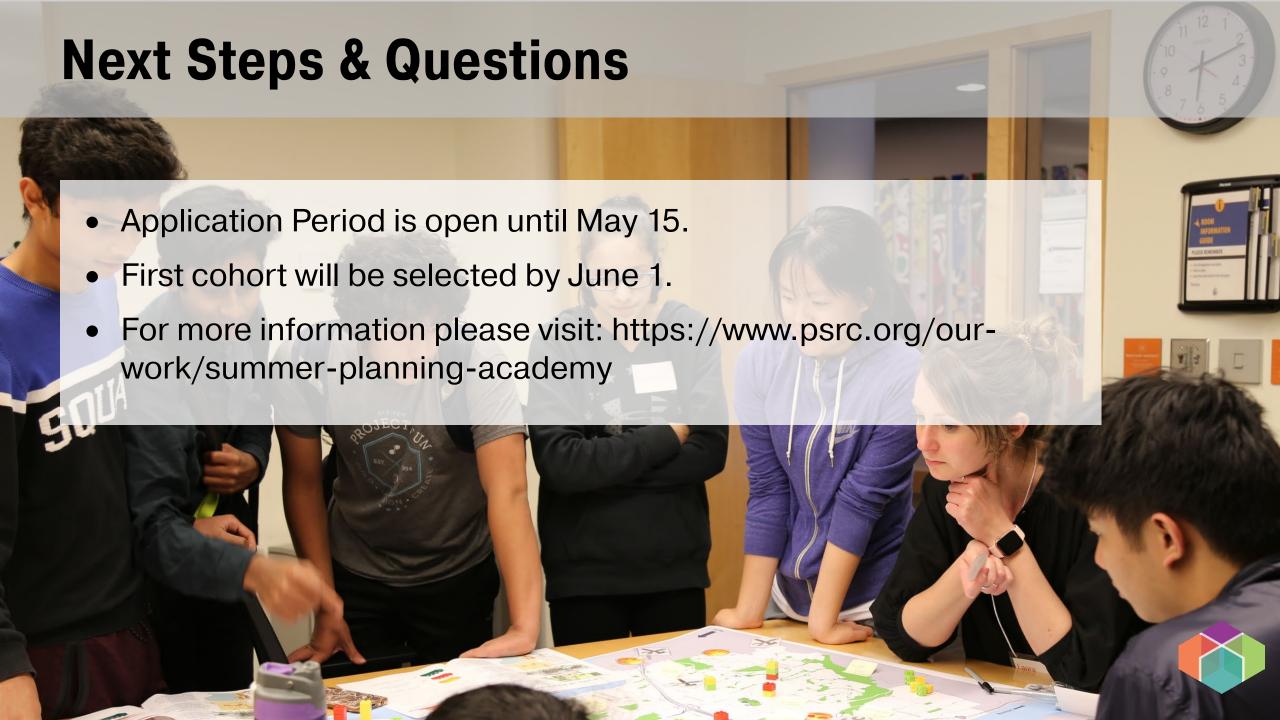
2023 Cohort

- Schedule
 - Session 1 (July 21): PSRC Background & MPO Basics
 - Session 2 (July 28): Regional Transit
 - Session 3 (August 4): Environmental Planning
 - Session 4: Housing and Equity (August 11)
- Sample Daily Itinerary
 - 10:00 am: Presentation and discussion at PSRC
 - 11:30 am: External site visit
 - 12:30 pm: Lunch
 - 1:30 pm: Panel of speakers
 - 2:30 pm: Return to PSRC

Planning Timeline

- Planning and outreach are underway.
- Outreach includes:
 - Youth councils
 - High School Counselors
 - PSRC Boards and Committees
- SPA Team assembled from staff volunteers.
- Application went live March 15.





Thank you!

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