

Regional Transportation Plan Amendment

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Puget Sound Regional Council

Overview of Presentation and Action



Background:

- RTP Administrative Procedures
- Project requirements
- Requested project amendments
- Impacts to RTP financial strategy

ACTION on RTP amendment



RTP Administrative Procedures

The adopted *Administrative Procedures* of the Regional Transportation Plan describe how and when the plan can be amended

- **Major** amendments
 - require additional environmental review
 - require General Assembly action
- **Minor** amendments
 - have minimal to no impact on air quality finding, SEPA review and/or financial strategy
 - can be approved by Executive Board



Project Requirements

Most of the investments in the plan are **programmatic** in nature

- Preservation, maintenance and operations
- Local system improvements
- *Programmatic investments are not explicitly identified as projects in the plan*

A smaller portion of investments in the plan are above a certain threshold and modify capacity on the regional system

- Must be identified on the **Regional Capacity Projects** list
- Subject to board Approval process





Regional Capacity Projects vs. Programmatic

Projects must be in the **Constrained** plan in order to proceed:

- Included in financial strategy, conformity finding

Regional Capacity Project - Status Definitions

	Plan Category	Approval Status	Description	Regional Transportation Improvement Program Actions
<i>Ready To Go</i>   <i>Less Ready To Go</i>	Constrained	Approved	PSRC Executive Board has approved the project to proceed towards implementation.	Can program and obligate funds for any phase.
		Conditionally Approved	Approved pending the satisfaction of certain conditions, such as completion of NEPA; OR approved only for early right of way purchase.	Can program funds for any phase but may not obligate construction or right of way funds unless the conditions set by PSRC's Executive Board explicitly state otherwise.
		Candidate	Project is not yet approved; financial and other analysis remains to be done and Executive Board needs to take action.	Can program funds for any phase but may not obligate construction or right of way funds.
	Unprogrammed		Investment not yet included in the financial strategy and therefore not admitted to the Constrained portion of the plan.	Can only program and obligate study/planning funds.



Requested Project Amendments

Six new projects requesting entry into the Constrained plan

- 1 local roadway improvement project
- 2 road diet projects for bike/ped improvement
- 2 multimodal corridor improvements
- 1 airport access project

Two existing projects requesting modification

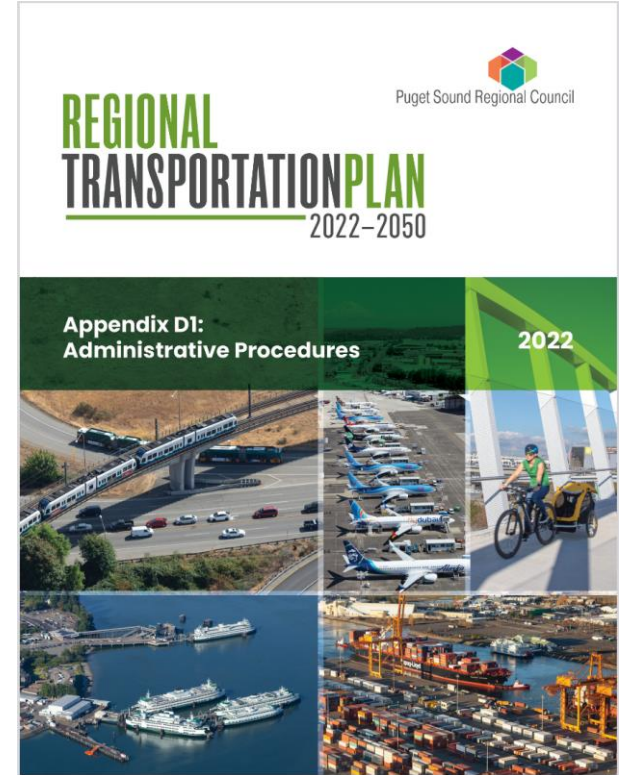
- Expanded scopes and costs



Requested Project Amendments

Applications submitted for all projects, confirming:

- Project is derived from an approved planning process
- Concurrence received from any affected jurisdictions / organizations
- Responses to RTP Prioritization Framework



RTP Financial Strategy

Sum of project costs = additional ~\$520 million to Constrained plan

Per Administrative Procedures, to maintain financial constraint --

- Four projects in current plan for an approximately equal amount identified to be moved to Unprogrammed
- Projects selected by sponsors based on timing, current priorities



Requested Action

The Transportation Policy Board should recommend the Executive Board adopt a minor amendment to the Regional Transportation Plan to reflect revisions to the Regional Capacity Project list as identified in Attachment A.





Thank you

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