

PSRC Safety Program Updates

Transportation Policy Board
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Puget Sound Regional Council



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SS4A Background

- 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) established Safe Streets and Roads for All Program (SS4A)
- \$5 Billion over 5 years – split between Planning and Implementation grants
- Action plan required to include data-driven analysis, public engagement, a list of countermeasures, and other elements
- Jurisdictions must meet action plan criteria to be eligible for implementation grants



PSRC SS4A Application for Planning Grant

- Initial application for \$2.7 million to develop Regional Safety Plan (RSP) and support planning efforts for member jurisdictions
- USDOT requested that PSRC consolidate one regional application in umbrella role and serve as grant administrators to jurisdictions
- Submitted consolidated application for \$4.9 million, partnering with Burien, Everett, Kent, Redmond, Tukwila, and Pierce County
- PSRC will use funds for consultant support to develop RSP and increase staff capacity to support grant-funded activities for 2 years



Execution of Grant Agreements

- Awarded full amount in February 2023
- Grant agreement between PSRC and USDOT signed in May 2023
- Six partner jurisdictions using pass-through funds to develop their own safety action plans; PSRC providing oversight via subrecipient agreements currently being executed



Second Round of SS4A Grant

- USDOT has released NOFO for second round of grant program
- PSRC intends to apply for additional money for the sole purpose of offering our umbrella services to fund more local action plans
- Consolidated regional application is viewed more favorably by USDOT than multiple individual grant submissions from the same region



Second Round of SS4A Grant

- To gauge interest from local jurisdictions, sent solicitation form that asked about potential scope of work, amount requested, local match, and plan for consultants
- PSRC is currently reviewing forms and reaching out to potential partner jurisdictions; application to USDOT is due July 10th
- Per USDOT criteria, fatality rates and % underserved population are being taken into account when assessing the forms



PSRC Regional Safety Summit – June 29th

- Regional Safety Summit hosted by PSRC on June 29th at Seattle Convention Center
- Regional conversation about transportation safety – discuss key issues, needs, challenges and opportunities
- First step in the development of Regional Safety Plan



PSRC Regional Safety Summit – June 29th

- Free event that will include national and local speakers sharing their perspectives and experiences
- There will be a panel in the morning and breakout sessions in the afternoon
- Will bring what we learn at the Summit to TPB for further discussion and direction



PSRC Regional Safety Summit – June 29th

- In-person event with up to 200 people
- Goal to have broad representation and get input from across the region
 - Elected officials, government staff, nonprofit and advocacy groups, community members.
- Outreach has been conducted; elected officials have received direct link to register



A scenic view of a town at sunset. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue. In the background, a large mountain with a snow-capped peak rises above the town. The town itself is nestled in a valley, with various buildings and houses visible. Many trees are in the foreground and middle ground, showing vibrant autumn colors of red, orange, and yellow. Some evergreen trees are also visible. In the foreground, there's a street with a few cars and utility poles. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and picturesque.

Questions?

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