



Puget Sound Regional Council

Executive Board

Thursday, October 26, 2023 • 10:00 – 11:30 AM

Hybrid Meeting - PSRC Board Room – 1011 Western Avenue, Suite 500, Seattle, 98104

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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call (10:00)** – *Mayor Becky Erickson, President*
2. **Communications and Public Comment**
Public comment must relate to an action or discussion item on the agenda.
3. **President's Remarks**
4. **Executive Director's Report**
5. **Committee Report**
 - a. Operations Committee – *Executive Dave Somers, Vice President*
6. **Consent Agenda - Acton Item (10:20)**
 - a. Approve Minutes of Meeting held September 28, 2023
 - b. Approve Vouchers Dated August 31, 2023, through October 9, 2023, in the Amount of \$1,523,850.65
 - c. Approve Contract Authority for Move Related Expenses
 - d. Approve Contract Authorization for Purchasing of Regional Macroeconomic Forecast Data
 - e. Adopt Routine Amendment to the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program

- f. Approve A Change in Regional Transportation Plan Project Status for Two Projects
- g. Approve Projects for Rural Town Center and Corridors Program and Transportation Alternatives Program Funding

7. Discussion Item (10:30)

- a. Preparing for the 2024 Project Selection Process – *Kelly McGourty, PSRC*

8. Discussion Item (11:00)

- a. Federal Legislative Update – *Leslie Pollner and Lauri Hettinger, Senior Policy Advisors, Holland & Knight*

9. Other Business

10. NO MEETING IN NOVEMBER! Next Meeting: Thursday, December 7, 2023, 10 – 11:30 AM. PSRC will be preparing for its move to 1201 3rd in January, so the December meeting will be remote only.

11. Adjourn (11:30)

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October 12, 2023

Recommend Approval of Projects for Rural Town Center and Corridors Program and Transportation Alternatives Program Funding

The board recommended the Executive Board approve the lists of projects for the Rural Town Centers and Corridors (RTCC) Program and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding, along with prioritized lists of contingency projects.

In May 2023, PSRC released a call for projects for all eligible sponsors for the RTCC program. After eligible projects were evaluated by countywide organizations and staff, the RTCC Project Selection Committee developed a recommended list of projects to receive the approximately \$6.09 million available. In June of 2023, PSRC released a call for projects under TAP. Staff scored applications for eligible projects based on the adopted project evaluation criteria, and the TAP Project Selection Committee developed a list of projects recommended to receive the \$23.6 million available.

On September 14, 2023, the board released the recommended RTCC and TAP projects for public review and comment; no comments have been received. [View video](#) and [presentation](#).

For additional information on the RTCC Program, contact Doug Cox at dcox@psrc.org or 206-971-3050. For additional information on the TAP Program, contact Sarah Gutschow at sgutschow@psrc.org or 206-587-4822.

Recommendations to the 2024 Washington State Legislature

Staff briefed the board on the process of developing PSRC's legislative priorities and sought feedback on potential legislative policy items. Similar to PSRC's [Recommendations to the 2023 State Legislature](#), the agency is proposing a framework of keeping the region moving; increasing housing choices and

affordability; significantly reducing greenhouse gas emissions; and sustaining a strong economy. The board provided feedback, and the Executive Committee will finalize recommendations and propose the Executive Board adopt the legislative agenda at the December meeting. [View presentation.](#)

For more information, contact Robin Koskey at Rkoskey@psrc.org or 206-798-4462.

Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program

Staff from the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency is leading an effort to develop a Regional Climate Action Plan, funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under the Climate Pollution Reduction Grants program. Staff from PSCAA and PSRC provided an overview of these planning efforts and funds available from the program. The State of Washington has received \$3 million, and the Puget Sound region received \$1 million for planning work. EPA has also recently released the Notice of Funding Opportunity for \$4.6 billion in implementation funding, to be tied to the planning work. Applications are due April 2024, and it is anticipated that grants will be awarded within tiers between \$2 million and \$500 million. [View presentation.](#)

For more information, please contact Kelly McGourty at kmcgourty@psrc.org or 206-971-3601.

Preparing for the 2024 Project Selection Process

The board discussed preparations for the 2024 project selection process with an emphasis on safety, climate, and equity. A competitive project selection process is conducted every two to three years for the distribution of PSRC's federal funds. The next process will be conducted in 2024 for PSRC's 2027-2028 Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds. The board discussed the background of the project evaluation criteria, information on previously funded projects, administrative details of the project selection process and key policy questions. Preparation for the 2024 project selection process will continue over the next several months resulting in a recommendation on the Policy Framework in January 2024. [View presentation.](#)

For more information, please contact Kelly McGourty at kmcgourty@psrc.org or 206-971-3601.

Next Meeting: November 9, 2023, 9:30 – 11:30 AM, In-Person Attendance Encouraged Major Topics for November:

- Release 2025-2026 FTA Funding Recommendations for Public Comment.
- Preparing for the 2024 Project Selection Process.



October 5, 2023

TOD Event Recap

Staff presented a recap of PSRC's Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) event, *From Pandemic to Prosperity: Downtowns Reimagined*, held on September 29, 2023. This year, the event focused on the recovery and reimagining of downtowns, the impacts of the pandemic, and new innovations to revitalize the region's downtown. This was the first year for PSRC to hold a TOD event in a hybrid format. The event heard presentations from regional and national speakers who looked at data associated with the recovery of downtowns and heard from local leaders about recovery strategies for King County Metro, Seattle, Tacoma, and Bothell. In the afternoon, there were two walking tours exploring areas of Downtown Seattle, viewing Pike/Pine Renaissance improvements and the King County civic campus. [View video](#) and [presentation](#).

For more information, please contact Paul Inghram at Pinghram@psrc.org.

PSRC Summer Planning Academy Recap

The board was briefed on our summer youth engagement program, Summer Planning Academy (SPA). The cohort hosted 23 students from across the region and educated them on planning topics, introduced them to panelists and speakers, and site visits. The topics covered were Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Basics, Transit, Environment, and a combined session on Housing and Equity. With successful completion of SPA, students received a \$500 scholarship.

For more information, contact Noah P. Boggess at nboggess@psrc.org.

2024 Legislative Update

Staff briefed the board on the process of developing PSRC's legislative priorities and sought feedback on potential legislative policy items. Similar to PSRC's [Recommendations to the 2023 State Legislature](#), the agency is proposing a

framework of keeping the region moving; increasing housing choices and affordability; significantly reducing greenhouse gas emissions; and sustaining a strong economy. The board provided feedback, and the Executive Committee will finalize recommendations and propose the Executive Board adopt the legislative agenda at the December meeting. [View presentation.](#)

For more information, contact Robin Koskey at Rkoskey@psrc.org or 206-798-4462.

Regional Centers Data

The board heard an update on the regional center's work programs. Centers are the hallmark of VISION 2050 and the Regional Growth Strategy; the region has designated 30 regional growth centers and ten manufacturing/industrial centers. To foster support for the region's centers, PSRC is developing a data dashboard with profiles for individual regional centers. Data includes measures on demographics, housing, transportation, and urban form. The agency is also creating a 2025 monitoring and redesignation process based on the Regional Centers Framework and will finalize the updated center profiles and return to the board in November to discuss. [View presentation.](#)

For more information, contact Maggie Moore, Senior Planner, at mmoore@psrc.org.



Puget Sound Regional Council

MINUTES

**Puget Sound Regional Council Executive Board
Thursday, September 28, 2023
Hybrid Meeting, PSRC Board Room**

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Executive Board was called to order at 10:00 AM by Mayor Becky Erickson, PSRC President. A video of the meeting was streamed live as well as recorded and will be available for viewing on PSRC's website. A call-in number was provided on the meeting agenda for members of the public to call in by phone and listen live to the meeting. Roll call determined attendance and that a quorum was present.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The following person submitted a written public comment:

- Joe A. Kunzler

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Becky Erickson stated that for the October board meeting, we encourage board members to participate in-person. She noted that we will continue to offer hybrid meeting options but encourage board members to attend in-person quarterly.

President Erickson reported that at the December meeting, the board will be conducting the annual review of the executive director. She asked board members to be on the lookout for an email from PSRC's HR consultant, Amy Efroymson, asking that board members complete an evaluation for Josh's 2023 performance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Included in the agenda packet were reports on the Growth Management Policy Board and the Economic Development District Board.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda Item c. Approve Biennial Budget and Work Program Amendment (FY2024-2025) was removed from the Consent Agenda to allow discussion.

ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Deets/Cho) to:

- a. Approve Minutes of Meeting held July 27, 2023
- b. Approve Vouchers Dated June 30, 2023, through August 28, 2023, in the Amount of \$2,475,547.01
- c. ~~Approve Biennial Budget and Work Program Amendment (FY2024-2025)~~
- d. Approve Contract Authority for Office Move Related Expenses
- e. Adopt 2023 Amendment to PSRC's Title VI Plan
- f. Approve Contract Authority for Participation in the Regional Transit Equity Summit
- g. Adopt Routine Amendment to the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program
- h. Approve a Change in Regional Transportation Plan Project Status for Four Projects
- i. Approve FTA Project Tracking Extension and Scope of Change
- j. Approve Certification of Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies
- k. Approve Non-voting Seats on the Transportation Policy Board and Growth Management Policy Board

The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEM

Approve Biennial Budget and Work Program Amendment (FY2024-2025)

Andrew Werfelmann, PSRC Budget Manager, responded to inquiries about encumbered funds as well as provided details about carryover consultant funds.

ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Birney/Garrido) to approve Biennial Budget and Work Program Amendment (FY2024-2025).

The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEM

Regional Safety Plan Draft Scope of Work

Gary Simonson, PSRC Senior Planner, briefed the board on the work to develop a draft scope of work for the Regional Safety Plan, developed through funding awarded by the USDOT Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program.

Mr. Simonson reported on the Regional Safety Summit held on June 29, 2023, that included elected officials, transportation experts, and agency staff to understand road safety in the region and how the region can achieve zero fatalities and serious injuries

on our roadways. With feedback from the summit as well as to components required by USDOT under the provisions of the SS4A planning grant, PSRC has developed a draft scope of work for a Regional Safety Plan.

Mr. Simonson shared safety trends in the region. He then shared guiding principles for the Regional Safety Plan, reviewed work to date and discussed next steps for plan development.

Washington State Ferries Presentation

Nicole McIntosh, Washington State Ferries Deputy Assistant Secretary, discussed issues the ferry system is grappling with and some ways PSRC and the board can support the ferry system.

Washington has the largest ferry system in the nation, with 21 auto-passenger ferries and around 6.8 million total riders from January 1, 2023 to May 31, 2023. However, vessel availability and difficulty in workforce recruitment, retention, and development have led to some challenges. To remedy these issues, WSF has invested in recruitment with media campaigns and providing career paths and new training programs.

Recommendations to the 2024 Washington State Legislature

Robin Koskey, PSRC Director of Government Relations and Communications, briefed the board on the process of developing PSRC's legislative priorities and sought feedback on potential legislative policy items.

Like PSRC's Recommendations to the 2023 State Legislature, the agency is proposing a framework of keeping the region moving; increasing housing choices and affordability; significantly reducing greenhouse gas emissions; and sustaining a strong economy. The Equity Advisory Committee, the Growth Management Policy Board, and the Transportation Policy Board will be briefed on the priorities in October, and the Executive Committee will propose the Executive Board adopt the legislative agenda at the December meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business brought before the board.

NEXT MEETING

The board will next meet on Thursday, October 26, 2023, from 10:00 – 11:30 AM. This will be a hybrid meeting.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Adopted this 26th day of October 2023.

Mayor Becky Erickson, President
Puget Sound Regional Council

ATTEST:

Josh Brown, Executive Director

Attachment:
September 2023 Attendance Sheet

Executive Board - September 28

Members and Alternates that participated for all or part of the meeting included:

		Present
King County	EXC Dow Constantine	
	CM Claudia Balducci	
	CM Joe McDermott Alt	
	CM Jeanne Kohl-Welles Alt	
Seattle	MYR Bruce Harrell	
	CM Andrew Lewis	1
	CM Tammy Morales	
	CM Dan Strauss	
	CM Teresa Mosqueda Alt	
	CM Alex Pedersen Alt	
Bellevue	MYR Lynne Robinson	
	DPT MYR Jared Nieuwenhuis Alt	
Federal Way	MYR Jim Ferrell	1
	Vacant Alt	
Kent	MYR Dana Ralph	1
	CM Toni Troutner Alt	1
Kirkland	MYR Penny Sweet	1
	DP MYR Jay Arnold Alt	
Renton	MYR Armondo Pavone	
	CM James Alberson, Jr. Alt	
Redmond	MYR Angela Birney	1
	CM Jessica Forsythe Alt	
Auburn	MYR Nancy Backus	
	CM Larry Brown Alt	1
Other Cities/Towns in King County	CM Chris Roberts, Shoreline	1
	MYR Jeff Wagner, Covington	
	CM James McNeal, Bothell	
	MYR Mary Lou Pauly, Issaquah Alt	
	MYR Jan Molinaro, Enumclaw Alt	
	MYR Rob McFarland, North Bend Alt	1
Kitsap County	COM Charlotte Garrido	1
	COMM Katie Walters Alt	
Bremerton	MYR Greg Wheeler	1
	CM Jeff Coughlin Alt	1
Port Orchard	MYR Rob Putaansuu	1
	CM John Clauson Alt	
Other Cities/Towns in Kitsap County	MYR Becky Erickson, Poulsbo	1
	CM Joe Deets, Bainbridge Island Alt	1
Pierce County	EXC Bruce Dammeier	
	CM Ryan Mello	1
	CM Dave Morell Alt	
Tacoma	DP MYR Krstina Walker	
	CM Keith Blocker Alt	
Lakewood	CM Don Anderson	1
	CM Linda Farmer Alt	
Other Cities/Towns in Pierce County	MYR Pro Tem Javier Figueroa, University Place	1
	DP MYR Ned Witting, Puyallup Alt	
Snohomish County	EXC Dave Somers	1
	CM Sam Low	1
	CM Jared Mead Alt	
Everett	MYR Cassie Franklin	
	CM Don Schwab Alt	
Other Cities/Towns in Snohomish County	MYR Barbara Tolbert, Arlington	
	MYR Pro Tem Bryan Wahl, Mountlake Terrace	
	MYR Mason Thompson, Bothell Alt	1
Port of Bremerton	COM Axel Strakeljahn	1
	COM Cary Bozeman Alt	
Port of Everett	COM David Simpson	1
	COM Glen Bachman Alt	
Port of Seattle	COMM Sam Cho	1
	COMM Toshiko Hasegawa Alt	
Port of Tacoma	COM Dick Marzano	1
	COMM Kristin Ang Alt	
Washington State Department of Transportation	Secretary Roger Millar	
	Julie Meredith Alt	1
Washington State Transportation Commission	COMM Nicole Grant	
	COMM Jim Restucci Alt	



Puget Sound Regional Council

CONSENT AGENDA

October 19, 2023

To: Executive Board

From: Executive Dave Somers, Chair, Operations Committee

Subject: **Approve Vouchers Dated August 31, 2023, through October 9, 2023, in the Amount of \$1,523,850.65**

IN BRIEF

Two representatives of the Operations Committee review and sign off on the vouchers. In accordance with RCW 42.24.080, following the Operations Committee's review, the Executive Board approves the vouchers.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Recommend the Executive Board approve the following vouchers:

REQUESTED

<u>WARRANT DATE</u>	<u>VOUCHER NUMBER</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
09/05/23 - 10/09/23	AP Vouchers	\$ 801,241.13
08/31/23 - 09/15/23	Payroll	\$ 722,609.52
		<hr/> \$ 1,523,850.65

For additional information, please contact Andrew Werfelmann at 206-971-3292; email awerfelmann@psrc.org.



Puget Sound Regional Council

CONSENT AGENDA

October 19, 2023

To: Executive Board

From: Executive Dave Somers, Chair, Operations Committee

Subject: Approve Contract Authority for Office Move Related Expenses

IN BRIEF

Authorization by the Executive Board is required for the Executive Director to enter a contract more than \$10,000 per year. A request is being made to authorize contracts with one or more vendors to provide moving services.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Recommend that the Executive Board authorize the Executive Director to enter one or more contracts to purchase moving services in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.

BUDGET IMPACT

The adopted FY 2024-2025 Biennial Budget and Work Program includes sufficient funds within the administrative services budget for this project for these moving services. In addition, under the terms of the lease, PSRC is allotted \$100,000 for move-related expenses.

DISCUSSION

Beginning in 2022, staff inventoried existing furniture, equipment, supplies, records, and other items that will need to be moved to the new office space at 1201 3rd. Its lease at the new location begins January 1, 2024. Using the state of Washington's contract, staff received several bids. It is anticipated that the move would take place on Saturday, December 30th and therefore staff can arrive on site to the new office space on Tuesday, January 2, 2024. Because the lease at Waterfront Place expires in May 2024,

administrative services staff will be using the additional time to dispose of surplus property and other items not needed in the new office space.

For more information, please contact Nancy Buonanno Grennan at 206-464-7527 or nbgrennan@psrc.org.



Puget Sound Regional Council

CONSENT AGENDA

October 19, 2023

To: Executive Board

From: Executive Dave Somers, Chair, Operations Committee

Subject: **Approve Contract Authorization for Purchasing of Regional Macroeconomic Forecast Data**

IN BRIEF

Authorization by the Executive Board is required for the Executive Director to enter into a contract in excess of \$10,000 per year. A request is being made to authorize a contract for the purchase of regional macroeconomic forecast data.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Recommend that the Executive Board authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract to purchase regional macroeconomic forecast data not to exceed \$60,000.

BUDGET IMPACT

The adopted Biennial Budget and Work Program Fiscal Years 2023-2024 includes \$75,000 within Data (Task 400) for the Regional Macroeconomic Forecast update.

DISCUSSION

PSRC has pursued a variety of data collection and research efforts to support the development of agency plans and continued refinements to regional modeling. Long term growth forecasts were last prepared for the Central Puget Sound region in 2018, two years before the COVID-19 pandemic. As the region continues to transition post-pandemic and long-term behaviors continue to change, it is important to understand how forecasts for population and jobs might have changed. These forecasts will be an important input for the analysis of the 2026 Regional Transportation Plan.

To help support this work, PSRC staff are requesting contract authority to purchase additional regional macroeconomic forecast data. There are numerous sources of regional economic forecast data that local and state agencies rely on for long term population and jobs forecasts. The advantage of these products in uncertain times is they come with access to national expertise on trends driving the forecasts and they allow for various what-if testing. Newer forecasting products also offer more detailed demographic forecast data including population change by race and ethnicity. This data will help to better understand regional population and job growth changes in the Regional Transportation Plan.

The estimated cost of this data is between \$40,000 and \$60,000. Contract authorization for this data purchase is not to exceed \$60,000.

For more information, please contact Craig Helmann, chelmann@psrc.org or 206-289-3889.



Puget Sound Regional Council

CONSENT AGENDA

October 26, 2023

To: Executive Board

From: Mayor Dana Ralph, Chair, Transportation Policy Board

Subject: **Adopt Routine Amendment to the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

IN BRIEF

Seven agencies submitted eleven projects this month for routine amendment into the Regional TIP. The projects are summarized in Exhibit A. These projects were awarded local, state, and federal funding through various funding processes, such as the Connecting Washington funds managed by the Washington State Department of Transportation. PSRC staff reviewed the projects for compliance with federal and state requirements, and consistency with VISION 2050 and the Regional Transportation Plan. At its meeting October 12, the Transportation Policy Board recommended adoption of the amendment.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Executive Board should adopt an amendment to the 2023-2026 Regional TIP to include the projects as shown in Exhibit A.

DISCUSSION

Under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), PSRC has project selection authority for all projects programming regional funds from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) - Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) - and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) - Urbanized Area Formula Program (5307), State of Good Repair (5337), and Bus and Bus Facilities Formula (5339).

While PSRC does not have project selection authority for other types of federal, state, or local funds, the Executive Board does have responsibility for adding these projects to the Regional TIP. Each project must comply with requirements regarding plan consistency, air quality, and financial constraint. The attached Exhibit A illustrates the action needed to amend the Regional TIP.

The recommended action would approve the TIP amendment request based on a finding of consistency with VISION 2050, the Regional Transportation Plan, and the air quality conformity determination of the Regional TIP. Approval is also based on a determination that funding is reasonably expected to be available to carry out the project. Information describing plan consistency, air quality conformity, and the funding basis for approving the request is further described below.

Consistency with VISION 2050 and the Regional Transportation Plan

The projects recommended for action were reviewed by PSRC staff and have been determined to be consistent with the multicounty policies in VISION 2050 and the Regional Transportation Plan.

Air Quality Conformity

The projects in Exhibit A were reviewed and it has been determined that a new air quality analysis and conformity determination is not required because each project falls into one or more of the following categories:

- It is exempt from air quality conformity requirements.
- It is an existing project already included in the current air quality modeling.
- It is a non-exempt project not able to be included in the regional model.

Funding Reasonably Expected to be Available

For the projects in Exhibit A, PSRC has confirmed that the funds are reasonably expected to be available.

PSRC's Project Tracking Policies

This month's amendment includes no project tracking actions.

Federal and State Fund Source Descriptions

The following federal and state funding sources are referenced in Exhibit A.

CAT	State Climate Active Transportation Account.
CWA	State Connecting Washington Account.

FHWA Discretionary	All other unidentified federal fund sources.
HSIP	Highway Safety Improvement Program for safety work on public roads.
TIGER	Transporting Investment Generating Economic Recovery Discretionary Grant for the RAISE Act.
MVA	State funds from the Motor Vehicle Account.
NHPP	Provides support for the condition and performance of the National Highway System (NHS).

For more information, please contact Jennifer Barnes at 206-389-2876 or jbarnes@psrc.org.

Attachments:
Exhibit A

Month: October

Year: 2023

Project(s) Proposed for Routine Amendment to 2023-2026 TIP

Exhibit A

Sponsor	Project Title and Work Description	Funding	PSRC Action Needed			
			Project Tracking	New Project/ Phase	UPWP Other	Amend
1. Bainbridge Island	Springbrook Creek Fish Passage Restoration (Fletcher Bay Rd Culvert and Weir Removal) New project programming preliminary engineering, right-of- way, and construction phases to remove a corrugated metal culvert, eight concrete weirs, construct a vehicular bridge, and complete stream bank and channel geometry restoration. Work is completed using designs prepared by the Wild Fish Conservancy.	\$3,068,996	Federal FHWA Discretionary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$85,000	State			
		\$1,220,000	Local			
		\$4,373,996	Total			
2. King County Department of Transportation (Road Services)	Bear Creek Basin Fish Passage Project New project programming preliminary engineering, right-of- way, and construction phases to replace three deteriorating culverts with fish passable structures, complete re- vegetation and environmental restoration, and bring roads over the streams to current standards.	\$6,849,816	Federal FHWA Discretionary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$4,461,005	Local			
		\$11,310,821	Total			
3. King County Department of Transportation (Road Services)	SE Reinig Rd New project programming preliminary engineering, right-of- way, and construction phases to replace existing drainage structures with a fish passable box culvert, widen gravel shoulders and address clear- zone deficiencies in the project vicinity.	\$1,590,300	State	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$680,500	Local			
		\$2,270,800	Total			
4. Pierce County	BR #6163-A / HARTS LAKE RD S (At Horn Creek) New project programming preliminary engineering and right- of-way phases to replace the existing culvert with a fish passable bridge structure and complete associated channel restoration work.	\$1,490,400	Federal FHWA Discretionary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$372,600	Local			
		\$1,863,000	Total			

5.b - Exhibit A

Sponsor	Project Title and Work Description	Funding	PSRC Action Needed			
			Project Tracking	New Project/Phase	Other	UPWP Amend
5. Port of Tacoma	Wapato Creek Fish Passage Restoration	\$2,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	New project programming a preliminary engineering phase for upgrades to the Wapato Creek Culvert to facilitate fish passage by providing access at low tides and increasing light flow.	\$662,000				
		\$2,662,000				
6. Snohomish County	S. Machias Rd and Dubuque Road Intersection Improvement	\$4,345,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	New project programming preliminary engineering, right-of-way, and construction phases to install a roundabout, speed feedback signs, real-time left-turn warning signs, guideposts, pavement markings, illumination, intersection flashing beacons, and install/upgrade signing and signposts.	\$4,345,000				
7. Snohomish County	128th St SW: 8 Ave W to Interurban Trail Multimodal Improvements	\$900,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	New project programming a preliminary engineering phase for a non-motorized connection.	\$900,000				
8. Sound Transit	West Seattle Link Extension	\$114,560,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Existing project adding funds to preliminary engineering, right-of-way, and other phases and programming a construction phase to extend the light rail from Downtown Seattle to the Alaska Junction neighborhood of West Seattle via elevated and at-grade alignment. Includes an at-grade station (Stadium) and elevated stations in SODO, Delridge, Avalon, and Alaska Junction. This is a multi-year project and the programming reflects the funds available within the span of the regional TIP. This TIP project previously included both the West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions.	\$114,560,000				

5.b - Exhibit A

Sponsor	Project Title and Work Description	Funding	PSRC Action Needed			
			Project Tracking	New Project/Phase	UPWP Other	Amend
9. Sound Transit	Ballard Link Extension		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$520,628,000 Local				
		\$520,628,000 Total				
	New project programming preliminary engineering, right-of-way, construction, and other phases to extend the light rail from Downtown Seattle to Ballard via elevated guideway and tunnel. Includes an at-grade station (Stadium) and elevated stations in Ballard, Smith Cove, and Interbay and underground (tunnel) stations at Seattle Center and South Lake Union. This is a multi-year project and the programming reflects the funds available within the span of the regional TIP. This scope of work was previously included in the combined West Seattle and Ballard Link TIP project.					
10. WSDOT Northwest Region	I-90/Judkins Park Station - Reconnecting Communities		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		\$1,000,000 Federal TIGER				
		\$2,000,000 CAT				
		\$3,000,000 Total				
	New project programming a planning phase to conduct planning activities, public engagement, data collection, and development of 30% preliminary design plans to construct improvements for safer active transportation access to the JPS (Judkins Park Station) light rail station and address the I-90 barrier.					
11. WSDOT Olympic Region	SR 3/Gorst Area - Planning and Environmental Linkages		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		\$8,635,513 Federal NHPP				
		\$959,501 MVA				
		\$9,595,014 Total				
	New project programming a planning phase for constructing an additional lane on SR 3 in each direction from Gorst to SR 304, elevating the roadway through Gorst, replacing the Navy's railroad crossing of SR 3, and completing associated fish passage work.					



Puget Sound Regional Council

CONSENT AGENDA

October 19, 2023

To: Executive Board

From: Mayor Dana Ralph, Chair, Transportation Policy Board

Subject: **Recommend a Change in Regional Transportation Plan Project Status for Two Projects**

IN BRIEF

Two agencies have submitted two requests to change the status of Regional Capacity Projects. Per PSRC's adopted procedures, requests to change a project status require Board action. At its meeting October 12, the Transportation Policy Board recommended that the Executive Board authorize changing the status of the projects as requested.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Executive Board should authorize the changes in project status for the two Regional Capacity Projects detailed in Exhibit A, from "Candidate" to "Approved."

DISCUSSION

The Regional Transportation Plan contains policies requiring PSRC's Executive Board to approve regionally significant transportation capacity projects before those projects begin implementation phases. Projects in the Regional Transportation Plan are designated as Candidate, Approved, or Conditionally Approved. A Candidate designation means a project has gone through a comprehensive planning process, but that one or more of the following has not yet been completed: environmental documentation and approvals, financial plan, and/or other planning requirements. A project's status is changed to Approved once these requirements have been met. Conditional Approval may be granted if a project has fulfilled most of the approval criteria but lacks only certain details. For example, if a project awaits only final signatures on its environmental documentation but has completed all other requirements, the Executive Board may grant Conditional Approval. Once the final details have been

completed, staff has the authority to grant a project full Approval status administratively, thereby saving the project sponsor several weeks of delay.

Two projects are requesting change in project status changes from “Candidate” to “Approved.” Additional details of each project are provided in Exhibit A, including the project description and criteria applied to review the project for the requested status change.

For more information, please contact Mitch Koch at 253-356-5481 or mkoch@psrc.org.

Attachments:

Exhibit A: Regional Capacity Projects Status Change Requests

EXHIBIT A: REGIONAL CAPACITY PROJECTS STATUS CHANGE REQUESTS

Sponsor	Project Title	Project Description	Total Project Cost	Consistency with Regional Policies	Benefit-Cost Analysis	Environmental Documentation	Other Planning Requirements	Financial Feasibility	Air Quality Conformity
REQUESTING CHANGE FROM “CANDIDATE” TO “APPROVED”									
King County Metro	RapidRide I Line	Construct the new RapidRide I Line connecting the downtown centers of Renton, Kent, and Auburn via Talbot Rd, SR 515, SR 516, and Central Ave/83rd Ave/Auburn Way. This project would improve the attractiveness of transit, improve mobility and access to opportunities, increase ridership, and reduce greenhouse emission.	\$149,908,525	This project is consistent with regional policies.	The project received a benefit-cost analysis rating of Medium-High based on the FTA’s CIG rating process.	NEPA Documented Categorical Exclusion (DCE) was issued June 2021.	King County Metro has developed a Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) with the cities of Auburn, Kent, and Renton.	The project is fully funded with \$73,709,073 of federal funds, \$27,371,059 of state funds, and \$48,828,393 local funds for a total of \$149,908,525 in 2024 year of expenditure dollars.	Approving this project will not change the region’s air quality conformity determination.
WSDOT	I-5/Mounts Road to Steilacoom-Dupont Road - Corridor Improvements Project	This project will construct additional general-purpose lanes in both directions between Mounts Road and Steilacoom-DuPont Road and reconstruct the Steilacoom-DuPont Road Interchange. This project also constructs a southbound connector lane between Thorne Lane and Gravelly Lake Drive.	\$273,495,025	This project is consistent with regional policies.	Project received a benefit-cost ratio of 2.35 based on WSDOT’s I-5 Steilacoom-Dupont Road to Thorne Lane Corridor Improvement Project Benefit-Cost Analysis.	NEPA Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) was issued June 2021.	WSDOT has entered agreements with the City of Lakewood, Sound Transit, and Joint Base Lewis-McChord.	The project is fully funded with \$273,495,025 of state funds for a total project cost of \$273,495,025 in 2023 year of expenditure dollars.	Approving this project will not change the region’s air quality conformity determination.



Puget Sound Regional Council

CONSENT AGENDA

October 19, 2023

To: Executive Board

From: Mayor Dana Ralph, Chair, Transportation Policy Board

Subject: **Recommend Projects for Approval from Rural Town Centers and Corridors Program and Transportation Alt**

IN BRIEF

PSRC recently conducted competitive processes to award funds under two separate project selection processes: the Rural Town Centers and Corridors Program and the Transportation Alternatives Program. On September 14, 2023, the Transportation Policy Board authorized the release of projects recommended for funding under both programs for public review and comment, including a prioritized contingency list of projects should additional funds become available prior to the next selection processes. As of October 19, 2023, no comments had been received. At its meeting on October 12, the Transportation Policy Board recommended approval of the projects for funding.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Executive Board should approve Rural Town Centers and Corridors Program and Transportation Alternatives Program funding to the list of projects identified in Attachments A and B, along with the recommended prioritized lists of contingency projects.

DISCUSSION

Rural Town Centers and Corridors Program

In 2003, PSRC established the Rural Town Centers and Corridors (RTCC) Program to assist rural communities in implementing town center and corridor improvements. PSRC's project selection process for Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funding

has set aside an amount for this program since 2004, with competitions for the available funding in the subsequent year. The funding amount for the program has increased over time, and the 2023 process was funded at 10% of the regional portion of FHWA funds, which equaled approximately \$6.09 million of FFY 2025-2026 funds.

In May 2023, a call for projects was released by PSRC for all eligible sponsors. Consistent with procedures adopted in prior processes, the solicitation and screening of project applications included a two-stage collaborative effort with PSRC and each of the four countywide organizations. First, eligible projects were reviewed by each of the four countywide organizations, with up to three projects per forum identified to participate. Eight projects—three from Pierce County, two each from Pierce County and Snohomish County, and one from King County—were submitted for the regional competition.

PSRC staff conducted the technical evaluation and scoring of the eight applications based on the adopted project evaluation criteria. All project sponsors were invited to present their projects to PSRC staff and the RTCC Project Selection Committee, which consisted of representatives from each of the four counties plus the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) on August 9, 2023. The committee met on August 22, 2023 to develop a recommended list of projects to receive the approximately \$6.09 million available. At this meeting, the committee reviewed PSRC staff scores and details of the projects. In addition to project scores, the committee discussed other considerations in preparing its recommendation, which included geographic balance and scalability.

The committee voted unanimously on the recommended list of projects and contingency list, which are identified in Attachment A. The committee recommended full funding for the five top-scoring projects, and a partial award for a sixth project that was identified in consideration of geographic balance. The sponsor confirmed they can accept the reduced award amount and will backfill with local funding to ensure the phase is fully funded. The other two submitted projects are recommended for the contingency list, in rank order by score, should additional funds become available for this program prior to the next process.

Transportation Alternatives Program

The Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) is a set-aside of FHWA funds under the federal transportation act that provides funding for community-based transportation improvements, such as pedestrian and bicycle facilities, historic preservation of transportation assets, environmental mitigation, and others. Metropolitan Planning Organizations such as PSRC have a role in the selection of projects to receive funding from the TAP within each region. In June 2023, a call for projects was released by PSRC to all eligible applicants for the \$23.6 million of FFY 2024-2026 funds available. Sponsors submitted a total of 31 project applications, requesting approximately \$45 million.

PSRC staff scored the applications based on the adopted project evaluation criteria. The TAP recommendation committee then met on August 24, 2023, to develop a recommended list of projects to receive the \$23.6 million available. The committee consisted of representatives from each of the four counties and one representative from PSRC's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee. The committee's recommended list of twenty projects is identified in Attachment B, including a prioritized contingency list of the remaining projects should additional funding become available prior to the next process.

Summary of Public Comment

On September 14, 2023, the Transportation Policy Board authorized the release of recommended projects from both competitions for public review and comment. A news release was sent to PSRC's media list of 144 contacts and was shared on four social media platforms. The public comment period was also featured in the Executive Director's newsletter, which is sent to 3,694 contacts comprised of PSRC's boards and committees, stakeholder groups and interested parties. Materials were also posted on PSRC's website, which invited the public to comment by mail or email. PSRC responds to every comment submitted, and comments regarding specific projects are also forwarded to the appropriate project sponsor for additional response.

As of October 19, 2023, no comments had been received. Any comments received by the October 26 Executive Board meeting will be provided at that time.

For additional information on the RTCC Program, please contact Doug Cox at dcox@psrc.org or 206-971-3050 . For additional information on the TAP Program, please contact Sarah Gutschow at sgutschow@psrc.org or 206-587-4822.

Attachments:

- A. 2023 Rural Town Centers and Corridors Program Project Recommendations and Contingency List
- B. 2023 Transportation Alternatives Program Project Recommendations and Contingency List

2023 Rural Town Centers & Corridors Program Project Recommendations and Contingency List

Projects Recommended for Funding

Sponsor	Project Title	Total Score	Project Description	Phase	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
Poulsbo	8th Ave Realignment, Safety and Transit Study	86	Study alternatives and develop preferred design concept and implementation plan for re-alignment of 8th Avenue NE and siting of a transit oriented multimodal hub.	Planning Study	\$ 311,400	\$ 311,400
Sultan	US-2 / Main Street Roundabout	85	Construction of a two-lane roundabout at the intersection of US 2/Main Street.	Construction	\$ 2,650,793	\$ 2,650,793
Bonney Lake	Veterans Memorial Drive / Angeline Road Intersection	83	Complete the design and purchase the right-of-way needed to construct a roundabout and shared-use path connection at Angeline Road and Veterans Memorial Drive/Sumner-Buckley Highway E.	Preliminary Engineering	\$ 519,000	\$ 519,000
				Right of Way	\$ 43,250	\$ 43,250
Kitsap County	Suquamish/Augusta – South to Winfred	81	Complete the design for sidewalks and bike lanes on Suquamish Way and Augusta Avenue from vicinity South Street to vicinity Winfred Street.	Preliminary Engineering	\$ 449,800	\$ 449,800
Orting	Foothills Trail Realignment and Safety Enhancement	77	Realignment of the Regional Foothills Trail from the west side to the east side of the park and install new wayfinding.	Preliminary Engineering	\$ 150,885	\$ 150,885
				Construction	\$ 1,257,381	\$ 1,257,381
North Bend	McClellan Street Improvements	76	Complete the design of pedestrian-focused streetscape.	Preliminary Engineering	\$ 1,101,722	\$ 707,491
Total Funds Recommended:					\$ 6,090,000	

Projects Recommended for Contingency List (in priority order)

Sponsor	Project Title	Total Score	Project Description	Phase	Amount Requested
Pierce County	Lackey Rd / Jackson Lake Rd / Key Peninsula Hwy	76	Construct a single lane roundabout with non-mountable center, truck aprons, and raised splitter islands.	Construction	\$ 1,500,000
Snohomish	2nd & Pine Roundabout	63	Complete the design of a roundabout at the Second Street and Pine Avenue intersection.	Preliminary Engineering	\$ 432,500
Total Funds Requested on Contingency List:					\$ 1,932,500

2023 Transportation Alternatives Program
TAP Project Selection Committee Recommendations and Contingency List

Projects Recommended for Funding

Sponsor	Project Title	Total Score	Project Description	Phase	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
Tacoma	Portland Avenue Vision Zero Improvements: E 27th St to E 56th St	86	This project will complete the design of bike and pedestrian improvements on/adjacent to Portland Avenue from E 27th St to E 56th St. This grant will fund the preliminary engineering phase, which includes a traffic study, community engagement, survey, and design.	Preliminary Engineering	\$2,119,250	\$2,119,250
Bothell	102nd Ave NE Downtown Access Improvements Project	85	This project will construct Complete Streets improvements between the planned Sound Transit 522 BRT (STRIDE) station on NE 185th St and the King County Park-N-Ride lot north of the 102nd Ave NE bridge. Improvements include sidewalks, utility relocation, ADA-compliant ramps and driveways, pedestrian safety improvements, urban landscape with trees, street illumination, and the removal of pedestrian obstructions.	Construction	\$900,000	\$900,000
Bremerton	Naval Avenue Pedestrian and Bicycle Enhancements	84	The project will reconfigure the existing roadway cross-section, provide bike lanes and sidewalks, reduce traffic lane widths, and remove barriers to walking and cycling. This portion of the project will also include widening the existing roadway, pavement resurfacing, pavement markings, modified storm drainage, and wayfinding signage to facilitate the above.	Right of Way	\$899,600	\$899,600
Sound Transit	Daylight and Restore Scriber Creek Tributary at Lynnwood City Center Station	83	This project will daylight and restore a piped stream that passes through the Lynnwood City Center Station area. The stream is a tributary to Scriber Creek and is currently piped underground. TAP funds will be used to: support fish passage, create habitat for anadromous fish, improve water quality, mitigate stormwater, and reduce flooding.	Construction	\$1,848,600	\$1,848,600
Bellevue	Eastrail - Mountains to Sound Greenway Regional Trails Connection	82	This project will construct a multimodal pathway connecting the Eastrail Regional Trail and the Mountains to Sound Greenway Regional Trail (MTSG) / I-90 Trail at 118th Avenue SE and SE 32nd Street. Additional pedestrian and bicycle improvements, such as an RRFB installation, pavement overlay for paved shoulders along SE 32nd Street, and other active transportation treatments, will be included.	Construction	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
Kent	Meet Me on Meeker: Washington to Thompson	81	The project will construct a continuation of the Meet Me on Meeker multi-modal promenade. This promenade includes a two-way separated bikeway, sidewalk with buffer and amenity zones, curb bulb-outs, and other pedestrian amenities. Improvements will accommodate existing and planned transit demands along the corridor.	Construction	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
Kirkland	NE 124th Street Pedestrian Facilities (120th Ave NE to 116th Ave NE)	80	The project will design a sidewalk along the north side of NE 124th Street, including a concrete curb, gutter, enhanced pedestrian crossings with rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFBs), and related surface water facilities. The improvements will complete the only missing segments of this pedestrian connection across I-405 and will connect the eastern and western portions of the Totem Lake Business District.	Preliminary Engineering	\$600,000	\$600,000
Mountlake Terrace	Veterans Memorial Park Trail - Light Rail Access	80	This project would construct paved and illuminated pedestrian pathways through Veterans Memorial Park with connections to 58th Ave W., 60th Ave W., the Civic Campus, and Mountlake Terrace Transit Center. These funds would support the construction of the Main Trail segment, frontage improvements, a new pedestrian bridge crossing the stormwater channel, a gravel cut through, and necessary mitigation as a result of impacts from development.	Construction	\$1,117,000	\$1,117,000
Seattle	Pioneer Square Historic Areaway Restoration, Phase 1	79	This project will rehabilitate two vulnerable areaway walls in Seattle's historic Pioneer Square, underneath 1st Ave S between S Main St and S Washington St. Rehabilitating these walls will support existing transportation needs (pedestrians, trucks, and general-purpose travel), and allow high-capacity transit service on 1st Ave S, while also preserving a valuable historic asset.	Construction	\$2,343,500	\$2,343,500

**2023 Transportation Alternatives Program
TAP Project Selection Committee Recommendations and Contingency List**

Projects Recommended for Funding

Sponsor	Project Title	Total Score	Project Description	Phase	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
Issaquah	NW Juniper Street Improvements (Newport Way NW to 7th Ave NW)	79	This project will complete the design of a separated multi-purpose path along the north side of NW Juniper Street. The project will provide a paved path separated and protected from vehicular traffic by street trees and a landscaped buffer. The project will also improve irrigation, drainage, and ADA-compliant curb ramps.	Preliminary Engineering	\$346,000	\$346,000
King County	Improved Pedestrian Safety Along SW 102nd St. in White Center	78	This project will design pedestrian improvements to connect to the White Center Candidate Countywide Center—improving safety for residents of this historically disadvantaged community. Improvements include the design of a new sidewalk along the north side of SW 102nd St from 8th Ave SW to 15th Ave SW. Additional improvements include curb ramp upgrades and comprehensive drainage analysis.	Preliminary Engineering	\$735,250	\$735,250
Shoreline	Eastside Off-Corridor Bike Network	78	This feasibility study for the Eastside Off-Corridor Bike Network will determine the specific route and appropriate bike facilities for users of all level of traffic stress and comfort traveling east-west along the 145th Street Corridor vicinity.	Planning Study	\$159,160	\$159,160
WSDOT	SR 900/57th Ave S to S 135th St - Pedestrian and Safety Improvements	77	This project aims to construct a complete street on Martin Luther King, Jr. Way South/SR 900 that bisects a vulnerable population and overburdened communities. This funding will support the design of a new separated shared-use path, pedestrian scale illumination, curb ramps, and improved signalization.	Preliminary Engineering	\$1,823,725	\$1,823,725
				Right of Way	\$376,275	\$376,275
Shoreline	145th Street Off-Corridor Bike Network (Westside)	76	This project will be a series of improvements on a collection of low-volume, slower-paced streets that are intended to provide bicyclists with alternate parallel routes to the busy 145th Street (SR-523) corridor. Improvements will include bike facilities, such as pavement markings (e.g., sharrows or bike lanes), minor intersection/curb/sidewalk improvements, Rapid Flashing Beacons (RFBs), speed cushions, and directional signage.	Construction	\$733,888	\$733,888
Fife	6224 Pacific Highway E Sidewalk Gap Completion Project	75	The project will construct a new curb, sidewalk, ADA-compliant curb ramps, a bike lane, a planter strip buffer, and other pedestrian enhancements. This project will also reconstruct an existing bus stop from a pull-out stop to an in-lane stop and improve stormwater conveyance and treatment facilities.	Preliminary Engineering	\$185,573	\$185,573
				Construction	\$488,350	\$488,350
Snohomish County	Interurban Trail Improvements: 167th PI SW to 160 St SW	73	The proposed improvements will provide a continuous 10 to 12-foot-wide shared-use path physically separated from the adjacent roadway by a vertical element such as a curb and gutter. The requested grant funds will be used for the Preliminary Engineering (PE) and Right of Way (R/W) acquisitions necessary for the construction of the proposed improvements of the Interurban Trail between 167th PI SW to 160th St. SW.	Preliminary Engineering	\$255,000	\$255,000
				Right of Way	\$1,210,000	\$1,210,000
Pierce County	Safe Routes to School - B St E	71	This project will construct shared-use paved shoulders, curb, gutter, and sidewalk on both sides of B St E. It will connect into an existing paved walkway for the southerly portion on the east side of B St E along the school frontage, and the proposed sidewalks on 159th St E.	Preliminary Engineering	\$544,000	\$544,000
Puyallup	Puyallup Moves - Destination Downtown	70	This project will evaluate bike routes selected from the Active Transportation Plan to facilitate safe biking and non-motorized routes into the Puyallup Downtown Growth Center and transit facilities (Sounder) in the City's northwest neighborhoods. The project will develop 30% design for five routes.	Planning Study	\$371,950	\$371,950
Pierce County	138th St. S. (SR-7 to Park Ave. S.)	69	This project will construct paved shoulders/bike lanes, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, and ADA-compliant curb ramps. The work will include resurfacing the road with an HMA grind and inlay, illumination, reconstructing the flashing red beacon at 138th Street South/C Street South, and providing an enclosed storm drainage system.	Preliminary Engineering	\$624,000	\$524,000

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TAP Project Selection Committee Recommendations and Contingency List

Projects Recommended for Funding

Sponsor	Project Title	Total Score	Project Description	Phase	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
Poulsbo	Noll Road Shared Use Path - Middle Segment	68	This project would construct a separated shared-use path, curb and gutter, and associated drainage in the last remaining segment of the Noll Road corridor. The project will complete the last gap in a 2.6-mile shared use path project that connects the North Kitsap School District campus, multiple neighborhoods, a park, and a future transit park and ride.	Construction	\$1,350,000	\$1,018,879
Total Funds Recommended:					\$	23,600,000

2023 Transportation Alternatives Program
TAP Project Selection Committee Recommendations and Contingency List

Projects Recommended for Contingency List (in priority order*)

Sponsor	Project Title	Total Score	Project Description	Phase	Amount Requested
Renton	Sunset Trail	74	This project will install a 12-foot multi-use trail on the north side of NE Sunset Boulevard adjacent to the King County Library and the Renton Housing Authority property. The scope of work includes a 12-foot multi-use trail, a 5-foot planter between the trail and the street, lighting, retaining walls, and ADA upgrades as required.	Construction	\$ 2,500,000
Bremerton	6th Street Rechannelization Project	68	This project would construct a road diet by rechannelizing 6th Street and a short segment of Kitsap Way. The rechannelization would reduce the existing four lane roadway to three lanes and the removed lane will be converted to a buffered bicycle lane in each direction. Right-turn pockets will be constructed and traffic signal heads will be adjusted as needed.	Preliminary Engineering	\$ 606,909
				Right of Way	\$ 129,750
Sumner	Rivergrove Community Pedestrian Bridge	68	This project will construct a non-motorized pedestrian bridge over SR 410 for the Rivergrove Neighborhood to access Sumner Station/Sound Transit, as well as Sumner's downtown core and Sumner-Bonney Lake School District's Early Learning Center, Maple Lawn Elementary and Sumner Middle School. The project will include new sidewalk and curb ramps at either end of the bridge to connect the bridge to Sumner's sidewalk system.	Construction	\$ 2,500,000
Kitsap County	Lund - Chase to Jackson 1	65	This project will construct sidewalks, bike lanes, protective median, buffer/stormwater, and illumination on Lund Ave. from the vicinity of Chase Rd. to the vicinity of approximately 800' west of Jackson Avenue. This will extend non-motorized improvements within the corridor to provide a safe and accessible nonmotorized network within the Lund neighborhood, connection to Center(s), parks, schools, and transit.	Construction	\$ 2,000,000
Everett	California Street Pedestrian/Bike Corridor Project	64	This project will create an active transportation route on California Street between Broadway Avenue and the US 2 Trestle trail. This will include additions and/or improvements to pedestrian facilities, modified parking, a bi-directional cycle track, and will enhance the non-motorized facilities at the entrance and exit to US 2.	Construction	\$ 2,500,000
Kenmore	Kenmore - SR522 West B Project	60	This project will construct an ADA-accessible sidewalk to/from the Burke Gilman Trail, Log Boom Park, Kenmore Air, and multi-family housing units from SR522. The project will remove barriers to ADA accessibility on the sidewalk along the south side of SR522 west of 61st Ave NE.	Construction	\$ 2,319,000
Maple Valley	SR 169 Pedestrian Bridge at SE 258th Street	60	This project would construct a pedestrian bridge on SR169 north of SE 258th Street. East of the bridge facility would include an ADA ramp and/or elevator and west of the bridge the project would connect to a planned indoor public market by an elevator.	Construction	\$ 2,500,000

2023 Transportation Alternatives Program
TAP Project Selection Committee Recommendations and Contingency List

Projects Recommended for Contingency List (in priority order*)

Sponsor	Project Title	Total Score	Project Description	Phase	Amount Requested
Sumner	Puyallup River Trail Crossings	58	This funding request will complete a planning study for two potential pedestrian bridge crossings over the Puyallup River. The study will look at the feasibility of the crossings and identify the best locations for the bridges. The study will identify the design costs, right-of-way needs and costs, and planning level construction estimates.	Planning Study	\$ 500,000
Bainbridge Island	Bucklin Hill Road NM Imp and Eagle Harbor Boardwalk – connecting centers	57	This project will design and construct a boardwalk at the pinch point along Eagle Harbor Drive and multi-use "all ages and abilities" facilities on both sides of Bucklin Hill Road from Eagle Harbor Dr to Lynwood Center NE.	Preliminary Engineering	\$ 300,000
				Construction	\$ 2,000,000
Stanwood	Twin City Mile - Brick Road Redesign	56	The Twin City Mile - Brick Road Redesign seeks to enhance and upgrade historic Main Street between 102nd Ave NW and 99th Ave NW to modern standards while respecting the historical significance of Main Street. This project will repair the deteriorating road while maintaining the historic brick theme. It will bring all non-conforming pedestrian facilities up to standard, including sidewalk widening, new ADA curb ramps, and crosswalks.	Construction	\$ 2,500,000
North Bend	Cedar Falls Way Shared Use Path	41	This project will construct a shared-use path that includes the following elements: path design, intersection and crossing treatments, wayfinding, and signage.	Preliminary Engineering	\$ 602,298
Total Funds Requested on Contingency List					\$ 20,957,957

* Projects with the same score are considered "tied" for priority and are shown here in alphabetical order.



Puget Sound Regional Council

DISCUSSION ITEM

October 19, 2023

To: Executive Board
From: Josh Brown, Executive Director
Subject: **Preparing for the 2024 Project Selection Process**

IN BRIEF

PSRC has project selection authority for several sources of funds from both the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Prior to each funding cycle, the policies and procedures for the project selection process are reviewed and updated as needed to reflect current regional priorities and requirements and are documented in the *Policy Framework for PSRC's Federal Funds*. The next process will be conducted in 2024 for PSRC's 2027-2028 FHWA and FTA funds.

The Transportation Policy Board has begun discussions to prepare for the 2024 project selection process and will continue over the next several months, with a specific emphasis on the policy focus areas of safety, climate and equity. The Executive Board will have an opportunity to provide feedback at their October 26 meeting and will be asked to review and adopt the updated *Policy Framework* at their meeting in January 2024.

DISCUSSION

A competitive project selection process is conducted every two to three years for the distribution of PSRC's federal funds. The next process will be conducted in 2024 for PSRC's 2027-2028 FHWA and FTA funds. Prior to each process a Policy Framework is adopted, outlining the policy guidance for the distribution of funds and other details on how the process will be conducted.

Safety, equity and climate are priority themes in both the Regional Transportation Plan and PSRC's funding processes. At the July meeting, the board was briefed on the work being conducted under the direction of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) related to

these policy areas, and the attachments illustrate how they are addressed in the current project evaluation criteria for PSRC's funding competitions. The board was also reminded of the Equity Pilot currently underway in collaboration with PSRC's Equity Advisory Committee, recommendations from which will be finalized later this fall.

Discussions to prepare for the 2024 project selection process will continue over the next several months with the Transportation Policy Board, culminating in a recommendation on the Policy Framework in January 2024. Additional information will be provided at the October meeting to support these discussions, including: background on the project evaluation criteria, information on the projects funded in the last cycle, administrative details of the project selection process, and key policy questions related to safety, climate and equity.

For more information, please contact Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning, at 206-971-3601 or kmcgourty@psrc.org.

Attachments:

- (1) Project Evaluation Criteria History
- (2) 2022 Project Selection Progress – FHWA Project Awards

Attachment A: PSRC's Project Evaluation Criteria Over Time

CYCLE	2002–2014		2016		2018		2020		2022	
NOTES	criteria and policy focus updated to reflect VISION and RTP policies over time:		CMAQ: added cost-effectiveness to evaluation, per federal legislation; increased overall point values and higher % of CMAQ funds to regional competition;		enhanced safety and equity language in criteria (part of Mobility criterion);		no changes		significantly strengthened safety and equity -- both now stand-alone criteria with increased point values	
	centers policy focus since 2002;		included priority diesel exhaust emissions to Air Quality / Climate criterion;		strengthened integration of transit projects with state/local plans;					
	climate change added after adoption of VISION 2040 in 2008		elaborated on equity groups in populations served (part of Centers criterion);		reduced project readiness points					
			strengthened active transportation / public health elements (part of Mobility criterion)							
CRITERIA	Range of Point Values (depending on funding source)*									
	STP	CMAQ	STP	CMAQ	STP	CMAQ	STP	CMAQ	STP	CMAQ
Development of Centers	40	30	40	25	40	25	40	25	30	15
Circulation, Mobility and Accessibility	30	20	30	15	35	20	35	20	27	14
Equity	included in above		included in above		included in above		included in above		10	10
Safety	included in above		included in above		included in above		included in above		8	6
Air Quality / Climate Change	20	40	20	50	20	50	20	50	20	50
Project Readiness / Financial Plan	10	10	10	10	5	5	5	5	5	5
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

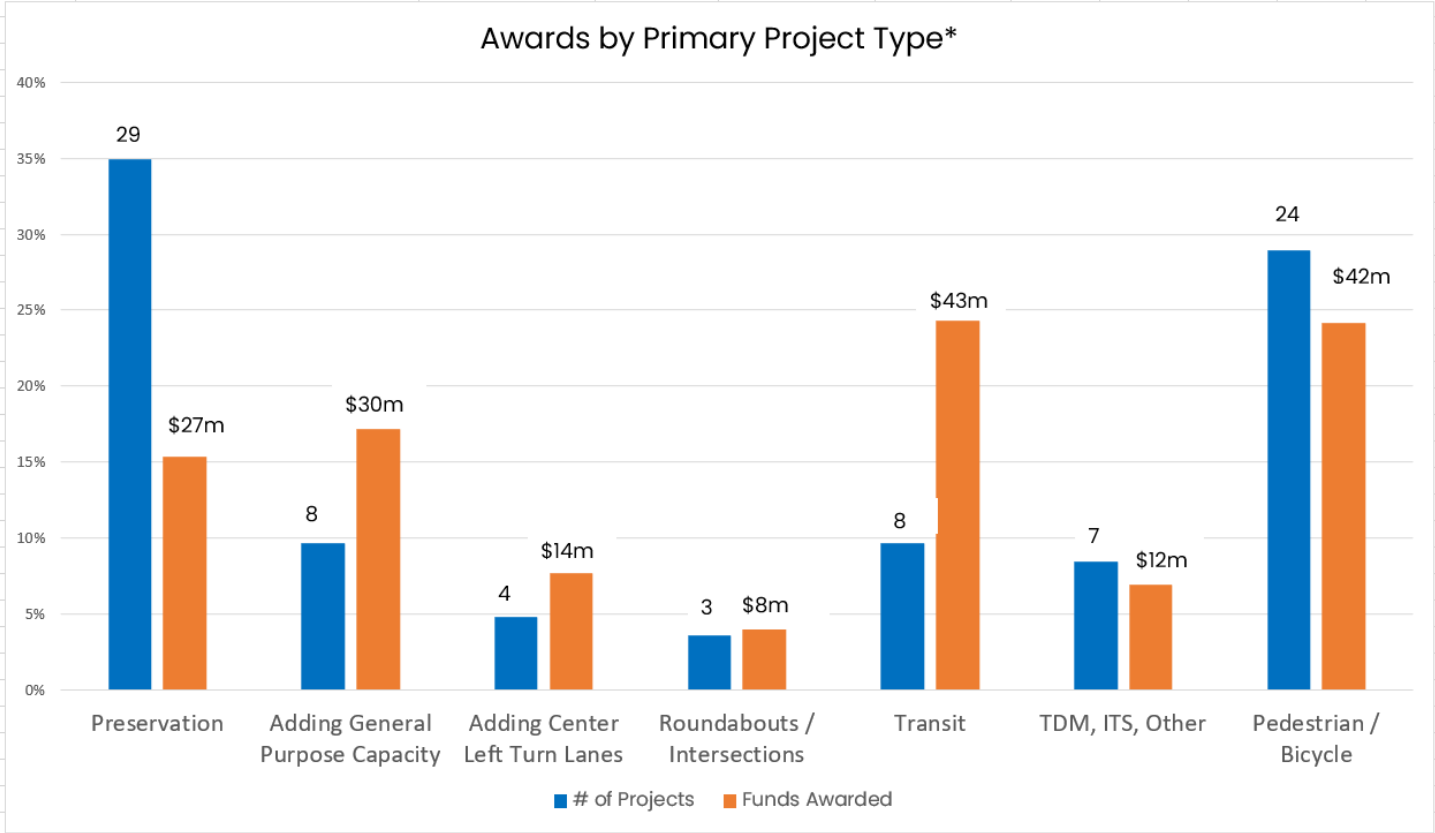
* For purposes of illustration, the point values for "Corridor Projects Serving Centers" under the Regional Competition are shown here

PSRC’S 2022 PROJECT SELECTION PROCESS - FHWA PROJECT AWARDS

KEY TAKEAWAYS

196 projects submitted, requesting \$493 million

83 projects awarded \$187 million



* Multiple scope elements are included within the majority of projects, including pedestrian and bicycle improvements, signalization and/or channelization, transit amenities, etc. Please note, the numbers above do not reflect the rural and equity set-asides to be distributed in 2023.

Of the 50 applicable projects (excluding preservation, transit, TDM, etc.), 49 include one or more **proven safety countermeasures**, such as:

- Walkways, bicycle lanes and lighting
- Roundabouts and other reductions of left turn conflicts at intersections
- Crosswalk visibility enhancements and rectangular rapid flashing beacons
- Medians, pedestrian refuge islands

Of the 8 projects providing general purpose lane capacity:

- Auburn, East Valley Highway Widening: fills a gap along a freight and transit corridor connecting a regional growth center and a manufacturing/industrial center; separates modes, includes intersection improvements, access control (1.1 mile project)
- Bothell, Bothell Way NE Multimodal Improvements, Phases 1-3: fills a gap along a transit corridor serving two regional growth centers; separates modes, includes intersection improvements, access control (1.3 mile project)
- Kitsap County, Ridgetop, Mickleberry to Myhre: fills a gap along a corridor within a regional growth center; separates modes, includes intersection improvements (0.4 mile project)
- Lynnwood, 42nd Avenue West Improvements: completes a new grid street in the heart of a regional growth center, providing multimodal access to the transit center (1/4 mile project)
- Poulsbo, Noll Road Improvements Segment North 3B: part of a corridor-wide improvement within the local town center on what is currently a gravel road; separates modes (1/4 mile project)
- WSDOT, SR 167 Completion Stage 2: completes final segment of major highway and freight corridor connecting to a regional growth center and a manufacturing/industrial center; includes a missing link in trail system, interchanges and variable tolls to manage traffic flow (4-mile project)



Puget Sound Regional Council

DISCUSSION ITEM

October 19, 2023

To: Executive Board
From: Josh Brown, Executive Director
Subject: **Federal Legislative Update**

IN BRIEF

PSRC's federal consultants Leslie Pollner and Lauri Hettinger, Senior Policy Advisors from Holland & Knight, will provide a timely update on federal policy, funding and legislative efforts in Washington DC.

DISCUSSION

PSRC began working with Holland & Knight (H&K) in December of 2022 with a two-year contract approved by the Executive Board. H&K provides PSRC with advice, expert information and relationship building support on federal affairs, legislation and programs. The law firm has expertise and capacity to provide in-depth analysis of federal legislation and provide updates on federal programs and funding opportunities, adding capacity for PSRC staff. H&K is also facilitating deepened relationship building with members of the federal delegation and staff and federal agency staff. PSRC staff meets with H&K weekly to remain up to date on what is happening in Washington DC.

Ms. Pollner will be in the boardroom in-person. Please consider attending the meeting in-person so you have the opportunity to meet her. Ms. Hettinger will be presenting virtually.

Biographies

Leslie I. Pollner, Senior Policy Advisor

[Leslie Pollner](#) is co-leader of Holland & Knight's Local Government Group and a member of the firm's Public Policy & Regulation Group. Ms. Pollner focuses on several

key industries, including transportation, economic development and housing. Her extensive experience in government at both the federal and local level allows her to help clients develop innovative solutions and advocacy strategies to achieve results.

Prior to joining the firm, Ms. Pollner was the deputy mayor for federal affairs in Los Angeles under Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa. She led the city of Los Angeles' office in Washington, D.C., directed its federal advocacy efforts, and managed lobbying teams at the Los Angeles port, airport and public utilities commissions. Ms. Pollner was also the principal liaison with the U.S. Conference of Mayors while Mayor Villaraigosa was the president of the organization and worked with mayors across the country on key issues, including building a coalition to support the transportation reauthorization bill.

Prior to that, Ms. Pollner was a two-time chief of staff for U.S. Reps. Suzanne Kosmas and Tim Mahoney, both of Florida. She has also worked in public affairs consulting and crisis communications support for Fortune 500 companies and helped develop communications strategies for the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, concentrating on the nonprofit's education investments.

Lauri A. Hettinger, Senior Policy Advisor

[Lauri Hettinger](#) is a senior policy advisor in the Public Policy & Regulation Group in the Washington, D.C., office of Holland & Knight. Ms. Hettinger advocates for local government municipalities' and industry's infrastructure needs, including surface transportation, water resources, economic development and Army Corps of Engineers.

Prior to joining Holland & Knight, Ms. Hettinger served as staff director for the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee's Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure Ranking Member, George Voinovich (R-OH). In this role, she served as his primary advisor on transportation, water infrastructure, environment, Army Corps of Engineers and economic development. Ms. Hettinger also served as a legislative assistant to Senator Norm Coleman (R-MN), handling his infrastructure, environment, energy and appropriations issues. During the 2002 election cycle, Ms. Hettinger was a senior research analyst for the National Republican Senatorial Committee. She started her legislative career in the office of Senator Strom Thurmond as a legislative correspondent.

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