



Puget Sound Regional Council

Regional Project Evaluation Committee Meeting Summary

Date: September 22, 2023 from 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Location: Remote – Online Meeting Only (Zoom Connection)

Introductions and Announcements

Doug McCormick, Chair, welcomed everyone at 9:30 a.m. He then took a roll call to confirm the members and alternates present.

Approval of Meeting Summary

The June 23, 2023, RPEC meeting summary was approved as presented.

Transportation Policy Board Debrief

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, reviewed the Transportation Policy Board meetings held on Thursday, July 13, 2023 and Thursday September 14, 2023. The 'At Work' report for the Transportation Policy Board meeting is available on the PSRC website at:

<https://www.psrc.org/board/transportation-policy-board>.

Discussion: Project Tracking and 2023 Delivery

Jennifer Barnes, PSRC, provided a status report on 2023 delivery. This year the region had 85 projects with 2023 delivery with PSRC funds totaling about \$116 million. Although official final numbers had not yet been provided by WSDOT, it expected that the region will meet its delivery target for this year. She provided an overview of obligations by month, from June to September, and noted that over half of the delivery dollars were advancements or projects with supplemental funding to fill this year's delivery gap, pushing this year's overall delivery later into the year, with several projects still unconfirmed in September. She shared some early takeaways on delivery successes, including more effective communication with sponsors and WSDOT, and areas where continuing focus is needed. She provided a brief report on the policy topics under consideration by the Project Delivery Working Group; it is expected that the Working Group will finalize its recommendations to bring to RPEC in October. The committee discussed the conditions under which the region may receive additional funds through redistributed obligation authority (OA), and it was noted that this year's lag in delivery timeline did greatly reduce the amount of redistributed OA that the region was able to receive.

For more information, contact at jbarnes@psrc.org.

The presentation can be found on the PSRC website [here](#)

Discussion: Equity Pilot

Charles Patton, PSRC, provided details on the Equity Pilot funding competition, which was developed in coordination with PSRC's Equity Advisory Committee, with a call for projects that was released on September 21, with applications due on October 18. He discussed the goal of the pilot program—which is to develop innovative ways to improve equity considerations in PSRC's project selection process, and to provide a feedback loop to help improve how transportation projects meet the needs of marginalized communities—and the development process applied by the EAC. Kelly McGourty, PSRC, walked through the criteria and guidance for two application pathways that applicants to be asked to complete. For pathway 1, the equity criteria are enhanced but similar in overall format to the criteria in the 2022 FHWA process. For pathway 2, the equity criteria are more integrated into the other criteria questions. Charles provided some examples of responses that would score highly in this process. About \$6 million is available to be awarded; one application may be submitted per agency, with a request cap of \$1 million. The EAC will review the applications and make award recommendations, and broader recommendations related to PSRC funding processes will be discussed with the boards in November and December.

For more information, contact Charles Patton, at cpatton@psrc.org

The presentation can be found on the PSRC website [here](#)

Discussion: Preparing for the 2024 Project Selection Process

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, provided preliminary information on the schedule of board discussions leading up to the 2024 project selection process. She provided reminder of the board-driven process that led to policy and criteria updates in the 2022 process, and described the overall process. It is expected that the key policy areas of climate, safety and equity will be the main topics of discussion, and any refinements for the 2024 process will likely focus on these areas. She provided an overview of the current work happening in all three areas. She outlined the schedule through July 2024, and next steps. She shared some project and safety information that has been shared with the board to date. Kelly asked committee members to think about the implications of potential changes to points in the safety category, for potential discussion at the October meeting. This is an ongoing effort and staff will keep RPEC apprised of board discussions and proposals, and will share feedback with the board.

For more information, contact Kelly McGourty at kmcgourty@psrc.org

The presentation can be found on the PSRC website [here](#)

Discussion: Regional Safety Work

There was not time for additional discussion on regional safety work. PSRC will provide an information item as part of the next RPEC agenda, and RPEC will continue to be briefed as the safety work proceeds.

For more information, contact Gary Simonson at gsimonson@psrc.org

Other Business:

Kelly informed the committee that in case of federal government shutdown, PSRC's operation would not be affected, but to be aware that it would affect FHWA staffing, and could delay FHWA signoff on approvals and reimbursements.

Information Items:

There were no additional information items presented.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:04 a.m.

***Members and Alternates Present**

See attached attendance roster.

***PSRC Staff, Alternates and Guests Present**

Blake Trask; King County; Brianne Ross, Perteet; Perteet; Catherine Lander, City of Shoreline; Dan Hansen, City of Tacoma; Desiree Winkler, City of Federal Way; Eric Irelan, King County; Gunnar Fridriksson, City of Bremerton; Jack Niehuser, City of Tacoma; Mia Waters, City of Bellevue; Michael Kosa, City of Sumner; Robert Giacometti, Port of Seattle; Stevan Gorcester; Wesley Rhodes, Tacoma Planning

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Jennifer Barnes, Sarah Gutschow, Alexa Leach, Kelly McGourty, Kalon Thomas, Josh Brown, Gary Simonson, Liz Underwood-Bultmann, Charles Patton, Jean Kim

**All attendees were present via remote participation*

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