



Puget Sound Regional Council

Transportation Policy Board

Thursday, May 9, 2024 • 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Hybrid Meeting - PSRC Board Room – 1201 Third Avenue, Suite 500, Seattle, 98101

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call (9:30) - Mayor Dana Ralph, Chair

2. Communications and Public Comment

Public comment must relate to an action or discussion item on the agenda.

3. Report of the Chair

4. Director's Report

5. Consent Agenda - Action Items (9:45)

- a. Approve Minutes of Transportation Policy Board Meeting held April 11, 2024
- b. Recommend Approval of FTA Project Extensions

6. Discussion Item (9:50)

- a. Regional Transportation Plan Modeling and Analysis Tools – *Craig Helmann, PSRC*

7. Discussion Item (10:35)

- a. Regional Transportation Plan Data Collection and Inventories – *Jennifer Barnes, PSRC*

8. Discussion Item (11:05)

- a. 2024 Outreach Activities – *Noah Boggess, PSRC*

9. Information Items

- a. Transportation Work Program Progress Tracker
- b. Additional Feedback on Future Work Program Items
- c. PSRC General Assembly, May 30, 2024, 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- d. Summer Planning Academy for High School Students

10. Next Meeting: June 13, 2024, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Major Topics for June:

- Regional Transportation Plan Financial Strategy
- Development of the Regional Safety Action Plan

11. Adjourn (11:30)

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MINUTES

Puget Sound Regional Council Transportation Policy Board
April 11, 2024
1201 3rd Ave., Ste 500, Seattle, WA 98101

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Mayor Dana Ralph, Chair. Chair Ralph stated that a video of the meeting would be streamed live as well as recorded. The video would 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 to the meeting live.

Mayor Ralph welcomed one new board member:

- Councilmember Doug Newall, Poulsbo, alternate for Kitsap County Cities & Towns

Roll call determined attendance and that a quorum was present.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

John Niles provided public comment to the board.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Ralph noted that there was a full agenda and would call on Kelly McGourty for the Director's Report.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, noted there had not been enough time at the March meeting to discuss the future work program items topic. Staff had intended to follow up with members via email to prompt feedback on the topic. The board will receive an email by the end of the week asking for member input.

Ms. McGourty shared that action item 6 on today's agenda had been reviewed by the board at its previous meeting. The Transportation Policy Board (TPB) had

recommended approval by the Executive Board. At the Executive Board meeting, the City of Everett shared some concerns about the action. The Executive Board asked that the Transportation Policy Board review the action again. Ms. McGourty shared that she has been in conversations with Everett and more details will be provided later in the meeting.

Ms. McGourty noted that there was an information item listed on the agenda cover for the Washington State Transportation Commission. The Commission is updating the Washington Transportation Plan and hosting information meetings throughout the state. The link to register for meetings is included on the agenda cover.

Ms. McGourty highlighted that project selection is underway. She shared highlights of the eligibility review process and the expanded focus on delivery and project timelines, and that staff is providing much more robust communications and review. Applications for the regional competition have been posted on PSRC's website.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve Minutes of Transportation Policy Board Meeting held March 14, 2024
- b. Routine amendment to 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

ACTION: The motion was made and seconded (Mayhew/Pauly) to adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion passed.

ACTION ITEM: UPDATES TO PSRC'S FTA PROJECT TRACKING POLICIES

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, reminded the board that this item had been on TPB's March consent agenda. Concerns were raised at the Executive Board from the City of Everett, so the item was pulled and sent back to TPB. She indicated that she had worked with Councilmember Zarlingo, who had proposed a modest revision to the language.

Ms. McGourty provided an overview of how PSRC distributes FTA funding and the new FTA equity distribution procedures. She also shared guidance for the equity funding distribution and how it was developed. Ms. McGourty then reviewed the project tracking policies and the proposed changes that would provide flexibility for equity funded projects. The Transportation Operators Committee (TOC) developed revisions that would still adhere to a high bar of how equity funds should be awarded. She discussed the background of why exceptions and flexibility in the policies were warranted.

Ms. McGourty then described the follow-up conversations with Councilmember Zarlingo and the refinement to the policy changes being proposed. Councilmember Zarlingo provided remarks on the related experiences of Everett Transit.

Members discussed the reference to a timeframe in the proposed amendment. It was noted that it could add further constraints to projects. It was agreed to remove the timeframe requirement from the amendment.

ACTION: The motion was made and seconded (Zarlingo/Daughtry) that The Transportation Policy Board should recommend the Executive Board approve the revisions to PSRC's FTA project tracking policies as amended including the removal of section b. The motion passed.

ACTION ITEM: 2024 PROJECT TRACKING AND EXTENSION REQUESTS

Jennifer Barnes, PSRC, shared that today's discussion is a continuation of last month's action. She provided background on the project tracking policies and the adopted five-step process to address gaps in delivery each year.

The adopted policies allow for a one-time extension within certain parameters. Ms. Barnes reviewed the project extension process and how extensions will or will not be granted. She provided a summary of the reasons for the 2024 extensions and described the process with WSDOT and the chairs of the Regional Project Evaluation Committee and the four countywide forums to develop the recommendation.

ACTION: The motion was made and seconded (Pauly/Mayhew) that The Transportation Policy Board should recommend the Executive Board approve the actions related to 2024 project extensions as detailed in Attachment A.

Kelly McGourty shared the background and policies related to how and when project cost increases are addressed for PSRC funded projects. Per policy, the only opportunity to provide cost increases is during the annual rebalancing effort to meet the delivery gap. The process uses the estimates at the time of award, to ensure consistency and fairness across all agencies.

Ms. McGourty noted there are opportunities outside of PSRC to receive funds for project cost increases. She shared that through the state each year there has been an opportunity to receive funds when construction bids come in higher than project estimates. In order to be eligible, however, the region must first meet its required annual delivery target. She outlined the narrow requirements to be eligible for this funding.

Members asked that in the following cycle there be an opportunity to look at changing the policy regarding funding increases and limiting the estimates to those created at the time of award.

DISCUSSION ITEM: REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (2026-2050) DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

Ms. McGourty, PSRC, thanked members for their previous feedback on priorities for the next RTP. Today the board would review in greater detail what is included in the current RTP.

Ms. McGourty provided a general overview of the RTP, and the various elements included. She discussed investments in the integrated multimodal transportation system, indicating that the RTP addresses all modes including intercity rail, aviation, freight, ferries, mobility on demand, transportation demand management, transit, roadways, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, etc.

Ms. McGourty reviewed key new features included in the current plan, such as expanded data collection, updated system inventories and a new visualization tool that not only assisted PSRC with identifying gaps, but also serves as a tool for member jurisdictions. She then reviewed key outcomes of the plan and described the different lenses such as geographies and equity populations.

Ms. McGourty went over the details of the financial strategy to pay for the plan. She shared the breakdown of investments and revenues. She reviewed current law revenues that are forecast into the future and described the options to cover the remaining gap. The current RTP does include assumptions of the transition to a road usage charge (RUC). The plan makes assumptions that are distinct from the current state assumptions related to a RUC. The RTP includes an action item to develop more details related to implementation of a RUC. Ms. McGourty indicated that the board will have an opportunity to dig deeper into the current financial strategy in the coming months.

Members further discussed the RUC and funding for state ferries. Members discussed safety being a primary concern and the regional safety plan should coordinate with the highway patrol. Staff shared that consultants supporting the regional safety plan public outreach will be coordinating with those partners.

Chair Ralph asked members to reach out to Kelly to share feedback early in the development of the plan.

Chair Ralph noted that the agenda packet included the work program tracker. She also reminded members that PSRC's General Assembly is scheduled for May 30.

Members asked if PSRC is considering the implications for the World Cup. Staff shared that some conversations have happened, but PSRC is not directly involved. Members shared it will be a regional concern. Members shared that the Washington State Department of Transportation is working closely with the city of Seattle in advance.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2024.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

Attachment:

A. Attendance Roster – April 11, 2024.

Transportation Policy Board - April 11, 2024				05a. - Att. A			
Voting Members			✓	Non-voting Members			✓
King County	2	CM Jorge Barón	1	Associate Members			
		Vacant		Island County	1	COMM Melanie Bacon	
		Vacant Alt				COMM Jill Johnson Alt	
Seattle	2	CM Rob Saka		Thurston Regional Planning Council	1	MYR Andy Ryder, Lacey	
		CM Robert Kettle	1			Marc Daily	
		CM Tanya Woo, Alt		Public Agency Members			
Bellevue	1	CM Dave Hamilton	1	Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board	1	Vacant	
		CM Jared Nieuwenhuis Alt				Vacant Alt	
Cities/Towns	3	MYR Dana Ralph, Kent, Chair	1	Puget Sound Clean Air Agency	1	CM Megan Dunn	1
		MYR Mary Lou Pauly, Issaquah	1			Christine Cooley Alt	1
		CM Peter Kwon, SeaTac	1	Public Health	1	Jessica Jeavons, Seattle-King County	1
		CM Wendy Weiker Mercer Isl Alt				Dennis Worsham, Snohomish Co. Alt	
		DEP MYR Jay Arnold, Kirkland Alt		WA Tran. Improvement Board	1	Vacant	
		CM Matt Mahoney, Des Moines Alt	1			CM Sam Low, Snohomish Co. Alt	
Local Transit	1	CM Rod Dembowski		PSRC Committees			
		Vacant Alt		Equity Advisory Cmte.	1	Annie Tran	1
Kitsap County	1	COM Christine Rolfes	1			Julius Moss Alt	1
		COM Charlotte Garrido Alt		Regional Staff Cmte.	1	Jason Sullivan, Bonney Lake	1
Bremerton	1	MYR Greg Wheeler	1			Kelly Snyder, Snohomish Co. Alt	
		CP Jennifer Chamberlin Alt		Regional Project Evaluation Cmte.	1	Doug McCormick, Snohomish Co.	1
Cities/Towns	1	CM Leslie Schneider, Bainbridge Isl				Shane Weber, Bremerton Alt	1
		CM Doug Newell, Poulsbo Alt	1	Transportation Operators Cmte.	1	Peter Heffernan, King County	
Local Transit	1	MYR Rob Putaansuu, Port Orchard				Melinda Adams, Everett Transit Alt	1
		CM Anna Mockler, Bremerton	1	Private/Civic Members-Business/Labor			
Pierce County	1	CM Ryan Mello, Vice Chair	1	WA Trucking Associations	1	Sheri Call	
		CM Dave Morell Alt		exp. 12/31/26		Jeff DeVere Alt	1
Tacoma	1	CM Kristina Walker		Seattle Met. Chamber of Commerce	1	Lorelei Williams, WSP USA	
		CM Olgy Diaz Alt		exp. 12/31/26		Amy Grotefendt, Enviroissues Alt	
Cities & Towns	1	CM Tim Ceder, Milton		Private/Civic Members-Community/Environment			
		MYR Pro Tem Edward Wood, University Place Alt		TBD			
Local Transit	1	CM Marty Campbell, Pierce County		Non-voting	10	Non-voting members present	10
		DEP MYR John Hines, Tacoma					
Snohomish County	1	CM Jared Mead					
		CM Strom Peterson Alt					
Everett	1	CM Ben Zarlingo	1				
		MYR Cassie Franklin Alt					
Cities/Towns	1	CM Jan Schuette, Arlington	1				
		CM Michael Dixon, Mukilteo Alt					
Local Transit	1	CM Kim Daughtry, Lake Stevens	1				
		CM Jan Schuette, Arlington Alt					
Regional Transit	1	CM Ed Prince, Renton	1				
		MYR Kim Roscoe, Fife Alt					
Federally Recognized Tribes							
Muckleshoot Indian Tribe	1	CM John Daniels, Jr.					
		Vacant Alt					
Puyallup Tribe of Indians	1	Andrew Strobel					
		Robert Barandon Alt					
Suquamish Tribe	1	CM Luther (Jay) Mills					
		CHRMN Leonard Forsman Alt					
Statutory Members							
Ports	1	COM Toshiko Hasegawa, Seattle	1				
		COM Cary Bozeman, Bremerton Alt	1				
WA Trans. Commission	1	COM Jim Restucci	1				
		COM Nicole Grant Alt					
WSDOT	1	Robin Mayhew	1			Abbreviations	
		Todd Lamphere Alt				CHRMN Chairman	
Legislative Transportation Cmte. (Not Counted for Quorum)						CM Councilmember	
House	2	Vacant				CP Council President	
Transportation Cmte.		REP Jake Fey, D Alt				COM Commissioner	
		REP Dan Griffey, R				DEP MYR Mayor	
		REP Andrew Barkis, R Alt				MYR Mayor	
Senate	2	SEN Marko Liias, D				MYR Pro Tem	
Transportation Cmte.		SEN Emily Randall, D Alt				REP Representative	
		Vacant, R				SEN Senator	
		Vacant, R Alt					
Voting	32	(Quorum = 14) Quorum Total	18				
		Total Voting members present	20				



Puget Sound Regional Council

May 2, 2024

CONSENT AGENDA

To: Transportation Policy Board

From: Kelly McGourty, Director, Transportation Planning

Subject: **Recommend Approval of FTA Project Extensions**

IN BRIEF

PSRC routinely monitors the progress of funds awarded to transit agencies from both the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The Transportation Operators Committee (TOC) recently reviewed projects that are experiencing delays and has recommended extensions for six projects, per guidelines established in PSRC's adopted Project Tracking Policies.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Transportation Policy Board should recommend the Executive Board approve extensions for six delayed projects, as shown in the table below.

DISCUSSION

Per PSRC's Project Tracking Policies, PSRC monitors its regionally managed FTA and FHWA funds on an ongoing basis to ensure their timely and predictable usage.

At its meeting on April 24, 2024, the TOC reviewed several delayed transit projects and developed recommendations based on whether the reason for the delay was considered "reasonable" or "unreasonable" per adopted policy. The primary consideration in determining whether a delay would be considered reasonable is whether the delay is due to factors outside of the agency's control.

The TOC determined the six projects had reasonable delays and therefore recommended extensions, as shown in the table below. Each project has worked

through issues with FTA and is on track to move forward within the next six months. If funds are not submitted by the extended date, PSRC will bring the project back to the TOC for additional review and recommendation to the Transportation Policy Board.

<i>Sponsor</i>	<i>Project Title</i>	<i>Extension</i>
<i>King County Metro</i>	South King County Corridor Speed and Reliability Improvements	September 2024
<i>King County Metro</i>	RapidRide I Line: Speed and Reliability Improvements	September 2024
<i>King County Metro</i>	Safe Routes to Transit: RapidRide I Line	October 2024
<i>Pierce Transit</i>	Spanaway Transit Center Phase II	October 2024
<i>Kitsap Transit</i>	Johnson Road Park & Ride	April 2024*
<i>Kitsap Transit</i>	Southworth Terminal Redevelopment Project	April 2024*

* Kitsap Transit requested an extension to April for their two projects, which is before the board is scheduled to take action. PSRC staff will monitor the projects to ensure the extended deadline is met.

For additional information, please contact Sarah Gutschow, Senior Planner, at 206-587-4822 or sgutschow@psrc.org.



Puget Sound Regional Council

May 2, 2024

DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Transportation Policy Board

From: Kelly McGourty, Director, Transportation Planning

Subject: **Regional Transportation Plan Modeling and Analysis Tools**

IN BRIEF

Over the past two months, the Transportation Policy Board has been discussing priorities and key themes for developing the next long-range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Work on the next RTP will continue through 2026, when the plan is scheduled to be adopted. At the May meeting, staff will provide an overview of the various modeling and analysis tools PSRC utilizes to develop the RTP and respond to policy questions.

DISCUSSION

Over the last several months, the board has been discussing key regional priorities and focus areas to guide development of the next RTP. Key themes have included the continued focus areas of safety, climate, and equity; maintenance and preservation; transit and accessibility; ferries; decarbonizing the system; and recognizing the diverse needs and community contexts around the region. In April, staff provided the board with a more detailed overview of the current RTP, including a more comprehensive description of the investments in the plan, key policies and actions, outcomes of the plan and new or enhanced tools and data collection efforts.

The board has also discussed additional analytical needs for the next plan, such as addressing changes in travel behavior since the pandemic, providing more detailed analyses by county and city, and tracking progress over time.

To support the continued board discussions on the development of the next RTP, at the May meeting staff will provide a briefing on PSRC's models and analytical tools. This will include an overview of how these tools are used to respond to policy questions, as

well as their limitations and planned enhancements and improvements. Additional feedback from the board on desired new analyses or questions to be answered will help inform the discussion.

For more information please contact Craig Helmann, Director of Data, at 206-389-2889 or chelmann@psrc.org.



Puget Sound Regional Council

May 2, 2024

DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Transportation Policy Board

From: Kelly McGourty, Director, Transportation Planning

Subject: **Regional Transportation Plan Data Collection and Inventories**

IN BRIEF

Over the past several months, the Transportation Policy Board has been discussing priorities and key themes for developing the next long-range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Work on the next RTP will continue through 2026, when the plan is scheduled to be adopted. At the May meeting, staff will provide an overview of the various data collection efforts and inventory updates of the current transportation system.

DISCUSSION

As part of the development of the current RTP, significant new data collection efforts were undertaken and comprehensive inventories of various aspects of the current transportation system conducted. This included data on bicycle and pedestrian facilities and counts; a regional Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) inventory; an inventory of freight assets throughout the region; information on Transportation Demand Management programs; an assessment of transportation services for people with specialized mobility needs; and other ongoing data collection and research efforts.

The overall purpose of these efforts was to provide the foundation for the plan and to help identify the needs and opportunities for system improvements, in part to help inform the updates to local comprehensive plans. Staff developed an interactive web map to illustrate the collected data along with other contextual information such as demographic data, location of regional centers, etc.

To support the next plan, updates to this data and facilities inventories have begun. At the May meeting, staff will provide an overview of the current efforts, including what

data is being collected and the resulting information that can be provided on the transportation system.

For more information please contact Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning, at 206-971-3601 or kmcgourty@psrc.org, or Jennifer Barnes, Program Manager, at 206-389-2876 or jbarnes@psrc.org.



Puget Sound Regional Council

May 2, 2024

DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Transportation Policy Board
From: Kelly McGourty, Director, Transportation Planning
Subject: **2024 Outreach Activities**

IN BRIEF

Numerous outreach efforts are planned to occur in 2024, spanning several of PSRC's work program areas. These include initial outreach on the development of the next Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), outreach as part of the development of the Regional Safety Action Plan and engagement with stakeholders related to the Coordinated Mobility Plan. Staff will brief the board on these various efforts and the plans for robust engagement throughout the region and reaching historically underrepresented communities.

DISCUSSION

Over the last several months, the board has been discussing key regional priorities and focus areas to guide development of the next RTP. Additional engagement will occur throughout 2024 with PSRC's boards and committees as well as external stakeholders and the general public, in anticipation of the board identifying the scope of the plan by the fall.

Concurrently, the work to develop the first Regional Safety Action Plan (RSAP) has begun and outreach activities are also planned on this work in 2024. As a reminder, the RSAP is scheduled for board adoption in spring of 2025.

In addition, under state and federal law PSRC develops a Coordinated Mobility Plan as part of the RTP, to address the mobility needs of individuals with transportation challenges due to age, income or ability. Extensive outreach will be conducted to learn more about the needs and priorities of these communities.

Over the past several years PSRC has expanded efforts to reach individuals, businesses and communities throughout the region, particularly those historically underrepresented in these types of efforts. Numerous strategies to increase engagement and hear from more people have been utilized, including focus groups, online open houses, surveys, attending community meetings, meeting with youth councils, etc.

At the May meeting, staff will provide an overview of the planned outreach efforts and discuss the various tools and strategies that are anticipated to be utilized, in alignment with PSRC's [Equitable Engagement Guidance](#). The board may have feedback and suggestions on additional outreach and tools that can be used.

For more information please contact Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning, at 206-971-3601 or kmcgourty@psrc.org, or Noah Boggess, Senior Public Engagement Specialist, at 206-464-6170 or nboggess@psrc.org.

PSRC Transportation Work Program - Draft Progress Reporting

DRAFT Progress Chart (Timeline as of May 2, 2024)

Status	
■	Preparing
■	In Progress
■	Complete
■	Tentative

Project	Status to-date
Regional Transportation Plan	
Alignment of RTP and Funding Cycles	TBD - pending further board discussions
Update RTP Project Prioritization Framework	TBD - pending further board discussions
Board work group to determine 2026 RTP scope of work	Anticipate use of RTP Steering Committee, beginning February 2024
TPB direction on scope of work for 2026 RTP	Discussions beginning February 2024
RTP development	Anticipated Q3 2024-Q2 2026
Financial Strategy Refinement	TBD - pending further board discussions
PSRC Funding	
Policy Framework for PSRC's Federal Funds	Board adopted January 2024
FHWA Project Selection: Board Action	Q3 2024, following competitions
FTA Funding Methodology Process Discussion	Completed with board action in March 2023
FTA Project Selection / Equity Formula Distribution	2025-2026 projects approved; 2027-2028 process included in 2024 project selection process
Annual FTA Adjustments Process	Complete
Rural Town Centers and Corridors Project Selection	Complete
Transportation Alternatives Project Selection	Complete
Equity Pilot Program Development	Complete
Equity Pilot Program Project Selection	Board approved January 2024
Consolidated Grant Program Regional Rankings	Complete
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)	
2025 -2028 TIP Development	Q3-Q4 2024, following 2024 project selection
Conduct Equity Analysis of draft 2025-2028 TIP	Q3-Q4 2024
Release of 2025-2028 TIP for Public Comment	Q3-Q4 2024
Board Action on 2025-2028 TIP	Q4 2024
Monthly TIP Amendments	Ongoing
Project Tracking/Rebalancing	Ongoing
Climate: GHG Analysis and Planning	
2030 Transit Networks and Service	Complete
	Initial modeling complete; Expert Review Panel convened September-October 2023; summary report to be provided March 2024
PSRC 2030 Network Modeling and Analysis	Complete
Puget Sound Regional Emissions Analysis Project	Operational/Ongoing, initial launch complete, maintenance and updates ongoing
Regional Electric Vehicle Collaboration Clearinghouse	Ongoing, REV collaborative meetings scheduled for Q2 and Q4 (every year) - event held June 28
Regional Electric Vehicle Collaboration Outreach	Board discussions in Q1-2 2023 and expert panel convened; CPRG planning work underway with partners, Preliminary Climate Action Plan submitted to EPA March 1, 2024, Comprehensive Climate Action Plan due summer 2025
Develop Climate Implementation Strategy with Partners	Ongoing
PSRC Board Progress Briefings	Ongoing
Regional Safety Plan	
Explore Grant/Funding Opportunities	Complete
Apply for Safe Streets for All Grant	Round 1 complete; Round 2 complete
	Preliminary local safety plan inventory completed; more detailed review to be conducted as part of the Regional Safety Action Plan
Research current plans, roles and responsibilities	Complete - Regional Safety Summit held June 29
Convene Stakeholders	Complete; board review September 2023
Develop Scope of Regional Safety Plan	Complete; board review September 2023

Develop Regional Safety Plan	Technical and engagement consultants under contract; work to commence through end of 2024; adoption Q1 2025
Performance Measures and Dashboard <i>Align with Equity Tracker, other related monitoring efforts</i>	
Identify Measures	Complete
Develop Dashboard Outline for Board Feedback	Complete
Assemble Data	Initial set complete; ongoing and continuous
Publish Draft Dashboard	Complete
Refinement and Updates	Ongoing
Annual Board Briefings	Briefing February 2024 and annually thereafter
Active Transportation Plan Repackaging	
Repackage Active Transportation Plan	Complete
ADA Transition Plan Technical Assistance	
Research current plans, roles and responsibilities	Preliminary research complete; moving to monitoring role
Board Briefing and Discussion	TPB briefing June 2023
Annual Transit Integration Report	
Report Development	Complete
Publish Report	Released November 2023
Big Ideas/Transformational Planning	
Regional Convenings to Support Effort	TBD - pending further board discussions
Future of HCT Regional Convening	TBD - pending further board discussions
Data Collection, Analysis, Performance Metrics	
Data collection, maintenance of viz tool and improvements	In Progress, Q1-Q4 2024
Equity, EJ analysis methodology improvements	Tentative Q2-Q4 2024
RTP Financial Strategy	
Collaborate with Partners on Implementation Steps	TBD - pending further board discussions



Puget Sound Regional Council

May 2, 2024

INFORMATION ITEM

To: Transportation Policy Board

From: Kelly McGourty, Director, Transportation Planning

Subject: **Additional Feedback on Future Work Program Items**

As discussed at recent meetings, the board directed PSRC staff to continue working on two items that were considered as part of the *2024 Policy Framework for PSRC's Federal Funds* but ultimately not advanced. These two items were:

1. Prohibiting from the competition projects that add general purpose capacity on limited access highways. The board felt further evaluation was needed on this proposal before advancing and directed staff to continue researching the impacts and nuances from this topic for future consideration. Preliminary guidance directs staff to come back in the fall with additional details on the criteria that may be used to determine which projects would be ineligible, including an identification of facility and scope.
2. Setting a threshold for funding projects only above a certain total score, since the final scores and rankings reflect how well each project meets each of the project evaluation criteria and regional policies. The board directed staff to continue working with the Regional Project Evaluation Committee on options and administrative procedures to present to the board later in 2024. Additional data will also be provided on previously funded projects and scores, as well as an assessment of various options considered.

Given the limited time to discuss these items at the March meeting (see [presentation](#)), the board was asked to provide additional feedback after the meeting on any particular details or information they would like to see brought back in the fall on these two items, at which time further evaluation and discussion will be held.

Feedback received to date is summarized below.

Item 1: Limiting general purpose capacity projects in PSRC's funding competitions

- WSDOT supports this concept, but it is important for WSDOT projects centered on safety, preservation, and operational improvements to be eligible for funding.
- It is critically important that managed lanes projects on limited access highways are not excluded from applying for funding. The RTP states that “the state’s Managed Lanes System is one approach WSDOT uses to operate its highway facilities efficiently...(*managed lanes*) are designed to maximize the movement of people and encourage commuters to use transit or travel together to save time and reduce traffic volumes and congestion.” This information can help clarify what does not fall within the definition of general purpose.
- Concurrence to have staff return in the fall with identification of specific examples of projects that would be allowed and projects that would be prohibited in the competition under this premise.
- Concurrence to have staff return in the fall with identification of previous projects that would have been impacted had this rule been in place. We need to see and assess practical impacts.
- What problem are we trying to solve? Capacity is necessary if you are adding housing and jobs in a non-transit community.
- Conduct outreach to cities to identify projects outside the 6-year planning horizon that are necessary for growth and may require some general capacity improvements on, or tying into, limited access facilities that tie into new street grids.
- Recognize that cities and facilities around the region are different. With planned growth, limited access facilities will serve additional freight traffic, delivery trucks and transit buses serving manufacturing, retail and commercial businesses.
- PSRC should consider conducting an assessment of projects adding general purpose capacity to determine if needs will be met without creating greater problems.
- Provide information on what level of funding has historically been provided to these types of projects, and at what percentage of the overall funding.
- Limiting capacity on large principal roadways like I-5 and I-405 may make sense, but it would be very concerning to Snohomish County residents and businesses if this limitation was extended to other limited access facilities in our county, such as SR 522, SR 9, SR 532, US 2 etc. that are still not built out to their full configurations. These routes are critical to Snohomish County meeting the requirements of GMA and meeting the demands of the growth we are expected to fulfill under GMA. While we support the investment in high-capacity transit and non-motorized facilities, we still need key investments in capacity projects to have a fully functioning transportation system.

Item 2: Scoring threshold

- Identify previous projects that may not have received funding under a threshold approach.

- The scoring process has changed and the scores reflect added requirements which should be met in order to receive funding.
- Explore the purpose of prohibiting funding in certain situations rather than deprioritizing funding.
- Had this policy been in place in previous cycles, could it have resulted in the loss of federal funds to the region?
- What is the goal we're trying to achieve with this policy? If there is a specific goal, does it make more sense to set a threshold for a specific scoring criterion rather than an across-the-board threshold?
- This proposal could possibly penalize smaller agencies with good projects that might not score the best in all categories but score well in some of the categories and are needed in their communities.
- Limiting the number of projects on the contingency list could put us at a disadvantage in meeting our obligation authority requirements and ultimately result in the Puget Sound Region and the State of Washington losing federal funds. We want to have more eligible projects on the list and be ready to accept and obligate federal funds, not less.

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



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