

2024 Project Selection Process

Regional FHWA Project Recommendation Meeting

Regional Project Evaluation Committee | May 23-24, 2024



Puget Sound Regional Council



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Today's Agenda

- Overview of process and background
 - Changes implemented in 2024
 - Review of materials
 - Staff observations
- Review meeting procedures and meeting purpose

Happening Now:

- Regional FHWA Applications
- FTA Online Form and Instructions
- FTA Checklist and Guidance

Project Selection Schedule

Project Selection Workshop Information

2024 Policy Framework for PSRC's Federal Funds

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Policy Framework and Background +

Funding Amounts and Eligibility +

Maps +

Guidance and Resources

- FHWA Application Checklist and Guidance (PDF)
- FHWA Screening Form Checklist and Guidance (PDF)
- FHWA Application / Screening Form and Instructions (PDF)
- FTA Checklist and Guidance (PDF)
- Project Selection Resource Map (PDF)
- Financial Constraint Guidance (PDF)
- Equity Guidance (PDF)
- Safety Guidance (PDF)
- Project Readiness Guidance (PDF)
- Air Quality Guidance (PDF)
- Project-Level Emissions Evaluation Tool (XLSX)

FHWA Regional Competition

Regional FHWA Applications




Today's Agenda

- Overview of funding amounts
 - *Discussion of two options – full or partial programming*
- Identify *Additional Factors*, beyond scores, to be considered in the recommendation of awards
- Identify any voluntary withdrawals or reductions in requests
- Recommend funding to projects and a prioritized contingency list



Agenda Materials

- Project descriptions
- Meeting Procedures
- Scores by rank, by funding source
- Full criteria scores, by funding source, in alphabetical order by sponsor
- Options for distribution



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Regional Project Evaluation Committee Agenda
 Date: Thursday, May 23, 2024 from 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 Online Meeting Only: Use Zoom Connection Info

PSRC 2024 FHWA REGIONAL COMPETITION - FULL PROJECT SCORES BY SOURCE AND SPONSOR

SPONSOR	Project Title	Requested Amount	Phase	Priority	Proposed Start	Ranking 1	Ranking 2	Ranking 3	Ranking 4	Ranking 5	Ranking 6	Ranking 7	Ranking 8	Ranking 9	Ranking 10
Bellevue	NE Spring Boulevard Zone 3, Ardenia/Multimodal Network Completion	\$ 3,500,000	PE / Design	75	2024	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Tacoma	Populash Avenue Corridor Improvements with Pedestrian Access to File	\$ 5,465,000	Construction	73	2024	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Seattle	West Seattle Link Extension (WSLE) Station Access	\$ 5,465,000	PE / Design	72	2024	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Kent	West Seattle Link Extension (WSLE) Station Access	\$ 5,465,000	PE / Design	72	2024	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Pierce County	112th St E	\$ 2,500,000	Construction	70	2024	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Renton	Renton Ave Corridor Improvements - Phase 5	\$ 5,465,000	Right of Way	68	2024	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
WSDOT	SR 99/148th St SW Vic To Airport Rd Vic - Corridor Improvement	\$ 2,275,122	PE / Design	66	2024	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Kirkland	126th Street Bike-Ped Improvements	\$ 895,000	Construction	63	2024	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
Bothell	126th Street Bike-Ped Improvements	\$ 895,000	Construction	63	2024	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
Bothell	126th Street Bike-Ped Improvements	\$ 895,000	Construction	63	2024	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10

1. Introductions and Review of Meeting Procedures (9:30-10:00)

2. Discussion and Action: Project Recommendations Competition (10:00-11:00)

PSRC staff will pre-funding recommender contingency list of advanced of the me
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 projects, per the a
 As a reminder, all
 found on PSRC's
 and for regional
 There will be a 10
 a 10-minute break
 Friday, May 24
 recommendations

3. Next Meeting:

- Friday, May 24 recommendations

2024 FHWA Regional Competition Project Recommendations RPEC Meeting Procedures

The meeting will begin promptly at 9:30am on Thursday, May 23rd. There will be a 10-minute break at 11:00am, a 30-minute break for lunch at 12:30pm, and a 10-minute break at 3:00pm. The meeting will continue as needed until 5:00p.m. and resume at 9:30am on Friday, May 24th, if necessary.

PURPOSE AND OUTCOMES:

- The committee will recommend projects to receive funding Competition. The list will be balanced by year, and by fund
- The committee will recommend a prioritized contingency list
- The committee will submit their recommendation to PSRC's (TPB). Final approval is made by the Executive Board.

EXPECTATIONS

Meeting Decorum

- Committee members agree to keep an open mind and listen
- Committee members agree to respect each other's opinion; understand and accurately characterize the views of other r in a consistently constructive manner.
- Discussion will be conducted in a professional way with a f
- Only committee members' questions or comments will be permitted from other partici**

Total funds available = \$42
 Projects eligible for CRP are n

CMAG PROJECTS: AVI

Sponsor	Project Title	Requested Amount	Phase (s)	TOTAL SCORE (100)
Bellevue	NE Spring Boulevard Zone 3, Ardenia/Multimodal Network Completion	\$ 3,500,000	PE / Design	75
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2024 Regional FHWA Project Selection Summary of Projects

Sponsor	Project Title	Project Status	Source	Phase	Amount
Allynport	10th Street Connector	Construct a new multimodal trail that will provide access to the west side of the Allynport Depot in the Cascade Industrial Center. It will connect to Allynport Blvd on the east with a roundabout, and to Douglas Street that runs on the west with a stop-controlled intersection planned to be a roundabout in the future. The trail will have one vehicle lane in each direction, with a sidewalk on one side and a mulch path on the other. pedestrian amenities, and new water and sewer utilities.	STB	Construction	\$1,000,000
Adum	East Valley Highway Widening	Private multimodal improvements from south of the Oak Point roundabout to the Lakeland Hills Way. The project will include multimodal improvements, the addition of a separated non-motorist trail, addition of one northbound and one southbound through lane, center turn lane, illumination, commuter improvements, safety reclosures, and installation of a dynamic message sign.	STB	Construction	\$1,465,000
Bellevue	NE Spring Boulevard Zone 3, Ardenia/Multimodal Network Completion	Construct a new multimodal trail connection to complete a gap in the Red Line. The project will include one vehicle lane, bicycle and pedestrian bike lanes on both sides, safety elements including bollards, signage and pavement marking, a fire accessible three-person stromwater facilities, and waterproofed edging.	STB	Preliminary Engineering	\$1,500,000

STBG PROJECTS - AVAILABLE FUNDS = \$33.16m (\$21.66m 2027-2028; \$11.30m 2025-2026)

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Available Funding

- Programming FFY 2027-2028 CMAQ, STBG funds
 - Additional 2025-2026 CMAQ, STBG, CRP funds

Regional Competition Amounts by Source & Year					
	CMAQ (60%)		STBG (40%)		Total
	2027	2028	2027	2028	
Regional Competition	\$ 16.40	\$ 16.40	\$ 10.93	\$ 10.93	\$ 54.65
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Additional Funds for Regional Competition for 2025-2026 Delivery*					
	Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) Funding				\$ 11.30
	Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) Funding				\$ 9.80
	Carbon Reduction Program (CRP)				\$ 15.10
Total					\$ 36.20



Available Funding to Projects Submitted

- Fewer projects submitted than expected, particularly for CMAQ / CRP
 - Total CMAQ Available = \$42.60m
 - Total CMAQ Requested = \$49.5m
 - Total STBG Available = \$33.2m
 - Total STBG Requested = \$91.4m
 - Total CRP Available = \$15.1m



Available Funding to Projects Submitted – Options

- Carbon Reduction Program (CRP)
 - *Purpose is to reduce CO₂ emissions from on-road highway sources*
 - Eligible projects similar to CMAQ, e.g. –
 - Electrification
 - Transit
 - Transportation alternatives



Available Funding to Projects Submitted – Options

- Since fewer CMAQ projects submitted than available total of CMAQ / CRP funding:
 - Option 1 = Recommend CRP funding to eligible projects – emphasizing emission reductions – regardless of which funding source was requested (CMAQ or STBG).
 - Option 2 = Recommend funding to CMAQ and STBG projects as usual, but set aside an amount of CMAQ / CRP funding for a separate, focused competition to be held later and solicit additional eligible projects. Distribute at a minimum the 2025 CRP funding to eligible emission reduction projects, to ensure delivery.



Key Points

- PSRC's project selection process is based on regional policies and priorities, as determined by the boards
- Lengthy discussion and consideration of priority focus areas – support for centers, safety, equity, climate
- Project recommendations should reflect and be consistent with these priority areas, along with any additional factors to be identified



Meeting Procedures

- Actions will be by voice vote unless a roll call vote becomes necessary
- Please allow the discussion to be thorough and complete prior to any motions or amendments
- No packages are to be considered – each project will be evaluated individually
- Committee may choose to set a cut-off line for scores, above which projects will be deliberated for recommendation



Reminders

- Recommendations must fully fund a phase
- If funding reductions are proposed:
 - sponsors must commit to fully funding the phase with local or other funds, with a follow-up confirmation of fund availability; *or*
 - the committee and sponsor agree to a reduced scope of work for funding, with the balance of the scope applied to the contingency list



Additional Factors

- The scores are one important tool in the decision-making process, but not the only tool
- Past cycles have identified the following additional factors to be considered in the final recommendation process:
 - Geographic balance
 - Agency balance
 - Modal balance
 - Project completion / implementation
 - Balance among phases
 - Scalability
 - Unique circumstances
 - Timing/Deliverability

