


Project Tracking Exception Request

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Presentation Overview

- Overview of Project Tracking Program and Exception Policies
- Project Tracking Exception Request:
 - City of Sumner's *Stewart Road Corridor Completion: White River Bridge* Project
- Action Requested



Overview of Project Tracking Program

Project Tracking Program and Policies:

- In place since 2000
- Goal = efficient and timely project delivery, minimize cost of delays, preserve federal funds coming to the region

Policies updated over time

- Current policies address annual delivery target for FHWA funds
- Must be met, or risk loss of unused funds



Overview of Project Tracking Program

PSRC's FHWA funds are granted competitively to specific project phases

- Project Tracking Policies allow administrative transfer of up to \$50,000 between phases
- Fund transfer above \$50,000 requires an exception to Project Tracking Policies and board approval



Exception Policies

For funds transfer above \$50,000, the policies allow consideration if the following three parameters are met:

1. the phase(s) involved in the exception request remain fully funded;
2. the applicable phase can be implemented within six months of PSRC Board action; and
3. there is a compelling need for the exception.



Exception Policies

The policies do not allow:

- Scope changes
- Transfer of funds between projects
- Additional time to pursue funding for cost overruns
- De-federalizing a project



City of Sumner Exception Request – Background

Stewart Road Corridor Completion: White River Bridge

- Project is replacing the existing bridge and providing a separated shared-use path on the north side of the roadway
- All three of the project's phases (preliminary engineering/design, right-of-way & construction) have received PSRC funding awards
- PSRC construction funds had been granted a 1-year extension to deliver in 2025



City of Sumner Exception Request

Stewart Road Corridor Completion: White River Bridge

- The City notified PSRC in August that the project could deliver earlier and support the region's 2024 delivery target
- To deliver construction, right-of-way had to first be certified
 - Two ROW issues identified by WSDOT had to be resolved
 - City did resolve, but due to timing issues between resolution and FY2024 deadline, the federal ROW funds had to be returned



City of Sumner Exception Request

City is requesting an exception to transfer the portion of funds deemed ineligible for the ROW phase to the construction phase

- Bids for the construction phase came in higher than the engineer's estimate, with the lowest bid almost \$8 million higher
- The City is committed to funding the shortfall and moving the project forward to completion



Review of Exception Request

PSRC staff reviewed request in collaboration with RPEC/countywide chairs, and concluded:

- The request meets the requirements that all phases remain fully funded and the applicable phase be implemented within six months.
- The City addressed the ROW issues raised by WSDOT, and timing circumstances led to the determination of ineligibility.
- The request meets the requirements for a compelling need.



Requested Action

The Transportation Policy Board recommends the Executive Board approve the City of Sumner's request for an exception under PSRC's Project Tracking Policies and allow the transfer of \$539,853 in PSRC's FHWA funds from the right-of-way phase to the construction phase for the *Stewart Road Corridor Completion: White River Bridge* project.



Thank You!

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