

# Regional Priority Rankings for the WSDOT 2025–2027 Consolidated Grant Program

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# Today

- **WSDOT Consolidated Grant**
- **Overview of PSRC Regional Priority Ranking Process**
- **Regional Priority Ranking Factors**
- **Summary of Projects Recommended**

**Request for action:** Approve the regional priority rankings for the WSDOT 2025–2027 Consolidated Grant Program, as found in Attachment A.



# WSDOT Consolidated Grant

**The state consolidates a variety of statewide funding sources to meet a variety of mobility needs**

- Public transportation within and between rural communities
- Tribal transportation
- Transportation services between cities
- Purchases of new buses, vans, and equipment
- Transportation services to older adults and people with disabilities (specialized transportation)

**One of the only funding competitions for private nonprofit and human service transportation providers.**

**PSRC works with the Coordinated Mobility and Accessibility Committee to prioritize projects.**



# Consolidated Grant Program Funding Sources

## **Federal Transit Administration (FTA):**

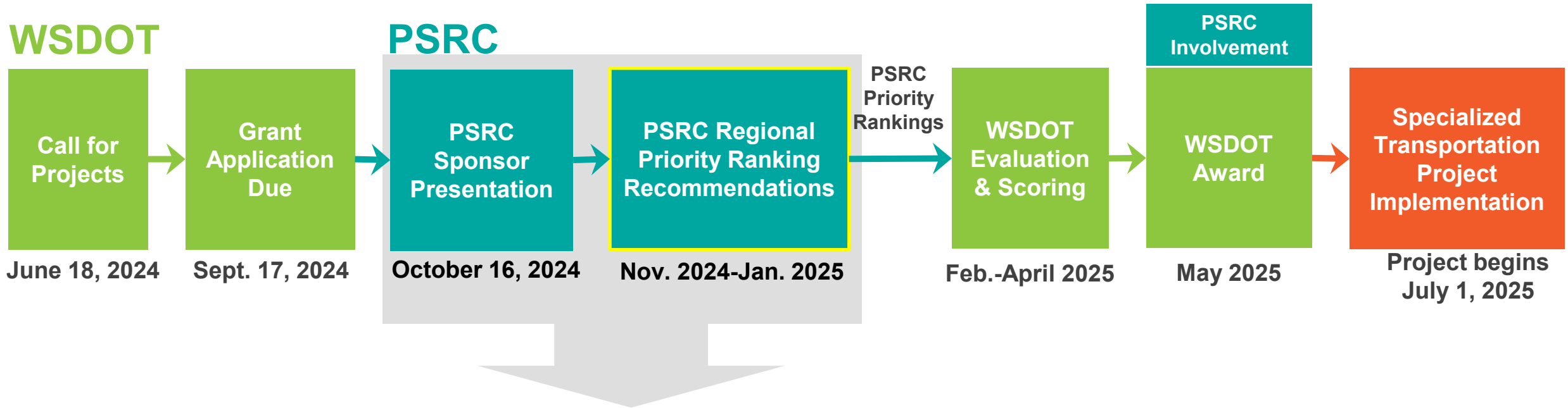
- Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities – Section 5310
  - A portion of this funding is dedicated to PSRC region (large urbanized area)
- Formula Grants for Rural Areas – Section 5311
- Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities – Section 5339(a)

## **State:**

- Paratransit/Special Needs grants
- Rural Mobility grants
- Tribal Transit Mobility grants



# PSRC Regional Priority Ranking Process



## WSDOT seeks regional input on projects seeking funding.

- WSDOT distributes a limited number of regional rankings worth points.
- Regions express their priorities by “grading” projects (A through D)

NOTE: Kitsap County participates in the WSDOT Consolidated Grant regional ranking process through the Peninsula RTPO.

# Regional Priority Rankings for 2025–2027

**WSDOT allows projects to apply for 2 or 4 years**

**For 2025–2027 Biennium:**

- PSRC allocated rankings for 10 projects in 2022 (Attachment B)
- 11 ABC rankings are remained for PSRC:
  - 3 A's
  - 3 B's
  - 5 C's
  - Unlimited D's (no additional points added to the statewide score)



# Regional Priority Ranking Factors

**PSRC worked with the Coordinated Mobility and Accessibility Committee and Equity Advisory Committee to develop the Regional Priority Ranking Factors for staff assessment.**

**These factors are derived from the Coordinated Mobility Plan:**

- Preservation of Existing Programs
- Addressing the Coordinated Mobility Plan's High Prioritized Strategies
- Service Coordination
- Performance Measures and Targets
- Equitable Engagement and Communications



# Prioritized Strategies to Address the Need

**Targeted outreach** to people experiencing mobility and accessibility needs helps **develop strategies** to address those needs.

## Example high prioritized strategies:

- **Geographic:** Develop service beyond transit service boundaries
- **Access healthcare:** Encourage door-through-door services, such as volunteer transportation
- **Lack of Awareness:** One-Call/One-click connecting customers to wide variety of transportation options



# Summary of Projects Recommended

**PSRC received 24 projects for the 2025–2027 biennium:**

- 13 Operating (9 sustaining, 4 expansion)
- 6 Capital (vehicle replacement)
- 5 Mobility Management

**11 projects received ABC rankings and 13 projects received a D ranking.**

**4 new agencies are competing to serve populations with mobility and accessibility needs.**



# Summary of Projects Recommended (continued)

## The recommended projects include:

- A variety of **safety-net mobility services** for priority populations across the region, including demand-response shuttles and volunteer transportation.
- Projects operated by **agencies with limited access** to other tax or revenue resources.
- Projects demonstrate **strong coordination** with other transportation programs, including public transit.

# Next Steps

## Executive Board

✓ **Today:** Final approval of regional priority rankings

**By January 28:** Regional Priority Rankings submitted to WSDOT

**February–April 2025:** Statewide scoring process

**May 2025:** WSDOT announces final awards



# Today's Action

Approve the regional priority rankings for the WSDOT 2025–2027 Consolidated Grant Program, as found in Attachment A.



# Thank You!

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