

## Regional Project Evaluation Committee August 2025 Information Items

Following is the status of various PSRC Transportation work program items currently underway.

## **Project Delivery**

The deadlines have passed for all obligation package submittals of PSRC's FFY2025¹ Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funds. As of the end of July, approximately 93% of the region's 2025 FHWA funds had completed obligation, and 7% were still in process. The region is on track to meet its 2025 FHWA delivery target if all projects still in process complete their obligation prior to the end of the fiscal year. For projects that have not yet completed obligation, if *any* issues arise that could potentially risk 2025 delivery, please contact PSRC immediately. For federally-funded projects with obligation packages that are still under WSDOT review (either PSRC- or WSDOT-administered) it is imperative that any remaining review comments be addressed immediately, and a complete and correct package resubmitted, so that the project does not risk losing its federal funds and Washington may meet its statewide delivery target.

For more information or to alert PSRC of any potential delivery issues, please contact Kalon Thomas at <a href="mailto:kthomas@psrc.org">kthomas@psrc.org</a> or Jennifer Barnes at <a href="mailto:jbarnes@psrc.org">jbarnes@psrc.org</a>.

## **Regional Transportation Plan**

The Transportation Policy Board (TPB) is currently considering the measures needed to develop a balanced financial strategy for the 2026 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), by which sufficient revenues are identified to fund all transportation investments included in the plan. Investments include regional capacity projects, other system improvements, and maintenance, preservation and operational expenditures. There is a 21% gap between available revenues and the initial list of proposed expenditures. At the July TPB meeting, PSRC staff worked with the board to develop scenarios that reflect different combinations of potential investment reductions and new revenue sources to bring the financial strategy into balance. These scenarios are

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> FFY2025 = federal fiscal year 2025, which ends on September 30, 2025.

currently being modeled and analyzed, and PSRC staff will bring the results of the analyses to the boards in September, so they may determine the recommended package of investments and revenues that will be reflected in the RTP.

RPEC will receive a briefing on this information at its September meeting. A recording of the July TPB discussion is available <u>here</u>.

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

## **Upcoming Grant Competitions:**

PSRC's Rural Town Centers and Corridors (RTCC) Program and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) competitions are planned to be held later this year. The RTCC Program was established by PSRC to recognize and support the needs of the region's rural areas and provides funding for projects in smaller rural towns and cities. TAP is an FHWA funding program for community-based transportation improvements, such as bicycle and pedestrian facilities, historic preservation of transportation assets, and environmental mitigation. Approximately \$6 million in RTCC funds and \$18 million in TAP funds will be awarded for 2027 and 2028 program years. Updates on the timing and other details for each competition will be shared as they become available at future meetings with RPEC and each of the four countywide forms.

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