



Puget Sound Regional Council

Appendix I

Approvals

PSRC's Executive Board adopted the 2017-2020 Regional TIP on October 27, 2016. Documentation of State and Federal approvals will be included in this appendix once received.



October 27, 2016

The Executive Board adopted the new Regional Transportation Improvement Program.

The 2017-2020 TIP outlines many of the projects that will be under development in the region during that time period, regardless of funding source. This includes projects totaling \$700 million selected for funding by PSRC in 2016.

For more information, contact Kelly McGourty at 206-971-3601 or kmcgourty@psrc.org.

The Executive Board approved a change in Transportation 2040 project status and TIP Programming for the I-405 Corridor program.

The Washington State Department of Transportation requested to change the status of 12 projects from candidate to conditionally approved for right of way on I-405. This action also required an amendment to the Regional Transportation Improvement Program. The project continues the widening of the I-405 corridor between Renton and Bellevue, including the implementation of Express toll lanes and rebuilding interchanges.

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In other business, the board:

- Authorized a change in Transportation 2040 project status for Community Transit's Swift Bus Rapid Transit from SR 527 in Downtown Bothell to SR 526 at I-5 project.
- Adopted a routine amendment to the 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program.



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November 8, 2016

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Dear Mr. Brown:

This is notification that the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) has approved your organization's 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Following a review of your submission, we find this TIP substantially meets the requirements stated in Title 23 United States Code, Section 134 and Title 49 United States Code, Section 5303. The projects in this TIP use federal, state, and local funds, and are financially constrained.

If you have any questions or need additional clarification, please contact Matt Kunic, Manager of the Tribal and Regional Coordination Office, at kunicma@wsdot.wa.gov or (360) 705-7954.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Roger Millar'.

Roger Millar, PE, AICP
Secretary of Transportation

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**Air Quality Conformity Determination
Puget Sound Regional Council
2017-2020 Transportation Improvement
Program (TIP)**

Dear Mr. Brown:

According to the Clean Air Act (CAA) of 1990, transportation plans, programs, and projects cannot create new National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) violations, increase the frequency or severity of existing NAAQS violations, or delay attainment of the NAAQS. As such, the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the U.S. Department of Transportation are required to make a transportation conformity determination for both the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and TIP in non-attainment or maintenance areas that receive funding or require approval actions by Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

As of October 11, 2016, the central Puget Sound region achieved "attainment" status for air quality conformity for carbon monoxide (CO). PSRC is required to continue reporting air quality conformity for particulate matter under 10 microns in diameter (PM10) until May 14, 2021, and for PM2.5 until March 12, 2035.

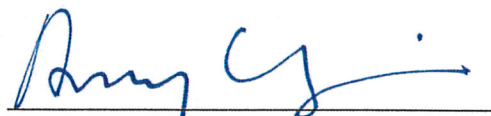
On October 27, 2016, PSRC approved and made a formal conformity determination on the 2017-2020 TIP. The MTP and the TIP present the current air quality status of the region based on the latest planning assumptions, most recent emissions model, required consultation process and demonstration of fiscal constraint.

Based on our review of PSRC's conformity determination, as concurred with by Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), FHWA, and FTA in a meeting held on October 24, 2016, we find that the subject 2017-2020 TIP conforms with the State Implementation Plan to reduce the severity and number of NAAQS violations.

Please contact Sharleen Bakeman, FHWA Washington Division, at 360-753-9418, or Ned Conroy, FTA Region 10, at 206-220-4318, if you have any questions.



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