



Puget Sound Regional Council

Appendix I

Approvals

PSRC's Executive Board adopted the 2019-2022 Regional TIP on October 25, 2018. State and Federal approvals were received in November and December.



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October 25, 2018

Regional Transportation Improvement Program Adopted

The TIP shows projects that are happening in the region from 2019 through 2022. The projects in the TIP are funded with federal, state and local funds, including the most recent federal grants awarded through PSRC as part of the 2018 project selection process. The TIP is required under federal and state laws and helps to ensure that transportation projects in the region are meeting regional policies and federal and state requirements such as those under the Clean Air Act. View the [presentation](#) or [watch the meeting](#).

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

VISION 2050 taking shape

The Executive Board discussed the work underway to update VISION 2040 and the Regional Growth Strategy. The Growth Management Policy Board has been working to finalize growth scenarios that will be part of the environmental analysis to be released for public comment at the end of February. The board has also started review of the policy chapters in VISION, including topics such as housing, economy and public services. View the [presentation](#).

For more information, please contact Liz Underwood-Bultmann at 206-464-6174, LUnderwood-Bultmann@psrc.org, or Paul Inghram at 206-464-7549, PInghram@psrc.org.

In other business, the board:

- Adopted 2018-2022 performance targets for pavement and bridge performance, system performance and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ).
- Adopted a Routine Amendment to the 2017-2020 Regional TIP.
- Received an information item on PSRC's recent [federal certification](#).



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November 21, 2018

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Dear Mr. Brown:

This is notification that the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) has approved your organization's 2019-2022 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 Doug Cox, Interim Tribal and Regional Coordination Manager, at coxdoug@wsdot.wa.gov or (360) 705-6906.

Sincerely,

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

Roger Millar, PE, FASCE, FAICP
Secretary of Transportation

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**Air Quality Conformity Determination
Puget Sound Regional Council
2019-2022 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 (FHWA/FTA) are required to make transportation conformity determinations for both the MPO Long-Range Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) in non-attainment or maintenance areas that receive funding or require approval actions by FHWA/FTA.

Transportation air quality conformity with the CAA ensures that Federal funding and approval are given to transportation activities that are consistent with air quality goals, and that these activities do not worsen air quality or interfere with the purpose of the State Implementation Plan (SIP).

As of October 11, 2016, the Central Puget Sound Region, including King, Snohomish, and Pierce Counties, achieved "attainment" status for air quality conformity for carbon monoxide (CO). While PSRC is required to continue reporting related to air quality conformity for particulate matter under 10 microns in diameter (PM10) until May 14, 2021, and for PM2.5 until

March 12, 2035, the “attainment” status indicates a significant improvement made in the Central Puget Sound Region toward bettering our air quality in the State of Washington.

On October 25, 2018, PSRC approved and made a formal conformity determination for the 2019-2022 TIP. The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the TIP present the current air quality status of the region, latest planning assumptions used, latest emissions model used, consultation process used for conducting conformity analysis and demonstration of a fiscally constrained TIP.

Based on our review of PSRC’s conformity determination, with which Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), FHWA, and FTA concurred in a meeting held on November 7, 2018, we find that the 2019-2022 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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