January 25, 2018

**Transportation Alternative Program funding approved**

The Executive Board approved a list of projects to receive approximately $17.5 million for bicycle and pedestrian facilities and historic preservation in King, Pierce, Kitsap, and Snohomish counties. PSRC's Transportation Alternatives Program uses Federal Highway Administration funds for community-based transportation improvements in the region, such as non-motorized facilities, historic preservation of transportation assets, environmental mitigation, and others. The action also includes a prioritized contingency list of projects should additional funds become available prior to the next project selection process. More information about the TAP project selection process and recommended projects is available here: [https://www.psrc.org/our-work/funding/project-selection](https://www.psrc.org/our-work/funding/project-selection).

For more information, contact Sarah Gutschow at (206) 587-4822 or sgutschow@psrc.org.

**Project selection guidance discussed**

The Executive Board discussed the Policy Framework for the 2018 PSRC funding process. The guidance contains all the policies and procedures for project selection for the roughly $524 million the region expects to receive in 2021 and 2022. The draft policy framework retains most of the same guidance as in previous years, including support for centers. It would also raise the rural town centers program to $5 million. The board intends to act on the framework at its February meeting.

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

**New forecast shows region growing to 5.8 million by 2050**

The Executive Board discussed the new forecast developed by PSRC with help and review by technical staff from state and local government. The forecast establishes the future growth assumptions that will be used to support development of VISION 2050, the next regional strategy to guide growth. The region is also forecast to add 1.2 million more jobs. Key drivers of growth are a strong economy and an aging population.

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**In other business, the board:**

- Was briefed on the process to update the Regional Transportation Plan and the public comment period scheduled to end on January 31, 2018.
- Adopted a Routine Amendment to the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program.
- Authorized a Change in Transportation 2040 Project Status for the Sound Transit Tacoma Link Extension Project.
- Adopted Regional Safety Performance Management Targets.
- Approved Full Certification of the Comprehensive Plan for the City of Carnation.