Executive Board
Thursday, January 25, 2018 • 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. [note TIME CHANGE]
PSRC Board Room • 1011 Western Avenue, Suite 500, Seattle, WA 98104

The meeting will be streamed live over the internet at www.psrc.org.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call (10:00) - Executive Dave Somers, President
2. Communications and Public Comment
3. President's Remarks
4. Executive Director’s Report
5. Committee Reports
   a. Growth Management Policy Board - Councilmember Ryan Mello, Chair
   b. Economic Development Board - Deputy Mayor Catherine Stanford, EDB President
   c. Operations Committee - Executive Bruce Dammeier, Vice President
   d. Transportation Policy Board - Councilmember Rob Johnson, Chair
6. Consent Agenda (10:20)
   a. Approve Vouchers Dated November 9, 2017 through January 10, 2018 in the Amount of $1,672,089.33
   b. Adopt Routine Amendment to the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
   c. Authorize a Change in Transportation 2040 Project Status for the Sound Transit Tacoma Link Extension Project
   d. Adopt Regional Safety Performance Management Targets
   e. Approve Full Certification of the Comprehensive Plan for the City of Carnation
   f. Approve Full Certification of the Comprehensive Plans for Arlington, Duvall, Granite Falls, and Pacific
7. New Business (10:25)
   a. Approve Funding for Projects through PSRC’s 2017 Transportation Alternatives Program - Sarah Gutschow, PSRC
8. New Business (10:35)
9. New Section (11:05)
   a. Regional Transportation Plan Briefing -- Kelly McGourty, PSRC
10. Discussion Items (11:30)
    a. Regional Growth Forecast for VISION 2050 -- Craig Helmann and Michael Jensen, PSRC
11. Other Business
12. Next Meeting: Thursday, February 22, 2018, 10 - 11:30 a.m., PSRC Board Room
Board members please submit proposed amendments and materials prior to the meeting for distribution. Organizations/individuals may submit information for distribution. Send to Sheila Rogers, e-mail srogers@psrc.org; fax 206-587-4825; or mail.

Sign language and communication material in alternate formats can be arranged given sufficient notice by calling (206) 464-7090 or TTY Relay 711. 中文 | Chinese, 한국 | Korean, Русский | Russian, Español | Spanish, Tagalog, Tiếng việt | Vietnamese Call 206-587-4819.
January 4, 2018

**VISION 2050 scoping statement**

The Growth Management Policy Board directed staff to prepare a VISION 2050 scoping statement for a public comment period running from February 2 through March 19. The scoping process and related outreach will gather ideas about how to develop VISION 2050 and identify the regional issues that will be tackled in the plan.

For more information, please contact Paul Inghram at 206-464-7549 or pinghram@psrc.org.

**Draft centers framework proposal**

Board members continued work on the draft centers framework proposal and discussed expectations for center plans, market studies, and the mix of uses in centers.

The board directed staff to distribute all proposed amendments on the centers proposal to board members prior to the next meeting. The growth board will come back at its February 1 meeting to advance decisions on those amendments and discuss other outstanding issues.

For more information, contact Liz Underwood Bultmann at 206-464-6174, LUnderwood-Bultmann@psrc.org.

**Plan certifications for Arlington, Duvall, Granite Falls and Pacific**

The Growth Management Policy Board recommended full certification of the comprehensive plans for Arlington, Duvall, Granite Falls and Pacific. The plans had been conditionally certified in 2015 and 2016. Since then, the cities have amended their plans to address conditions for full certification. The growth board found that
the plans are now fully consistent with regional policies and conform to the Growth Management Act requirements for transportation planning.

For more information, please contact Laura Benjamin at lbenjamin@psrc.org or (206) 464-7134.
December 6, 2017

**Space sector becomes an Amazing Place Action Item**

The region's commercial space sector has been identified as an emerging opportunity that builds upon the region's strengths in Aerospace and Information and Communication Technology. Local companies continue to be at the leading edge of all aspects of space exploration. Companies like Blue Origin, Spaceflight Industries and SpaceX alongside an expert supply chain, make the Puget Sound well positioned to be a leader in the Space sector. PSRC will lead an effort to commission a Commercial Space Sector Study to identify the state and region's assets in the Space sector and collect data to understand the sector with an emphasis on areas of significant potential.

For more information, contact Jason Thibedeau at 206-389-2879 or jthibedeau@psrc.org.

**New market airplane becomes an Amazing Place Action Item**

The Boeing Company has released early details of a potential middle-of-the-market jet, featuring a widebody composite fuselage and other composite components. As a global leader in aerospace manufacturing, the region is well positioned to be the final assembly site for the new airplane, and for future Boeing planes. PSRC will provide support for the state's effort to secure final assembly of the new plane in Washington state.

For more information, please contact Emily Wittman at 206-971-3051 or ewittman@psrc.org.

**In other business, the board:**

- Amended the EDD Bylaws to designate the first meeting of each year as the annual meeting.
- Approved the 2018 Meeting Schedule.
- Ratified a Nominating Committee for the election of new officers.
January 11, 2018

Transportation Alternative Program funding takes a step forward

The Transportation Policy Board recommended 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 recommendation 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 gets a nod

The Transportation Policy Board recommended approval of 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 policy framework retains most of the same guidance as in previous years, including support for centers. It does raise the rural town centers program to $5 million. See the presentation here.

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

Regional Safety Performance Management Targets

The Transportation Policy Board recommended approval of 2018 regional Safety Performance Management targets to comply with a federal rule requiring action by February 27, 2018. Targets are coordinated with the state’s Target Zero plan, aiming to reach zero fatalities and serious injuries by 2030.

For more information, contact Gary Simonson at 206-971-3276 or gsimonson@psrc.org.

In other business, the board:
• Recommended adoption of a Routine Amendment to the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program.
• Recommended Authorizing a Change in Transportation 2040 Project Status for the Sound Transit Tacoma Link Extension Project.
• Recommended Full Certification of the Comprehensive Plan for the City of Carnation.
• Recommended Full Certification of the Comprehensive Plans for Arlington, Duvall, Granite Falls, and Pacific.
To: Executive Board
From: Josh Brown, Executive Director
Subject: Approve Vouchers Dated November 9, 2017 through January 10, 2018 in the Amount of $1,672,089.33

IN BRIEF

Two representatives of the Operations Committee review and sign off on the vouchers. In accordance with RCW 42.24.080, following the Operations Committee’s review, the Executive Board approves the vouchers.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Recommend the Executive Board approve the following vouchers:

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For additional information, please contact Diana Lauderbach at 206-464-5416; email dlauderbach@psrc.org.
CONSENT AGENDA

January 18, 2018

To: Executive Board

From: Councilmember Rob Johnson, Chair, Transportation Policy Board

Subject: Adopt Routine Amendment to the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

IN BRIEF

Five agencies submitted eight projects this month for routine amendment into the Regional TIP. These projects are summarized in Exhibit A. These projects were awarded local, state and federal funding through various processes, such as Connecting Washington funds managed by the Washington State Department of Transportation. PSRC staff reviewed the projects for compliance with federal and state requirements, and consistency with VISION 2040 and Transportation 2040. At its meeting on January 11, the Transportation Policy Board recommended adoption of the amendment.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Executive Board should adopt an amendment to the 2017-2020 Regional TIP to include the projects as shown in Exhibit A.

DISCUSSION

Under the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, PSRC has project selection authority for all projects programming regional funds from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) - Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STP) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) - and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) - Urbanized Area Formula Program (5307), State of Good Repair (5337), Bus and Bus Facilities Formula (5339), and Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (5310).

While PSRC does not have project selection authority for other types of federal, state, or local funds, the Executive Board does have responsibility for adding these projects to the Regional TIP. Each project must comply with requirements regarding plan consistency, air quality, and financial constraint. The attached Exhibit A illustrates the action needed to amend the Regional TIP.
The recommended action would approve the TIP amendment request based on a finding of consistency with VISION 2040, Transportation 2040, and the air quality conformity determination of the Regional TIP. Approval is also based on a determination that funding is reasonably expected to be available to carry out the project. Information describing plan consistency, air quality conformity, and the funding basis for approving the request is described further below.

Consistency with VISION 2040 and Transportation 2040

The projects recommended for action were reviewed by PSRC staff and have been determined to be consistent with the multicounty policies in VISION 2040 and Transportation 2040.

Air Quality Conformity

The projects in Exhibit A were reviewed and it has been determined that a new air quality analysis and conformity determination is not required because each project falls into one or more of the following categories:

- It is exempt from air quality conformity requirements.
- It is an existing project already included in the current air quality modeling.
- It is a non-exempt project not able to be included in the regional model.

Funding Reasonably Expected to be Available

For the projects in Exhibit A, PSRC confirmed that the funds are reasonably expected to be available.

PSRC’s Project Tracking Policies

This month’s amendment includes no Project Tracking actions.

Federal and State Fund Source Descriptions

The following is a list of state and federal funding sources that are referenced in Exhibit A.

STP(BR) WSDOT-managed Local Bridge Program, providing assistance for eligible bridges on public roads.

CWA State Connecting Washington Account.

FBP Federal program for the Construction of Ferry Boats and Ferry Terminal Facilities.

HSIP WSDOT-managed Highway Safety Improvement Program.

NHPP National Highway Performance Program funds to support construction of new facilities on the National Highway System.

For more information, please contact Chris Peak at (206) 464-7536 or cpeak@psrc.org.

Attachments:
Exhibit A

Doc ID 2152
## Project(s) Proposed for Routine Amendment to 2017-2020 TIP

### Exhibit A

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### 1. Covington
- **SR 516 - Jenkins Creek to 185th Place SE**
  - This project modification adds a new construction phase to widen SR516 (Kent-Kangley) from a two-lane rural road to a 5-lane arterial road from Jenkins Creek to 185th Place SE.
  - **Funding:**
    - $6,180,000 Local
    - $13,269,782 Connecting Washington
    - $19,449,782 Total

### 2. King County Department of Transportation (Road Services)
- **King County 2017 High Friction Surface Treatment**
  - New project adding preliminary engineering and construction phases to conduct pavement repair and install high friction surface treatments at locations with high accident rates throughout unincorporated King County.
  - **Funding:**
    - $220,000 Local
    - $3,269,290 Federal HSIP
    - $3,489,290 Total

### 3. Tacoma
- **Yakima Avenue Bridge Overlay**
  - New project adding preliminary engineering and construction phases to provide a new cement concrete overlay on the bridge deck, expansion joints, and minor bridge repairs for the Yakima Avenue South Bridge.
  - **Funding:**
    - $2,990,000 Federal STP(BR)
    - $466,950 Local
    - $3,456,950 Total

### 4. WSDOT Northwest Region
- **I-90/E Fork Issaquah Creek to Burlington Northern Railroad Bridge - Seismic Retrofit**
  - New project adds preliminary engineering and construction phases to seismically retrofit I-90 bridges located within Washington's Seismic Lifeline Route.
  - **Funding:**
    - $11,582,831 Local
    - $1,574,514 Federal NHPP
    - $13,157,345 Total
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<td>5. WSDOT Northwest Region</td>
<td><strong>SR 529/Northbound Steamboat Slough Bridge - Bridge Scour</strong>&lt;br&gt;New project adding preliminary engineering, right of way, and construction phases to provide scour protection for the northbound SR 529 bridge which crosses over Steamboat Slough to preserve the structural integrity of the bridge 529/20E.</td>
<td>$1,639,820 Federal NHPP&lt;br&gt;$41,117 Local&lt;br&gt;$1,680,937 Total&lt;br&gt;</td>
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<td>6. WSDOT Marine Division</td>
<td><strong>SR 305/Bainbridge Island Ferry Terminal - Pedestrian Loading Bridge Replacement</strong>&lt;br&gt;New construction phase to replace the pedestrian loading bridge at the Bainbridge Island Ferry Terminal with a new, wider structure that meets current seismic codes.</td>
<td>$7,580,000 State&lt;br&gt;$2,800,000 Federal FBP&lt;br&gt;$2,200,000 Federal NHPP&lt;br&gt;$12,580,000 Total&lt;br&gt;</td>
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<td>7. Sound Transit</td>
<td><strong>Downtown Redmond Link Extension</strong>&lt;br&gt;New project adding preliminary engineering, right of way, and construction phases to extend light rail approximately 3.4 miles from the Redmond Technology Center Station (opening 2023), with new stations in downtown Redmond and southeast Redmond near Marymoor Park.</td>
<td>$83,695,000 Local&lt;br&gt;$83,695,000 Total&lt;br&gt;</td>
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<td>8. Sound Transit</td>
<td><strong>Tacoma Dome Link Extension</strong>&lt;br&gt;New project adding preliminary engineering and right of way phases to extend light rail 9.7 miles from the Federal Way Transit Center to Tacoma via I-5 with four new stations in south Federal Way, Fife and east Tacoma areas, and at the Tacoma Dome Station.</td>
<td>$26,150,000 Local&lt;br&gt;$26,150,000 Total&lt;br&gt;</td>
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CONSENT AGENDA

January 18, 2018

To: Executive Board

From: Councilmember Rob Johnson, Chair, Transportation Policy Board

Subject: Authorize a Change in Transportation 2040 Project Status for the Sound Transit Tacoma Link Extension Project

IN BRIEF

Sound Transit has submitted a request to change the status of the Tacoma Link Extension Project from “Candidate” to “Approved.” Per PSRC’s adopted procedures, requests to change a project status require Board action. At its meeting on January 11, the Transportation Policy Board recommended the following action.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Executive Board should authorize a change in project status for Sound Transit’s Tacoma Link Extension project from “Candidate” to “Approved.”

DISCUSSION

The region’s long-range metropolitan transportation plan, Transportation 2040, contains policies requiring PSRC’s Executive Board to approve regionally significant transportation capacity projects before those projects begin implementation phases. Projects in Transportation 2040 are designated as Candidate, Approved, or Conditionally Approved. A Candidate designation means a project has gone through a comprehensive planning process, but that one or more of the following has not yet been completed: environmental documentation and approvals, financial plan, and/or other planning requirements. A project’s status is changed to Approved once these requirements have been met. Conditional Approval may be granted if a project has fulfilled most of the approval criteria but lacks only certain details. For example, if a project awaits only final signatures on its environmental documentation but has completed all other requirements, the Executive Board may grant Conditional Approval. Once the final details have been completed, staff has the authority to grant a project full Approval status administratively, thereby saving the project sponsor several weeks of delay.

The Tacoma Link Extension Project is a 2.4-mile light rail extension from the Theater District in downtown to the Hilltop neighborhood in Tacoma. The project extends the railway, adds six...
new stations, relocates the existing Theater District station, expands the existing Operations and Maintenance Facility (OMF), and grows the fleet by five vehicles.

Table A below provides additional details of the project(s) seeking approval, including the criteria used to review the projects for the requested status change.

**Table A: Project Details and Review Criteria**

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<td><strong>Total Project Cost</strong></td>
<td>$217,346,000</td>
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<td><strong>Consistency with Transportation 2040 Policies</strong></td>
<td>The project is consistent with regional policy.</td>
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<td><strong>Benefit-Cost Analysis</strong></td>
<td>Staff concur that the sponsor has completed their Benefit Cost Analysis requirement.</td>
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<td><strong>Environmental Documentation</strong></td>
<td>FTA approved a NEPA documented categorical exclusion on June 25, 2015, and Sound Transit issued a SEPA Determination of Nonsignificance on July 13, 2015.</td>
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<td><strong>Other Planning Requirements</strong></td>
<td>The City of Tacoma has passed Resolution 39255, recommending the project to be built, and Sound Transit has executed numerous agreements with Tacoma, including a Memorandum of Understanding, Term Sheet, Right of Use Agreement, and Joint Operating Agreement.</td>
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<td><strong>Financial Feasibility</strong></td>
<td>Project funding provided by a combination of federal (FHWA, FTA, TIGER), state (Regional Mobility), Sound Transit, and City of Tacoma sources.</td>
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<td><strong>Air Quality Conformity</strong></td>
<td>Approving this project will not change the region’s air quality conformity determination.</td>
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For more information, please contact Benjamin Brackett at 206-971-3280 or bbrackett@psrc.org.
CONSENT AGENDA

January 18, 2018

To: Executive Board

From: Councilmember Rob Johnson, Chair, Transportation Policy Board

Subject: Adopt Regional Safety Performance Management Targets

IN BRIEF

PSRC has developed 2018 regional Safety Performance Management targets to comply with a federal rule requiring action by February 27, 2018. At its meeting on January 11, the Transportation Policy Board recommended that the proposed targets shown in Table 1 should be adopted.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Executive Board should adopt the 2018 regional Safety Performance Management targets identified in Table 1.

DISCUSSION

In March 2016, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), in accordance with performance provisions established by the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) and The Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, published the Safety Performance Management Measures (Safety PM) Final Rules. State Departments of Transportation (DOTs) were required to report statewide targets to FHWA by August 31, 2017. Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) have until February 27, 2018, to establish quantifiable targets specific to their Metropolitan Planning Area.

The Safety PM Final Rule establishes five performance measures based on the five-year rolling averages on all public roads, including:

- Number of fatalities
- Rate of fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles traveled
- Number of serious injuries
- Rate of serious injuries per 100 million vehicle miles traveled
- Number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries
The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) developed targets for these measures based on the State’s Strategic Highway Safety Plan, Target Zero, using a straight-line projection beginning in 2016 that achieves zero fatalities and serious injuries by 2030. PSRC participated in WSDOT’s MAP-21 Target Setting Working Group, which included WSDOT and MPO staff from across the state.

Based on the inputs received via this process, the MAP-21 Target Setting Working Group recommends that all MPOs in Washington State apply a similar methodology and adopt regional targets (based on regional share of statewide totals) that align with the statewide targets. In November 2017, staff briefed the Transportation Policy Board on the target setting process, the draft state and regional targets for the above performance measures, and the evaluation process for the targets. At its January 11 meeting, the Policy Board recommended adoption of the proposed final targets shown in Table 1 below.

Table 1: 2018 PSRC Regional Safety Performance Management Targets

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<th>Performance Measure</th>
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<td># of Fatalities</td>
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<td>Fatality Rate Per 100 Million VMT</td>
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<td># of Serious Injuries</td>
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<td>Serious Injury Rate Per 100 Million VMT</td>
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<td># of Bike/Ped Fatalities &amp; Serious Injuries</td>
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In the future, staff will come back as data becomes available and present to the Board.

Other federally required performance targets\(^1\) are in the process of being developed and will be presented to the Board later in 2018.

For more information, please contact Gary Simonson, Associate Planner, at 206-971-3276 or gsimonson@psrc.org.

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\(^1\) Additional sets of performance targets include: Freight Movement, Pavement & Bridge Condition, System Performance, and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ Emissions).
CONSENT AGENDA

January 18, 2018

To: Executive Board

From: Councilmember Rob Johnson, Chair, Transportation Policy Board
       Councilmember Ryan Mello, Chair, Growth Management Policy Board

Subject: Approve Full Certification of the Comprehensive Plan for the City of Carnation

IN BRIEF

Consistent with the Executive Board’s direction on January 26, 2017 regarding review of comprehensive plan updates for Small Cities, Carnation adopted a local resolution related to planning consistent with the Regional Growth Strategy. The Growth Management Policy Board and Transportation Policy Board recommend that the Executive Board certify the comprehensive plan.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Executive Board should certify the transportation-related provisions of the City of Carnation’s comprehensive plan updates and supporting resolution conform to the Growth Management Act and are consistent with the multicounty planning policies and the regional transportation plan.

DISCUSSION

The 2015 comprehensive plan updates for the City of Carnation were conditionally certified last year as part of PSRC’s plan review process. Conditional certification allowed the city to qualify for PSRC-managed federal funding while working to address questions about planning for growth significantly greater than adopted targets.

The issue of growth targets for Small Cities resulted in a number of challenging policy discussions by the Growth Management Policy Board, Executive Board and the King County Growth Management Policy Council, including a GMPC/GMPB joint work session. Members reiterated that planning consistent with the Growth Management Act and VISION 2040, and regional coordination are important and need to be clearly supported in all local plans. There was also recognition that amending plans now and addressing the underlying issues related to growth targets will require ongoing work and coordination at the local and regional levels.
January, the Executive Board approved the Growth Management Policy Board’s recommendation to provide a new path for the affected Small Cities to become fully certified.

The Growth Management Policy Board noted that the affected Small Cities had provided valuable information and encouraged them to provide further clarification about how the cities are working to support the Regional Growth Strategy. Recognizing that more work to address small city targets will be needed over the course of the next planning cycle, the Growth Management Policy Board recommended and the Executive Board approved an alternative option. This option asked the cities to make a commitment to support VISION 2040 and work with regional partners, without requiring a comprehensive plan amendment at this time. This allows cities to be fully certified expeditiously, while asking the cities to:

- Acknowledge that the planned housing and employment growth anticipated in the small city’s adopted comprehensive plan is greater than adopted growth targets for the city, and acknowledge the importance of managing that growth and mitigating its impacts, including on surrounding communities, rural and resource lands, and the regional transportation system.
- Continue to work collaboratively with regional and countywide planning organizations on growth allocations during the next and future target updates and commit to planning for growth in future plan updates consistent with those collaboratively set and adopted target updates.
- Identify and continue strategies cities are using to manage and mitigate the impacts of growth.
- Reinforce the city’s commitment to managing its growth within current city and Urban Growth Area (UGA) boundaries, while minimizing impacts on surrounding rural and resource lands; commit to using the adopted countywide criteria for evaluating any requested UGA modifications.
- Commit to prioritize consistency with the Regional Growth Strategy when considering future land use and zoning changes and capital facilities investments.

This path does not require cities to make plan amendments now, provided they adopt a council commitment, such as a council-adopted resolution, to continue to work collaboratively on growth issues that clearly require a longer term to fully address.

City of Carnation Resolution

Following the Executive Board’s approval of the new path to certification, Carnation proceeded with development and adoption of a council resolution. The adopted resolution is attached and discussed below.

The City of Carnation adopted a resolution that notes how its comprehensive plan embodies policies consistent with the Growth Management Act and VISION 2040. While the city recognizes that anticipated growth exceeds the adopted targets, it states the importance of managing the growth and mitigating its impacts. The resolution commits the city to continue to work collaboratively with regional and countywide planning organizations on growth target allocations and planning for growth consistent with those target updates.

Carnation has implemented a number of best practices to manage growth, including growth monitoring, impact fees, transportation concurrency requirements, adequacy of public facilities, and environmental regulations. The resolution also notes the city’s planned 20-year growth is
fully within the city’s current city limits and no expansion of the UGA is contemplated in the comprehensive plan. Carnation’s resolution states that it has addressed the issues identified in the conditional certification and requests full certification of its comprehensive plan.

For more information, please contact Paul Inghram at (206) 464-7549 or pinghram@psrc.org or Michael Hubner at (206) 971-3289 or MHubner@psrc.org.

Attachments:
Carnation Resolution 417
RESOLUTION NO. 417

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARNATION, WASHINGTON, RELATED TO COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION BY THE PUGET SOUND REGIONAL COUNCIL (PSRC); DOCUMENTING THE CITY’S ACTIONS THAT SUPPORT THE PUGET SOUND REGIONAL COUNCIL’S VISION 2040 AND REGIONAL GROWTH STRATEGY; AND REQUESTING FULL CERTIFICATION OF THE CARNATION COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY THE PUGET SOUND REGIONAL COUNCIL.

WHEREAS, the City of Carnation plans under the Washington State Growth Management Act, codified at chapter 36.70A RCW (GMA); and

WHEREAS, on August 4, 2015 the City adopted its 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update pursuant to the GMA; and

WHEREAS, the update met all requirements for compliance with the Washington State Growth Management Act and State Environmental Policy Act; and

WHEREAS, the update to the Carnation Comprehensive Plan anticipates growth of and plans for the city’s planned annexation area in addition to the King County’s CPP growth targets for growth within the city; and

WHEREAS, a goal of the comprehensive plan is to continue to support integration, and implementation of the Puget Sound Regional Council’s VISION 2040 at the local level; and

WHEREAS, the comprehensive plan was reviewed by state agencies and the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC); and

WHEREAS, on January 28, 2016, Puget Sound Regional Council Executive Board adopted a “Plan Review Report and Certification Recommendation” and conditionally certified
the City's comprehensive plan with a requirement to further address consistency between housing and employment growth assumptions; and

WHEREAS, on April 5, 2016, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 403, committing to address the conditions of certification; and

WHEREAS, City staff coordinated with other cities, King County, Puget Sound Regional Council to address growth targets and growth assumptions related to the conditional certification; and

WHEREAS, on January 26, 2017, the Puget Sound Regional Council Executive Board adopted a new approach to address conditional certifications related to consistency with growth targets for small cities; and

WHEREAS, the City's comprehensive plan and development regulations demonstrate a commitment to managing growth consistent with the Regional Growth Strategy and addressing growth-related impacts, including the appropriate use of development regulations, impact fees and other tools to ensure that growth pays for growth; and

WHEREAS, the City seeks to avoid and minimize unnecessary vehicle trips through coordinated land use and transportation planning strategies; and

WHEREAS, the City coordinated with other small cities in King County to refine and adjust individual growth targets; and

WHEREAS, Carnation plans to continue the work to address transportation and capital facilities improvement programs necessary to be implemented when associated with future growth; NOW, THEREFORE

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARNATION AS FOLLOWS:
Section 1. The City is committed to advancing the integrity and mission of VISION 2040 and the Regional Growth Strategy through the policies and implementation strategies adopted in its comprehensive plan and regulatory standards.

Section 2. The City is working to actively manage growth and mitigate related impacts, including those on surrounding communities, rural and resource lands, and the regional transportation system.

Section 3. The City Council directs staff to continue to work collaboratively with other cities, King County, and the Puget Sound Regional Council on future growth allocations during the next housing and employment target setting process, and commits to planning for growth in future updates to the comprehensive plan consistent with those collaboratively set and adopted targets.

Section 4. The City commits to continue and, as needed, adopt measures to manage anticipated growth in a manner that mitigates potential impacts, including impacts on surrounding communities, rural and resource lands, and the regional transportation system.

Section 5. The City commits to managing its growth within the current city and UGA boundaries, while minimizing impacts on surrounding rural and resource lands, and to using the adopted countywide criteria for evaluating any potential UGA modifications.

Section 6. The City commits to working with King County to manage the development and annexation of the adjacent unincorporated urban growth area.

Section 7. The City commits to managing its growth within the current city and UGA boundaries, while minimizing impacts on surrounding rural and resource lands, and to using the adopted countywide criteria for evaluating any potential UGA modifications.

Section 8. The City commits to prioritizing consistency with the Regional Growth Strategy when considering future land use and zoning changes and capital facilities investments.

Section 9. The City Council finds that it has reasonably addressed the conditions of certification pursuant to the Puget Sound Regional Council Executive Board’s decision on January 26, 2017, and, accordingly, directs staff to submit this resolution and associated documentation to the Puget Sound Regional Council and to seek full certification of the City of Carnation’s Comprehensive Plan.

Section 10. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF ON

CITY OF CARNATION

MAYOR, JIM BERGER
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Attachment: Carnation Resolution 417 (2156: Recommend Full Certification of the Comprehensive Plan for the City of Carnation)

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

CITY CLERK, MARY MADELE

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK: ......09/19/2017
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL: .... 10/17/2017
RESOLUTION NO. ............................................417
CONSENT AGENDA

January 18, 2018

To: Executive Board

From: Councilmember Rob Johnson, Chair, Transportation Policy Board
       Councilmember Ryan Mello, Chair, Growth Management Policy Board

Subject: Approve Full Certification of the Comprehensive Plans for Arlington, Duvall, Granite Falls, and Pacific

IN BRIEF

Consistent with PSRC’s adopted plan review process, PSRC staff reviewed the 2017 comprehensive plan amendments for the cities of Arlington, Duvall, Granite Falls, and Pacific that respond to the conditions for regional certification. The Growth Management Policy Board and Transportation Policy Board recommend that the Executive Board certify the plans.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Executive Board should certify the transportation-related provisions of the following comprehensive plans, as amended in 2017, are consistent with the multicounty planning policies and the regional transportation plan and conform to the Growth Management requirements for transportation planning.

1) City of Arlington (certification report)
2) City of Duvall (certification report)
3) City of Granite Falls (certification report)
4) City of Pacific (certification report)

DISCUSSION

The 2015 comprehensive plan updates for the cities of Arlington, Duvall, Granite Falls, and Pacific were conditionally certified in 2016 and 2017 as part of PSRC’s plan review process. Conditional certification allowed the cities to qualify for PSRC-managed federal funding while working to address the conditions.
Arlington
PSRC conditionally certified the City of Arlington’s 2015 periodic update of the city’s comprehensive plan on April 28, 2016. The March 2016 certification report for the City of Arlington comprehensive plan update identified a shortfall of housing capacity within the city, as provided for in the land use element, compared with adopted targets which establish local responsibility under GMA to accommodate growth and provide the basis for land use assumptions in the transportation element.

In October 2017, the city adopted amendments to the plan that address the conditions and resubmitted the plan for further review and full certification. The amended plan demonstrates consistency with the GMA in accommodating targeted growth, providing consistency among plan elements in assumed future growth levels, planning for nonmotorized travel, and completing a multiyear financing plan.

Duvall
PSRC conditionally certified the City of Duvall’s 2015 periodic update of the city’s comprehensive plan on January 26, 2017. The December 2016 certification report for the City of Duvall comprehensive plan update identified as a condition for full certification the need to update transportation plan data, assumptions, and strategies to be consistent with the new 20-year planning period addressed elsewhere in the comprehensive plan.

In December 2017, the city adopted amendments to the plan, including by reference material adopted in an updated Transportation Plan, that address the conditions and resubmitted the plan for further review and full certification. The amended plan demonstrates consistency with the GMA and with VISION 2040, and includes revised inventories of existing conditions, updated project list and updated multiyear financing plan, and revised land use assumptions that are consistent with the land use element and adopted countywide growth targets.

Granite Falls
PSRC conditionally certified the City of Granite Falls’ 2015 periodic update of the comprehensive plan on April 28, 2016. The March 2016 certification report identified a shortfall of housing capacity of 88 units (218 people), as provided for in the land use element, compared with adopted targets which establish local responsibility under GMA to accommodate growth and provide the basis for land use assumptions in the transportation element.

Working with Snohomish County and other cities through the Snohomish County Tomorrow process, the population and housing targets for Granite Falls were adjusted through a targets reconciliation process in 2016. In November 2017, the city amended the land use element of the comprehensive plan to document the newly adjusted targets, along with a comparison with land use capacity for housing within the city.

Pacific
PSRC conditionally certified the City of Pacific’s 2015 periodic update of the city’s comprehensive plan on April 28, 2016. The March 2016 certification report for the City of Pacific comprehensive plan update identified a shortfall of employment capacity within the Pierce County part of the city, as provided for in the land use element. The March 2016 certification report also identified the need to provide a multiyear transportation financing plan and a nonmotorized plan.
In November 2017, the city adopted amendments to the plan that address the conditions and resubmitted the plan for further review and full certification. The amended plan demonstrates consistency with the GMA in accommodating targeted growth, providing consistency among plan elements in assumed future growth levels, planning for nonmotorized travel, and completing a multiyear financing plan.

The amendments for the plans discussed above have been reviewed in accordance with the adopted plan review process. They were found to be consistent with the multicounty planning policies and the regional transportation plan and to conform to transportation planning requirements in the Growth Management Act. PSRC staff coordinated with city staff in the review of the amendments and the development of the certification reports.

For more information, please contact Michael Hubner at (206) 971-3289 or MHubner@psrc.org or Laura Benjamin at lbenjamin@psrc.org or (206) 464-7134.
ACTION ITEM

January 18, 2018

To: Executive Board

From: Councilmember Rob Johnson, Chair, Transportation Policy Board

Subject: Approve Funding for Projects through PSRC’s 2017 Transportation Alternatives Program

IN BRIEF

PSRC recently conducted a competitive process to award funds from the Federal Highway Administration’s Transportation Alternatives Program. On November 9, 2017, the Transportation Policy Board authorized the release of the projects being recommended to receive funding for public review and comment, including a prioritized contingency list should additional funds become available, as identified in Attachment A. At its meeting on January 11, 2018, the Transportation Policy Board reviewed the comments that had been received to date, and recommended that the Executive Board approve funding for the projects. All comments received as of January 15, 2018, are included in Attachment B. Any additional comments received by the Executive Board meeting on January 25 will be provided at that time.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Executive Board should approve the projects to receive funding from the 2017 Transportation Alternatives Program as identified in Attachment A, along with the list of recommended contingency projects.

DISCUSSION

The Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) is a Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) program under the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act that provides funding for community-based transportation improvements, such as bicycle/pedestrian facilities, historic preservation of transportation assets, environmental mitigation, and others. Metropolitan Planning Organizations such as PSRC have a role in the selection of projects to receive funding from TAP within each region.

For PSRC’s 2017 TAP project selection process, an estimated amount of $17.5 million of FFY 2017-2020 funds is being distributed. The projects recommended for funding and the prioritized contingency list of projects were released for public comment on November 9, 2017. A news
release was sent to PSRC’s membership, stakeholder groups, interested parties, and news media, which includes almost 5,000 contacts. The public comment period was featured on PSRC’s Blog, Facebook and Twitter accounts, in the At Work meeting summary, and in the email newsletter sent out by the Executive Director. Materials were also posted on PSRC’s website, which invited the public to comment by mail or email.

All public comments received as of January 15, 2018, are included in Attachment B. PSRC responds to every comment submitted, and comments regarding specific projects are also forwarded to the appropriate project sponsor for their information. Any additional comments received after January 15 will be provided to the Executive Board at their January 25 meeting when final action is scheduled.

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

Attachments:
A - 2017 Transportation Alternatives Program Funding Recommendation and Prioritized Contingency List
B - Public Comments Received for PSRC's 2017 Transportation Alternatives Program Competition (as of January 15, 2018)
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<td>East Lake Sammamish Trail North Extension</td>
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<td>This project will complete the 12-foot-wide East Lake Sammamish Trail in the former BNSF Rail Corridor through the SR 520/SR 202 Interchange and over Bear Creek, linking the northern terminus of the East Lake Sammamish Trail with the southern terminus of the Redmond Central Connector in Redmond.</td>
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<td>The project will add wide sidewalks on both sides, install LED pedestrian scale lighting to illuminate the sidewalk, and provide signed and striped bike lanes and landscaping and planted areas to separate the sidewalks from the roadway. Parking will also be removed from this segment of roadway and a mid-block crossing will be built. Access to that new crosswalk with rapid flashing beacons will be provided by the new sidewalks that this project will build.</td>
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<td>This project will add bike lanes, curb ramps, pedestrian refuge islands, upgrade crossings, upgrade signals for bicycle detection/APS, improve ADA accessibility, add mid-block crossings, and bicycle amenities.</td>
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<td>King County Metro</td>
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<td>This project will complete missing segments of sidewalk, safety improvements to pedestrian crossings, and bicycle corridor treatments and transit-related bicycle parking in King County’s White Center designated activity center.</td>
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<td>This project provides pedestrian and bicycle improvements on Olympic Drive SE / SR305 from Winslow Way to Harborview Drive connecting a busy intersection with commuter traffic to the Washington State Ferries (WSF) Bainbridge Island Terminal and Kitsap Transit Bus Station. The project includes sidewalk widening and accessibility improvements, bike lanes, painted bike boxes, center divider, signal modifications for pedestrian and cyclists, signage, landscaping, and other work.</td>
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<td>This project will provide continuous 5’ bike facilities, a 6’ sidewalk on the south side of Newport Way NW, a 10’ multi-use trail on the north side of Newport Way NW, curb and 5’ landscaped planter strip buffer, pedestrian crossing treatments, including median refuge islands and rectangular rapid flashing beacons.</td>
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<td>This project will complete the 12-foot-wide East Lake Sammamish Trail in the former BNSF Rail Corridor through the SR 520/SR 202 Interchange and over Bear Creek, linking the northern terminus of the East Lake Sammamish Trail with the southern terminus of the Redmond Central Connector in Redmond.</td>
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<td>This project will retrofit 44th Avenue W in the vicinity of the I-5 underpass. It will provide sidewalk and crossing improvements, construction of a shared use path, lighting, and public art. Significant linkage barriers exist on both ends of the project preventing safe and efficient travel by non-motorized travelers.</td>
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<td>Sultan Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge</td>
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<td>This project will construct a 627-foot long, 10-foot wide pedestrian/bicycle bridge that runs parallel to and independent of the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) U.S. 2 vehicle bridge, located east of milepost 22.</td>
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<td>Bremerton Transportation Center ADA Improvements</td>
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<td>This project will provide ADA improvements at the Bremerton Transportation Center, including curb ramp modifications, platform edge detectable warning modifications, accessible load/unload area modifications and landscape island pedestrian walkway modifications.</td>
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Attachment: A - 2017 Transportation Alternatives Program Funding Recommendation and Prioritized Contingency List (2161 : TAP Funding)
## RECOMMENDED PRIORITIZED CONTINGENCY LIST

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* These projects are ineligible to be awarded at this time, as they are not consistent with the current regional transportation plan; once the updated plan is approved in May 2018, these projects will be eligible for funding at that time. As such, the committee recommends retaining them on the contingency list for potential future funding opportunities.

** The committee recommends this phase be moved to the first priority on the contingency list, based on geographic equity and other considerations.
ATTACHMENT B: Public Comments Received for PSRC’s 2017 Transportation Alternatives Program Competition
(as of January 15, 2018)

COMMENT # 1

I am writing in support of the East Lake Sammamish Trail Extension project.

This project leverages some of King counties most valuable public assets while linking our future transit infrastructure with our rapidly expanding trail infrastructure, for all these reasons it deserves priority. Marymoor Park has more daily users than any other public park outside of Seattle Center and serves as a vital recreation hub for the Eastside. With the completion of the light rail infrastructure in 2023 it’s use will only increase. At the same time the road and freeway infrastructure in the area is not even close to keeping up with demand, and so the soon to be completed trail on the ERC and the 520 bike lanes offer a real alternative for commuters. By integrating these two projects and building them in a way that they support each other as opposed to conflicting with each other, you will create value for citizens that would be greater than the sum of both projects.

Sincerely,

Bill Finkbeiner
Kirkland resident

PSRC Response to Comment # 1

Thank you for your comment related to the funding being recommended through PSRC’s 2017 Transportation Alternatives Program Competition. We will forward your comment to King County, and your comment will also be provided to PSRC’s Transportation Policy Board and Executive Board for their consideration in January.

Thank you,

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COMMENT # 2

Hi. I am writing on behalf of Friends of Historic Belltown. We are interested in the proposed $1.3 million bike lane project being considered for our Bell Street Park (online at https://www.psrc.org/whats-happening/blog/psrc-seeking-public-comment-transportation-alternatives-projects?platform=hootsuite).

As a designated park, we believe that any transportation project with federal funding – including bike lanes – must consider protection and improvements of Bell Street Park under Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation (DOT) Act of 1966.

In addition, we believe that this project needs to be presented to the Belltown Community BEFORE IT IS DESIGNED AND FUNDED, when there is still opportunity for meaningful input from the community. Seattle DOT recently completed the 2nd Avenue Bike lane with no opportunity for public involvement and
no review under SEPA or NEPA. We remain very unhappy about this past injury and associated harms to our historic neighborhood and would like to work with PSRC to avoid similar harms to Bell Street Park.

Please let me know what the specific plans are for this project and how the community can provide meaningful input. Thank you!

FRIENDS OF HISTORIC BELTTOWN, INC
2324 1st AVE STE 404
SEATTLE, WA 98121-1698

Steve Hall | DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE

PSRC Response to Comment # 2

Thank you for your comment related to the funding being recommended through PSRC’s 2017 Transportation Alternatives Program Competition. We will forward your comment to the City of Seattle for their consideration, and your comment will also be provided to PSRC’s Transportation Policy Board and Executive Board.

Regarding your specific questions about the Bell St. Protected Bike Lane project plans, you can find all of the information we currently have available for this project at this link under “Submitted Applications”: https://www.psrc.org/our-work/funding/project-selection

Thank you,

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COMMENT # 3

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to extend my personal support for the Sultan Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge Project as I believe the growth of the population in Sultan needs to be supported by infrastructure allowing more of the full-time residents in Sultan to access the business and recreational resources of the city by foot. This will allow greater number of small businesses to open doors in the areas around a major transportation corridors like the Sultan Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge. A lot of the local residents travel to nearby cities like Monroe to shop and entertain due to the higher number of businesses in the US2 corridor located in the Monroe city limits. However, this is not the case for Sultan yet due to the lack of enough businesses and services. Establishing effective city infrastructure which not only allows for quick transit through the city on the way to Stevens Pass but also allowing for guests to stay and enjoy the many local resources will create an opportunity for local economic development and growth in the city of Sultan. As an example, the newest business in Sultan opened doors very close to the proposed project site and services the local residents insurance needs. This business will highly benefit from the increased foot traffic and walk-ins customers utilizing the Sultan Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge Project.

Thank you for taking my comment into consideration.

Sincerely,

Martin Rushkarski
PSRC Response to Comment # 3

This comment was posted on the PSRC blog. The commenter was thanked on the blog and the comment shared with the City of Sultan, but due to lack of contact information, PSRC was not able to respond directly to the commenter.

COMMENT # 4

RE: Tacoma Pipeline Trail Project

I've been promoting this project for twenty years, so I'm happy to see proposed funding

https://youtu.be/zq5tQ-SbyW0. See the video.

Bob Myrick

PSRC Response to Comment # 4

Thank you for your comment related to the funding being recommended through PSRC’s 2017 Transportation Alternatives Program Competition. We will forward your comment to the City of Tacoma, and your comment will also be provided to PSRC’s Transportation Policy Board and Executive Board for their consideration in January.

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COMMENT # 5

RE: Bike lane - 44th and i-5

Hello

I see the information here on Twitter and i think it’s great you are publishing it for the community and people but i do have two questions?

1. Who pays for this?
2. How many people actually use this feature?

Thank you,
Mary Murphy

PSRC Response to Comment # 5

Thank you for your comment related to the funding being recommended through PSRC’s 2017 Transportation Alternatives Program Competition. We will forward your comment to the City of Lynnwood...
for their consideration, and your comment will also be provided to PSRC’s Transportation Policy Board and Executive Board.

Funding for the Transportation Alternatives Program is provided through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and distributed to projects in the region through PSRC’s project selection process. The funding is used for community-based transportation improvements, such as bicycle/pedestrian facilities, historic preservation of transportation assets, environmental mitigation, and others. More detailed information about the funding process and the recommended projects, including the 44th Ave. W/I-5 Underpass Improvements project, is available at this link under “Call for Projects Background” and “Submitted Applications”: https://www.psrc.org/our-work/funding/project-selection.

Thank you,

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COMMENT # 6

I wanted to offer my support of the RSRC funding recommendations for Transportation Alternatives projects. In particular, I strongly support funding for the East Lake Sammamish Trail North extension. My family and I live in Downtown Redmond and would greatly benefit from a trail connection between Redmond, Marymoor Park, and East Lake Sammamish. I can envision my children riding their bikes to meet up with their Grandma someday via such a connection (who lives in Sammamish). Having a pedestrian/bicycle connection through an area that is right now only accessible by car and bysected by freeway on/off-ramps would be a huge transformation for our community that would benefit a lot of people and make the area more friendly for the mixed-use development that the City of Redmond is trying to promote there. Thanks!

Leah Krekel-Zoppi

PSRC Response to Comment # 6

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Thank you,

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COMMENT # 7

Mrs. Gutschow, Puget Sound Regional Council,

I am writing to provide brief feedback on the Transportation Alternative projects selected by the PSRC for funding in Seattle.

I fully support the project to build a protected bicycle facility on Alaskan Way. Right now biking south of the Elliot Bay trail on Alaskan is a Mad Max experience dodging construction, tourists, tour buses, and ferry queuing traffic. The gigantic surface highway that will be built to replace the viaduct will cause its own problems, but every little bit helps, and this does.

I fully support the project to add protected bike lanes to Bell St. This is my primary route to access downtown and it is a critical connection in Seattle’s growing bike network. I assume that it will be a two way facility (as Bell St. is one way for most of its length). Also we need to reconsider this as a transit corridor so we can implement real traffic diversion - the woonerf between 5th and 2nd is ineffective in this regard.

I do support the Cowen Bridge replacement, but ask that the project include permanent barriers for the bike lane above (as the plastic bollards are constantly damaged or missing) and any improvements needed to the sidewalk on the bridge. The bridge is for people walking and biking too!

Yours,
Mark A Foltz

PSRC Response to Comment # 7

Thank you for your comment related to the funding being recommended through PSRC’s 2017 Transportation Alternatives Program Competition. We will forward your comment to the City of Seattle for their consideration, and your comment will also be provided to PSRC’s Transportation Policy Board and Executive Board.

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COMMENT # 8

Hello,

My name is frank hammons, have lived in Sultan,WA since 2012, i ride my bicycle across the bridge from Sultan to Monroe on the highway durning the summer months twice a day. The Sultan bridge on Highway 2 is very nerve wracking especially when someone else wants to cross the bridge on foot, i have to get off my bike and hug the guardrail to let them pass and hope a vehicle does not drive by and have something sticking out to almost hit me or anybody else.

I have witnesed wheelchairs and people with disabilities cross the bridge and its very difficult for them. I have lived in this general area all my 44 years of life and the highway 2 sultan bridge has stayed constantly dangerous for people as long as i have seen it.

I hope this bridge gets built the community od Sultan needs its
thanks
frank hammons

PSRC Response to Comment # 8

Thank you for your comment related to the funding being recommended through PSRC’s 2017 Transportation Alternatives Program Competition. We will forward your comment to the City of Sultan for their consideration, and your comment will also be provided to PSRC’s Transportation Policy Board and Executive Board.

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COMMENT # 9

Hello
My name is Sarah Taylor. I have been resident of Sultan since 2004. I have always had the fear that if the current traffic bridge goes out our community will be isolated. We have alot of pedestrian traffic across the bridge. I feel a pedestrian bridge would be a great asset to our community.

Thank you for your consideration in this.

Sincerely
Sarah Taylor

PSRC Response to Comment # 9

Thank you for your comment related to the funding being recommended through PSRC’s 2017 Transportation Alternatives Program Competition. We will forward your comment to the City of Sultan for their consideration, and your comment will also be provided to PSRC’s Transportation Policy Board and Executive Board.

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COMMENT # 10

This email is regarding the Sultan Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge project.

As residents of Sultan my family and I would use this new pedestrian bridge! We currently do not frequent this area of Sultan as it is not safe for me to take my two young children. With the construction of this bridge as a parent and community member I would feel much safer taking my family on walks and fun outside adventures in this area.
This project would be also be helpful to the many anglers who love to fish in the river. Also a safe way for pedestrians to walk over the river for our big Sultan Shindig festival in summer!

Thank you, The Loudenslager family.

**PSRC Response to Comment # 10**

Thank you for your comment related to the funding being recommended through PSRC’s 2017 Transportation Alternatives Program Competition. We will forward your comment to the City of Sultan for their consideration, and your comment will also be provided to PSRC’s Transportation Policy Board and Executive Board.

Thank you,

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**COMMENT # 11**

Please review the comments I sent several years ago concerning this matter (below). Not much has changed: the city continues to mislead in the real purpose of the bridge and facts relating to it. That is increasing pressure and proposals for housing developments require larger sewer lines and thus a bigger bridge to support the larger sewer line. Also recently it was learned that the land where the bridge footprint is to be is not even owned by the city, rather WDFW. Now the city has found another grant money possibility to fund the hopeful larger sewer line by creating a need for connecting parks and a scenic trail. Please don’t be fooled.

[Comment below dated November 10, 2013, re: Pedestrian/Bicycle Bridge Grant Requests--Sultan]

PRSC, Transportation Alternative Grant Administrators:

I am writing to you about a grant request from the city of Sultan for a pedestrian/bicycle bridge across the Sultan River. I have several concerns I think you should be aware of prior to granting any of the requested money. Following are my concerns:

1. I guess my first concern is the need for such a bridge has been grossly exaggerated. While the city has failed to assess the use of the existing bridge, I did. I spent several hours (on weekends, weekdays, different hours and different weather) counting the people crossing the bridge. This included people walking, riding bicycles, pushing baby strollers, and riding in scooters. The average number crossing the bridge was less than 2 persons per hour. I just don’t see multimillions of hard to get tax dollars being spent for such little use.

2. I have read through all the city’s files regarding the proposed bridge. While the city tried, it could not find any documentation regarding the many safety concerns and issues it presented in the grant requests. Letters from the former Police Chief, Community Transit, Cascade Bicycle Club, even the Washing State Department of Transportation, and some local residents were obtained and submitted instead of documented safety issues. Most of the letters express support for the bridge and some go into great length about the safety concern of crossing the current bridge, from one side to the other, on this busy and dangerous highway. I am here to tell you that crossing the bridge from one end to the other is most likely the safest part of traveling along Highway 2. The bridge has a cement boundary along each side of the passageway while the highway has only a shoulder providing absolutely no protection from traffic. The letters would
make you think the bridge crossing was the most dangerous; it is not by a long shot. You should not be hoodwinked on this matter.

3. Having been through the city’s files and reading newspaper articles about this proposed pedestrian/bicycle bridge, I am aware of the huge increase in the cost estimates for the proposed bridge. Engineering costs have increased six fold in a year and the total costs have increased from $2 million to over $6 million. I am concerned about the need for such an extravagant bridge, especially since I am aware of perfectly adequate and much cheaper pedestrian/bicycle bridges in many other places. Spending precious tax money on extravagance is a concern to me.

4. In its grant requests and accompanying documents, the city has asserted the need to be ADA compliant, this means safety and accessibility. Again, let me assure you that the safest place along this highway is on the bridge where there is protection from traffic. There is no protection otherwise, before getting to the bridge or after leaving the bridge. Contrary to the city’s assertions that the passageway is too narrow for wheelchairs, I have seen people in wheelchairs using the bridge. The safety issue has been exaggerated. In respect to accessibility, please look first at the attached picture which shows how the access to the present bridge has been maintained. It seems the city is not too concerned otherwise. This is omitted from the city’s cry for safety and accessibility. Please don’t be fooled. I have included a two other pictures. They show the elevation and distance from the highway to that where the proposed bridge would start. This alone is an extreme deterrence to the handicapped or marginally mobile traveler. Further, the lower portion floods every high water event.

5. My final major concern about this whole issue I feel merits the Pinocchio nose award. I think the need for a pedestrian/bicycle bridge came as a result of the state DOT not allowing the city’s desire to increase the size of the existing sewer and water pipes on the current bridge. Hence, the terrific need for a pedestrian/bicycle bridge, big and strong enough to carry new and bigger utility pipes, was born. The grant requests and supporting papers don’t tell anyone this fact. Read the letters in support of the proposed bridge and not one mentions that they support or even were told about the utility pipes. A bridge for utilities should be paid for by utility funds not transportation alternative funds. The way the need for the bridge is presented (for the safety of the pedestrians, bicyclists, and handicapped) when the real reason is to accommodate utilities is offensive. This concerns me a lot.

Gerry Gibson
Sultan

PSRC Response to Comment # 11

Thank you for your comment related to the funding being recommended through PSRC’s 2017 Transportation Alternatives Program Competition. We will forward your comment to the City of Sultan for their consideration, and your comment will also be provided to PSRC’s Transportation Policy Board and Executive Board.

Thank you,

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COMMENT # 12  [Note: Attachments referenced in this comment are included at the end of this document.]

Thank you for responding to the below email from me.  [See Comment # 11.]

I have sent several previous emails on this matter to the city, the PSRC, and other funding sources. Please re-read the below email again as it is still relevant.  [See Comment # 11.]  I’d also like to add a few additional and supplemental comments:

Again, it is quite obvious that the real sole purpose of this bridge is to prevent a building moratorium for lack of utilities in growth areas. This is the only conclusion anyone can make when reading the attached Sultan River Pedestrian/Bicycle Bridge Legislative Request. Every funding request the city has submitted to the various funding agencies has a different emphasis on the need for the bridge. The city’s integrity, credibility, and honesty is definitely at issue when one looks at all the different requests for funding. You should ask the city to provide all the funding requests and compare for yourself.

Now that the utility need has been exposed, the funding for the utility expansion and then adding the utility pipes to the bridge (not to mention the added costs for a bigger and stronger bridge than needed just for pedestrian and bicycles) is left out in the open. There is no budget or planning for such funds, just hope, speculation, and prayer. This is true for the $1 million in matching funds for this grant. Where is it in the plans and where for sure is it coming from?

Again, the critically dangerous specifics, comments about safety by citizens and officials, staged photos, etc. provided by the city are completely false, overemphasized, and lack any credibility at all. This is all NOT true. The city did not provide accident information because it does not exist. The bridge has been safe for over 70 years and it has provided safe passageway all that time. There is nothing to the contrary. See attached email exchanges including page 2.

Lastly, the city also continued its lack of candor, truthful, and complete information in its many funding requests by failing to advise that it didn’t even own the land where part of the bridge would be constructed. It has now requested land be transferred from the state at another $100 K of taxpayer money.

All this certainly is a great example of government dishonesty and corruption. I urge you to re-consider any funds for this bridge. I am sure that if I requested and obtained funds under all these same conditions, I would end up in jail.

Gerry Gibson

PSRC Response to Comment # 12

Good afternoon,

Thank you for your additional comments on PSRC’s 2017 Transportation Alternatives Program Competition funding. We will also provide this comment to PSRC’s Transportation Policy Board and Executive Board, as well as forward it to the City of Sultan.

Thank you,

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COMMENT # 13

PSRC TAP Reviewers

Please don't be misled, the City of Sultan's grant request for construction funding of a new ped/bike bridge has little to do with public safety or recreation but with the upgrading of infrastructure. Engineering analysis of Sultan's sewer system indicated that the 8" sewer pipe hanging under the existing US Route 2 Bridge cannot be upsized because the bridge can't support the additional weight, therefore a new bridge is needed. Links to City's 2011 Comprehensive Plan, Sewer Chapters 6 and 7 provide further detail.


The City of Sultan's portrayal of the existing US Route 2 bridge as posing a threat to pedestrian/bicycle users is also misleading. This bridge was built with a substantial guardrail between the highway and a dedicated pedestrian/bike lane that protects users. According to the city's own records, there has not been a single documented accident on or near the bridge.

As proposed, the new bridge would be located just a few feet from the existing bridge with on/off ramps to be sited on the frequently flooded banks of the Sultan River. The usage of the dedicated pedestrian/bike lane on the current bridge is so minimal, averaging 2 crossings per hour, a new bridge cannot be justified.

City of Sultan is a perennially cash strapped and how the city intends to match the requested grant with a $1 million dollars is unclear. Note October 14, 2017 Council Retreat Packet, Page 10 "The max amount we could receive from the TAP grant is $2.5 million, which means we will have to come up with $1 million dollars to complete the project."

I urge the council to use public funds for worthier projects,

Thank you for your consideration,

Judy Heydrick
Sultan, WA

PSRC Response to Comment # 13

Thank you for your comment related to the funding being recommended through PSRC’s 2017 Transportation Alternatives Program Competition. We will forward your comment to the City of Sultan for their consideration, and your comment will also be provided to PSRC’s Transportation Policy Board and Executive Board.

Thank you,

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COMMENT # 14

PSRC TAP Board

A word of caution regarding City of Sultan's deceptively flawed request for funding of a new pedestrian bridge over the Sultan River. Board Members must understand that this is a continuation of grant requests to multiple agencies with ever changing reasons why the bridge is necessary.

After years of falsely claiming that crossing the existing Highway 2 Bridge's pedestrian/bicycle lane was unsafe, Sultan records show that there has not been a single accident or fatality on or near the bridge. The latest creative twist, ties the new bridge to an enhanced park and trail system which the Highway 2 bridge already ties into.

Don't be fooled. Sultan is desperate to hang a larger sewer and water pipe underneath a new bridge since WSDOT will not permit these pipes under the Highway 2 Bridge. Sultan's 2011 Comp Plan, Sewer Chapters 6 and 7 calls for a new bridge to address the undersized pipe problem. I strongly oppose using public funding to pay for infrastructure needed to enable development. Therefore, I urge you to reject Sultan's cleverly crafted grant request and use available funds for more essential public pedestrian/bicycle projects.

Thank you for not wasting our tax money on a totally unnecessary new bridge adjacent to a sparsely used, perfectly safe bridge across the Sultan River.

Stan Heydrick,
Sultan, WA

PSRC Response to Comment # 14

Thank you for your comment related to the funding being recommended through PSRC’s 2017 Transportation Alternatives Program Competition. We will forward your comment to the City of Sultan for their consideration, and your comment will also be provided to PSRC’s Transportation Policy Board and Executive Board.

Thank you,

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COMMENT # 15 [Note: Attachments referenced in this comment are included at the end of this document.]

Ms. Gutschow

I urge your selection committee to reconsider the Sultan grant award because the city's submission deceptively conceals the underlying reason for requesting public funding. The attached documents obtained through a public record request make it perfectly clear that the city's new bridge is intended to support utility infrastructure to prevent a building moratorium by increasing sewer capacity. City intends to pay for the sewer/water pipes but is seeking funding for the engineered structure to hang it on.

The City's submission to the PSRC is dressed up as a safety and mobility issue, when in fact, the record indicates no accidents or fatalities associated with the bridge as confirmed by WSDOT engineer Larsen in the e-mail attachment. The existing SR2 bridge carries very light pedestrian/bicycle traffic and has served
the community well for decades. Over several hours of observation, our informal survey group noted roughly 2 crossings per hour and no difficulties accessing either downtown or Sportsman's Park on the opposite side of the river. The bridge's beefy guardrail has been very effective in separating pedestrian/bicyclists from bridge traffic, contrary to the city's assertions to the contrary. A 2nd bridge proposed for the frequently flooded banks of the Sultan River cannot be justified.

I hope this additional information will be helpful as you reconsider the City of Sultan's application for a multi million dollar pedestrian/bike bridge the city wants primarily for infrastructure to support development, which is not the objective of the Transportation Alternative Program. Keep in mind Washington Post columnist Michael Gerson's words "WHEN LIES BECOME ROUTINE, CORRUPTION FOLLOWS."

Stan Heydrick
Sultan

PSRC Response to Comment # 15

Thank you for your additional comments on PSRC’s 2017 Transportation Alternatives Program Competition funding. We will also provide this comment to PSRC’s Transportation Policy Board and Executive Board, as well as forward it to the City of Sultan.

Thank you,

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COMMENT # 16

Dear PSRC Review Committee,

I am a Tacoma resident of 14 years and an at-home parent of three school-aged children. I also organize and lead monthly family bike rides for kids and their families (Kidical Mass Tacoma) that encourage children to learn the Rules of Road and gain confidence riding in the street.

I've reviewed the City of Tacoma's application for funding of the Pipeline Trail, Phase III Construction in Tacoma and am writing to support the application. The application accurately details why this trail development is so important to the lives of East Side residents, both now and in the future.

I became aware of the Pipeline Trail corridor several years ago and was immediately interested in it's potential to link the East Side of Tacoma to the more rural parts of Pierce County. I finally had a chance to ride my bicycle in this corridor in June of 2016 and blogged about the trip. (http://tacomabikeranch.blogspot.com/2016/06/pipeline-trail-adventure.html)

I've since been back on the trail corridor several times, but only with adults familiar with off-road cycling. The many barriers, rough terrain, and unprotected arterial crossings have kept me from enjoying the trail corridor with my whole family. I have noticed that there and often families walking and biking on the small section of trail that was paved and completed behind First Creek Middle School. Further connectivity to the Tacoma Dome area, which is already underway, will only broaden the area in which East Side residents can walk and bike safely. I see the health advantages of the trail to local residents in the trail corridor as the number one reason to fund this project. The cost of creating such a paved trail seems
minuscule compared to long-term health costs related to inactivity and a lack of active transportation options in the area.

I urge you to support the City of Tacoma’s application to construct Phase III of the Pipeline Trail.

With sincere thanks,

Matt Newport  
Kidical Mass Tacoma

**PSRC Response to Comment # 16**

Thank you for your comment related to the funding being recommended through PSRC’s 2017 Transportation Alternatives Program Competition. We will forward your comment to the City of Tacoma, and your comment will also be provided to PSRC’s Transportation Policy Board and Executive Board for their consideration in January.

Thank you,

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**COMMENT # 17** [Note: Attachment referenced in this comment is included at the end of this document.]

Hello Sarah,

Please see the attached for a public comment from The Trust for Public Land on the Transportation Alternatives Program projects.

Thank you,

Ashley

Ashley Knapp | Northwest Public Grant Writer  
The Trust for Public Land

**PSRC Response to Comment # 17**

Thank you for your comments related to the funding being recommended through PSRC’s 2017 Transportation Alternatives Program Competition. We will forward your comments to King County, the City of Tacoma, and the City of Lynnwood for their consideration. Your comment will also be provided to PSRC’s Transportation Policy Board and Executive Board.

Thank you,

Sarah Gutschow, AICP  
Senior Transportation Planner  
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COMMENT # 1

I am writing in support of the Sultan River Pedestrian Bridge project. As the former Public Works Director in Sultan for six and a half years, this project was my top priority. The existing US2 Highway bridge is the only current pedestrian access across the Sultan River and it has significant safety issues. The existing walkway is only 29 ½” wide and is an impediment for citizens in wheelchairs and is not ADA compliant.

The proposed pedestrian bridge will significantly improve pedestrian and bicycle safety. Key public facilities are located on the east side of the Sultan River (City Hall, library, Fire Station, Police Station, Visitors Information Center) and a number of the City’s elderly population live on the west side of the river. Additionally, the City’s sole pharmacy and laundromat are located on the west side of the Sultan River with the bulk of the City’s population located on the east side of the river.

The Sultan River Pedestrian Bridge is a critical infrastructure project that will also allow emergency vehicles to cross the Sultan River in the event the dilapidated US 2 bridge in damaged during an earthquake or severe flooding.

I urge the Puget Sound Regional Council to support this project.

Sincerely,
Mick Matheson, P.E.
Public Works Director | Public Works Engineering

PSRC Response to Comment # 1

Thank you for your comment related to the funding being recommended through PSRC’s 2017 Transportation Alternatives Program Competition. We will forward your comment to the City of Sultan for their consideration, and your comment will also be provided to PSRC’s Transportation Policy Board and Executive Board.

Thank you,
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COMMENT # 19 [Note: Attachment referenced in this comment is included at the end of this document.]

Please see the attached letter of support for the Sultan pedestrian and bicycle bridge project.

Have a good day,
Brenda Glenn, Sr. Legislative Assistant
Representative Carolyn Eslick
PSRC Response to Comment # 19

Thank you for your comment related to the funding being recommended through PSRC’s 2017 Transportation Alternatives Program Competition. We will forward your comment to the City of Sultan for their consideration, and your comment will also be provided to PSRC’s Transportation Policy Board and Executive Board.

Thank you,

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COMMENT # 20

Hello. My name is Alis Willenberg, and I am an 11 year resident of Sultan, WA. I am in favor of building the new pedestrian walkway/bridge alongside Hwy 2, as the current, outdated one is way too skinny and not wide enough for passing other pedestrians...especially if one were in a wheelchair, and undoable if there were two wheelchairs. Even now, as it currently is, two standing pedestrians have to get out of the way for each other as they pass. I’d love to be able to walk safely up to the local Red Apple Grocery store if needed. Because of the current narrow walkway, and the fact that it is literally 2 feet away from fast moving traffic, I’ve never had the desire to. I’d love to be able take a leisurely walk and enjoy the view from the new bridge above the river also. Not to mention, the updated/new bridge would look great from the hwy. Sultan needs more than a few updates, and this is one small one that we could all enjoy. We’ve already updated Osprey Trail and the salmon habitat etc.

My only concern with the project is that it is constructed properly to withstand the annual flooding, and wear and tear that occurs in that proposed spot every year. It needs to be built with constant water damage/flooding in mind, and with the proper materials, so we have it for many years to come, not just the next few. Other than that, I am all for it! Fingers crossed.

Sincerely,

Sultan resident,
Alis Willenberg

PSRC Response to Comment # 20

Thank you for your comment related to the funding being recommended through PSRC’s 2017 Transportation Alternatives Program Competition. We will forward your comment to the City of Sultan for their consideration, and your comment will also be provided to PSRC’s Transportation Policy Board and Executive Board.

Thank you,

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COMMENT # 21

I would like to say that I am very much in favor of the new bridge. Just as the existing Route 2 bridge connects east and west for cars and trucks, the pedestrian bridge will connect the parks, people, and businesses on the east and west for people on foot. This will have a number of positive effects such as increased use of the parks, greater sales at local stores, and more exercise (less gas)! Connecting people will bring more of a "one Sultan" feel to our community.

KandR Home Rentals Morrison

PSRC Response to Comment # 21

Thank you for your comment related to the funding being recommended through PSRC’s 2017 Transportation Alternatives Program Competition. We will forward your comment to the City of Sultan for their consideration, and your comment will also be provided to PSRC’s Transportation Policy Board and Executive Board.

Thank you,

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COMMENT # 22

Dear Ms Gutschow,

I want to express my deep and sincere support for the Sultan Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge project. I have worked in Sultan since 1989. Travelling across the current bridge and viewing those who have to use the narrow walking area to cross, I know how important this bridge would be for the safety of our community.

I've seen a mother in her motorized wheelchair with her child sitting atop her lap trying to navigate the streets of Sultan. This mother is in need of many services and must have a need of crossing the bridge to the only medical clinic and grocery store in town, but I can't imagine her trying to go across that bridge walkway. It's not even 3 feet wide with cars, trucks, and semis whizzing past.

The pedestrian bridge would safely provide access for all community residents to enjoy two of our most popular parks and would like provide a safe, pleasant way for local residents to forgo their cars to access these parks or other services like the grocery store and medical clinic.

This bridge would also increase our tourism and help our local businesses to thrive.

Please approve this project so that our community will have an ADA-compliant path that attractively and safely adds access for our community, encourages use of bikes and walking, decreases vehicle traffic, enhances our region's tourist options, and improves our local economy.

I am strongly in support of this project and know many who also are. Thanks for considering this!

Sincerely,
PSRC Response to Comment # 22

Thank you for your comment related to the funding being recommended through PSRC’s 2017 Transportation Alternatives Program Competition. We will forward your comment to the City of Sultan for their consideration, and your comment will also be provided to PSRC’s Transportation Policy Board and Executive Board.

Thank you,

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COMMENT # 23

Hello everyone at the Transportation Policy Board, and all that are involved,

I am contacting you in response for supporting the Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge project. The west side of Sultan, located west of the WSDOT US2 vehicle bridge, is cut off from safe pedestrian access to the main part of the City of Sultan. There are not only a dozen businesses, but several hundred community residents located on the west side of the bridge, many who are elderly, many who are unable to drive. There is a 55+ mobile home development as well as a low cost housing development located west of the bridge.

This bridge cannot accommodate wheelchairs, nor 2 pedestrians walking in opposite directions, especially if one is on a bicycle, which happens often.

I sit in my office and watch some of our community and business members walk this bridge everyday. This very narrow bridge, as unsafe as it is, is still used daily by many local residents.

When I have crossed the bridge on foot and come across another person, the choice I had was either step very close to the cars and trucks traveling at 35mph, or hug the side of the walkway that drops about 20 feet into the Sultan River. What choice would you feel comfortable doing?

Pedestrian travel on the highway itself is totally out of the question.

The residences who live west of the bridge who are wheelchair bound, are too elderly, cannot drive nor walk, or choose to not use this very nerve-racking unsafe bridge, have no access to City Hall, the Library, the Senior Center, nor the Post Office or the Police Station. They cannot visit the Sky Valley Visitors Center, Sultan Historical Museum, nor any restaurants or other retail establishments. They do not have the ability to visit their family and friends.

This new Sultan Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge would provide a safety factor that is not only desires, but definately needed for our community members and visitors.

Thank you for reading this.

Kathleen Morrisson
PSRC Response to Comment # 23

Thank you for your comment related to the funding being recommended through PSRC’s 2017 Transportation Alternatives Program Competition. We will forward your comment to the City of Sultan for their consideration, and your comment will also be provided to PSRC’s Transportation Policy Board and Executive Board.

Thank you,
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COMMENT # 24

I support this project the bridge is very narrow and very little pedestrian access it needs to be replaced.

Reggie Gausman
Sultan, WA

PSRC Response to Comment # 24

Thank you for your comment related to the funding being recommended through PSRC’s 2017 Transportation Alternatives Program Competition. We will forward your comment to the City of Sultan for their consideration, and your comment will also be provided to PSRC’s Transportation Policy Board and Executive Board.

Thank you,
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COMMENT # 25

[from Mary G. Broome]

Note: Comment sent via post. Scanned copy of this comment is included at the end of this document.

PSRC Response to Comment # 25

Thank you for your comment related to the funding being recommended through PSRC’s 2017 Transportation Alternatives Program Competition. We will forward your comment to the City of Sultan for their consideration, and your comment will also be provided to PSRC’s Transportation Policy Board and Executive Board.

Sincerely,
Sarah Gutschow, AICP
Senior Transportation Planner
COMMENT # 26

To whom it may concern,

Please thoroughly consider approving the Sultan Pedestrian Bridge for your grant work. Our family loves to walk and our community would really benefit from the proposed improvement. During the peak travel season (summer) we would love an alternate way to access the only grocery store in our town as a pedestrian. Additionally, it would mean a lot to our small town. Please give us your consideration!!

Respectfully,

Brandon Lasby
Sultan WA

PSRC Response to Comment # 26

Thank you for your comment related to the funding being recommended through PSRC’s 2017 Transportation Alternatives Program Competition. We will forward your comment to the City of Sultan for their consideration, and your comment will also be provided to PSRC’s Transportation Policy Board and Executive Board.

Thank you,

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COMMENT # 27 [Note: Attachment referenced in this comment is included at the end of this document.]

Hello Sarah,

Here is a copy of our letter in support of the Sultan Pedestrian & Bicycle Bridge. We are also mailing a copy out to you today.

Thank you,

Cassie Plummer
Office & Human Resources Assistant
Sultan School District

PSRC Response to Comment # 27

Thank you for your comment related to the funding being recommended through PSRC’s 2017 Transportation Alternatives Program Competition. We will forward your comment to the City of Sultan for their consideration, and your comment will also be provided to PSRC’s Transportation Policy Board and Executive Board.
Sincerely,

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COMMENT # 28

Greetings,

The Haverly family in Sultan is in favor of the pedestrian bridge.

Thanks,

Macy Haverly

PSRC Response to Comment # 28

Thank you for your comment related to the funding being recommended through PSRC’s 2017 Transportation Alternatives Program Competition. We will forward your comment to the City of Sultan for their consideration, and your comment will also be provided to PSRC’s Transportation Policy Board and Executive Board.

Sincerely,

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COMMENT # 29

Dear Ms. Gutschow,

This letter demonstrates my support of the Sultan Pedestrian Bridge project, a long needed pedestrian connection that will enhance the Sultan community.

The existing footpath on WSDOT’s U.S. Highway 2 vehicle Bridge is non-ADA compliant, at just 29.5 inches in width, making pedestrian, bicycle and wheelchair passage across the Sultan River an extreme safety hazard.

In addition to enhancing the city’s network of pedestrian pathways, bolstering safety for families, improving access to parks and facilitating increased foot traffic in the city’s downtown core, the Bridge promises to reduce the notoriously heavy traffic along Hwy 2. Currently, residents forego the opportunity to walk to services due to the precarious pathway, opting to drive along the already congested highway.

This Bridge is vital to public safety, congestion reduction, connection of two city parks, aligns with Snohomish County tourism goals, supports downtown economic vitality, adds ADA compliant access where none exists today.
I strongly support this project. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Brenda White
Vice President
Sky Valley Chamber of Commerce

**PSRC Response to Comment # 29**

Thank you for your comment related to the funding being recommended through PSRC’s 2017 Transportation Alternatives Program Competition. We will forward your comment to the City of Sultan for their consideration, and your comment will also be provided to PSRC’s Transportation Policy Board and Executive Board.

Sincerely,
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**COMMENT #30**

Comment regarding Sultan Pedestrian & Bicycle Bridge

From a long range planning perspective, of course I am in favor of safe corridors for pedestrian and bicycle traffic. I hope for an extension of a walking/biking, even equestrian trail from Monroe to and through Sultan and beyond. The first priority for a US-2 pedestrian/bike bridge through Sultan should be over Wagley Creek which is currently unsafe to impassable for pedestrians and bikers and “functionally obsolete” even for cars. At least the US-2 Sultan River pedestrian lane, while narrow for two-way passage, exists, and is as safe as the road bridge which was also designated “functionally obsolete” in Sultan’s 2011 Comp Plan.

What is needed, as top priority, is long range planning for US 2 that includes widening to four lanes with safe pedestrian and bike lanes from Monroe through at least Gold Bar and best into the mountains for the rapidly increasing recreation-inspired drivers that now crowd the highway through our towns. Or, a bypass highway of our towns.

Until US 2 traffic is dealt with (F rating from Fern Bluff Road to Sultan Basin Road in 2011 and MUCH worse now), adding hundreds more homes in the Sultan Basin Road area, for which the sewer pipe’s increased size under the pedestrian bridge is really sought, is nuts. The county plans urge development of Lynnwood and Everett for the population influx, theoretically because better roads and services for these homes are already there, but not sufficient in underdeveloped rural areas, like Sultan. Plus, the Fed/state’s priority continues keeping I-90 as the ever-improving east-west route, not US-2. Until the State/Feds realize both highways are needed for east-west traffic and US-2 is improved to meet urgent current and future reality, good neighbor band-aiding in Sultan, like the pedestrian bridge whose real purpose is sewer flow capacity to build more homes, is not a priority for funding and will lead to even greater congestion. The only reason I see for funding the bridge now is to justify the ten-year-old grant to design it which was accomplished. Is that a good use of current scarce funds?

The need now is communication and cooperation among all the transportation deciders in the State so that planning is sensible, coordinated and cost-effective.

Rev. Dr. Lucy Hitchcock
Sultan, WA
PSRC Response to Comment # 30

Thank you for your comment related to the funding being recommended through PSRC’s 2017 Transportation Alternatives Program Competition. We will forward your comment to the City of Sultan for their consideration, and your comment will also be provided to PSRC’s Transportation Policy Board and Executive Board.

Sincerely,

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COMMENT #31

This email is to request favorable support for the Pedestrian Bridge over the Sultan River. The new bridge is badly needed. The current access is narrow, needs repairs, nonADA compliant and generally unsafe for everyone. A wider bridge will provide safer pedestrian access to both sides of the river for everyone, including people with mobility issues and stroller traffic. Additionally, having a safer crossing will encourage more foot and bicycle traffic, possibly bringing some relief of auto traffic crossing the already heavily traveled bridge during events and weekends.

Local businesses could benefit from the friendlier crossing also. A safer pedestrian crossing will provide walkers and bicyclists safer access to the town's pharmacy and grocery stores as well as doctor's and dentist's offices. Additionally, fishermen and river traffic utilizing Sportsman's Park will have the opportunity to safely walk into town for food and shopping.

Thank you for favorably considering Sultan's application for the Sultan Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge Project.

Diana Weidman

PSRC Response to Comment # 31

Thank you for your comment related to the funding being recommended through PSRC’s 2017 Transportation Alternatives Program Competition. We will forward your comment to the City of Sultan for their consideration, and your comment will also be provided to PSRC’s Transportation Policy Board and Executive Board.

Sincerely,

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COMMENT #32

Dear Sarah Gutschow,

This is a brief statement regarding the proposed foot/bicycle bridge across the Sultan River.
I have been a CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) instructor for many years. Since moving to Sultan three years ago I have been concerned about the aging infrastructure in and around this town. Accessibility in the event of an earthquake, flood or dam breach is extremely problematic.

I have a question however, which may need to be addressed by the city or bridge design. I have not had the opportunity to review the plans, but the drawing looks like the access on the Sultan side is near the statue. During flooding that area is under water. That access needs to be from high ground. If that is the case, I have no issue.

I highly encourage the Council to assist the City of Sultan in financing this bridge project in every way possible. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dee Bylsma

PSRC Response to Comment # 32

Thank you for your comment related to the funding being recommended through PSRC’s 2017 Transportation Alternatives Program Competition. We will forward your comment to the City of Sultan for their consideration, and your comment will also be provided to PSRC’s Executive Board.

Sincerely,

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January 5, 2018

Puget Sound Regional Council
Attn: Sarah Gutschow
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RE: Sultan Pedestrian/Bicycle Bridge, Grant Request

Ms. Gutschow:

Please reconsider Sultan’s $2.5 million bridge construction grant based on public documents showing that the city misrepresented or omitted relevant facts in order to secure funding. The city’s submission to the PSRC fails to state the key reason for seeking funding, which is to support development by upsizing utility infrastructure. Additional comments and concerns for the public record;

1. Changing rationale With each grant submission and publication, the city’s reasons for seeking funding seems to change. The only credible submissions were to the 2017 State Legislature citing sewer capacity deficiencies. The enclosed document, obtained by public record request, truthfully states the city’s primary objective in seeking funding for a new bridge to "support a new sewer force main to add system capacity to avoid a building moratorium....." The engineered solution to undersized utility infrastructure is rooted in Sultan’s 2011 Comprehensive Plan calling for a new bridge.... Chapter 6, Page 5 and Chapter 7, Page 3.

2. Questionable Funding The record shows that as of January 31, 2017 the city had no sources available for the transportation element of the project. A few months later, the PSRC submission included a $1 million offer in matching funds from developer fees and real estate taxes. City claims to be fiscally conservative however, the anticipated developments have yet to materialize and produce revenue for city coffers. In essence, the city has put the cart before the horse.

3. Exaggerations and false claims The city’s creative pen ran away on Page 12 of the PSRC submission "For far too long now, the pedestrian walkway attached to the US 2 vehicle bridge has endangered community members, contributed to increased traffic congestion on US 2 and inhibited access to and from our city center." The record doesn't support any of these claims. The existing bridge has an accident and fatality free history, the highway congestion on US 2 can be attributed to increased east - west traffic, which a new pedestrian bridge will not reduce and nothing inhibits a pedestrian or bicyclist from accessing either side of the bridge, which has served the community adequately for decades. Along these lines, I can't omit another blatant lie that permeates the city’s submission "On this particular day there were roughly 47 vehicles parked in the parking lot (Sportsman Park). An estimated average of 3 people per vehicle equate to a total
of 141 guests that could have been drawn to our downtown core, had there been convenient, safe .... access. " (Page 21). Downtown Sultan is not a shopping destination, people come to Sportsman Park to fish.

4. **Flood Zone.** The city's grant submission to the PSRC fails to inform that the site selected for the new bridge is flood prone. The Sultan River frequently floods downtown as well as Sportsman Park, making the area inaccessible. During these episodes, the only option pedestrians have for crossing the river is over the existing US 2 bridge. Page 21 of the PSRC submission shows 47 cars in the park's parking lot. The enclosed pictures show Sportsman Park completely submerged on a flooded day.

5. **Unprotected US 2** There is a portion of US 2 further east with no pedestrian sidewalks and a second bridge with no sidewalks or other pedestrian protections. It is ironic that the City of Sultan has focused on a new bridge over the Sultan River but has failed to address a truly dangerous, unprotected segment of the highway between downtown and the Sultan Basin Road.

Along with other members of the community, I am very concerned that a significant part of your Agency's funding will be diverted from bona fide transportation improvements to a falsely advertised utility project. Please review the record and spend public resources wisely on projects that truly meet TIP guidelines.

Thank you for your consideration,

Judy Heydrick, Sultan

Attachments - 5 pages of public records
2 pictures of Sportsman Park
We are emailing this request. We appreciate your time and consideration. If we can be of further assistance, please contact Mick Matheson directly at (360) 793-2262.

Tami J. Pevey
City of Sultan
Utility Clerk
EMAIL: tami.pevey@ci.sultan.wa.us
PHONE: 360-793-2231
FAX: 360-793-3344
Capital Budget Member Request

Note: This memo format is to be submitted to Senator Jim Honeyford and/or Senator David Frockt their consideration. If this document is included in the records of the Senate Ways and Means Committee because it is included in a committee proposed budget it will be subject to public disclosure as a legislative document.

Submitted by Senator: Kirk Pearson Leg. Dist. 39
Amount requested $3,530,000

Name of project: Sultan River/US 2 Bike and Pedestrian Bridge

Address or Location of project: 151 Main Street, Sultan, WA 98294

Owner of Project: City of Sultan

Contact Person: Mick Matheson, P.E., Public Works Director
Phone # 360.793.2262

Has an application been made to a capital budget grant program? Yes, the City has applied for construction funding through the WSDOT Pedestrian and Bicycle Program three times, and has requested a Legislative Proviso for construction funding every year since 2011.


Was funding received? ☐ No ☐
Amount received: ______-0-____

Has the project previously received other capital budget funds? ☐ Yes ☐
If Yes, what year ___2011_____
Amount received: ___$100,000 for design____

Has the applicant previously received other capital budget funds? ☐ No
If Yes, what year ___ Amount received____________
Project Name ______
Project Start date: May 2017  Completion date: October 2018

Purposes of the funding. Check all that apply and list the percentage. Per cent of request

___ Land Acquisition
___ Demolition and site preparation
___ Design
x New Construction  100
___ Renovation
___ Other (describe)

Total  100

Is this a joint project? If Yes list the partners: ____________________________________________ No x

x Is the site owned? _____ Optioned for purchase? _____ Under a lease of 5 years or more with renewal options for a total of at least 10 years?

Has the applicant initiated a fundraising campaign? Yes.
If yes, what percentage of matching funds have been secured? -0-

What other sources of matching funds are available?
No sources are available for the transportation element of the project. The City will fund the sanitary sewer and water elements of the project.

What source(s) of non-state funds exist for completion of the project and ongoing maintenance and operation?

The City will fund ongoing maintenance of and operation of the bridge and associated utilities.

Please note that projects may be subject to the state's prevailing wage law (RCW 39.12). High-performance building requirements (RCW 39.35D) may also apply.

Revised 12-22-2016
Is this project applying for or planning to apply for other sources of state funding? Yes. If yes, please give the program and details.

The City will continue to apply for the WSDOT Pedestrian and Bicycle Program. We have applied for this grant in 2012, 2014, and 2016 without success.

Description of the project (include amount of Request and total Budget Amount):

The City of Sultan is requesting $3.53 million for construction funds to construct a stand-alone ADA accessible bicycle and pedestrian bridge across the Sultan River. The bridge will support a new sewer force main to add system capacity to avoid a building moratorium, and a new water main to improve fire flow to the western area of the City. The funding requested is for the transportation element of the bridge only. Sewer and water improvements will be City funded. Design is fully funded and is 95 percent complete.

Describe the public benefit of this project:

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Sincerely,  

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Additional comments:  

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2017 Transportation Alternatives Program

ATTACHMENTS TO PUBLIC COMMENTS
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## 2017 Legislative Session
### Member Requested Local Community Project Information Form

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**Address of Project Site:** 151 Main Street, Sultan, WA

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The City of Tacoma’s Phase III Pipeline Trail Construction project is vital to connect the surrounding low-income community to regional transit. Leveraging the project’s education component, we are partnering with the City to activate the trail with health-focused amenities to ensure the trail becomes not just a well-used transportation route but a cherished community asset.

The City of Lynnwood’s 44th Ave W/I-5 Underpass Improvements will remove linkage barriers that could increase access to South Lynnwood Park, a nearby, run-down park we are renovating in partnership with the City and the surrounding diverse community. The Interurban Trail runs through the park, meaning improvements in the city’s bicycle and pedestrian network increases the number of people able to walk or bike to the park.

We appreciate PSRC’s ongoing support for expanding Puget Sound’s pedestrian and bicycle transportation network. Thank you very much for your time and consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,

David Patton
Northwest Area Director
The Trust for Public Land
Representative Carolyn Eslick  
P.O. Box 40600  
Olympia, Washington 98504 – 0600  
carolyn.eslick@leg.wa.gov

Puget Sound Regional Council  
Attention: Sarah Gutschow  
1011 Western Avenue, Suite 500  
Seattle, Washington 98104-1035  
tipcomment@psrc.org

January 4, 2018

Dear Ms. Gutschow,

This letter is to express my support of the Sultan Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge Project.

In my nearly 10 years of experience as the mayor of Sultan, I dealt with tough challenges, including homelessness, drug addiction, faltering economic development and heavy traffic along U.S. 2. Over the years we experienced success in many of these areas, but excessive congestion on U.S. 2 continues to plague the Sultan community.

Its ability to positively impact traffic along the notoriously congested highway is one of the key reasons this pedestrian bridge is such a sound investment. Currently, residents forgo the opportunity to walk to services due to the precariously narrow U.S. 2 footpath, which is only 29-1/2 inches wide. Instead, they opt to drive along the already overcrowded highway.

This bridge is multifaceted in its ability to remedy several transportation deficiencies; including a lack of ADA-compliant pedestrian passage across the Sultan River, unneeded highway congestion and hindered access to the city’s downtown core. Additionally, it greatly enhances the city’s network of pedestrian pathways by connecting two of Sultan’s most popular parks, bolsters safety for families and supports the region’s long-term goals related to tourism and outdoor recreation.

This bridge project will have immeasurable positive impact on the community, and I am thrilled to see it move forward. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Eslick  
39th District  
State Representative
Puget Sound Regional Council
Attn: Sarah Gutschow
1011 Western Avenue, Suite 500
Seattle, Washington 98104-1035

Dear Sarah,

I would like to express my support for the Sultan Pedestrian Bridge. I think this is a much needed project and it will have a real impact on me. I am an 85 year old woman that is no longer able to drive because of medical complications. I recently moved to Sultan to live with my son. The only way I have to get around is to walk. My home is on the east side of the Sultan River and the pharmacy is on the west side of the river. The current bridge isn't wide enough and it really scares me to walk across it. But it is the only way I can get to the pharmacy or grocery store. It is so important to me to maintain some semblance of independence and be able to do little things for myself, like go to the pharmacy. As you can imagine I need to go to the pharmacy allot. I am so excited to know that I will feel safer with the new pedestrian bridge. I think projects like this that make a real impact on senior's lives are so important. Thank you so much.

Sincerely,

Mary G Broome

Mary G Broome
January 9, 2018

Dear Ms. Gutschow;

This letter demonstrates my support of the Sultan Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge project, a long-needed pedestrian connection that will enhance the Sultan community. The existing footpath on WSDOT's U.S. 2-vehicle bridge is non-ADA compliant, at just 29-1/2 inches in width, making pedestrian, bicycle and wheelchair passage across the Sultan River a safety hazard.

In addition to enhancing the city's network of pedestrian pathways, bolstering safety for families, improving access to parks and facilitating increased foot traffic in the city's downtown core, the bridge promises to reduce the notoriously heavy traffic along U.S. 2. Currently, residents forgo the opportunity to walk to services due to the precarious pathway, opting to drive along the already congested highway.

This bridge is vital to the Sultan community for many reasons, including the following:

- Enhances safety for residents
- May reduce congestion on U.S. 2
- Connects two of Sultan’s most popular parks
- In alignment with Snohomish County tourism goals and strategies
- Supports downtown economic vitality
- Adds ADS-compliant access where none exists.

I strongly support this project. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Dan Chaplik, Superintendent

Additional comments:

At our January 8, 2018 school board meeting, the board of directors for the Sultan School District expressed their unanimous support for the Sultan Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge project.

In addition to the reasons listed above, the board of directors believe that this infrastructure is needed and will improve access, safety and opportunity for the students and families of the Sultan School District.
ACTION ITEM

To: Executive Board
From: Councilmember Rob Johnson, Chair, Transportation Policy Board
Subject: Approve Policies and Procedures for the 2018 Project Selection Process for PSRC Funds

IN BRIEF

PSRC is required under federal legislation to have a documented process that provides the policies and guidance for how PSRC will approve, manage and administer projects to be selected to receive PSRC’s federal funds. PSRC has project selection authority for several sources of funds from both the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Prior to each funding cycle, the policies and procedures for the project selection process are reviewed and updated to reflect current regional priorities and requirements, and are documented in the Policy Framework for PSRC’s Federal Funds. At its meeting on January 11, the Transportation Policy Board considered the policies and procedures in Attachment A and recommended Executive Board approval.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Executive Board should approve the policies and procedures for the 2018 project selection process (Attachment A). These policies and procedures will be documented in the 2018 Policy Framework for PSRC’s Federal Funds.

DISCUSSION

A competitive project selection process is conducted every two to three years for the distribution of PSRC’s federal funds. The next process will be conducted in 2018 for PSRC’s 2021-2022 FHWA and FTA funds. Prior to each process a Policy Framework is adopted, outlining the policy guidance for the distribution of funds and other details on how the process will be conducted. Volunteers were solicited from PSRC’s four boards – Transportation Policy, Growth Management Policy, Economic Development, and Executive – to serve on a Project Selection Task Force charged with reviewing the policies and procedures for the 2018 project selection process. The Task Force, composed of 27 volunteer board members and alternates, met a total of four times between September and December 2017 and prepared the recommendations for the 2018 Policy Framework for PSRC’s Federal Funds contained in Attachment A.
These recommendations encompass the policies and procedures for conducting the competitive processes for both PSRC’s FHWA and FTA funding sources, and include the following:

- appropriate estimates to be used to program federal fiscal year (FFY) 2021-2022 funds
- policy focus of support for centers and the corridors that serve them
- set-asides for bicycle and pedestrian investments, preservation, the Rural Town Centers and Corridors Program, and PSRC’s work program
- the split of funds between the regional and countywide processes for PSRC’s FHWA funds
- the split of funds between the regional and earned share processes for PSRC’s FTA funds
- other details of each competitive process, including refinements to the project evaluation criteria and information on the four countywide processes

Once the Executive Board approves the policies and procedures for the 2018 project selection process, which will be documented in the 2018 Policy Framework for PSRC’s Federal Funds, a Call for Projects will be released.¹ A draft schedule for the 2018 process follows.

January 2018  Policy Framework adopted
February 2018  Call for Projects issued
June 2018  Staff committee project recommendations
July 2018  Board review of recommended projects
August 2018  Air quality conformity analysis and preparation of the new 2019-2022 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
September 2018  Public comment period on new TIP
October 2018  Board adoption of new TIP; submittal to WSDOT
January 2019  State and Federal approval of new TIP; funds available to projects

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

Attachments:
A - 2018 Project Selection Task Force Recommendations
B - Estimated FFY 2021-2022 FHWA Funds
C - Estimated FFY 2021-2022 FTA Funds
D - Draft Countywide Process Summaries

¹ Per past practice, the Policy Framework will provide details on the requirement that local jurisdictions must have the transportation elements of their comprehensive plans certified by PSRC to be eligible to compete for PSRC’s federal funds.
Attachment A

2018 Project Selection Task Force Recommendations

The Project Selection Task Force recommendations on the policies and procedures for the 2018 project selection process for PSRC’s federal funds are summarized below, encompassing both PSRC’s Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding processes. Full details on the 2018 project selection process will be documented in the final 2018 Policy Framework for PSRC’s Federal Funds, which is anticipated to be released as part of the Call for Projects in February of 2018.

Administrative Details

1. Funding years to program = FFY 2021 and 2022

2. Funding estimates will be based on 2017 final allocations, per consultation with FHWA, FTA and the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT). Refer to Attachments B and C for further details on the funding breakdown.

3. A four-part selection process will be conducted:

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PSRC’s FHWA funds will be split between a regional competition and competitions conducted by each of the four countywide forums. The distribution is 50/50% after the set-asides have been applied to the total available funding. A limit of 36 applications is set for the regional FHWA competition; each countywide forum sets their own procedures for the countywide competitions.

PSRC’s FTA funds will be split between a regional competition and earned share distributions to the region’s transit operators. There are three Urbanized Areas (UZAs) in the region – Marysville, Bremerton and Seattle-Tacoma-Everett – and FTA funds come to the region based on both regional attributes and the individual operating characteristics of each transit agency. Per policy, this latter portion of the funds is distributed to each transit agency based on their earnings, called the “earned share” distribution. Within the Marysville and Bremerton UZAs there is only one transit operator; therefore only an earned share distribution is conducted within those areas. Within the Seattle-Tacoma-Everett UZA approximately 86% of the FTA funds received is based on the service and operating characteristics of the nine transit operators within the UZA, and is distributed via the earned share distribution. The remaining 14% is based on regional attributes and is distributed via a regional competition. There are no limits to the number of applications for the FTA regional competition.

Prioritized contingency lists of projects will continue to be created as part of each competitive process, should additional funds become available prior to the next process.
Set-Asides

1. The bicycle/pedestrian set-aside is retained at 10% of the total estimated FHWA funds and will be allocated by population among the four countywide forums, to be distributed via a competitive process.

2. The preservation set-aside for PSRC’s FHWA funds is retained at 20% of the total estimated Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STP) funds, with retention of the provision in 2016 to add 5% to the countywide processes. The preservation set-aside for PSRC’s FTA funds is retained at 45% of the regional competitive FTA funds.

3. The Rural Town Centers and Corridors Program is increased from $3 million to $5 million of FHWA STP funds from the regional competitive portion of funds. This program was created in 2003 to assist rural communities in implementing town center and corridor improvements, in coordination with state highway corridor interests. This program is above and beyond the minimum amount of STP funds required to be spent in the federally designated rural area. Normally, this program is conducted one year later than the main project selection process; staff is reviewing options for whether to conduct this process in 2018 or 2019.

4. The methodology to allocate funds for the Kitsap countywide competition by applying their population share to the total estimated STP funds, rather than after other set-asides have been applied as is done for the other counties, is retained. Kitsap County jurisdictions are ineligible to utilize the other PSRC FHWA funding source - Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program funds – and this methodology provides a modest increase to the amount that would otherwise be available for the Kitsap countywide competition.

5. The minimum floor set-aside, which provides an adjustment for those transit operators earning less than 1% of the total earned share FTA funding within the Seattle-Tacoma-Everett Urbanized Area, is retained, and remains capped at FFY2015 levels. In addition, staff is directed to consider the full range of transit operations and ownership of assets when conducting the calculation.

6. The amount of funds from both FHWA and FTA for PSRC’s work program is retained at $1 million per year of FHWA funds and $1.25 million per year of FTA funds.

Policy Details

1. The policy focus of support for centers and the corridors that serve them is retained. For the regional FHWA competition centers are defined as regionally designated growth and manufacturing/industrial centers; for all other competitions centers are broadened to include locally identified centers. The provision to include military bases as locally defined centers for the countywide processes is retained.

2. The project evaluation criteria address elements such as supporting centers, safety, mobility, populations served, accessibility, emissions, project readiness and other elements. The Task Force recommended the following improvements for the 2018 process:

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1 In 2016, the preservation set-aside for FHWA funds was reduced from 25% to 20%, with the 5% delta distributed to the countywide processes.
• the elements of safety and equity are included in the criteria, but should be made more explicit and be called out individually

• the improvements adopted in 2016 to strengthen the CMAQ program were retained: setting a higher amount of CMAQ funds in the regional process; setting a higher weighting for the air quality score for CMAQ projects; and utilizing cost-effectiveness in the air quality score for CMAQ projects

• the provision of transit projects being coordinated and integrated with the local system should be strengthened by ensuring consistency with state, local and transit agency plans

• given the advanced programming to FFY 2021-2022, and given that a set amount of funds, by source, is available to be utilized in any given year, the project readiness criterion is modified in the following ways: 1) evaluation will be based on a risk / feasibility assessment of delivery by the expected timeline, rather than seeking projects that are “ready to go” at point of application; and 2) points are reduced from ten to five points. The remaining five points will be moved to the Policy section of the criteria.

3. Information was provided to the Task Force on the process to distribute PSRC’s FTA funds for special needs populations (specifically, seniors and people with disabilities). This process is conducted separately from the main project selection process, the details of which have not historically been included in the Policy Framework for PSRC’s Federal Funds. PSRC’s competition has been conducted in concert with the state’s coordinated grant process, and staff has been working with WSDOT and PSRC’s Special Needs Transportation Committee to discuss opportunities to streamline the overall process, which would result in a greater role by WSDOT and more coordination and strategic planning on the part of PSRC. These discussions are ongoing, with more details to be determined; staff will present additional information to the Board in the future as these proposals unfold.

New for 2018

1. Both FHWA and FTA funding awards must now be balanced by year, and the amount of funds able to be utilized in a given year is limited by the annual estimated allocation amount by funding source. This has been standard practice for PSRC’s FTA funds for many years, but is new to PSRC’s FHWA funds and is a result of the region “catching up” on the use of older, previously awarded funds. Since only a certain amount of funding may be used each year, and to ensure the region continues to meet its annual FHWA delivery targets, the amount that may be requested in the FHWA regional competition is limited to 50% of each year’s available funding, by source. There is no limit to the FTA regional competition, as there are fewer applicants and the process has been conducted in this manner since 2004.

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## 2021-2022 FHWA Funding Estimates (in millions)

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### Set-Asides

- 10% for bicycle/pedestrian set-aside (STP & CMAQ) $15.53
- 6.5% for Kitsap County adjustment (per 2017 OFM population estimate) (STP) $6.72
- 20% of STP for preservation set-aside $20.69
- 5% from previous preservation set-aside to countywide forums $5.17
- PSRC Work Program (STP) - $1m per year $2.00

**Total** $50.12

### Amount Remaining for Regional and Countywide

**$105.14**

### Regional/Countywide 50-50% Split

- Regional Competitions $52.57
- Countywide Competitions $52.57
- **Total** $105.14

### Regional Competition

- Rural Town Centers and Corridors Program $5.00
- Regional FHWA Competition $47.57
- **Total Regional Funding** $52.57

### Countywide Competitions

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**Total Countywide Funding** $100.69

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### Funds Taken Off the Top

| PSRC Work Program - Bremerton UZA                          | $0.05 |
| PSRC Work Program - Marysville UZA                         | $0.03 |
| PSRC Work Program - STE UZA                                | $2.42 |
| **Total**                                                   | $2.50 |

### Remaining Estimated Funds by UZA Available for Programming

| Bremerton UZA                                               | $7.71 |
| Marysville UZA                                              | $4.45 |
| Seattle-Tacoma-Everett UZA                                  | $354.28 |
| **Total**                                                   | $366.44 |

### STE UZA Estimated Earned Share and Regional Processes

| 86% Earned Share Process | $304.68 |
| 14% Regional Process    | $49.60  |
| **Total**               | $354.28 |

### STE UZA Estimated Earned Share Amounts by Transit Agency*

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### STE UZA Regional Process

| 14% Regional Process | $49.60 |
| Amount for Minimum Floor Adjustment ** | $4.21 |
| 45% to State of Good Repair (distributed via Earned Share percentages) | $22.32 |
| **Remaining for Regional Competition** | $23.07 |

### STE UZA Estimated Earned Share Amounts, including State of Good Repair

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* These agencies are "external" transit agencies that earn FTA funds by providing service to this UZA. Per adopted policy, these agencies will receive what they earn from this service, but are not eligible to participate in the regional competition, the minimum floor adjustment or vote on Committee actions.

** This amount is based on the minimum floor methodology used in PSRC's 2016 Project Selection Process.
Attachment D
2018 Project Selection Process for PSRC Funds:
DRAFT COUNTYWIDE PROCESS SUMMARY

The overarching parameters for PSRC’s funding project selection process include the following:

- **Transparency** – conduct an open and transparent process and clearly communicate to prospective sponsors, elected officials and the public;
- **Fairness** – conduct a process that is fair to all eligible sponsors;
- **Meet regional policy** – ensure that regional policies are being followed, such as project tracking and the adopted policy focus of support for centers and the corridors that serve them;
- **Meet federal requirements** – ensure all federal requirements are met, including project delivery, full funding of a phase, and that projects are competitively awarded.

The following are brief summaries of the countywide processes for the 2018 project selection process. Each countywide process is based on the policies and procedures as adopted in the *Policy Framework for PSRC’s Federal Funds*, with additions and tailoring as necessary to meet their local needs. Please note that the countywide forums are still finalizing their procedures, and there may be revisions to some of the items below; the final processes will be incorporated into the 2018 *Policy Framework for PSRC’s Federal Funds* prior to the Call for Projects being released.

**King Countywide Process**

The King Countywide forum conducts competitions for six separate categories of projects, due to the large number of eligible jurisdictions. The King Countywide process is based on the regional criteria and application process, with some customization for a few of the project categories. Volunteer subcommittees of the King County Project Evaluation Committee (KCPEC) score and rank projects within each of the six categories, and the full committee then prepares a funding recommendation. Additional considerations beyond the scores are taken into account when making the recommendation, particularly geographic equity between the three King County subareas. Prioritized lists of contingency projects within each funding category are prepared. The final KCPEC recommendation is then forwarded to the King County members of PSRC’s Transportation Policy Board for their final recommendation to PSRC.

The funding distributions and procedures for each are described below:

- **Bicycle/Pedestrian set-aside**: The amount to be distributed is pre-determined in the *Policy Framework for PSRC’s Federal Funds* at 10% of the total estimated FHWA funds available and distributed per each county’s population share. The evaluation criteria incorporate additional elements per PSRC’s adopted Active Transportation Plan.

- **Preservation set-aside**: The amount to be distributed is pre-determined in the *Policy Framework for PSRC’s Federal Funds* at 20% of the total estimated Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds available and distributed per each county’s population share. There is a limit of three applications per agency and a maximum request of $1.5 million per project is allowed. The evaluation criteria is based on the regional parameters for the preservation set-aside as adopted in 2012.

- **Rural program**: PSRC is required to program a minimum amount of STP funds within the rural area, and per policy distributes this amount among the four counties based on the average between rural population and rural center lane miles.
• All others program: Eligible sponsors include transit, the port, tribes and other non-local jurisdiction agencies. Funding for this program is set at 15% of the total FHWA funds available for the core King Countywide process, with the remaining funds distributed by population share to the small and large jurisdiction funding program.

• Small jurisdiction program: Eligible sponsors are agencies less than 15,000 in population, and the funding amount is described above. In addition, these agencies may also submit projects to the Large jurisdiction program, to address larger project needs than may be funded in the Small jurisdiction program.

• Large jurisdiction program: Eligible sponsors are agencies over 15,000 in population, and the funding amount is described above.

Kitsap Countywide Process

The Kitsap Countywide forum conducts competitions for three categories of projects: the bicycle/pedestrian and preservation set-asides as identified in the Policy Framework for PSRC’s Federal Funds, and a general competition for the core countywide funding program that encompasses capacity, safety and environmental projects. The distribution of the required minimum rural amount is also distributed, and eligible projects may be identified within each of the three categories.

The Kitsap Countywide process is based on the regional criteria and required elements, but is customized to reflect the local context and priorities. High, Medium and Low rankings are applied for each criterion. Similar to the KCPEC process, the bicycle/pedestrian criteria incorporate additional elements per PSRC’s adopted Active Transportation Plan, and the preservation criteria are based on the regional parameters for the preservation set-aside as adopted in 2012. Prioritized lists of contingency projects within each funding category are prepared.

The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee evaluates and ranks project submittals and makes recommendations to the Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council’s (KRCC) Transportation Policy Committee; the Policy Committee makes recommendations to the full KRCC Board, who in turn makes final recommendations to PSRC.

Pierce Countywide Process

The Pierce Countywide forum conducts competitions for six categories of projects: the bicycle/pedestrian and preservation set-asides as identified in the Policy Framework for PSRC’s Federal Funds, and the required minimum rural amount, as well as specific categories for roadway, transit, and all other projects. The Pierce Countywide process is based on the regional criteria and required elements, but is customized to reflect the local context and priorities. Similar to the other counties, the bicycle/pedestrian criteria incorporate additional elements per PSRC’s adopted Active Transportation Plan, and the preservation criteria are based on the regional parameters for the preservation set-aside as adopted in 2012.

Each agency may submit a maximum of six applications. A target is established for small cities at 10% of the total available amount, for cities with a combined population and employment of less than 9,000, and a cap is established for transit projects at 18% of the total amount available.

A subcommittee of the Transportation Coordinating Committee (TCC) scores and ranks projects from each category, and the full committee then prepares a funding recommendation. A prioritized contingency list of projects is also recommended. Additional considerations beyond the scores are taken into account when making
the recommendation, particularly geographic equity. The TCC makes recommendations to the Pierce County Regional Council, who in turn makes recommendations to PSRC.

**Snohomish Countywide Process**

The Snohomish Countywide forum conducts their competitive project selection process by having sponsors select one of three project categories: projects located within a center, projects connecting to a center (both of which are similar to the regional competition) and preservation projects either within or connecting to a center. Similar to the other counties, the Snohomish Countywide process is based on the regional criteria and required elements, but is customized to reflect the local context and priorities. The preservation category is based on the preservation set-aside as identified in the *Policy Framework for PSRC’s Federal Funds*, and the criteria is based on the regional parameters for the preservation set-aside as adopted in 2012. The distribution of the required minimum rural amount and the bicycle/pedestrian set-aside occurs through eligible projects identified within each of the three categories. As described for the other counties, the bicycle/pedestrian criteria incorporate additional elements per PSRC’s adopted Active Transportation Plan.

A subcommittee of the Infrastructure Coordinating Committee (ICC) reviews and scores all projects and makes recommendations to the full committee. Additional considerations beyond the scores are taken into account when making the recommendation, particularly geographic equity. A prioritized contingency list of projects is also recommended. ICC makes funding recommendations to Snohomish County Tomorrow, who in turn makes final recommendations to PSRC.
DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Executive Board
From: Josh Brown, Executive Director
Subject: Regional Transportation Plan Briefing

January 18, 2018

IN BRIEF

The Executive Board received a briefing in September 2017 on the performance of the draft regional transportation plan. The draft plan was released for public comment on December 14, 2017, with the formal comment period open through January 31, 2018. Staff will provide an overview of the draft plan in January, in preparation for future briefings on public comments received and the recommendation from the Transportation Policy Board scheduled for April 2018.

DISCUSSION

Throughout 2016-2017, PSRC held special work sessions, convened several task forces, and solicited direction from the Transportation Policy Board on several key topics for input to the draft regional transportation plan. These key topics include:

- the financial strategy
- the regional integrated transit network
- health and equity
- transit access and parking
- regional performance outcomes
- climate change, and
- transportation technology.

In addition to these key areas, the draft plan includes a number of other refinements to the plan to reflect current state of the practice, updated federal and state requirements, and the recommendations of PSRC working groups and advisory committees. These elements include the following:

- the regional freight strategy
- the coordinated transit-human services transportation plan
• the active transportation plan
• the transportation demand management action plan
• maintenance and preservation, and
• resiliency

PSRC staff will summarize what has been accomplished in these topic areas as part of the draft regional transportation plan, and highlight key recommendations and next steps.

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DISCUSSION ITEM

January 18, 2018

To: Executive Board
From: Josh Brown, Executive Director
Subject: Regional Growth Forecast for VISION 2050

IN BRIEF

At its January meeting, the Executive Board will be briefed on PSRC’s latest regional macroeconomic forecast which has been extended out to the year 2050 and establishes the long-range growth assumptions for VISION 2050.

DISCUSSION

PSRC’s macroeconomic forecast is a long-range forecast of projected jobs, population, households, and other economic and demographic variables at the regional scale. PSRC refreshes this forecast every 2-4 years, and has been working with the economic consulting firm ECONorthwest (Portland, OR) to update and refine our model and extend the forecast out to the year 2050 for the first time.

The macroeconomic forecast provides big-picture regional “control total” inputs to PSRC’s land use, travel demand, and other downstream models and tools. It also establishes the future growth assumptions that will be used to support the development of the VISION 2050 plan, including the extension of the regional growth strategy out to 2050 as well as environmental analysis of the VISION plan alternatives.

The Executive Board briefing will present an overview of the 2050 regional forecast assumptions for jobs, population, and other key demographic variables.

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