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Project selection guidance approved

The Executive Board continued its discussion of the 2018 Policy Framework for PSRC Funds. The framework 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 and corridors program to $5 million.

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Regional Centers Framework

The Executive Board was briefed on the work to update the Regional Centers Framework. The Growth Management Policy Board recommended framework outlines a revised structure and criteria for regional and countywide centers and direction to update policies and procedures for center planning. The Executive Board is scheduled to take action on the framework in March.

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

Regional Aviation Baseline Study

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requested that PSRC lead a new regional aviation baseline study that would build on the master planning work underway at many of the region's airports and set a regional stage for future planning. The baseline study is expected to produce information critical for understanding the region's aviation needs and options for policy makers to consider for meeting those needs. The study would be launched mid-2018 and completed by the end of 2019.

For more information, please contact Jeff Storrar at jstorlar@psrc.org or 206-587-4817.

Sustainable Airport Master Plan

The Executive Board enjoyed a presentation by Port of Seattle Staff on the new Sustainable Airport Master Plan. The primary purpose of the plan is to identify facility improvements required to satisfy demand over the 20-year planning horizon and to balance capacity in all key functional areas to the fixed capacity of the airfield. As part of the planning process, alternatives for facilities that satisfy future demand were developed, along with alternatives for a phased capital program to deliver the needed capacity.
In other business, the board:

- Adopted a Routine Amendment to the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program.
- Approved Full Certification of the Comprehensive Plans for Bonney Lake and Orting.
- Approved an extension of Puyallup's Conditional Certification of its Comprehensive Plan.