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Contingency list of projects gets funded

The Executive Board approved an additional $27.5 million of PSRC's Federal Highway Administration funding for 18 transportation projects on a contingency list approved in 2016.

The projects are:

REGIONAL

- Kirkland - 124th Avenue NE Roadway Improvements, $1,821,492
- Tacoma - Taylor Way Rehabilitation, $4,000,000
- Everett Transit - Electric Vehicle Replacement, $8,500,000

KING COUNTY

- Renton - Rainier Ave S Corridor Improvements - Phase 4, $3,000,000
- Covington - SR 516 and Covington Way Intersection Improvements, $871,920
- Sammamish - Sammamish, WSDOT and King County ITS Improvement Project, $605,750
- Snoqualmie - Town Center Phase 3B, $337,205
- Kirkland - 98th Ave NE Preservation, $631,293

KITSAP COUNTY

- Kitsap County - SR 104 Realignment, $740,000
- Kitsap Transit - Gateway Center TOD Planning, $160,000
- Kitsap Transit - Bainbridge Island Transfer Center Lighting and Security Upgrade, $50,160
- Bainbridge Island - Sportsman's and New Brooklyn Intersection Improvement, $702,945

PIERCE COUNTY

- Pierce Transit - Clean Fuels Bus Replacement/Expansion, $13,121
- University Place - 56th St./Cirque Corridor Improvements Phase 3, $1,785,000
- Sumner - Traffic Avenue / E. Main Bottleneck at SR 410, $313,444

(Pierce County has not yet awarded the full amount of contingency funding available.)
MONROE - CHAIN LAKE ROAD PEDESTRIAN FACILITY, $330,000
SNOHOMISH COUNTY - NORTH CREEK TRAIL PHASE 1, $1,640,000

RURAL TOWN CENTER AND CORRIDOR

- ORTING - WHITEHAWK BOULEVARD, $620,000

As part of the selection process for PSRC's federal funds, prioritized contingency lists of projects are created in case additional funds become available prior to the next process. Since 2016, approximately $27.5 million of PSRC's federal fiscal year 2020 FHWA funds have become available for distribution, due to funds returned from projects and federal allocations higher than estimates.

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

Updated Designation Procedures for New Regional Centers

The Executive Board approved an update to PSRC's Designation Procedures for New Regional Centers. PSRC recently completed a multiyear review process to update the region's Regional Centers Framework to provide common ground and expectations for Regional Growth Centers, Manufacturing Industrial Centers, military installations, and countywide centers. The update to the designation procedures reflects the expectations for new regionally designated centers adopted in the Regional Centers Framework Update. For new regionally designated centers, the update expanded the types of centers from two to four and now identifies two types of regional growth centers and two types of manufacturing industrial centers. These include Urban Growth Centers and Metro Growth Centers and Industrial Growth Centers and Industrial Employment Centers. New eligibility requirements and designation criteria were also included in the adopted framework for these new regional centers. The update of the procedures allows local governments to apply to designate new regional centers under the revised eligibility and criteria. View the presentation.

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

VISION 2050 development

The Executive Board was updated on the completion of the VISION 2050 scoping process and initial work to extend the Regional Growth Strategy to 2050. The Growth Management Policy Board adopted the VISION 2050 scoping report in June, which establishes a broad framework for developing VISION 2050. The Growth Management Policy Board will have extended meetings through the fall to have deeper discussion on topics related to VISION. View the presentation.

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

Aerospace Competitive Economics Study

Washington state is the best place for aerospace design, production and manufacturing, according to an independent Aerospace Competitive Economics Study released earlier this month. Governor Inslee's Choose Washington New Mid-Market Airplane Council commissioned Richard Aboulafia, Teal Group and Olympic Analytics to conduct the Competitiveness report. It is an independent, objective analysis of the competitive advantages and disadvantages for
aerospace manufacturing in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The NMA Council is working to make the business case for Washington state as the preferred site for Boeing's NMA program. PSRC is providing staff support to the NMA Council - and many of PSRC’s member jurisdictions participate on the NMA Council and/or have contributed funds to the effort. View the presentation.

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

**In other business, the board:**

- Adopted a Routine Amendment to the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program.
- Authorized a Change in Regional Transportation Plan Project Status for the City of Bellevue Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail B Project.