2020 Project Selection Process
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### Overview

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Other PSRC funding programs, conducted separately:

- *Rural Town Centers & Corridors Program*
- *Special Needs Transportation*
- *Transportation Alternatives Program*
Overview

All processes will:

• Follow policy direction from Board, as adopted in the *Policy Framework for PSRC’s Federal Funds*

• Follow regional policies and procedures
  • Consistency with VISION 2040 and the Regional Transportation Plan
  • Consistency with local comprehensive plans

• Follow federal and state requirements
  • Must be competitive
  • Specific eligibility requirements per funding program
  • Full funding of awarded phases
Policy Framework for PSRC’s Federal Funds

- Adopted prior to each funding cycle
- Funds distributed approximately every 2 years
  - Program funds into the future
  - 2020 process will distribute FFY 2023-2024 funds
- Based on VISION 2040 policies
  - Support for centers and the corridors that serve them
- Provides board direction for project selection
- Detailed policies and procedures for conducting the process
Policy Framework Key Elements

Identifies:

• Funding estimates

• Set-Asides (Preservation, Bicycle/Pedestrian, FTA Minimum Floor)

• Details of each process (amounts per process, funding limits, etc.)

• Project evaluation criteria

• Other administrative details
Policy Focus

- Policy focus continues to be support for centers and the corridors that serve them:
  - FHWA regional competition = centers defined as regional growth and manufacturing/industrial centers
  - For all other processes = centers definition expanded to include locally identified centers
    - Military facilities included as a locally identified center for countywide competitions
Eligibility Requirements

FHWA Funds

- Surface Transportation Program (STP):
  - most flexible
  - can fund roadway, transit, bicycle/pedestrian, freight projects, etc.
  - minimum amount required to be spent in rural area (separate from the RTCC Program)
  - 13.5% match

- Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ):
  - projects must provide an air quality benefit
  - general purpose capacity projects ineligible
  - 13.5% match
Eligibility Requirements

FTA Funds

- projects must be transit-related
- local agencies eligible to apply with concurrence from a transit agency
- four specific funding programs with specific eligibility requirements
  - Section 5307 = most flexible, can fund a variety of planning and capital transit projects
  - Section 5337 = State of Good Repair investments for fixed guideway systems and high intensity bus systems
  - Section 5339 = replacement / rehabilitation of buses, bus facilities
- 20% match
Three urbanized areas (UZAs) in the region: Bremerton, Marysville, Seattle-Tacoma-Everett

**Seattle-Tacoma-Everett UZA only**
Project Selection - FTA

- Marysville UZA
- Bremerton UZA
- PSRC Region FTA Funds
- Seattle-Tacoma-Everett UZA
- Earned Share
- Regional
- Preservation Set-Aside
- Regional Competition
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## Project Selection - FTA

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*Preservation, minimum floor distributed via the earned share formula*
Project Selection - FHWA

Shared Regional / Countywide Processes

- Regional competition
  - Limited number of applications, regional focus

- Countywide competitions
  - Set-asides distributed
  - Rural minimum
  - Priorities within each county, based on Policy Framework

- For both:
  - single phase requests, or PE + 1
All Project Evaluation Criteria

Project evaluation criteria include:

• Support for centers
• Safety, mobility and accessibility
• Populations served, including health and equity considerations
• Emissions reduction
• *CMAQ includes cost-effectiveness*
• Project readiness and financial plans
• Non-scored elements include innovations and cost-benefit / practical design in project considerations
Project Tracking Requirements

Project Tracking System in place since 2003

Goal = Efficient use of PSRC funds

- Projects are delivered in a timely manner, cost of delays are minimized
- Policies updated over time, address all funding programs and processes
- Progress reports required twice a year
- Specific to FTA funds
  - One-year grace period for regional competitive funds and preservation set-aside
  - Monitoring of earned share funds, from estimated obligation date to lapse date
Schedule

January 2020 – 2020 Policy Framework adopted

February 3 – Call for Projects Released

February 11-13 – Workshops in each County

February to July 2020 – Project selection process conducted; project recommendations to Board in July

September 2020 – Public comment on Draft 2021-2024 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

October 2020 – Board adoption of 2021-2024 Regional TIP

January 2021 – Federal approval of TIP
Schedule – Key Deadlines

Eligibility Screening Form Deadlines:

- Regional FHWA – March 2
- Countywide FHWA – March 20 thru April 3, *set by each countywide process*
- FTA Earned Share – April 6
- FTA Regional – March 23

Grant Application Deadlines:

- Regional FHWA – April 8
- Countywide FHWA – *set by each countywide process*
- FTA Regional – April 27
FTA Regional Competition

- No limit on number of applications
- No limit on funding request
  - Awards will be subject to available funds by year
- Policy focus = support for centers and the corridors that serve them
  - Definition expanded to include locally identified centers
- Phases must be fully funded with award and all other sources
## FTA Regional Competition

### PROJECT EVALUATION CRITERIA

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**TOTAL**

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Highlights of Benefit to Center policy criteria

Describe how the project:

• Supports housing/employment development in a center(s)
• Supports the plans and activities of a center(s)
• Provides a range of travel modes
• Improves access to a center(s), including active transportation
• Benefits a variety of users, including vulnerable populations
• Supports the establishment/retention of jobs/businesses
• Promotes Commute Trip Reduction (CTR) opportunities
Highlights of System Continuity/ Long Term Benefit policy criteria:
Describe how the project:

• Provides a “logical segment” that serves a center(s)
• Fills in a missing link, relieves bottlenecks, or removes barriers to a center(s)
• Addresses safety and security
• Improves intermodal connections
• Improves travel time and/or reliability
• Increases transit use to and/or within a center(s)
• Supports long-term strategies to maximize the efficiency of a corridor
Highlights of Technical criteria:

Air Quality / Climate Change

- The project reduces emissions from:
  - Reducing trips
  - Reducing vehicle miles traveled
  - Improving travel flow / reducing vehicle idling
  - Converting vehicles to cleaner fuels
FTA Regional Project Evaluation Criteria

Highlights of Technical criteria:

Project Readiness / Financial Plan

- Will the project be ready to use PSRC funds by the requested date?
  - What is the schedule of the prerequisites for obligation, project milestones
  - What is the project budget and financial plan
Tips for Completing Applications

Be clear and concise

• Provide a clear scope of work; how will the funds be used?

Be thorough – answer every question, address every criterion

• Don’t cut and paste, respond to each bullet
• Don’t assume scoring team knows your project or your area

Maps and graphics help illustrate your project and its location

The policy focus is support for centers

• It’s not enough to have a good project; your project must meet the established criteria

Delivery matters – make sure your schedule and your financial plan are feasible
Online Resources and Forms

Key resources on PSRC website:

Policy Framework

- Eligibility
- Maps
- Funding amounts available
- Guidance
  - screening form & applications checklists
  - financial constraint
  - air quality
  - populations served
Online Resources and Forms

- Online system for screening forms, applications

- Key Features:
  - Use regular TIP Application username and password
  - Save and return later
  - Questions based on which category selected
  - System will prompt if errors or blanks

- Key Tips:
  - Complete answers
  - Refer to criteria and guidance
  - Upload pertinent attachments

https://www.psrc.org/our-work/funding/project-selection/fhwa-and-fta-regional-funding
Questions?