2020 Project Selection
Policy Framework Topics

Regional Project Evaluation Committee
September 27, 2019
Today’s Agenda

• Schedule
• Project Selection Task Force summary
• Discussion on Policy Framework key topics:
  • Regional funding limits / caps
  • Set-asides: preservation, bicycle/pedestrian, Kitsap County distribution, Rural Town Centers and Corridors Program
• Project Delivery Working Group – proposal for discussion
• If time: Funding estimates and rebalancing status
• Upcoming meetings
Draft Schedule

- **September - December**
  - Project Selection Task Force
  - Policy Framework Adoption

- **January**

- **February**
  - Call for Projects

- **July**
  - Project Recommendations to PSRC Boards

- **August - October**
  - Development of 2021-2024 TIP & Public Comment
  - TIP Adoption / Federal, State Approval

- **October – January 2021**
Task Force will review the following Policy Framework key topics:

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<td>• Funding Splits by Competitions</td>
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<td>• Project Tracking and Delivery Provisions</td>
<td>• Number of Applications / Request Limits for Regional Competitions</td>
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<td>• Project Evaluation Criteria</td>
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September Task Force summary:

- Reviewed background on process and funding
- Polled members on their interest areas for further discussion –

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<td>Assessment of projects not awarded – high level trends</td>
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Project Selection Task Force

Proposed Task Force schedule through December:

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Note: no specific feedback provided to date on changing the current funding splits or # of regional applications. Question for the end of this meeting -- hold these for discussion at a future meeting, or consensus on status quo?
Summary of RPEC Discussions to Date

RPEC meetings:

- December 2018 – results of debrief
- January 2019 – data on previous awards, discussion of next steps
- February 2019 – introduction of Framework elements, draft schedule
- March 2019 – preservation discussion
- May 2019 – continuation of Working Group to address delivery challenges
- June 2019 – Review of Policy Framework elements and administrative issues, background information provided
- July 2019 – deeper dive on funding estimates, limits and set-asides
Today’s Discussion

• Consensus for feedback to Task Force on:
  • Regional funding limits
  • Set-asides
    • Preservation
    • Bicycle/Pedestrian
    • Kitsap Distribution
    • Rural Town Centers and Corridors Program
  • First review of Project Delivery Working Group proposal
Limits on Funding Requests

• Funding limits / caps:
  • Attachment 2: data on minimum, average and maximum awards – by cycle and by forum; additional data on various options
  • As a reminder:
    • Size of award does not seem to have any specific relationship to delivery/extensions
  • Dual issue for delivery:
    • Larger projects can help with delivery, or
    • Delay of larger projects can harm delivery
DISCUSSION

Is there consensus for feedback to the Project Selection Task Force?
Preservation Set-Aside

• Preservation set-aside
  • Attachment 3: background information on Regional Transportation Plan, guiding principles; additional data on various options
  • Previous meeting provided background data on projects and amounts awarded over time
DISCUSSION

Is there consensus for feedback to the Project Selection Task Force?
Bicycle / Pedestrian Set-Aside

• Bicycle / Pedestrian set-aside

• Attachment 4: data on projects and awards over time, including awards above and beyond the set-aside; *additional information on policy assessment*

• Strong connections to other facilities, schools, transit, centers
Bicycle/Pedestrian Set-Aside

DISCUSSION

*Is there consensus for feedback to the Project Selection Task Force?*
Kitsap County Set-Aside

- Kitsap County Set-aside
  - Attachment 4: background information on issue, distribution methodology
    - Provides a modest increase in funding available for the Kitsap Countywide process, given that they are only eligible for one of the two FHWA funding sources
DISCUSSION

Is there consensus for feedback to the Project Selection Task Force?
Rural Town Centers and Corridors Program

- RTCC Program
  - Established in 2003
  - Modest set-aside, increased from $2m originally to $5m in 2018
  - 35 projects awarded a total of $16.4m from RTCC program from 2005 to 2017
  - 2019 process now concluded

Amount Awarded by Project Type 2005-2017

- Multimodal
- Nonmotorized
- Preservation
- Intersection Improvement
- Planning Study

$1,000,000 - $8,000,000
DISCUSSION

Is there consensus for feedback to the Project Selection Task Force?
Project Delivery Working Group

• Proposals for process improvements:
  • Changes to obligation deadline extensions
    • No longer automatically granted – identification of reasons *not* allowed
  • Earlier date for requesting extensions
  • Two tiered process for approving extensions
    • First deadline = July 15\(^{th}\), for projects needing only a short extension after the June 1\(^{st}\) deadline
    • Second deadline = *tbd*, for projects needing more time; requires PSRC Board approval
  • Enhanced education and monitoring
Project Delivery Working Group

• Other ideas:
  • Work with WSDOT on implementing a first come / first served process within the first two years of the TIP
    • In a “need” year, this could help with delivery
    • In a strong delivery year, this could impact projects programmed in year 1
    • Could offer a “reset” of the full TIP by year, with new expectations
      • Projects in years 1 and 2 are equal for first come / first served
  • Incorporate delivery into project selection
  • Stand-alone preservation program, perhaps conducted annually
Funding Estimates and Rebalancing

- Will work with FHWA, FTA and WSDOT on estimates, appropriate “buffer”
- 2020-2022 Draft rebalancing:
  - Will need to move out some STP projects from 2020 into 2021-2022; finalizing #s this month
- Reminder of the 2018 Highway Infrastructure Program funding
  - Added $9.5m to the 2018 process, obligation deadline of September 2021 (presumed included in June 1 standard process)
  - PSRC needs to explicitly identify those projects – change in code, but no other impact
- 2019 funding = $11.6m, due 2022
  - Add to 2020 process?
October and December Discussions

- Project evaluation criteria
  - Delivery and project tracking policies
- Revisit number of regional applications and funding splits?
- Other administrative details