

Regional Project Evaluation Committee

April 23, 2021



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Agenda

- Introductions
- Announcements
- Approval of March Meeting Summary
- TPB Debrief



Puget Sound Regional Council

Regional Project Evaluation Committee Agenda

Date: April 23, 2021 from 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Online Meeting Only: Use Zoom Connection Information Provided Below

1. Introductions and Announcements (9:30)

2. Approve Meeting Summary for March 26, 2021*

3. Transportation Policy Board Debrief (9:40)

The 'At Work' report for the Transportation Policy Board meeting on Thursday, April 8, 2021 is available on the PSRC website at: <https://www.psrc.org/tpb-meetings>:

4. Discussion: 2021 Delivery, TIP Rebalancing and Contingency Funding Process (9:45)

Staff will provide a status report on the progress towards achieving the 2021 delivery target, and the distribution of funds to the 2020 adopted contingency lists.

5. Discussion: Regional Transportation Plan – Maintenance and Preservation (10:00)

Staff will provide a report on the data collection efforts related to preservation and maintenance needs for incorporation in the financial strategy of the Regional Transportation Plan. In addition, committee feedback will be requested on efforts to better describe system impacts from current vs. optimal levels of funding.

6. Discussion: Project Selection Task Force (10:25)

A summary of the first meeting of the Project Selection Task Force held on April 8, 2021 will be provided. The next Task Force meeting will begin the discussion around equity and potential revisions to the criteria or overall policy priorities. The committee will be asked for input on useful information and context to support the discussion.

7. Other Business (10:55)

8. Next Meeting: May 28, 2021: 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

9. Adjourn (11:00)

*Supporting materials [attached](#)

Regional Transportation Plan

City and County Maintenance Preservation Data



Maintenance & Preservation Estimates

- Programmatic estimates of need included in RTP financial strategy
- October 2020 RPEC presentation on updating methodology
 - Last two plan cycles have moved away from BARS only data to an estimate of needs based on a specific desired outcome (PCI 70)
 - Current RTP development: consideration of the range between existing expenditures and outcomes-based need
- Survey sent to agencies in January –
 - Current conditions and expenditures
 - Backlog and future needs



Maintenance & Preservation Data

- Data =
 - Mileage
 - Average systemwide PCI
 - Percent of facilities at various condition levels (poor, fair, etc.)
 - Annual cost to maintain current PCI
 - Total cost to achieve a systemwide average PCI of 70
 - Annual cost to maintain average PCI 70



Maintenance & Preservation Analysis

- Useful information for the RTP:
 - Average pavement condition
 - Regional -- By county? -- Size of agency?
 - Cost to maintain current condition
 - Backlog to achieve desired outcome - PCI 70? – plus cost to maintain
 - *Delta between trend of existing expenditures and true “need” – illustrating the gap*
- Also, better explanation of “average PCI” – i.e., not every road is in good condition



Maintenance & Preservation - Feedback

- Questions:
 - PCI 70 as benchmark
 - Approach on messaging the range of investment and corresponding outcomes
 - Analysis levels /methodology
 - Other input?



Project Selection Task Force



Project Selection Task Force

- April 8 meeting = general overview of process and VISION 2050, schedule of work
- Next meeting = May 13, focus on equity
- Approach moving forward:
 - Two meetings, as needed, per topic
 - Meeting 1 = overview and open discussion; identify problem statement
 - Meeting 2 = review specific proposals and Task Force recommendation
 - Will request proposed revisions, and any requests for additional information, in advance



Equity

- PSRC will provide:
 - Criteria language and points awarded
 - Guidance and resources provided to applicants
 - Example project responses and application of scoring
 - Reminder of selection process results, projects awarded
 - Overview of other PSRC equity work programs, including TIP equity analysis
- Suggestion to invite a local agency to present on their processes:
 - from comp plan - to project identification/development - to pursuit of grants + *how is equity incorporated throughout their decision-making process*



Equity

- After overview, identify the problem statement –
 - What's missing, what's not working, what outcomes are not being achieved
 - Identify the logical pathways for potential revisions, i.e –
 - Adjusting the criteria language
 - Changing the point values
 - Setting a priority in some other way – set-aside, priority focus, other



Schedule

- Proposed order of topics:
 - *April – Introduction*
 - May – Equity
 - June – Equity, Safety
 - July – Safety, Other Criteria
 - August – Other Criteria, Set-Asides
 - September – Set-Asides, FTA Funding
 - October – FTA Funding, Hardship Policy
 - November – Hardship Policy, Administrative Details
 - December – Final Recommendation on *Policy Framework*



Pathway of a project

- Individual projects submitted into grant competitions

Ready to go, seeking funding, match to available programs & criteria



- Multicounty Planning Policies, Regional Growth Strategy, state and federal laws
- Local policies, growth targets
- Multiple modes, issues addressed – safety, congestion, bike/ped, TDM, transit, freight, preservation, etc.