2018 Project Selection Process – Policy Framework Follow-up

Transportation Policy Board
February 8, 2018
Recap of January Meeting

- Board reviewed the recommendations from the Project Selection Task Force
  - Policies and procedures for conducting the 2018 project selection process
    - E.g., set-asides, policy focus, distributions among competitions, amounts, etc.
  - Board recommended approval of the 2018 Policy Framework for PSRC’s Federal Funds to the Executive Board
One element of the recommendation was to reduce the point value for the project readiness criterion from ten points to five points

- Recognizing that funds to be awarded are in 2021-2022, and
- The stricter set of requirements for delivery and balancing by year
  - Utilizing more of a risk assessment and feasibility analysis, rather than seeking “immediately ready to go” projects
- The 5 points would be moved to the “Policy” section of the criteria, in coordination with project evaluation committees
Current Status

- The Executive Board deferred action on the 2018 Policy Framework for PSRC’s Federal Funds due to concerns over this issue

- Directed staff to provide more details to the Transportation Policy Board for review
Project evaluation criteria for both regional competitions (FHWA and FTA funds) include:

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### Criteria Details

- Three project pathways for the regional competition for FHWA funds:

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Criteria Details – Recommended Point Distribution

- Recommendation is to move the five points reduced from the Project Readiness criterion to the Policy section of the criteria

- In general, the Policy criteria is separated into:
  - 1) how the project supports the development of the center, and
  - 2) how the project improves mobility, accessibility, safety, etc.

- Since 1) is currently more heavily weighted than 2), the recommendation is to add the five points to 2), improvement of mobility, accessibility, safety, etc.
  - 1) will still be more heavily weighted, but not as much
Next Steps

- Asking for Transportation Policy Board action to recommend approval of this criteria scoring detail, as part of the 2018 Policy Framework for PSRC’s Federal Funds

- Will then take full recommendation of the 2018 Policy Framework for PSRC’s Federal Funds back to the Executive Board for action on February 22
  - If adopted, can release the Call for Projects shortly thereafter
Draft 2018 Project Selection Schedule

September to December 2017 – Task Force prepares recommendations on policies and procedures to the Transportation Policy Board

January 2018 – 2018 Policy Framework adopted

February to July 2018 – Project selection process conducted; project recommendations to Board

September 2018 – Public comment on Draft 2019-2022 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

October 2018 – Board adoption of 2019-2022 Regional TIP

January 2019 – Federal approval of TIP
Thank You

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