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Transportation Alternative Program funding takes a step forward

The Transportation Policy Board recommended a list of projects to receive approximately $17.5 million for bicycle and pedestrian facilities and historic preservation in King, Pierce, Kitsap, and Snohomish counties. PSRC's Transportation Alternatives Program uses Federal Highway Administration funds for community-based transportation improvements in the region, such as non-motorized facilities, historic preservation of transportation assets, environmental mitigation, and others. The recommendation also includes a prioritized contingency list of projects should additional funds become available prior to the next project selection process. More information about the TAP project selection process and recommended projects is available here: https://www.psrc.org/our-work/funding/project-selection.

For more information, contact Sarah Gutschow at 206-587-4822 or sgutschow@psrc.org.

Project selection guidance gets a nod

The Transportation Policy Board recommended approval of the Policy Framework for the 2018 PSRC funding process. The guidance contains all the policies and procedures for project selection for the roughly $524 million the region expects to receive in 2021 and 2022. The policy framework retains most of the same guidance as in previous years, including support for centers. It does raise the rural town centers program to $5 million. See the presentation here.

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Regional Safety Performance Management Targets

The Transportation Policy Board recommended approval of 2018 regional Safety Performance Management targets to comply with a federal rule requiring action by February 27, 2018. Targets are coordinated with the state's Target Zero plan, aiming to reach zero fatalities and serious injuries by 2030.

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In other business, the board:

- Recommended adoption of a Routine Amendment to the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program.
- Recommended Authorizing a Change in Transportation 2040 Project Status for the Sound Transit Tacoma Link Extension Project.
- Recommended Full Certification of the Comprehensive Plan for the City of