Project selection guidance recommended

The Transportation Policy Board continued its discussion of the 2018 Policy Framework for PSRC Funds. The framework 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 and corridors program to $5 million.

For more information, please contact Kelly McGourty at (206) 971-3601 or kmcgourty@psrc.org.

Draft Regional Transportation Plan public comment themes

PSRC received over 150 comments to date. Staff have begun to review the comments received during the formal public comment period that ended on January 31, 2018. The majority of the comments were supportive of the plan, and many of the comments regarded specific projects within the plan. In March, staff will be back with further details, suggested response to comments, and potential refinements to the plan. In April, the board is scheduled to recommend the plan for adoption to the Executive Board prior to its adoption at General Assembly on May 31, 2018. PSRC welcomes additional comment through plan adoption.

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VISION 2050 Scoping begins

PSRC is seeking public input on the scope for the VISION 2050 plan and State Environmental Policy Act environmental analysis. The public comment period will run through March 19, 2018 at 5 pm. The scoping notice is available online. An ADA reader-accessible version of the scoping notice is available here. What important regional issues should be the focus of the update? How should the region's growth strategy be updated to plan for 2050? What impacts and actions should be evaluated through environmental review?

In addition to seeking written comments, PSRC will hold listening sessions in King, Pierce, Snohomish, and Kitsap counties to hear more input on the plan update from jurisdictions, agencies, and the community:

- February 13, 3-5 pm at the Union Station Ruth Fisher Board Room, 401 South Jackson Street, Seattle
- February 20, 3-5 pm at the Fife Community Center, 2111 54th Avenue East, Fife
- February 22, 3-5 pm at Lynnwood City Hall, 19100 44th Avenue West, Lynnwood
- February 27, 3-5 pm at the Norm Dicks Government Center, 345 6th Street, Bremerton

PSRC's Growth Management Policy Board will review comments submitted and is expected to adopt a project scope in spring 2018.
In other business, the board:

- Recommended adoption of a Routine Amendment to the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).
- Recommended Full Certification of the Comprehensive Plans for Bonney Lake and Orting.
- Recommended approving City of Puyallup’s request for an extension of its Comprehensive Plan’s Conditional Certification.
- Enjoyed a presentation on the State Facilities Action Plan by Patty Rubstello, Assistant Secretary Office of Urban Mobility & Access for the Washington State Department of Transportation.