Transportation Policy Board recommends adoption of regional plan

After extensive public comment and discussion of how best to incorporate those comments into the long-range transportation plan, adoption of the Regional Transportation Plan is around the corner.

The Regional Transportation Plan describes how the region is planning to improve transportation over the next two decades.

The recommended plan supports the Regional Growth Strategy, provides transportation choices, improves access to jobs, opportunity, destinations, improves reliability of the system, air quality, and water quality and offers a new financial strategy to deliver investments.

A total of 152 respondents submitted comments on the draft regional transportation plan. Overall, there is support for the draft plan and the investments and policies contained within. The Executive Board will act on the recommendation on April 26 and General Assembly is scheduled to act on the plan on May 31, 2018. View the presentation.

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Streamlined special needs transportation funding

PSRC and WSDOT are proposing to streamline the current Coordinated Grant competition for funding special needs transportation projects. The streamlined process would address issues identified by past applicants and special needs transportation stakeholders. It would simplify the application process for grant applicants and other stakeholders and keep funding in the region. Under the streamlined process, WSDOT takes on more responsibility for the overall project selection process, while PSRC continues to identify regional priority projects and participates in the funding decision-making process with WSDOT. The Executive Board is scheduled to approve this at its meeting on April 26. Watch the meeting.

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In other business, the board:
- Enjoyed a presentation on performance based planning and federal target setting.
- Recommend authorizing a change in project status from candidate to approved for an additional lane on I-5 from Seneca to Mercer.