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Board recommends $27.5 million to contingency projects

The Transportation Policy Board recommended $27.5 million of PSRC’s Federal Highway Administration funding for 18 transportation projects on a contingency list approved in 2016.

As part of the selection process for PSRC’s federal funds, prioritized contingency lists of projects are created in case additional funds become available prior to the next process. Since 2016, approximately $27.5 million of PSRC’s federal fiscal year 2020 FHWA funds have become available for distribution, due to funds returned from projects and federal allocations higher than estimates.

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Progress on State Facilities Action Plan

The board was briefed on the status of the State Facilities Action Plan.

The State Facilities Action Plan describes the needs and proposed actions for the most critical issues facing state facilities in the central Puget Sound region, including I-5 and planning for local priority state route projects beyond those funded in Connecting Washington. In partnership with PSRC, WSDOT is leading the I-5 System Partnership and has begun preliminary discussions about local priority state routes throughout the region. View the presentation.

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VISION 2050 Scoping and Public Opinion Survey

The board heard a presentation on VISION 2050, including themes from the VISION 2050 scoping comments and results from a public opinion survey.

During the scoping period, PSRC reached out online and through community listening sessions to gather input to shape the VISION 2050 plan. Frequent topics addressed in the more than 1,300 comments received included:

- Regional growth strategy, including development patterns and jobs/housing balance
- Housing affordability
- Social equity and displacement
- Climate change and resilience

The board was also briefed on the VISION 2050 public opinion survey conducted in March 2018, including comparisons of similar surveys done in 1993 and 2003.

Most residents (65%) view quality of life as good or excellent in the region. Respondents cited the natural environment, climate/weather and outdoor recreation as top assets. Residents ranked cost of living as the region’s top dislike. Transportation and
homelessness were nearly tied for second place. The statistically valid survey of 2,000 residents in King, Pierce, Snohomish and Kitsap counties is helping to inform the VISION 2050 planning process.

PSRC is encouraging people in the region to take the survey and offer their thoughts on growth and planning.

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