Transportation Policy Board recommends projects for PSRC funding

PSRC's 2018 Project Selection process will award about $533 million in federal transportation funds. PSRC is responsible for project selection for federal funds flowing to the region using a merit-based process. The details and procedures are established in the 2018 Policy Framework for PSRC’s Federal Funds. The funding is divided into two main categories: highway and transit funding. The $157.27 million in highway funding is subdivided into two pools with $105.2 million going to the countywide process and $52.07 to the regional competition. The $366.43 million in transit funding has a similar distribution with nearly $24 million in a regional competition and over $342 million going to the earned share of each transit agency in the region.

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FTA adjustment and potential contingency list funding

The Transportation Policy Board recommended approval of an additional $38.8 million and an adjustment of PSRC’s Federal Transit Administration funding. The funding is the net total to the region, reflecting both increases and decreases in amounts earned by each transit agency, as well as an increase to the regional portion of funds in the Seattle-Tacoma-Everett urbanized area. Additionally, one previously funded project returned $1.5 million to the regional pot, resulting in an approximate total of $4.4 million being recommended for distribution to projects on the FTA Regional contingency list. As part of the adjustments, two agencies seek to allocate funds to three new projects. Kitsap Transit proposes to use $402,470 in funds for its Passenger Only Ferry Terminal Improvements project, and Skagit Transit proposes to use $231,669 in funds for its Purchase of Vans/Buses to Support Commuter Service project, and $124,697 for its Commuter Bus Operations project. Since these projects are new, per adopted policy they have been released for public comment through the Executive Board meeting on July 26, 2018.

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In other business, the board:

- Recommended a Routine Amendment to the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- Recommended Full Certification of the Comprehensive Plan for Eatonville
- Recommended Certification of the University Place Regional Growth Center
Enjoyed a presentation from the Transportation Investment Board on other types of funding in the region