Transportation Policy Board
Thursday, September 12, 2019 • 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM
PSRC Board Room • 1011 Western Avenue, Suite 500, Seattle, WA 98104

The meeting will be streamed live over the internet at www.psrc.org

1. Call to Order (9:30) - Mayor Becky Erickson, Chair
2. Communications and Public Comment
3. Report of the Chair
4. Director's Report
5. Consent Agenda (9:50)
   a. Approve Minutes of Transportation Policy Board Meeting held July 11, 2019
   b. Routine Amendment to the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
6. Action Item (9:55)
   a. 2019 Project Selection Process for PSRC’s FHWA Rural Town Centers and Corridors Program -- Ryan Thompto, PSRC
7. Discussion Item (10:20)
   a. Tacoma/Pierce County I-5 HOV Program -- John Wynands, WSDOT
8. Discussion Item (10:50)
   a. Regional Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Inventory -- Pavithra Parthasarathi & Gary Simonson, PSRC
9. Discussion Item (11:15)
   a. PSRC Funding Report -- Kelly McGourty & Ryan Thompto, PSRC
10. Information Item
    a. Bringing the Region Together Flyer - Regional TOD Event
11. Next Meeting: October 10, 2019, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., PSRC Board Room
    Major Topics for October:
    -- Sound Transit Redmond Link Extension Project
    -- Report on PSRC’s Bicycle/Pedestrian Work Program
12. Adjourn (11:30)
MINUTES OF THE
TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

July 11, 2019

[To watch a video of the meeting and hear the full discussion, please go to: http://psrcwa.iqm2.com/Citizens/Default.aspx.]

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:34 a.m. by Mayor Becky Erickson, Chair.

Chair Erickson welcomed the following new board members:

- Peter Heffernan, King County, PSRC Transportation Operators Committee Member
- Alex Krieg, Sound Transit, PSRC Transportation Operations Committee Alternate

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Alex Tsimerman provided public comment.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning, announced that PSRC will begin the next Project Selection Process early in 2020. PSRC will ask for volunteers from all PSRC boards to serve on the Project Selection Task Force which provides guidance on the Project Selection Process. The Task Force makes recommendations to the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) on the Policy Framework for PSRC’s Federal Funds. An email will be sent in July soliciting volunteers for the Task Force. Meetings will be held following TPB, starting in September and go through the end of the year.

In January, the board received a presentation from Craig Kenworthy of the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (PSCAA) on their research into a potential Regional Clean Fuel Standard. PSCAA is preparing a draft rule that will be released for public comment later this year.

CONSENT AGENDA

a. Minutes of the Transportation Policy Board Meeting held June 13, 2019
b. Routine Amendment to the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

**ACTION:** The motion was made by Councilmember Kate Kruller and seconded by Councilmember Jennifer Robertson to adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion passed.

**RECOMMEND AUTHORIZING A CHANGE IN THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN PROJECT STATUS FOR THE SOUND TRANSIT FEDERAL WAY LINK EXTENSION PROJECT**

Ms. McGourty, PSRC shared that Sound Transit is requesting approval of the Federal Way Link extension project. Projects enter the Regional Transportation Plan as candidate projects, and PSRC boards have an opportunity to review and approve those projects before they move forward to implementation. Ms. McGourty shared that the project meets all the requirements to move forward.

Ms. McGourty provided an overview of the project, a 7.8 mile extension of Link Light Rail between Angle Lake Station in SeaTac to the Federal Way Transit Center. Sound Transit will come back to the TPB in the fall with another project approval request and at that time they can provide a more comprehensive presentation on the overall program.

**ACTION:** The motion was made by Councilmember Kate Kruller and seconded by Councilmember Kathy Lambert to recommend the Executive Board authorize a change in project status for the Sound Transit Federal Way Link Extension project from “Candidate” to “Approved.” The motion passed.

**2019 PROJECT SELECTION PROCESS FOR PSRC’S FFY 2021-2022 FHWA RURAL TOWN CENTERS AND CORRIDORS PROGRAM FUNDS**

Ryan Thompto, PSRC, provided background on the Rural Town Centers and Corridors Program (RTCC). The program goal is to assist rural communities in implementing transportation improvements. The program is funded through a set aside of PSRC’s project selection process for Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funds.

Mr. Thompto gave an overview of the competitive project selection process. The project selection committee developed a unanimous funding recommendation, and the board is being asked to approve the release of the recommended projects for public comment.

Public comments received by September 5 will be provided to TPB at the September 12 meeting. At that time the board will be asked to recommend approval of the list of projects to the Executive Board. The Executive Board is scheduled to review public comments and approve final project recommendations at its September 26 meeting.

**ACTION:** The motion was made by Councilmember Bek Ashby and seconded by Mayor Mike Courts to release the list of projects recommended for $5.0 million of Rural Town Centers and Corridors Program funding as
identified in Attachment A, along with the list of recommended contingency list projects, for public comment. The motion passed.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE 2019 ADJUSTMENT OF PSRC’S FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION FUNDS AND DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS TO THE FTA REGIONAL CONTINGENCY LIST OF PROJECTS

Sarah Gutschow, PSRC, shared that every year PSRC is required to review the estimates used to program Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds against the actual allocations approved by Congress.

2019 funds were originally approved as part of the 2016 project selection process and distributed based on estimates from previous funding levels. The 2019 final allocation of federal dollars was higher, with an additional $40 million available for distribution. PSRC has been working with transit agencies to revise the 2019 projects based on actual allocations.

Ms. Gutschow provided an overview of the FTA funding process and a summary of 2019 funding adjustments to projects.

**ACTION:** The motion was made by Councilmember Mike Todd and seconded by Doug Deforest to recommend the Executive Board approve the adjustments and $39.8 million in additional FFY 2019 FTA funds to the list of projects as shown in Attachment B. The motion passed.

ROAD USAGE CHARGE STUDY

Reema Griffith, Washington State Transportation Commission, provided a presentation on the Road Usage Charge (RUC) Study. A RUC is a per-mile charge drivers would pay for use of roads. The study was a pilot project to test the RUC as an alternate funding mechanism to pay for transportation as gas tax revenues decline into the future.

The pilot project was 12 months with 2,000 test drivers. Ms. Griffith shared the key findings, research and analysis of the RUC pilot study and provided an overview of the feedback received from drivers in the study.

Ms. Griffith shared the final stages of the pilot with a final report due to decision makers in early 2020.

VISION 2050 DRAFT REVIEW

Ben Bakkenta, PSRC, shared the VISION 2050 work program timeline and process the Growth Management Policy Board (GMPB) went through to develop updates to the plan. He highlighted key policy themes from VISION 2050 and discussed the three growth alternatives analyzed.
Mr. Bakkenta reviewed the next steps for the VISION 2050 timeline. GMPB is scheduled to take action later today to release the VISION 2050 plan for a 60-day public comment period beginning July 19. GMPB is expected to make a final recommendation to the Executive Board at the end of the year, with adoption at the 2020 General Assembly. Throughout Fall of 2019, GMPB will have an opportunity to review public comments and make additional changes to VISION 2050.

**PASSENGER-ONLY FERRY DRAFT SCOPE AND SCHEDULE**

Gil Cerise, PSRC, shared that the Washington State Legislature provided funding for the Passenger-Only Ferry study to be completed by PSRC. Mr. Cerise gave an overview of the scope of the study. It includes all 12 Puget Sound counties and will provide analysis on current and potential future Puget Sound Passenger-Only Ferry routes.

Mr. Cerise presented the overall approach and workflow of how the study will be completed. He discussed the schedule of the study and board members provided comment on various areas of interest to include. The next step is to go to the Operations Committee and Executive Board on July 25 to request approval of a budget amendment and contract authority for a consultant. TPB will be briefed on the progress of the study as it moves forward.

**ADJOURN**
The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.
TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
July 11, 2019

TPB MEMBERS & ALTERNATES PRESENT

Mayor Don Anderson, Local Transit – Pierce County
Councilmember Bek Ashby, Other Cities & Towns in Kitsap County
Russ Blount, Regional Project Evaluation Committee (Alt.)
Martha Burke, League of Women Voters of Washington
Vicky Clarke, Cascade Bicycle Club
Councilmember John Clauson, Local Transit – Kitsap County (Alt.)
Mayor Mike Courts, Other Cities & Towns in Pierce County
Doug DeForest, Thurston Regional Planning Council
Deputy Mayor Davina Duerr, Other Cities & Towns in King County
Mayor Becky Erickson, Local Transit – Kitsap County, Chair
Anne Eskridge, University of Washington (via remote)
Jesse Hamashima, Regional Staff Committee
Peter Heffernan, Transportation Operators Committee
Councilmember Mark James, Other Cities & Towns in Snohomish County
Craig Kenworthy, Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (Alt.)
Councilmember Kate Kruller, Other Cities & Towns in King County
Councilmember Kathy Lambert, King County
Kelsey Mesher, Transportation Choices Coalition
Councilmember Mike O’Brien, City of Seattle
Abel Pacheco, City of Seattle
Dave Ramsay, WA State Transportation Improvement Board
Councilmember Doug Richardson, Pierce County (via remote)
Councilmember Jennifer Robertson, Metropolitan Center–Bellevue
Patty Rubstello, WSDOT (1st Alt.)
Councilmember Mike Todd, Local Transit – Snohomish County (Alt.)
Mayor Greg Wheeler, Metropolitan Center–Bremerton
Councilmember Stephanie Wright, Snohomish County (via remote)

TPB MEMBERS ABSENT (*alternate present)

Commissioner Shiv Batra, WA State Transportation Commission
Councilmember Chris Beale, Tacoma
Rob Berman, Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce
*Don Cairns, Regional Project Evaluation Committee
Commissioner Ryan Calkins, Ports
Jennifer Cook, AAA
John Daniels, Jr., Muckleshoot Indian Tribe
Dan Gatchet, Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board
Commissioner Robert Gelder, Kitsap County
Representative Mia Gregerson, House Transportation Committee
Senator Steve Hobbs, Senate Transportation Committee
TPB MEMBERS ABSENT (*alternate present) continued

Jefferson Ketchel, Snohomish Health District
Dan McKisson, ILWU Local 19
*Secretary Roger Millar, WSDOT
Councilmember Jay Mills, The Suquamish Tribe
Commissioner Helen Price Johnson, Island County
Mayor Dana Ralph, Other Cities & Towns in King County, Vice Chair
*Councilmember Paul Roberts, Metropolitan Center–Everett/Puget Sound Clean Air Agency
*Councilmember Terry Ryan, Local Transit – Snohomish County
Andrew Strobel, Puyallup Tribe of Indians

GUESTS and PSRC STAFF PRESENT -
(As determined by signatures on the Attendance Sheet and documentation by staff)

Ben Bakkenta, PSRC
Hannah Bahnmiller, PSRC
Katherine Cato, PSRC
Melissa Cauley, Community Transit
Gil Cerise, PSRC
Carolyn Downs, PSRC
Reema Griffith, WA State Transportation Commission
Sarah Gutschow, PSRC
Craig Helmann, PSRC
Paul Inghram, PSRC
Mark Bandy Jacobs
Kathryn Johnson, PSRC
Mitch Koch, PSRC
Kelly McGourty, PSRC
Casey Moreau, PSRC
Monica Overby, Sound Transit
Brian Parry, Sound Cities Association
Pavithra Parthasarathi, PSRC
Kim Pearson, PSRC
Manveer Sandhu, Port of Seattle
Kalon Thomas, PSRC
Ryan Thompto, PSRC
Alex Tsimerman, SUP
Noah Tunick, Community Transit
Lacey Jane Wolfe, City of Bellevue
CONSENT AGENDA
September 5, 2019

To: Transportation Policy Board
From: Kelly McGourty, Director, Transportation Planning
Subject: Routine Amendment to the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

IN BRIEF

Two agencies submitted three projects this month for routine amendment into the Regional TIP. These projects are summarized in Exhibit A. These projects were awarded local, state, and federal funding through various processes, such as Safe Routes To School funds. PSRC staff reviewed the projects for compliance with federal and state requirements, and consistency with VISION 2040 and the Regional Transportation Plan.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Transportation Policy Board should recommend Executive Board adoption of an amendment to the 2019-2022 Regional TIP to include the projects as shown in Exhibit A.

DISCUSSION

Under the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, PSRC has project selection authority for all projects programming regional funds from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) - Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STP) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) - and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) - Urbanized Area Formula Program (5307), State of Good Repair (5337), Bus and Bus Facilities Formula (5339), and Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (5310).
While PSRC does not have project selection authority for other types of federal, state, or local funds, the Executive Board does have responsibility for adding these projects to the Regional TIP. Each project must comply with requirements regarding plan consistency, air quality, and financial constraint. The attached Exhibit A illustrates the action needed to amend the Regional TIP.

The recommended action would approve the TIP amendment request based on a finding of consistency with VISION 2040, the Regional Transportation Plan, and the air quality conformity determination of the Regional TIP. Approval is also based on a determination that funding is reasonably expected to be available to carry out the project. Information describing plan consistency, air quality conformity, and the funding basis for approving the request is described further below.

**Consistency with VISION 2040 and the Regional Transportation Plan**

The projects recommended for action were reviewed by PSRC staff and have been determined to be consistent with the multicounty policies in VISION 2040 and the Regional Transportation Plan.

**Air Quality Conformity**

The projects in Exhibit A were reviewed and it has been determined that a new air quality analysis and conformity determination is not required because each project falls into one or more of the following categories:

- It is exempt from air quality conformity requirements.
- It is an existing project already included in the current air quality modeling.
- It is a non-exempt project not able to be included in the regional model.

**Funding Reasonably Expected to be Available**

For the projects in Exhibit A, PSRC confirmed that the funds are reasonably expected to be available.

**PSRC’s Project Tracking Policies**

This month’s amendment includes no Project Tracking actions.

**Federal Fund Source Descriptions**

The following is a list of state and federal funding sources that are referenced in Exhibit A.

- **NHPP** Provides support for the condition and performance of the National Highway System (NHS).
STP (W)  Surface Transportation Block Grant Program funds used for state highway system preservation and interstate reconstruction.

SRTS  Safe Routes To School Program is an approach that promotes walking and bicycling to school through infrastructure improvements, enforcement, tools, safety education, and incentives to encourage walking and bicycling to school.

For more information, please contact Ryan Thompto at (206) 464-7122 or rthompto@psrc.org.

Attachments:
Exhibit A
### Project(s) Proposed for Routine Amendment to 2019-2022 TIP

#### Exhibit A

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<th>Sponsor</th>
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<td>1. SeaTac</td>
<td><strong>34th Avenue S</strong> New project adding preliminary engineering, right of way, and construction funds to install sidewalks, planter strips, curb, gutter, ADA ramps, crosswalks, bike lanes, curb extensions, driveway bulb-outs, on-street parking, illumination, flashing stop signs, and storm water drainage.</td>
<td>$2,464,000 Federal Safe Routes To School $3,696,000 Local $6,160,000 Total</td>
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<td>2. WSDOT Northwest Region</td>
<td><strong>I-405/Burlington Northern Railroad Bridge to Pedestrian Trail Bridge - Seismic Retrofit</strong> New right of way and construction phases adding funds to provide seismic retrofit on twelve I-405 bridges located within Washington's Seismic Lifeline Route. NHS Bridges are 2017 priorities.</td>
<td>$18,174,708 Federal NHPP $370,912 Local $18,545,620 Total</td>
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<td>3. WSDOT Northwest Region</td>
<td><strong>SR 509/Miller Creek - Fish Passage</strong> New project adding preliminary engineering, right of way, and construction funds to remove the existing fish passage barrier and replace it with a fish passable structure.</td>
<td>$342,638 Local $101,234 STP(W) $12,172,538 Federal NHPP $12,616,410 Total</td>
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ACTION ITEM

To: Transportation Policy Board

From: Kelly McGourty, Director, Transportation Planning

Subject: 2019 Project Selection Process for PSRC’s FHWA Rural Town Centers and Corridors Program

IN BRIEF

As part of the 2018 project selection process for the distribution of PSRC’s federal funds, $5 million was set aside to assist rural communities in implementing town center and corridor improvements. On July 11, 2019, the Transportation Policy Board authorized the release of seven projects recommended for funding through the Rural Town Centers and Corridors Program for public review and comment, including a prioritized contingency list of four projects should additional funds become available prior to the next selection process. As of September 4, 2019, three comments had been received and are included in Attachment B.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Transportation Policy Board should recommend the Executive Board approve the Rural Town Centers and Corridors Program funding to the list of projects identified in Attachment A, along with the list of recommended contingency list projects.

DISCUSSION

In 2003, The Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) established the Rural Town Centers and Corridors (RTCC) Program to assist rural communities in implementing town center and corridor improvements. The program is funded through a set-aside as part of PSRC’s project selection process for FHWA funds, with the competition conducted the subsequent year. In March 2019, PSRC released a call for projects to all eligible sponsors for the $5 million available. Consistent with procedures adopted in prior processes, the solicitation and screening of project applications included a two-
stage collaborative effort with PSRC and each of the four countywide organizations. In stage one, eligible project applications were submitted for review to each of the four countywide organizations. Stage one of the process concluded with up to three of each county’s top projects being selected for stage two of the process -- submittal into the regional competition conducted by PSRC. Twelve projects were submitted to PSRC, however one project was subsequently withdrawn from the competition.

PSRC staff conducted the technical evaluation and scoring of the remaining eleven grant requests based on the established criteria for the program. All project sponsors were invited to present their projects to PSRC staff and the RTCC project selection committee, which consisted of representatives from each of the four counties plus the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT). The project selection committee subsequently met on June 28, 2019 to develop a recommended list of projects to receive the $5.0 million available through the program. The committee’s recommended list of projects is identified in Attachment A, including a prioritized contingency list of the remaining four projects, should additional funding become available prior to the next process.

Summary of Public Comment

On July 11, 2019, the Transportation Policy Board authorized the release of RTCC projects for public review and comment. A news release was sent to PSRC’s membership, stakeholder groups, interested parties, and news media, which is over 3,700 contacts. Targeted emails highlighting the projects were sent out to the local media for each of the projects proposed for funding. The public comment period was featured in PSRC’s Regional View Blog and the At Work meeting summary. Materials were also posted on PSRC’s website, which invited the public to comment by mail or email.

As of September 4, 2019, three comments had been received and are included in Attachment B. The Executive Board is scheduled to review all comments and take final action at their September 26, 2019 meeting.

For additional information on the RTCC Program, please contact Ryan Thompto at 206-464-7122 or rthompto@psrc.org.

Attachments:
A - 2019 Rural Town Centers and Corridors Program Project Recommendations and Contingency List
B1 - Public Comments Received for PSRC’s 2019 Rural Town Centers and Corridors Program
B2 - Congressman Heck Letter
### Projects Recommended for Funding

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<th>Amount Recommended</th>
<th>Project Description</th>
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<td>Poulsbo</td>
<td>Poulsbo Complete Streets Plan</td>
<td>Planning</td>
<td>89</td>
<td>$215,000</td>
<td>$215,000</td>
<td>This project is a planning study that will develop a Complete Streets Plan for the City of Poulsbo. The study will focus on street and sidewalk improvements; park; supply and demand; and the conceptual design of pedestrian, parking, transit, and streetscape improvements.</td>
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<td>Kitsap County</td>
<td>SR 104 Realignment</td>
<td>Right of Way</td>
<td>87</td>
<td>$1,400,000</td>
<td>$1,400,000</td>
<td>This project will realign SR104 to move ferry traffic by adding two inbound travel lanes on NE 1st Street and remove two travel lanes on Main Street. The project will include sidewalks, ferry toll booth relocation, drainage improvements, lighting, signals, and street amenities.</td>
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<td>Skykomish</td>
<td>US 2 Street Roundabout Design</td>
<td>Preliminary</td>
<td>77</td>
<td>$259,500</td>
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<td>This project will design a three-legged roundabout with splitter islands at the intersection of 5th Street and US 2. The project will include sidewalk/ sidepaths or crosswalks.</td>
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<td>Stanwood</td>
<td>Viking Way Phase 2</td>
<td>Right of Way</td>
<td>74</td>
<td>$173,000</td>
<td>$173,000</td>
<td>This project will provide design and right of way to extend Viking Way 200 feet to 92nd Avenue NW. This project includes a new road with curb, gutter, planter strip, street lighting, and sidewalks.</td>
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<td>Carnation</td>
<td>Tolt Ave CBD Improvements, Eugene St to Rutherford St</td>
<td>Construction</td>
<td>71</td>
<td>$450,000</td>
<td>$450,000</td>
<td>This project constructs transportation improvements in Carnation’s downtown including street re-grading and paving, widened shared-use sidewalks, curb bulb, lighting, landscaping, and utility improvements.</td>
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<td>Eatonville</td>
<td>SR 161/Washington Ave N. Corridor Streetscape Phase 2</td>
<td>Construction</td>
<td>70</td>
<td>$2,145,200</td>
<td>$2,145,200</td>
<td>This project will provide improvements along SR 161/ Washington Avenue N from approximately Center Street East to Lynch Creek Road E. Improvements include new sidewalks with ADA compliant curb ramps, lighting, stormwater drainage, landscaping, and a rapid rectangular flashing beacon system at the intersection of SR 161 and Carter Street E.</td>
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<td>Roy</td>
<td>Yelm Prairie Line Trail</td>
<td>Planning</td>
<td>69</td>
<td>$45,000</td>
<td>$45,000</td>
<td>This project is a planning study to examine alignments of a shared use path from downtown Roy to the Nisqually River to connect Roy to the City of Yelm.</td>
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**Total Funds Recommended for Contingency List** $3,652,163

### Projects Recommended for Contingency List (in priority order)

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<td>Snohomish</td>
<td>Bickford &amp; Weaver Intersection Improvement Project</td>
<td>Construction</td>
<td>67</td>
<td>$735,250</td>
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<td>This project will provide intersection improvements at Bickford Avenue and Weaver Road. The project includes a new traffic signal, curbing, channelization, sidewalk, and drainage improvements.</td>
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<td>Snohomish County</td>
<td>84th St NE &amp; 163rd Ave NE Intersection Improvements</td>
<td>Construction</td>
<td>60</td>
<td>$1,000,000</td>
<td>$1,000,000</td>
<td>This project will provide improvements to the 84th Street NE and 163rd Avenue NE intersection. This project includes adding turn pockets, widening shoulders, and adding a new traffic signal or roundabout.</td>
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<td>Pierce County</td>
<td>224th St E. Sidewalk Improvements</td>
<td>Construction</td>
<td>58</td>
<td>$862,000</td>
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<td>This project will provide sidewalks, curb, gutter, and lighting to gaps in the sidewalk network along the north side of 224th Street E.</td>
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<td>Kitsap County</td>
<td>Alaska Avenue</td>
<td>Construction</td>
<td>57</td>
<td>$1,054,913</td>
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<td>This project will construct a six-foot wide, 1.3 mile long paved shoulder on one side of Alaska Avenue between Mile Hill Drive and Madrone Avenue.</td>
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**Total Funds Recommended for Contingency List** $4,947,200
Comment 1

Date: Sunday, July 21, 2019
From: Amanda Silber
RE: Rural Town Centers and Corridors Project Funding

Hello! I would like to voice my support of the town of Eatonville's project to improve SR161 safety in town. I live 3 blocks away from the area in question and I teach at Eatonville MS. I rarely drive to work and walk the few blocks instead; I see my students walking across 161 on Carter Street daily and know how dangerous it can be with logging trucks and all of the tourist traffic to/from Mt. Rainier NP, not to mention inattentive drivers.

One morning earlier this year I was walking to school at 7am and at the intersection of Carter St. and SR 161 I paused to wait for traffic to stop. An older pickup truck stopped at the crosswalk for me, and I started into the crosswalk. Halfway across, the vehicle behind the pickup truck, a Dodge Ram, slammed into the pickup truck and caused the truck to almost hit me (I jumped backwards) and move another 20 feet across the intersection despite the application of the brakes and the fact that the pickup truck was already stopped. We were all startled, to say the least, and I can't imagine what would have happened if I had been a 12 year old listening to music instead of an attentive adult who jumped out of the way quickly.

As the EMS cross-country coach the past two years, I can attest that our and many other school teams frequently use that intersection to go between the middle school and high school track and fields during practices. The high school wrestling team practices at the middle school half of the time during their season, and middle school football players are often going up to the high school to train in their weight room. This does not even come close to highlighting the number of students that cross that intersection daily just to go to/from school, from age 5 to 18.

Please consider funding this project.

Thank you for your time.
Amanda Silber

Comment 2

Letter from the Office of Congressman Denny Heck (WA-10), attached

Comment 3

Date: Monday, September 2, 2019
From: Walt Elliott
RE: Kitsap County SR 104 Realignment, Right of Way

The Kingston Ferry Advisory Committee makes its strongest possible recommendation for the acceptance of this request for right of way funding to re-route our ferry traffic around our downtown. Originally traffic for most ferry terminals went through their host towns. Since then
ferry traffic has been re-routed around most downtown main streets. Kingston is one of the few terminals where the arrangement has not been changed. Ferry traffic still runs through the middle of our town dividing it. Rerouting this traffic is important for the following reasons: Kingston ferry traffic at 2M cars per year is second only to Mukilteo (which is being rehabilitated) at 2.2M cars per year. Our traffic is concentrates in our summer sailings, 23 sailings per day. On the last Sunday checked, August 25th, 15 of 16 sailings (94%) between 10:30 AM and 9:40 PM had traffic backed up thru our downtown. Walking through these lines is a pedestrian safety hazard. This traffic blocks our local traffic cross streets and impacts local business. In late fall through early spring, when traffic is not backed up, vehicles going at speed to make the ferry present a hazard to pedestrians crossing from one side of our main street to the other.

Currently outbound ferry traffic bypasses our downtown. Shifting ferry bound traffic to this same route is a practical solution as it utilizes an existing route and existing holding lot access.
July 16, 2019

Mr. Bruce Dammeyer  
President  
Puget Sound Regional Council  
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Ms. Claudia Balducci  
Vice President  
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Seattle WA 98104-1035

Dear Mr. Dammeyer and Ms. Balducci:

I write to ask for your full and fair consideration of the Yelm Prairie Line Trail Phase 3 Planning application for Rural Town Centers & Corridors funding (RTCC). The grant will fund planning of the Pierce County portion of the Yelm Prairie Line Trail, a proposed 4.8 mile rails-to-trails project that would create a non-motorized pedestrian corridor between Roy and Yelm by extending the existing Yelm-Tenino Trail across the Nisqually River.

This project is supported by a coalition of partners that includes the cities of Roy and Yelm, as well as local trail advocacy groups, bicycle clubs, and the Nisqually River Council. To-date the coalition has contributed over 300 hours of service to the project and secured the local match requirement for the RTCC funding.

I understand and appreciate the thoughtful considerations the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) must make when determining what projects receive Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds. I respectfully request that you give full and fair consideration to the Yelm Prairie Line Trail Phase 3 Planning application.

Sincerely,

Denny Heck  
Member of Congress

CC:  Roy Mayor Rawlin McDaniel  
      Yelm Mayor JW Foster  
      Larry Leveen, ForeverGreen Trails
DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Transportation Policy Board
From: Kelly McGourty, Director, Transportation Planning
Subject: Tacoma/Pierce County I-5 HOV Program

IN BRIEF

At its September 12th meeting, the Transportation Policy Board will hear a report from the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) on the status of the Tacoma/Pierce County High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Program. The report will feature projects that have been completed to date, projects underway and upcoming milestones to be achieved later this year.

DISCUSSION

The Tacoma/Pierce County HOV Program includes a series of projects to provide HOV lanes on I-5, State Route 16 and State Route 167 in Pierce County. The program began in 2001 and will continue through 2022. When the program is fully implemented, there will be an HOV lane from Gig Harbor to Everett.

Many projects have already been completed, e.g., on State Route 16, and on I-5 from the Port of Tacoma Road to King County. In 2018, two segments were completed on I-5 – from M Street to Portland Avenue, and from Portland Avenue to the Port of Tacoma Road in the northbound direction.

Current projects include the southbound HOV lane from Portland Avenue to the Port of Tacoma Road, which is under construction, and the I-5/State Route 16 Realignment project, which is also under construction with major milestones expected to be completed later this year. New ramp connections from eastbound State Route 16 to southbound I-5 were opened just this month.
Staff from WSDOT will provide a briefing to the board at their meeting on September 12th on the current status of the overall program and the work to be completed in the coming years.

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

September 5, 2019

To: Transportation Policy Board  
From: Kelly McGourty, Director, Transportation Planning
Subject: Regional Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Inventory

IN BRIEF

As part of the implementation of PSRC’s Regional Transportation Plan, staff has been working closely with local jurisdictions and other stakeholders to develop an inventory of traffic signals and other Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) deployments along the region’s main arterials. When completed, the inventory will provide consistent and uniform information about ITS assets at a systemwide level and serve as a tool for regional partners to engage in cross-jurisdictional collaboration.

The Transportation Policy Board will be provided a briefing at its September 12, 2019 meeting on the status of the Regional ITS inventory.

DISCUSSION

The Regional ITS Inventory is a key step in understanding the deployment of ITS across the region. Once completed, the inventory will be integrated with supporting analyses to identify needs and gaps, assess system performance and inform the next Regional Transportation Plan update.

Staff worked closely with stakeholders on PSRC’s Regional Traffic Operations Committee to develop an online survey instrument to facilitate data collection from local jurisdictions and the state. The survey requested data on traffic signals and other ITS components such as Traffic Management Centers and data collection tools.

Staff is currently analyzing the data and exploring options to communicate key findings. Work is underway to visualize and enhance the usefulness of the data for PSRC’s
member jurisdictions. In addition, this data will be integrated with various other datasets as part of the broader analysis for the next Regional Transportation Plan update.

The Transportation Policy Board will be provided a briefing at its September 12, 2019 meeting on the Regional ITS inventory, including information on why and how it was developed, a review of the data received and what it tells us about ITS assets in our region, and a look at next steps.

For more information, please contact Gary Simonson at 206-971-3276, gsimonson@psrc.org, or Pavithra Parthasarathi at 206-971-3277, pparthasarathi@psrc.org.
DISCUSSION ITEM  

September 5, 2019

To: Transportation Policy Board
From: Kelly McGourty, Director, Transportation Planning
Subject: PSRC Funding Report

IN BRIEF

PSRC is beginning the process to update the Policy Framework for PSRC’s Federal Funds, which will guide the competitive project selection process to be conducted in 2020. The Project Selection Task Force, comprised of volunteers from all four PSRC boards, will meet between September through December to make a recommendation on this framework to the Transportation Policy Board by January 2020.

Staff will provide a brief overview of the competitive process conducted for PSRC’s federal funds, including information on the types of projects awarded over time and implementation of key investments. In addition, emerging issues and other key areas of interest will be identified.

DISCUSSION

A competitive project selection process is conducted every two to three years for the distribution of PSRC’s federal funds. The next process will be conducted in 2020 for PSRC’s 2023-2024 Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds. Prior to each process a Policy Framework is adopted, outlining the policy guidance for the distribution of funds and other details on how the process will be conducted. Volunteers were solicited from PSRC’s four Boards to serve on a Project Selection Task Force charged with reviewing the policies and procedures for the 2020 project selection process. The Task Force begins its work on September 12, after the Transportation Policy Board meeting, and will continue through the end of the year with a recommendation to the Transportation Policy Board in January on the 2020 Policy Framework for PSRC’s Federal Funds. Once the Framework is adopted by the Executive Board, PSRC will release a call for projects and conduct the project selection process.
At the September 12 meeting, staff will provide a brief overview of the project selection process and the upcoming work of the Task Force. In addition, information will be provided on projects awarded in previous selection cycles, including the types of projects, location, completion data, and other information. Other key elements of the process, including PSRC’s project tracking program, will be highlighted.

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