

Project Selection Task Force Scoping



Transportation Policy Board
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Project Selection Task Force

- Convened prior to each project selection process for PSRC's federal funds
- Volunteers solicited from members of PSRC's four boards
- Purpose:
 - Review key policy issues and administrative procedures for PSRC's project selection processes
 - Recommend the *Policy Framework for PSRC's Federal Funds* to the Transportation Policy Board
- In the past, the timeframe has been four meetings over four months with a recommendation to the TPB in January



Policy Framework

Policy Framework for PSRC's Federal Funds

- Adopted prior to each funding cycle
- Funds distributed approximately every 2 years
 - *Program funds into the future*
 - *2022 process will distribute FFY 2025-2026 funds*
- Based on VISION policies
- Provides board direction for project selection
- Detailed policies and procedures for conducting the process



Key Policy Framework Issues

Policy Issues

- Policy Focus (*support for centers and the corridors that serve them*)
- Set-Asides
- Project Tracking and Delivery Provisions
- Project Evaluation Criteria

Administrative Issues

- Estimated Funding Amounts
- Funding Splits by Competitions
- Number of Applications / Request Limits for Regional Competitions
- Contingency List Procedures



Draft List of Issues for 2021 Task Force

Issues Identified for Further Discussion:

- Project Evaluation Criteria
 - Ensuring criteria adequately reflect VISION 2050 emphasis areas
 - In particular safety and equity considerations
- FTA funding distribution methodology
- Set-asides
- Streamlining opportunities
- Project tracking “emergency / hardship” provisions



Proposed Schedule

September 2020 – January 2021: Staff committee debriefings

March 2021: Solicitation of Volunteers from all four PSRC Boards

April 2021 – Fall (as needed): Project Selection Task Force monthly meetings

January 2022: adoption of *Policy Framework for PSRC's Federal Funds*

February 2022: Call for projects

July 2022: Project recommendations to Transportation Policy and Executive Boards



Action

PSRC staff is directed to proceed with the Project Selection Task Force for the 2022 project selection process for PSRC Funds, to include the scope of work as finalized.

