



2021 Rural Town Centers and Corridors Program & Transportation Alternatives Program

Transportation Policy Board - March 10, 2022



Puget Sound Regional Council

Introduction

- **October 2021:** PSRC released calls for projects for Rural Town Centers & Corridors Program (RTCC) and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)
- **January 2022:** Project Selection Committees for each competition completed their review and recommendations
- **February 2022:** Transportation Policy Board released recommended RTCC and TAP projects for public comment
- **Today:** Requesting Board to recommend the Executive Board approve the recommended RTCC and TAP projects



RTCC Background

- RTCC program established from a 2003 study to assist in implementing projects serving **rural town centers**
- 2021 Competition:
 - ✓ **\$5.47 million** of FFY 2023-2024 funds
 - ✓ 9 grant applications submitted requesting ~\$6 million
- **Two-stage process**, with each countywide organization recommending up to three projects to compete regionally
- RTCC Project Selection Committee developed funding **recommendation for 8 projects** and prioritized contingency list (Attachment A)



2021 RTCC Recommended Projects

- **Eight projects recommended**, including:
 - Traffic/pedestrian safety study
 - Intersection improvements (3 roundabouts, 1 signalization)
 - Sidewalk project
 - Technology project to improve ferry traffic management
 - Bypass/extensions to separate thru-traffic from local
- Diversity of project **locations and phases**
 - Projects located in all four counties in the PSRC region
 - Awarded phases include planning, design, right of way, and construction



TAP Background

- TAP provides funding for **community-based transportation improvements**, such as bicycle and pedestrian facilities, historic preservation of transportation assets and environmental mitigation
- 2021 Competition:
 - ✓ **\$13.5 million** of FFY 2022-2024 funds
 - ✓ 27 grant applications submitted requesting ~\$37 million
- Convened committee with representatives from the four countywide forums, PSRC's BPAC, and experts in other project categories
- TAP Project Selection Committee developed funding **recommendation for 9 projects** and prioritized contingency list (Attachment B)



2021 TAP Recommended Projects

- Recommendation is for 9 **bicycle and pedestrian projects** including:
 - Shared use path segments
 - Non-motorized bridges
 - Facility network connectivity improvements
 - Access to transit improvements
- Diversity of project **locations and phases**
 - Projects located in all four counties in the PSRC region



Public Comments Summary

- **4 comments** received as of March 10 (Attachment C):
 - ✓ Questions about recommended projects
 - ✓ Suggestions for additional pedestrian projects
 - ✓ Comment in opposition to funding bicycle projects



Next Steps

Transportation Policy Board

- Today's action - review public comments and recommend Executive Board approval of RTCC and TAP project funding recommendations

Executive Board

- March 24 – final approval of RTCC and TAP project funding recommendations



Today's Action

The Transportation Policy Board should recommend the Executive Board approve the lists of projects for:

- **\$5.48 million of Rural Town Centers and Corridors Program funding as identified in Attachment A, along with the recommended contingency project list.**
- **\$13.5 million of Transportation Alternatives Program funding as identified in Attachment B, along with the recommended contingency project list.**

