

Regional Project Evaluation Committee

February 25, 2022



Agenda

- Introductions
- Announcements
- Approval of January Meeting Summary
- TPB Debrief



Puget Sound Regional Council

Regional Project Evaluation Committee Agenda

Date: February 25, 2022 from 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Online Meeting Only: Use Zoom Connection Information Provided Below

1. Introductions and Announcements (9:30)

2. Approve Meeting Summary for January 28, 2022*

3. Transportation Policy Board Debrief (9:40)

The 'At Work' report for the Transportation Policy Board meeting on Thursday, February 10, 2022 is available on the PSRC website at: <https://www.psrc.org/tpb-meetings>:

4. Discussion: Project Extensions and Annual Delivery Target (9:45)

Staff will report on the requested 2022 obligation date extensions, current obligation delivery, and next steps in the rebalancing process over the next few months to ensure the region meets its 2022 annual delivery target.

5. Discussion: 2022 Project Selection Process (10:15)

Staff will review the schedule for the 2022 project selection process, the funding amounts available and other key elements. The [Call for Projects](#) is available on PSRC's website.

6. Discussion: Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill / Federal Transportation Funding (10:45)

Staff will share information regarding 2022-2026 federal funding that is anticipated to flow through PSRC, including the uncertainties at this time and the expected schedule for further information to become available.

7. Other Business (10:55)

8. Next Meeting: March 25, 2022: 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

9. Adjourn (11:00)



2022 Project Extensions

- 14 project requests

	Total	STP	CMAQ
45-Day Extensions	\$8,954,777	\$7,359,777	\$1,595,000
1-Year Extensions	\$11,372,202	\$10,810,752	\$561,450
2022 Total	\$20,326,979	\$18,170,529	\$2,156,450



Delivery Status

- As of January 31, 2022
 - *~12% delivered*
- Includes draft increase of FY 2022 funds from IJJA / BIL
 - *~\$6m STP*
 - *~\$3m CMAQ*
 - *~\$500k TAP*
 - *Pending Congressional action beyond current Continuing Resolution through March 11, and negotiation of funding splits between state / regions*



Rebalancing and Next Steps

- Analysis of all projects underway
- Communication to every sponsor of a 2023 or 2024 currently funded project for advancement to 2022
- Update and review of existing contingency lists
- RPEC / CW Chairs to review extension requests, forward 1-year extensions for board approval – target of March
- Target of April board action for any rebalancing needs
 - Advanced projects or new funding awards will have until July 15th for obligation deadline



2022 Project Selection Process

- Call for projects released on February 11th
- Three regional webinars:
 - February 18th
 - February 23rd
 - **February 28th – 9:30am**
- Materials, application links, resources and guidance documents:

<https://www.psrc.org/our-work/funding/project-selection/fhwa-and-fta-regional-funding>



2022 Project Selection Process

- Reminder of additional funds to distribute as part of 2022 process:
 - \$2.74 of 2021 HIP funding -- more limited STP eligibility
 - \$19.25m of 2021 CRRSAA FHWA funding -- full STP eligibility
 - Obligation required by September 30, 2024
- Finalizing distribution splits in consultation with RPEC/CW chairs
 - will communicate increased funding levels by forum to all prospective sponsors shortly
 - PSRC will monitor and align awards by year – no change to project selection process other than increased amounts available



2022 Project Selection Process

- Regional FHWA competition key dates:
 - March 11 – eligibility screening forms due
 - April 11 – applications due
 - April 21-22 – sponsor presentations (planning on virtual)
 - May 26-27 – RPEC recommendation meeting (potentially in person / hybrid)



Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act - aka Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)

- What do we know?
 - 2022 – 2026 funding
 - Overall increase in funding – including to PSRC formula funding programs
 - ❖ *Expected April 2022 release of final funding tables*
 - New formula funding programs
 - New / expanded federal discretionary grant programs



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- What do we know?
 - Some guidance documents available now:
 - *White House guidebook:* https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/BUILDING-A-BETTER-AMERICA_FINAL.pdf
 - *FHWA Fact Sheets:* https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/fact_sheets.cfm
 - *Info on Bridges, EVs, Safety programs:* <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/>



Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act - aka Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)

- What don't we know?
 - Final information on FHWA funding split between state / local agencies
 - through MPOs or Local Programs
 - *Discussions expected to occur after Legislative session*
 - *Includes Governor's office, Legislative reps, state, MPOs, cities, counties, possibly others*
 - *Specific funding programs and amounts tbd*
 - Details of new funding programs
 - Notice of Funding Opportunities, guidance, etc. expected to roll out in the coming months or longer

