

Preparation for the 2022 WSDOT Consolidated Grant Regional Priority Ranking Process

Special Needs Transportation Committee • June 15, 2022



Today

- **2022 Regional Priority Ranking Schedule (Updated)**
- **Committee Review & Confirmation on PSRC Regional**

Priority Ranking Factors:

- New Equity Factor
 - Project Type (Preservation vs. New/Expansion)
 - Performance Measures and Targets
- **Next Steps**



Goal

Today, the committee will:

- **Provide feedback on changes to regional priority ranking schedule**
- **Provide final guidance to PSRC staff to update the 2023-2025 biennium Regional Priority Ranking Factors for the PSRC region**



UPDATED 2022 PSRC Priority Ranking Recommendation Timeline

July 21, 2022	WSDOT Notice of Funding Opportunity
August 3, 2022	PSRC Regional Priority Ranking Training
October 27, 2022	Application Deadline for 2022 Consolidated Grant – applicants in King, Pierce, and Snohomish counties must submit their applications to both WSDOT and PSRC for consideration.
November 16, 2022	PSRC Sponsor Presentation (NEW step in the process)
TBD – see options (next slide)	PSRC Special Needs Transportation Committee 2022 Consolidated Grant Regional Priority Ranking Recommendation
TBD – based upon TOC feedback at June 22 mtg	PSRC Transportation Operators Committee Regional Priority Ranking Recommendation
January 12, 2023	PSRC Transportation Policy Board Regional Priority Ranking Recommendation
January 26, 2023	PSRC Executive Board Decision on Regional Priority Rankings
January 27, 2023	WSDOT required deadline for regional priority rankings
May-June 2023	WSDOT Funded Project List Announced and Award Letters Sent
July 1, 2023	Project Begins

NOTE: For discussion purposes only, all dates are subject to change.
Bolded dates are those provided by WSDOT in communication as of June 14, 2022.



UPDATED 2022 PSRC Priority Ranking Recommendation Timeline

August 3, 2022: Regional Priority Ranking Training

- Potential training elements and time/format of the training will be discussed at the July SNTC

November 16, 2022: Sponsor Presentations

- November SNTC date
- Exact dates/times will depend upon the volume of applications received



UPDATED 2022 PSRC Priority Ranking Recommendation Timeline

Options for 2023-2025 Deliberation Meeting:

- December 7th
- December 14th (or 13th or 15th?)

Next steps

- Consult with TOC
- Share poll with voting members for potential dates for deliberation meeting



WSDOT Consolidated Grant

- **Total 15 ABC rankings are available** for PSRC region:
 - 5 A's
 - 5 B's
 - 5 C's
 - Unlimited number of D's

NOTE: 4-year projects will receive the same grade for both biennia

- Compared to the last biennium, more applications are expected for the upcoming biennium



PSRC Regional Priority Ranking Process

1

Applicants within the PSRC region will address PSRC's Regional Priority Ranking Factors in the state application

2

PSRC will review applications for how applications address the Regional Priority Ranking Factors

3

Sponsor presentations will help PSRC and SNTC to better understand projects

4

PSRC will share the results of staff review with SNTC and interested parties a week prior to the deliberations, as a resource

5

Final priority rankings will be discussed and determined at the SNTC deliberation meeting, using “Factors for Consideration in Deliberation” developed by the committee



PSRC Regional Priority Ranking Factors

#1. Project Type (Preservation vs. New/Expansion)

#2. Support for PSRC's Coordinated Mobility Plan

#3. Uniqueness of Service

#4. Performance Measure

#5. Financial Sustainability

#6. NEW Advancing Equity

NOTE: Discussion topics were chosen based on the SNTC's Mentimeter responses



#6. Advancing Equity (New)

SNTC's Feedback from Menti Survey: Incorporate but discuss further

PSRC's Proposed Review Method:

1. Project sponsors will provide an answer to the new equity question and submit service boundary maps or other types of information, as part of their applications
2. PSRC will review answers and perform geographic analysis to determine whether the project serves the areas with high concentrations of equity populations by using the Equity Focus Areas map/data
3. PSRC may request clarification before or at the sponsor presentation meeting
4. If the service is located in or partially runs through the Equity Focus Areas, the project will receive a “yes” for this factor



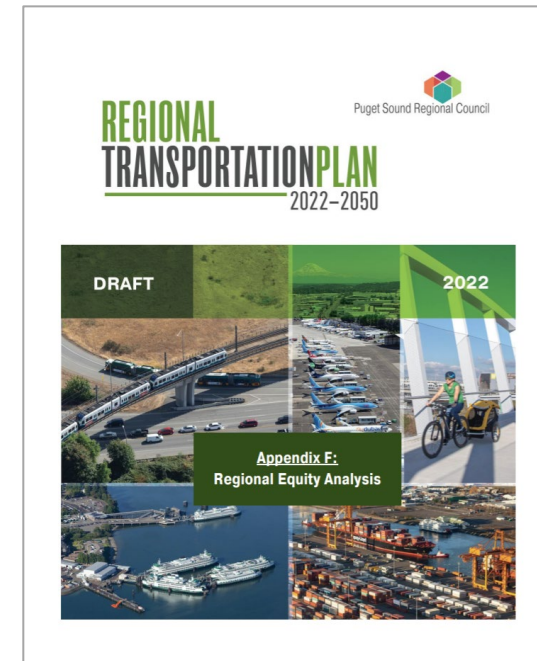
#6. Advancing Equity (New)

Discussion Questions:

- Do you agree with the proposed review method?
- Which Equity Focus Demographics should be prioritized for this factor? PSRC's proposed key demographics are people of color and people with low incomes. Do you agree?

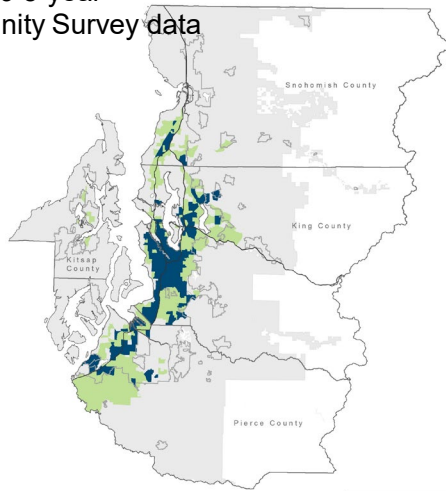
Equity Focus Demographics:

- **People of color**
- **People with low incomes**
- People with disabilities
- Youth (ages 5-17)
- Older adults (aged 65 and above)
- People with limited English proficiency (LEP)



Equity Focus Areas

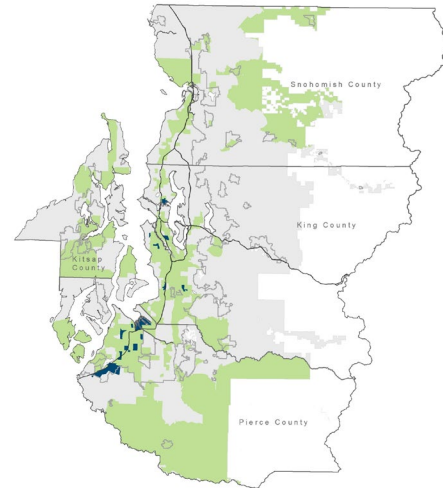
Source: 2015-2019 5-year American Community Survey data



People of Color

People of Color
Regional Average: 35.9%

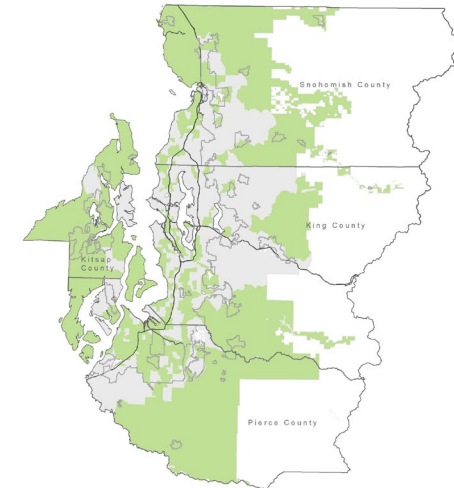
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- Above Regional Average
- Below Thresholds
- Urban Growth Area
- Forest Lands



People with Low Incomes

People with Low Incomes
Regional Average: 20.7%

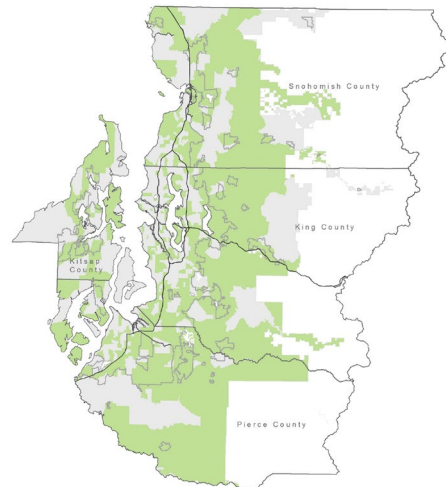
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People with Disabilities

People with Disabilities
Regional Average: 11.0%

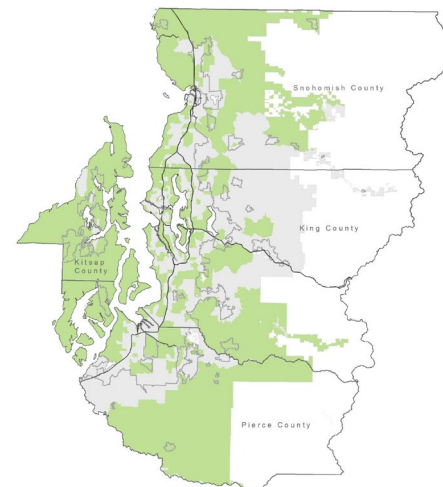
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Youth (Ages 5-17)

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Regional Average: 15.4%

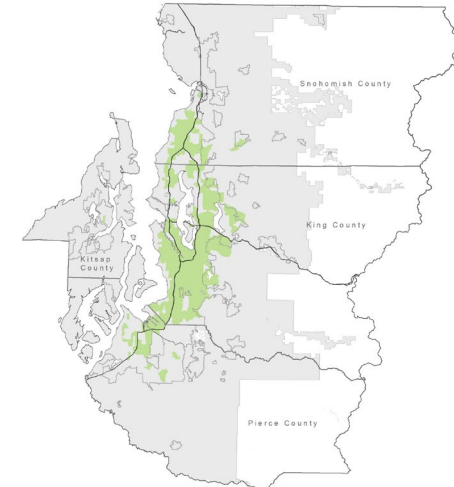
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Older Adults (Aged 65+)

Older Adults (Age 65+)
Regional Average: 13.4%

- Above Regional Average
- Below Threshold
- Urban Growth Area
- Forest Lands



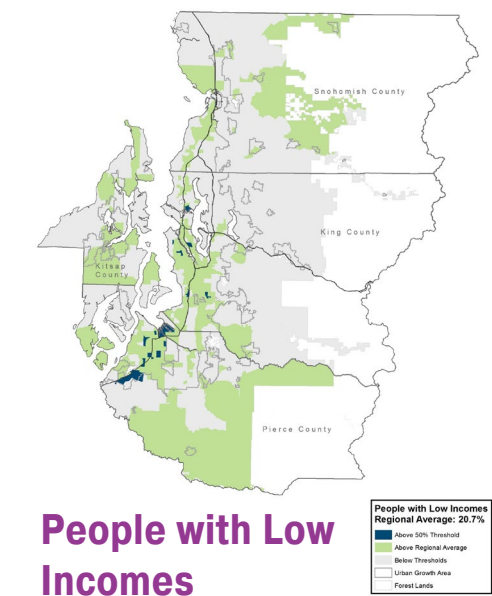
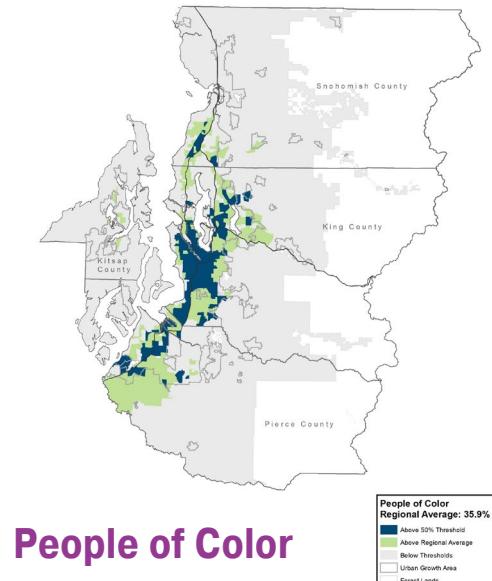
People with Limited English Proficiency

People with LEP
Regional Average: 8.5%

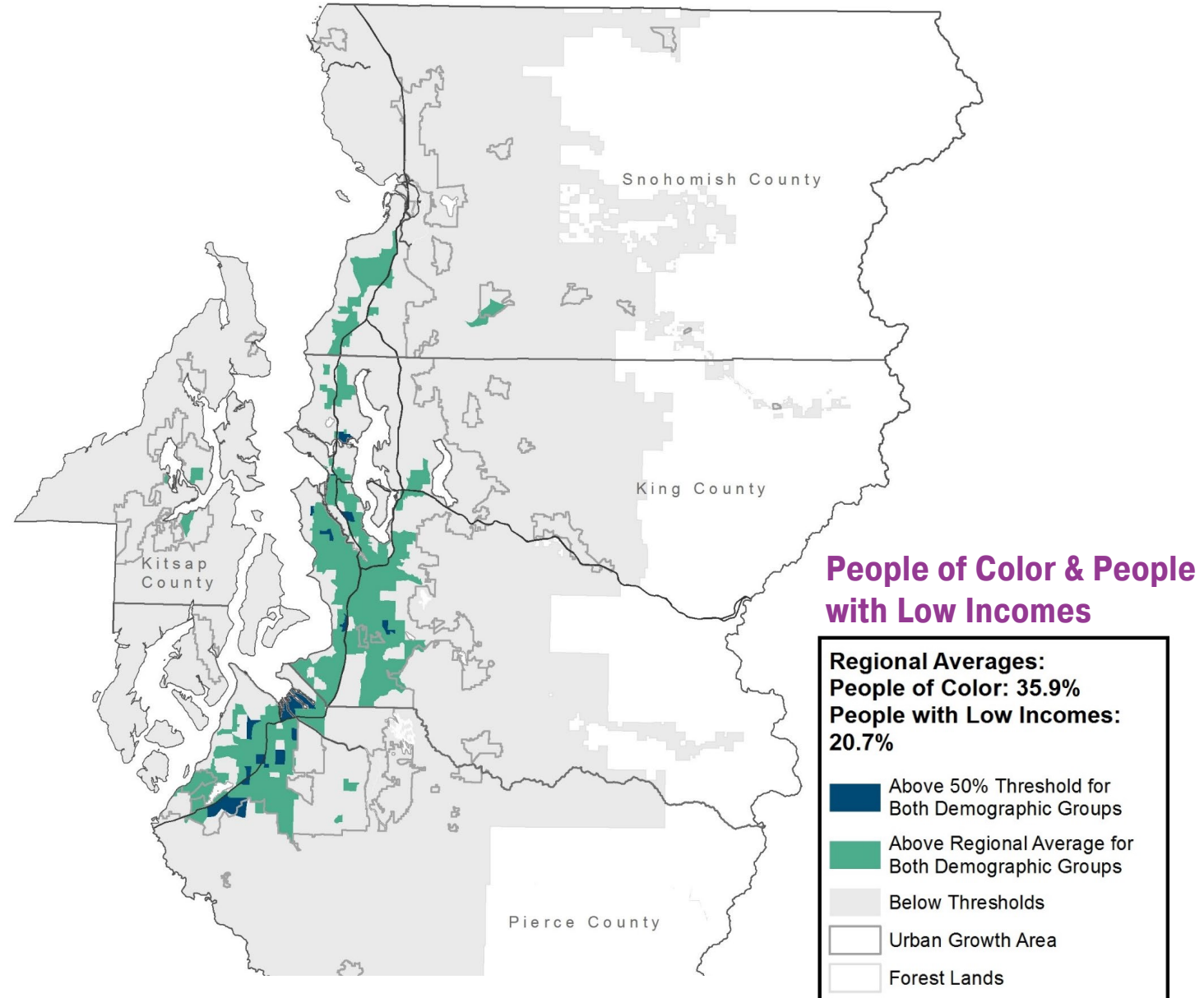
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Equity Focus Areas – Cross-tabulation



Cross-Tabulation



#1. Project Type (Preservation vs. New/Expansion)

SNTC's Feedback from Menti Survey: Keep, but potentially revise

Existing Evaluation Method: Only preservation and capital projects that are supporting existing programs will receive a “Yes.”

PSRC's Proposed Revision: Keep it as-is. PSRC does not recommend moving “expansion” to preservation.

Discussion Questions:

- Do you agree with majority feedback from Menti respondents of keeping this factor as one of the key regional priority ranking factors?
- If PSRC were to make the most common change recommended, of providing a “yes” to either preservation or expansion, what justification would you give for that change?



#4. Performance Measures and Targets

SNTC's Feedback from Menti Survey: Keep but revise

Existing Evaluation Method: If the applicant commits to tracking required performance measures and sets targets for those required performance measures, the applicant will receive a “Yes” for this factor. Applicants failing to address both required performance measures and targets will receive a “No.”

PSRC's Proposed Revision: move this factor to “factors for consideration in deliberation.”

Discussion Questions: Do you agree with the proposed revision?



#4. Performance Measures and Targets

Required & Suggested Performance Measures by Project Type (2020)

Program Types	Required Performance Measures	Suggested Performance Measures
Operating Projects		
All Operating Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passenger trips 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revenue vehicle hours • Revenue vehicle miles
Capital Projects		
Vehicle Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vehicle Useful Life Benchmark (ULB) in years <p>NOTE: ULB is defined as the expected lifecycle of a capital asset for a particular transit provider's operating environment, or the acceptable period of use in service for a particular transit provider's operating environment.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
Other Projects	Please see Federal Transit Administration guidance (https://www.transit.dot.gov/TAM) to develop relevant performance measures and targets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None



#4. Performance Measures and Targets

Required & Suggested Performance Measures by Project Type (2020)

Program Types	Required Performance Measures	Suggested Performance Measures
Mobility Management Projects		
Information Referral & Assistance Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of clients receiving trip planning services • Number of calls fielded and/or website clicks or impressions • Number of trips planned and/or referrals made 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of trips completed • Number of unduplicated clients receiving trip planning services
Travel Training, Education, & Orientation Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of training provided to clients • Number of unduplicated clients trained • Number of unduplicated organizational staff trained 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of clients trained • Number of trainings provided to organizational staff
Mobility Coalition Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of mobility coalition meetings • Number of mobility coalition meeting participants, excluding your own agency's staff • Number of unique agencies represented at the meetings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Percentage of work program goals achieved



#2. Support for PSRC's Coordinated Mobility Plan

SNTC's Feedback from Menti Survey: Keep but strengthen the language

Evaluation Method: Only applications that clearly demonstrated how their projects address one or more “High” Prioritized Strategies included in the Coordinated Mobility Plan will receive a “Yes.” Projects failing to address one or more “High” Prioritized Strategies will receive a “No.” Projects only addressing “Other” strategies will receive a “No.”

PSRC's Proposed Action: no change, keep it as-is, but sponsors can address this factor further at their presentations

Discussion Question: Do you have any recommendations for change?



#3. Uniqueness of Service

SNTC's Feedback from Menti Survey: Keep but strengthen the language

Evaluation Method: Applicants that adequately explain how their projects do not duplicate other existing services for target populations, including those provided by public transportation operators, will receive a “Yes.” Applicants that do not provide an explanation or simply respond there are no similar services without an explanation will receive a “No.”

PSRC's Proposed Action: no change, keep it as-is

Discussion Question: Do you have any recommendations for change?



#5. Financial Sustainability

SNTC's Feedback from Menti Survey: Keep but revise

Existing Evaluation Method: Operating projects seeking a federal/state funding amount less than 50% of their net project cost will receive a “Yes.” Capital and mobility management projects seeking a federal/state funding amount less than 80% of their net project cost will receive a “Yes.”

PSRC's Proposed Action: no change, keep it as-is, and make the cases for smaller agencies during the deliberation meeting by using the “factors for consideration in deliberation.”

Discussion Question: Do you have any recommendations for change?



Important Dates

July 20, 2022 SNTC: Get ready for the call for projects release

July 21, 2022: Release Call for Projects

August 3, 2022: PSRC Priority Ranking Training

September-October, 2022: Develop Factors for Consideration in Deliberation

October 27, 2022: Application Deadline

November 16, 2022: Sponsor presentations

November/December (exact date TBD): Regional Priority Ranking Deliberations

★ Visit PSRC online meeting calendar for upcoming committee meetings:

<https://www.psrc.org/calendar>



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