

Special Needs Transportation Committee Agenda

Date: July 20, 2022 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Online Meeting Only: Use Zoom Connection Information Provided Below

1. Welcome and Introductions (9:30 a.m.) – Susan Carter, Hopelink

- 2. Action: Approval of Meeting Summary (9:40 a.m.)
 - June 15, 2022 SNTC Meeting*
- 3. Discussion: WSDOT Resources for Consolidated Grant (9:45 a.m.) WSDOT staff will provide a presentation on potential resources, including demographic data/mapping, for the Consolidated Grant applications. The committee will have an opportunity to ask questions at the meeting.
- 4. Discussion: Preparation for the 2023-2025 WSDOT Consolidated Grant Regional Priority Ranking Process for PSRC Region (10:05 a.m.)*
 WSDOT's Consolidated Grant call for projects is scheduled for July 21, 2022.
 PSRC provides regional priority rankings for specialized transportation projects seeking WSDOT Consolidated Grant funds. PSRC staff will provide a presentation on regional priority ranking materials supporting WSDOT's call for projects including:
 - Updated timeline for PSRC region's Consolidated Grant Regional Priority Ranking Process (SNTC deliberation meeting is scheduled for December 6, 2022);
 - PSRC's call for projects materials including updated "Regional Priority Ranking Factors" document;
 - Other resources that will be provided by PSRC such as countywide population density maps;
 - Potential elements for August 3, 2022 training on regional priority ranking process for the PSRC region.

Information: Regional Priority Ranking Process training for the PSRC region will be held between 10:00-11:00am on August 3, 2022 via Zoom. Registration will open on July 21, 2022 here: https://www.psrc.org/our-work/funding/project-selection/special-needs-funding

5. Roundtable: Opportunity for SNTC members to share information on their programs and coalition news (11:15 a.m.)

6. Next Meeting: September 21, 2022 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

PSRC online meeting calendar: https://www.psrc.org/calendar

7. Adjourn (11:30 a.m.)

Zoom Participation Options:

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https://psrc-org.zoom.us/j/92425097433?pwd=blJ4djl0aFFOdllDUldIbkNzM0RpZz09

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^{*}Supporting materials attached



Special Needs Transportation Committee Meeting Summary

Date: June 15, 2022 - 9:30a.m. - 11:30a.m.

Location: Remote – Online Meeting Only (Zoom Meeting)

Welcome and Introductions

Susan Carter, Chair, welcomed everyone at 9:30 a.m. Jean Kim, PSRC, reviewed the remote meeting procedures and took a roll call of the membership in attendance.

Approval of Meeting Summary

The May 18, 2022 meeting summary was approved as presented.

Discussion: Preparation for the 2022 WSDOT Consolidated Grant Regional Priority Ranking Process for PSRC Region

Gil Cerise, PSRC, provided an overview of the PSRC preparation of its regional priority ranking process to support the upcoming WSDOT Consolidated Grant. He reviewed the goals for the meeting, which included feedback and guidance from the committee on updates and potential changes to the regional priority ranking factors based on the SNTC Mentimeter polling results from the last meeting.

Jean reviewed the updated 2022 Regional Priority Ranking timeline and process, which provided application deadlines, training date, sponsor presentation date, and options for the committee deliberation meeting at the end of year in December. Gil and Jean then reviewed the regional priority ranking factors and potential updates (from the SNTC Mentimeter feedback) and described the proposed review methods in detail, starting with a focus on the new equity criterion (based on the 2022-2050 Regional Transportation Plan).

The committee was asked to provide feedback on the PSRC ranking factors and other call for projects materials and confirm potential changes. The committee discussed the proposed methods, asked questions, and provided comments on most of the factors, but due to time constraints, not all factors could be reviewed. The committee was asked to review factors #3 and #5 and email any comments to PSRC for follow-up prior to the July 20 meeting.

Committee member feedback on the new equity criterion indicated that there was not enough time to adequately address this criterion as part of the regional priority ranking factors that PSRC would review and evaluate. PSRC staff suggested that the committee could include equity as a consideration for their deliberation meeting as part of the additional factors for consideration in deliberation.

The committee also spent time discussing preservation vs. new/expansion. Based upon Mentimeter feedback indicating a desire to retain this factor, PSRC will maintain it for the upcoming process.

Finally, the committee also reviewed the performance measures and targets criterion used in the past. Given the effects of the pandemic on achieving performance targets and the likelihood that objective factors associated with this topic are unlikely to produce meaningful distinction among projects, PSRC staff recommend that the committee consider the use of program/project performance as part of the additional factors for consideration in deliberation.

PSRC will bring back information on the regional priority ranking factors and draft materials to prepare for the WSDOT Consolidated Grant for the July SNTC meeting.

The presentation is available on the PSRC website here.

For more information, contact Jean Kim at jkim@psrc.org or Gil Cerise at gcerise@psrc.org.

Roundtable: Opportunity for SNTC members to share information on their programs and coalition news

Due to time constraints, this item was omitted.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

*Members and Alternates Represented

See attached attendance roster.

*Alternates, Guests and PSRC Staff Present

Amy Biggs, Snoqualmie Valley Transportation; Bree Boyce, Hopelink (RARET); Dorene Cornwell, KCMC; Bebhinn Gilbert, Hopelink (KCMC); Marianna Hanefeld, WSDOT; Jill Nordstrom, WSDOT; Juli Rose, Homage; Staci Sahoo, Hopelink; Darryl Sierra, Hopelink; Mona Steele, Homage; Mary Wysocki, NCCC

PSRC

Monica Adkins, Gil Cerise, Jean Kim

*All attendees were present via remote participation

SNTC Attendance Roster

(Members and Alternates represented)

Date: June 15, 2022 9:30am - 11:30am
Online/Remote Meeting Only

Representation		Name	Representation		Name	
King County - Transit						
King County Metro (1)	Х	Don Okazaki, King County Metro	Community Transit/Everett Transit (1)	Х	Margaret Keckler, Community Transit	
		Penny Lara, King County Metro (Alt.)	7		Brian Senyitko, Everett Transit (Alt.)	
King County - Local Coalition			Snohomish County - Local Coalition			
KCMC (1)	Х	Jonny Prociv, Volunteer Services of CCSWW-KC (KCMC)	Representative from SNOTRAC (1)	Х	Brock Howell, SNOTRAC	
		Staci Sahoo, Hopelink (KCMC) (Alt.)			Mary Wysocki, NCCC (Alt.)	
King County - Area Agency on Aging	/ADR	RC	Snohomish County - Area Agency on Aging	/ADI	RC	
Seattle-King County Aging and			Snohomish County Long-Term Care and			
Disability Services (1)		VACANT	Aging (1)	X	Stefanie Novacek, Snohomish Co LTC & Aging	
King County Binds Why Advances C		Suzy Miller, Seattle ADS (Alt.)	Control of Court Pinkills Advance		Michal Glauner (Alt.)	
King County - Disability Advocacy Gounty Persons with	oup	T	Snohomish County - Disability Advocacy G Snohomish County Persons with	roup		
Disabilities/Advocacy Groups for			Disabilities/ Advocacy Groups for Persons			
Persons with Disabilities (1)	х	Aaron Morrow, KCMC	with Disabilities (1)	х	Leigh Spruce, Arc of Snohomish County	
		Dorene Cornwell, KCMC (Alt.)			Corrina Fale, Arc of Snohomish County (Alt.)	
King County - Other Special Needs G	iroup		Snohomish County - Other Special Needs	Grou		
Available county seat to be chosen			Available county seat to be chosen by			
by KCMC* (1)	Х	Phirun Lach, Sound Generations	SNOTRAC* (1)		Julie Vess, Lincoln Hill Retirement Community	
		Amy Biggs Spagualmia Valley Transportation (Alt.)			Christina Robertson, Catholic Community Svcs Snohomish (Alt.)	
Pierce County - Transit		Amy Biggs, Snoqualmie Valley Transportation (Alt.)	Kitsap County - Transit	<u> </u>	SHOHOHISH (Art.)	
		Aucha Datte Diarca Transit		х	Loff Davidson, Kitsan Transit	
Pierce Transit (1)	v	Ausha Potts, Pierce Transit	Kitsap Transit ^ (1)	H	, '	
Pierce County - Local Coalition	Х	Cherry Thomas, Pierce Transit (Alt.)	Kitsap County - Local Coalition	<u> </u>	Jeff Vinecourt, Kitsap Transit (Alt.)	
Representative from PC Human			KIRN - Kitsap County Coalition ^ (1)	Т		
Services (f/k/a PCCC) (1)	х	Daeveene May, Pierce County, Human Services	Kinn - Kitsap County Countion (1)		Kelly Schwab, KIRN	
		Jodie Moody, Catholic Community Services (Alt.)	7		VACANT (Alt.)	
Pierce County - Area Agency on Agir	ıg/A[, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	Kitsap County - Area Agency on Aging/AD	RC	This are (rad)	
Pierce County Aging and Disability			Kitsap County Dept. of Aging and Long-			
Resources (1)		Brian Guthrie, Pierce Co. Aging & Disability Resources	Term Care ^ (1)		VACANT	
Diamas County Disability Advances	C	VACANT (Alt.)	Kitson County Disability Advasory Groun	<u> </u>	VACANT (Alt.)	
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Disabilities/ Advocacy Groups for			Advocacy Groups for Persons with			
Persons with Disabilities (1)	х	Francie Peltier, PCCTC	Disabilities ^ (1)		VACANT	
		Tara Zink, Pierce County, Human Svcs. Developmental	1			
		Disabilities Dept (Alt.)			VACANT (Alt.)	
Pierce County - Other Special Needs	Gro	up	Kitsap County - Other Special Needs Grou)		
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by PCCTC* (1)	.,	Steve Hutchins, Around the Sound	Kitsap Group***(1)		VACANT	
	Х	Penni Belcher, UWPC/South Sound 211 (Alt.)			VACANT (Alt.)	
State and Regional Representation						
Medicaid Transportation - Pierce ar	nd Kit	tsap Counties				
Paratransit Services (1)		Ann Kennedy, Paratransit Services				
		Christie Scheffer, Paratransit Services (Alt.)				
Medicaid Transportation – King and	Snol	homish Counties				
Hopelink (1)	Х	Susan Carter, Chair (Hopelink)				
		Darryl Sierra, Hopelink (Alt.)				
Washington State Ferries (WSDOT)						
Ferries - WSDOT (1)		Sarah Nagpal, WSF				
		Jared Fernley, WSF (Alt.)				
Regional Transit						
Sound Transit (1)	Х	Beth Hamby, Sound Transit				
		Donna Smith, Sound Transit (Alt.)	7			
Regional Education						
Educational Service Districts (1)	Х	Jacque Mann, PSESD				
		Davina Miller, PSESD (Alt.)	7			
Tribal Representation **						
Tribes (1)		VACANT				
		VACANT (Alt.)			as of 6/15/2022	

^{*}This is suggested to be a representative from a transportation provider or other special needs populations listed in coordinated plan including seniors, low income, youth, veterans, and limited english proficiency groups.

^{**} Representative is chosen by local Tribal Transportation Planning Organizations (TTPO)

[^]Role does not include WSDOT Consolidated Grant Voting



MEMORANDUM July 20, 2022

TO: Special Needs Transportation Committee (SNTC)

FROM: Jean Kim, PSRC

SUBJECT: Preparation for the 2023-2025 WSDOT Consolidated Grant Regional Priority

Ranking Process for PSRC Region

IN BRIEF

In preparation for the 2023-2025 Consolidated Grant competition call for projects on July 21, 2022, PSRC is preparing for its role in identifying regional priority projects for State consideration. At the meeting, PSRC will review the DRAFT Regional Priority Ranking Factors document which was amended per the committee's input received at the June meeting.

Call for Projects Release

WSDOT is planning to issue the call for projects for the 2023-2025 Consolidated Grant competition on July 21, 2022. All applicants within the PSRC region should provide their applications to both WSDOT and PSRC by WSDOT's initial application deadline of 3:00pm, October 27, 2022 to be eligible to receive a regional priority ranking. Table1 provides key dates associated with the PSRC regional priority ranking process:

Table 1. 2023-2025 WSDOT Consolidated Grant Timeline with PSRC Regional Priority Ranking Recommendation Dates

July 21, 2022	Call for Projects Release—PSRC website will be updated with guidance materials: https://www.psrc.org/our-work/funding/project-selection/special-needs-funding
August 3, 2022	PSRC Regional Priority Ranking Training—PSRC will provide virtual training on PSRC's regional priority ranking process and PSRC staff will be present at this training for Q&A. Registration link will be provided on July 21, 2022, on the PSRC website. A Video recording of this session will be uploaded to the website.
October 27, 2022	Application Deadline for 2023-2025 Consolidated Grant—must submit the same applications to both WSDOT (via GMS) and PSRC (email ikim@psrc.org) by 3:00pm (PDT) on October 27, 2022.
November 16, 2022	NEW PSRC Sponsor Presentation —voting members (or alternates) are strongly encouraged to attend this meeting for Q&A and more information about projects.

December 6, 2022	PSRC Special Needs Transportation Committee 2023-2025 Consolidated Grant Regional Priority Ranking Recommendation—at least one person from each committee voting membership seat (either a voting member or an alternative of the voting member) should attend the deliberation meeting for a recommendation.
December 2022 (Exact Date TBD)	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
May 2023	WSDOT Funded Project List Announced and Award Letters Sent
July 1, 2023	Project Begins

NOTE: all dates are subject to change

PSRC's Regional Priority Ranking Factors

At the June meeting, SNTC reviewed and provided feedback on the draft Regional Priority Ranking Factors that will be used to review projects for the committee to use in deliberations on a recommendation. PSRC staff prepared final edits to the Regional Priority Ranking Factors document for the 2023-2025 competition which is provided in Attachment 4A.

A summary of the June meeting discussion and relevant changes to the Regional Priority Ranking Factors are listed in Table 2:

Table 2. Summary of Updates to the PSRC Regional Priority Ranking Factors

Priority Ranking Factors		Updates
1.	Project Type (Preservation vs. New/Expansion)	No change
2.	Support for PSRC's Coordinated Mobility Plan	No change but sponsors can address this factor further in their presentations
3.	Uniqueness of Service	No change
4.	Performance Measures and Targets	Removed from the initial Regional Priority Ranking Factors but SNTC will discuss further in the fall to potentially move this factor to "Additional Factors for Consideration in Deliberation."
5.	Financial Sustainability	No change
6.	Advancing Equity (suggested as a new factor)	Removed from the initial Regional Priority Ranking Factors but SNTC will discuss further in the fall to potentially move this factor to "Additional Factors for Consideration in Deliberation."

Committee member feedback on the new Equity factor in June indicated that there was not enough time to adequately address this criterion as part of the initial Regional Priority Ranking Factors that PSRC would review and evaluate. PSRC staff suggested that the committee could include equity as a consideration for their deliberation meeting as part of the additional factors for consideration in deliberation.

The committee also reviewed the Performance Measures and Targets criterion used in the past. Given the effects of the pandemic on achieving targets and the likelihood that objective factors associated with this topic are unlikely to produce a meaningful distinction among projects, PSRC staff recommend that the committee consider the use of program/project performance as part of the additional factors for consideration in deliberation.

The committee will have opportunities to discuss further on these at their upcoming meetings in the fall.

Additional Factors for Consideration in Deliberation

Attachment 4B includes a list of additional factors which was determined by SNTC and used at the last regional priority ranking deliberation meeting for the 2021-2023 biennium. This list can be retained, updated, or replaced based on SNTC feedback during the December 6 deliberation meeting.

As a reminder, additional factors for consideration should not duplicate the regional priority ranking factors used to provide an initial review of applications (listed in Table 2). Any additional factors for consideration in deliberation that require data and analysis (e.g., population breakdown by county) must be determined prior to the deliberation meeting to give PSRC staff time to prepare.

At the meeting, PSRC will present the final timeline for the PSRC regional priority ranking process and the Regional Priority Ranking Factors document. The committee will also have an opportunity to discuss potential elements for the August 3 training, and/or review "Additional Factors for Consideration in Deliberation" for further discussion, depending on the time.

For more information prior to the July 20 SNTC meeting, please contact Jean Kim at (206) 971-3052 (jkim@psrc.org).

Attachment 4A: DRAFT PSRC Regional Priority Ranking Process & Factors
Attachment 4B: DRAFT Additional Factors for Consideration in Deliberation Used for the 20212023 Biennium



PSRC Regional Priority Ranking Process

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) awards state and federal funds to specialized transportation projects/programs through its Consolidated Grant competition. As part of this process, regional planning organizations (Regional Transportation Planning Organizations or Metropolitan Planning Organizations) participate in the scoring process by providing regional priority rankings for projects/programs applying for Consolidated Grant funds from within their respective regions. As a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) provides regional priority rankings, expressed in WSDOT's designated letter grade format, for the projects/programs seeking funds in King, Pierce, and Snohomish counties.¹

WSDOT allocates a fixed number of ABC rankings to each region for distribution to projects in the competition. Points associated with each regional priority ranking with an A through C ranking are added to a score that the state produces for each project seeking funding.

For the 2023-2025 biennium, the PSRC region will be able to distribute 15 regional rankings worth points in the competition (5 A's, 5 B's, and 5 C's) and an unlimited number of D rankings (which are worth 0 points) that can also be submitted and allow a project to be considered for funding through this grant process. Sponsors can apply for either two years (July 1, 2023-June 30, 2025) or four years (July 1, 2023-June 30, 2027). Projects that WSDOT awards for four years will receive the same regional priority ranking from PSRC for both biennia and do not have to re-apply after the first biennium unless the state determines otherwise.



¹ Kitsap County is a member of both PSRC and the Peninsula RTPO. Kitsap County participates in the WSDOT Consolidated Grant regional ranking process through the Peninsula RTPO.



Instructions

Application Deadline: Project sponsors applying for the Consolidated Grant <u>must submit their applications to both</u> <u>WSDOT, via its Grants Management System (GMS), and PSRC, via email, by 3:00pm on October 27, 2022</u>.

Applications must be converted to PDFs and emailed to Jean Kim at <u>jkim@psrc.org</u> by the date and time noted above to be considered for PSRC's regional priority ranking review.

- Applicants within the PSRC region are expected to address **both WSDOT's evaluation criteria and PSRC's Regional Priority Ranking Factors** within the same application.
- Applicants must identify how their projects address <u>each of the four Regional Priority Ranking Factors found in Table 1 in their WSDOT Consolidated Grant application</u> to be eligible to receive a regional priority ranking.
- The second column in Table 1 provides guidance for which WSDOT application question/page number will be used to address the PSRC factors for regional priority rankings.
- PSRC will be providing a regional priority ranking training on August 3, 2022 (10:00-11:00am) via Zoom (please register here: link will be added at later date). The video recording of this training session will be uploaded to the PSRC website.
- For more information on PSRC's regional priority ranking process, contact Jean Kim at <u>jkim@psrc.org</u> or visit PSRC's specialized transportation funding website: https://www.psrc.org/our-work/funding/project-selection/special-needs-funding
- For any questions on the WSDOT Consolidated Grant process, contact the WSDOT Community Liaison that serves your area:
 - King and Pierce Counties: Matthew Cramer (<u>cramema@wsdot.wa.gov</u>)
 - o Snohomish County: Marianna Hanefeld (Marianna.hanefeld@wsdot.wa.gov)
 - WSDOT Consolidated Grant Website: https://wsdot.wa.gov/business-wsdot/grants/public-transportation-grants/grant-programs-and-awards/consolidated



Attachment 4A: PSRC's Regional Priority Ranking Factors

PSRC's Regional Priority Ranking Factors are designed to help implement the <u>Regional Coordinated Mobility Plan</u>, the region's Coordinated Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan. The objective of the regional priority ranking factors is to allow staff to identify how well projects address regional priorities for specialized transportation. This evaluation helps guide the Special Needs Transportation Committee (SNTC) in developing its recommendations for regional priority rankings to projects/programs seeking funding.

PSRC staff will review applications for how well they address the regional priority factors listed in Table 1. Projects will receive simple "Yes" or "No" answers for each factor, rather than numeric scores or grades:

- A "Yes" response indicates that the project application addresses the factor; and
- A "No" response indicates that a project application does not adequately address the factor.

Applicants seeking regional priority rankings from PSRC are also required to provide a short presentation. At this session, SNTC voting members (or alternates of the voting members) and PSRC staff will attend for Q&A. The quality of the presentation will not be evaluated. Currently, the presentation session is scheduled for November 16 (9:00am-4:00pm). The exact dates and times will depend upon the volume of applications received by the October 27, 2022 deadline. Sponsors will be notified about the length and the order of the presentations before the meeting. PSRC staff will also use the information heard from sponsor presentations to determine the final Yes/No responses for each factor.

A summary of review results will be provided to the SNTC as a resource for their <u>December 6, 2022, deliberation</u> <u>meeting</u>, at which the committee will discuss and make recommendations for the regional priority rankings. In addition, sponsors have the opportunity to provide information that is not addressed in the application for additional consideration in the recommendation process, by using "Additional Factors for Consideration in Deliberation" developed by the committee at the meeting.

Table 1 outlines the regional priority ranking factors along with a description of how PSRC staff will evaluate each factor found under the sub-heading, "Evaluation Method." The topics listed below are not listed in any priority order. No weighting will be applied to any factor.



Table 1: PSRC Regional Priority Ranking Factors

Regional Priority Ranking Factors

Guidance for which WSDOT application question addresses this factor (DRAFT)

Factor #1: Project Type (Preservation vs. New or Expansion)

Is the application for funding needed to support the ongoing operations of an existing program? This includes fleet replacement and maintenance, or other capital needs to support an existing program at existing service levels.

<u>Evaluation Method</u>: Only preservation and capital projects that are supporting existing programs at existing service levels will receive a "Yes." New or expansion projects will receive a "No" for this factor.

If your project is an operating project: the response should be provided in the "<u>Need for Service</u>" section under the heading "2-Summary of Project Information."

If your project is a capital, mobility management, or planning project: must include whether they are the preservation of an existing program in a brief statement under the "Proposed scope/description of the work" section under the heading "3-Scope of Work."

Factor #2: Support for PSRC's Coordinated Mobility Plan

Does the application support PSRC's Coordinated Mobility Plan by addressing at least one "High" Prioritized Strategy as identified in the plan?

<u>Evaluation Method</u>: Only applications showing that they adequately address at least one "High" Prioritized Strategy found on page 43 will receive a "Yes." Applications failing to address this component of the Coordinated Mobility Plan, or only addressing "Other" Prioritized Strategies, will receive a "No" for this factor.

Link to the Coordinated Mobility Plan:
https://www.psrc.org/our-work/regional-planning/regional-transportation-plan/coordinated-mobility-plan

Address how your project will align with at least one "High Prioritized Strategy" in the "Need" section under the heading "3-Scope of Work."



Regional Priority Ranking Factors

Guidance for which WSDOT application question addresses this factor (DRAFT)

Factor #3: Uniqueness of Service

Does the application provide information demonstrating that there are no other operating or mobility management programs serving the <u>same target populations within the same geographic area?</u>

If there are other operating or mobility management programs serving the same populations within the same geographic area, does the application demonstrate the uniqueness of the project and how it meets the needs that are not met by the other services in existence in the same geographic area serving the same target populations?

Evaluation Method: Applicants that adequately explain the uniqueness of their services and how their projects do not duplicate other existing services for target populations, including those provided by public transportation operators (fixed-route, demand response, travel training, etc.) will receive a "Yes." Applicants that do not provide an explanation or respond there are no similar services or programs without an explanation, will receive a "No" for this factor.

Address how your project is unique in terms of serving the areas, times of day, target populations, or other factors in the "Special Needs Transportation" section under the heading "3-Scope of Work."

If your project connects to or coordinates with other transportation modes in your service areas, address how your project supports and interacts with other existing transportation services in your project area in the "Other Modes of Transportation" section under the heading "3-Scope of Work."

Factor #4: Financial Sustainability

Does the application demonstrate that it is providing more than the federal minimum required match from local sources in its project budget?

<u>Evaluation Method</u>: Operating projects seeking a federal/state funding amount less than 50% of their net

If your project is an operating, mobility management, or planning project: provide information in the "Revenue" section under the heading "4-Budget."



Regional Priority Ranking Factors	Guidance for which WSDOT application question addresses this factor (DRAFT)
project cost (demonstrating more than 50% of the net project cost can be fulfilled with local match) will receive a "Yes." Capital and mobility management projects seeking federal/state funding amount less than 80% of their net project cost (demonstrating more than 20% of the net project cost can be fulfilled with local match) will receive a "Yes."	the "Match/Revenue Sources" section under the heading "4-Capital Budget."



Attachment 4B: Additional Factors for Considerations in Deliberation

In addition to the four Regional Priority Ranking Factors noted in Table 1, the Special Needs Transportation Committee (SNTC) will have an opportunity to identify additional factors to use during their deliberations. The SNTC identifies the additional factors that they may take into consideration during deliberations on regional priority recommendations. However, the factors should be different than the Regional Priority Ranking Factors, which are used for the initial review. Table 2 provides a list of additional factors determined by SNTC and used at the last regional priority ranking deliberation meeting for the 2021-2023 biennium. This list can be retained, updated, or replaced based on SNTC feedback during the December 6 deliberation meeting. The topics listed below are not listed in any priority order.

Table 2. Additional Factors for Considerations in Deliberation

Geographical distribution of regional priority rankings	This factor addresses the distribution of regional priority rankings over the three counties participating in the Consolidated Grant competition in the PSRC region.
Project types	This factor addresses the variety of project types being recommended for regional priority ranking (e.g., mobility management, operating, and capital projects).
Agency equity	This factor addresses the number of projects recommended to receive funding by an agency.
Compelling cases for agencies with limited resources	This factor addresses projects that provide valued services and programs, but which are challenged to provide the minimum local match. Small agencies and/or community-based organizations might have less local support compared to larger agencies that have local partners providing sufficient local matching funds or local governments/transit agencies that have their own tax bases.
Strategic application of federal/state funds	This factor includes stakeholders' assessment of possible program eligibility for state/federal funding programs found within the Consolidated Grant program.
Coordination	This factor addresses projects that work together to make the most efficient use of limited resources. There are many levels of coordination, ranging from the basic sharing of training resources to the full integration of services. The Committee can discuss the full range of coordination for this topic.