

Project Delivery Update

Transportation Policy Board
March 9, 2023



Overview

- Annual extension requests
- Adopted process to achieve delivery
- Update on Project Delivery Working Group
- *Action items coming up in April*



2023 Extension Requests

- Project tracking policies allow for a one-time extension of the deadline for FHWA funds
 - Short-term extension of 45 days – these projects will still deliver in the current federal fiscal year
 - Long-term extension of 1 year – these projects are moved to the next fiscal year, create a gap to current year delivery



2023 Extension Requests

- 8 requests for 45-day extension (totaling \$17.5 million)
 - If approved, moves obligation deadline from June 1 to July 15, 2023, and does not add to current year delivery gap
- 21 requests for one-year extension (totaling \$32.3 million)
 - Cannot deliver by this year's obligation deadline
 - If approved, moves obligation deadline from June 1, 2023, to June 1, 2024
 - If not approved, funds would need to be returned
 - Either way, funds are added to current year delivery gap



2023 Extension Next Steps

- Requests currently under review by PSRC and the RPEC / Countywide Chairs / WSDOT committee
 - Review for consistency with adopted project tracking policies
- Extension requests with staff recommendations brought to April board meetings for final action



Requests for Exceptions

- Project tracking policies include the process to follow when project sponsors wish to request an exception to the policies
- Evaluated on a case-by-case basis by the board, under certain conditions
 - Compelling need
 - Project remains fully funded
 - Short-term (6-month) extension beyond existing parameters
- PSRC has received two requests for exceptions to the policies
 - Total of \$3.8 million
 - Will bring to the board in April for review and action



Addressing the FHWA Delivery Gap

Project tracking policies include a 5-step process for rebalancing and supplemental funding actions, if necessary:

1. Advance projects from later years of the TIP
2. Exchange federal funds for local or state funds between phases of a single project, or between projects within the same agency
3. Fund immediately ready-to-go projects from the current adopted contingency lists
4. Increase the federal share of awarded projects
5. Award new funds to new projects, outside of the standard PSRC project selection process



TIP Rebalancing Timeline

- Work through five steps in February - March
- Full packet of information related to 2023 delivery brought to the board in April, including a supplemental funding action if required
 - Projects that receive supplemental funding must obligate by July 15
- Overall goal is to “fill the gap” from project extensions or canceled projects / returned funds
- Achieve 2023 delivery target



Action Steps to Address Delivery Challenges

- Enhanced communication on project delivery status
 - PSRC staff maintain and regularly update a project tracking summary throughout the year to track delivery
 - Delivery status shared with RPEC and countywide forums on a monthly basis
 - PSRC and WSDOT Local Programs coordinating on project tracking efforts
 - PSRC staff focusing on timely reminders, but also encouraging sponsors to be proactive in communicating changes in project status that would/could affect delivery



Project Delivery Working Group

- Have met twice from late January to mid February
- Current focus on recommendations for last minute, 'emergency' measures that can address unanticipated delivery gaps
 - Report to RPEC at March meeting
 - Bring recommendations to board in April with plan to be able to implement if needed this year
- Second phase of working group effort will focus on review of overall project tracking policies and rebalancing process
 - Any recommendations from this effort would be applied after this year





Thank you

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PSRC One-Year Extension Requests (2015-2023)

