

# Regional Transportation Plan Amendment

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Puget Sound Regional Council



# Overview of Presentation and Action



## Background:

- RTP Administrative Procedures
- Project requirements
- Requested project amendments
- Impacts to RTP financial strategy

**ACTION** on RTP amendment



# RTP Administrative Procedures

The adopted *Administrative Procedures* of the Regional Transportation Plan describe how and when the plan can be amended

- **Major** amendments
  - require additional environmental review
  - require General Assembly action
- **Minor** amendments
  - have minimal to no impact on air quality finding, SEPA review and/or financial strategy
  - can be approved by Executive Board



# Project Requirements

Most of the investments in the plan are **programmatic** in nature

- Preservation, maintenance and operations
- Local system improvements
- *Programmatic investments are not explicitly identified as projects in the plan*

A smaller portion of investments in the plan are above a certain threshold and modify capacity on the regional system

- Must be identified on the **Regional Capacity Projects** list
- Subject to board Approval process





# Regional Capacity Projects vs. Programmatic

Projects must be in the **Constrained** plan in order to proceed:

- Included in financial strategy, conformity finding

**Regional Capacity Project - Status Definitions**

|   | Plan Category       | Approval Status        | Description  | Regional Transportation Improvement Program Actions   |
|---|---------------------|------------------------|--|---|
| <i>Ready To Go</i><br><br><br><i>Less Ready To Go</i> | <b>Constrained</b>  | Approved               | PSRC Executive Board has approved the project to proceed towards implementation.   | Can program and obligate funds for any phase.   |
|   |                     | Conditionally Approved | Approved pending the satisfaction of certain conditions, such as completion of NEPA; OR approved only for early right of way purchase. | Can program funds for any phase but may not obligate construction or right of way funds unless the conditions set by PSRC's Executive Board explicitly state otherwise. |
|   |                     | Candidate              | Project is not yet approved; financial and other analysis remains to be done and Executive Board needs to take action.                 | Can program funds for any phase but may not obligate construction or right of way funds.  |
|   | <b>Unprogrammed</b> |                        | Investment not yet included in the financial strategy and therefore not admitted to the Constrained portion of the plan.               | Can only program and obligate study/planning funds.   |



# Requested Project Amendments

**Six** new projects requesting entry into the Constrained plan

- 1 local roadway improvement project
- 2 road diet projects for bike/ped improvement
- 2 multimodal corridor improvements
- 1 airport access project

**Two** existing projects requesting modification

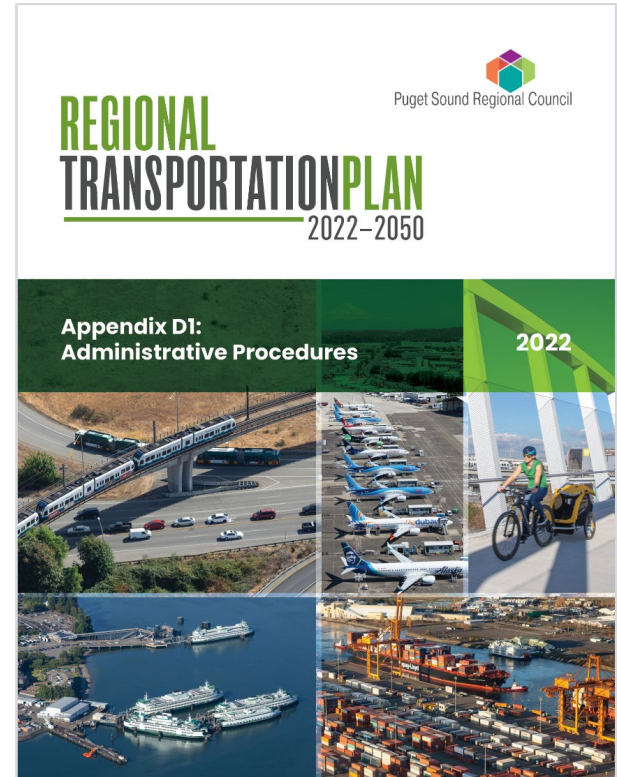
- Expanded scopes and costs



# Requested Project Amendments

Applications submitted for all projects, confirming:

- Project is derived from an approved planning process
- Concurrence received from any affected jurisdictions / organizations
- Responses to RTP Prioritization Framework



# RTP Financial Strategy

Sum of project costs = additional ~\$520 million to Constrained plan

*Per Administrative Procedures*, to maintain financial constraint --

- Four projects in current plan for an approximately equal amount identified to be moved to Unprogrammed
- Projects selected by sponsors based on timing, current priorities





# Requested Action

The Executive Board should adopt a minor amendment to the Regional Transportation Plan to reflect revisions to the Regional Capacity Project list as identified in Attachment A.





# Thank you

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