

2023 Rural Town Centers and Corridors Program and Transportation Alternatives Program

Transportation Policy Board – September 14, 2023



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Today's Presentation

- Overview of 2023 RTCC and TAP competitions
- Review of project recommendations
- **Action:** Requesting Board to release recommended projects for public comment



RTCC and TAP Competition Overviews

- Calls for Rural Town Centers and Corridors Program (RTCC) and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) competitions released in May and June 2023.
- Project Selection Committees for each competition completed their review and recommendations in August 2023.



RTCC Background



- RTCC program established from a 2003 study to assist in implementing projects serving rural town centers.
- Two-stage process, with each countywide organization recommending up to three projects to compete regionally.
- Convened a committee made up of representatives of four counties and WSDOT to recommend projects to receive the funding available through the program.
 - ✓ \$6.09 million of FFY 2025–2026 funds.

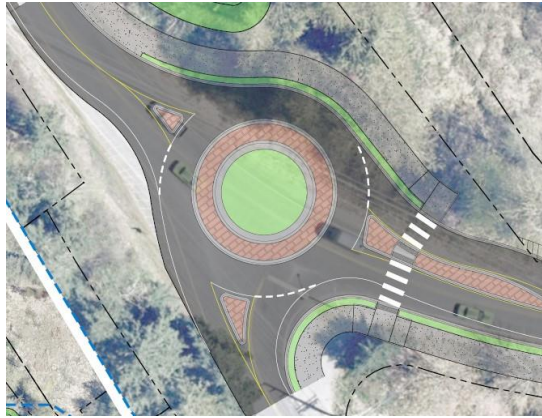


2023 RTCC Competition

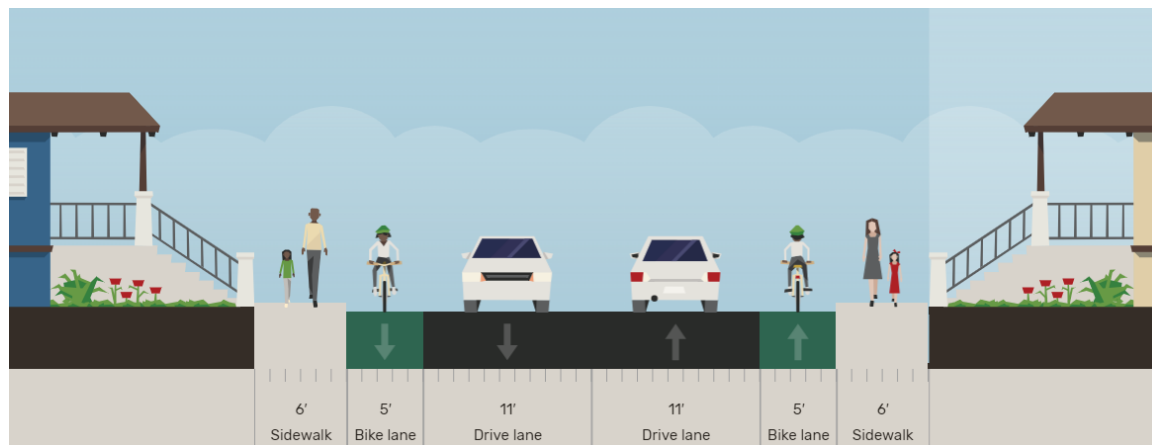
- 2023 Competition:
 - 8 grant applications submitted
 - Total of \$8.42 million requested for the \$6.09 million available
- Projects scored by PSRC staff according to the established criteria.
- Committee considered scores plus other factors, such as geographic balance and scalability, to develop the unanimous funding recommendation and prioritized contingency list (Attachment A).



2023 RTCC Recommended Projects



- Project **phases** include:
 - 1 Planning study
 - 4 Preliminary Engineering phases
 - 2 Construction phases
 - 2 Requested two phases
- Project **types** include:
 - 2 Intersection improvements
 - 2 Non-motorized streetscape improvements
 - 1 Trail improvement
 - 1 Multimodal planning study



TAP Background

- TAP provides funding for community-based transportation improvements, such as pedestrian and bicycle facilities, historic preservation and environmental mitigation.
 - ✓ \$23.6 million in FFY 2024-2026 funds
- Convened a committee made up of representatives from the four countywide forums and PSRC BPAC to recommend funds to projects.



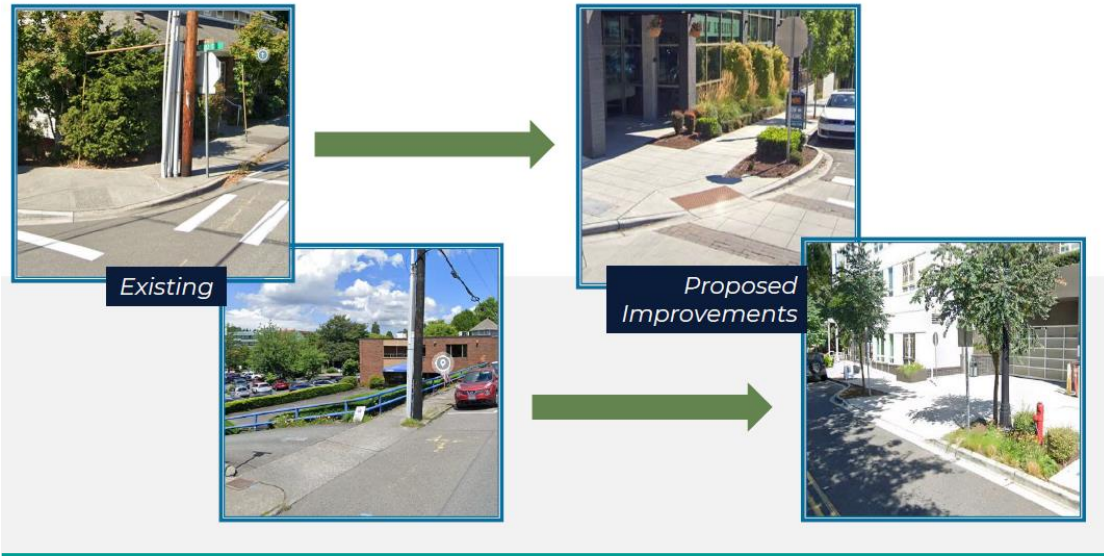
2023 TAP Competition



- Sponsors submitted 31 grant applications requesting a total of \$45 million for the \$23.6 million available.
- Projects scored by PSRC staff according to the established criteria.
- Committee considered scores plus other factors, including geographic and agency balance.
- **Developed unanimous funding recommendation and prioritized contingency list (Attachment B).**



2023 TAP Recommended Projects

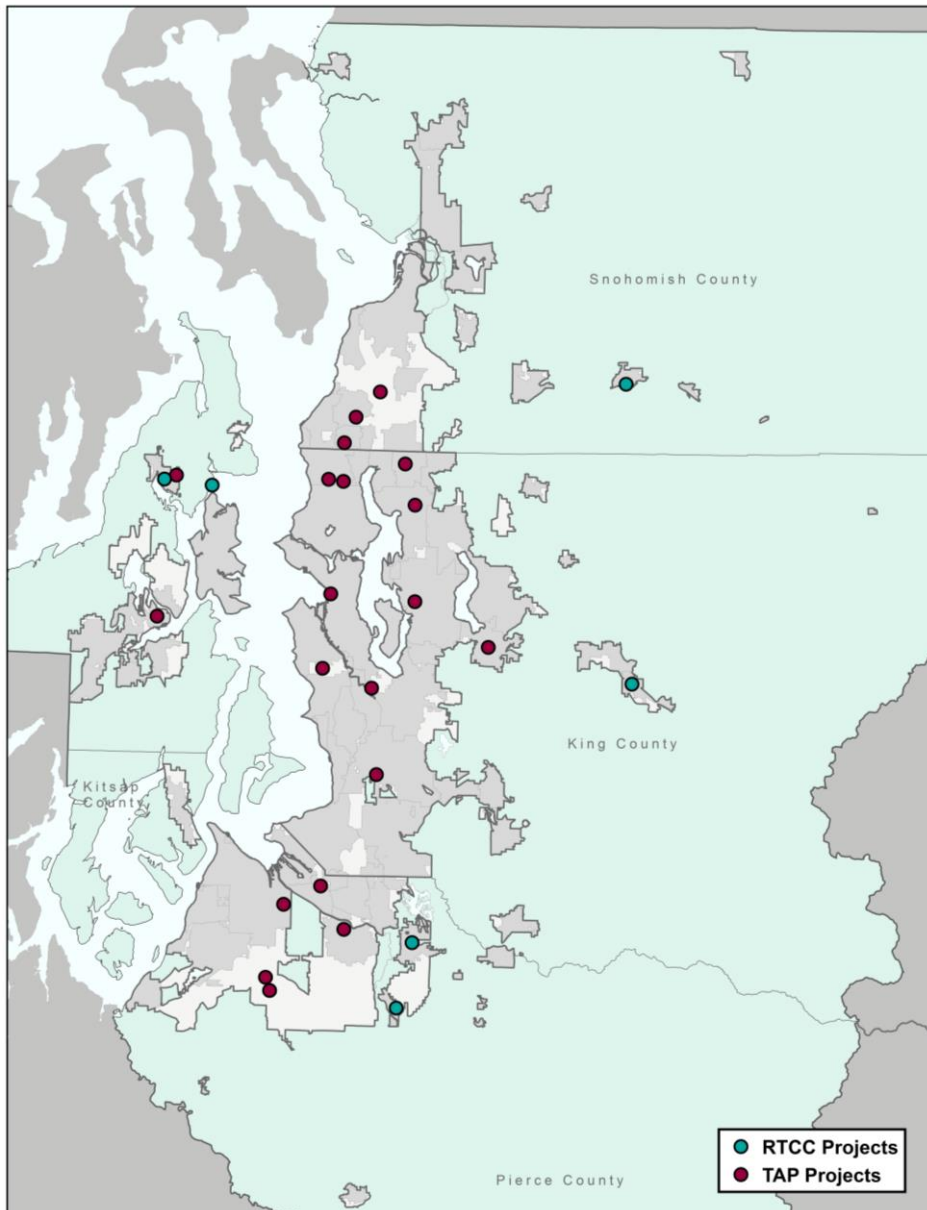


- Project **phases** include:
 - 2 Planning studies
 - 6 Preliminary Engineering phases
 - 1 Right-of-Way phase
 - 8 Construction phases
 - 3 Requested two phases

- Project **types** include:
 - 12 Ped/bike facilities & streetscape improvements
 - 6 Shared use paths
 - 1 Wildlife connectivity
 - 1 Historic transportation infrastructure



RTCC / TAP Recommended Project Locations



- Projects well-dispersed throughout the region with investments in all four counties.



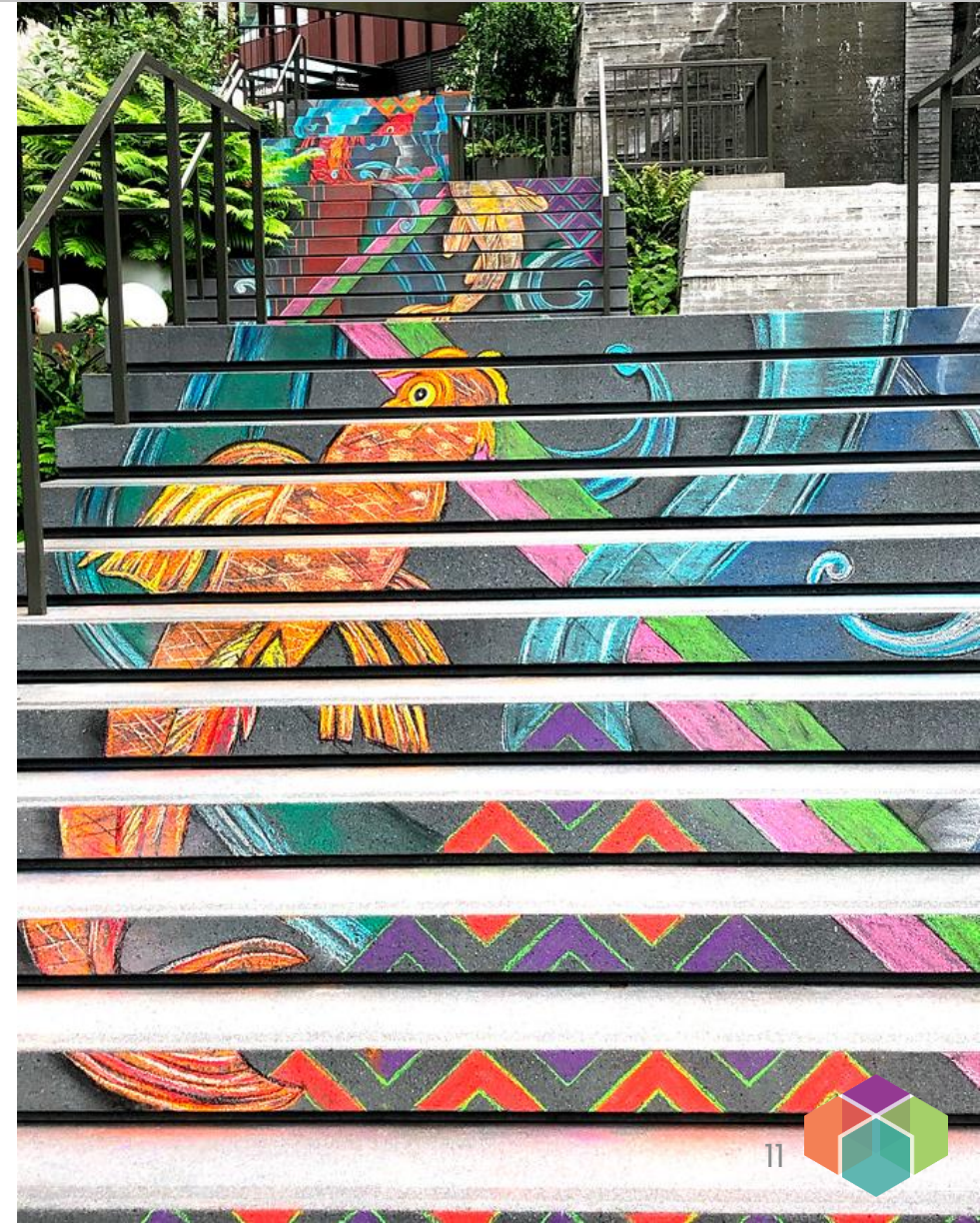
Next Steps

Transportation Policy Board

- ✓ Today's action – Release RTCC and TAP recommended projects for public comment.
- ✓ October 12 – Review public comments and recommend Executive Board approval of RTCC and TAP project funding recommendations.

Executive Board

- ✓ October 26 – Final approval of RTCC and TAP project funding recommendations.



Today's Action

The Transportation Policy Board should release for public comment the lists of projects recommended for:

- \$6.09 million of Rural Town Centers and Corridors Program funding as identified in Attachment A, along with the recommended contingency project list.
- \$23.6 million of Transportation Alternatives Program funding as identified in Attachment B, along with the recommended contingency project list.



Thank You!

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