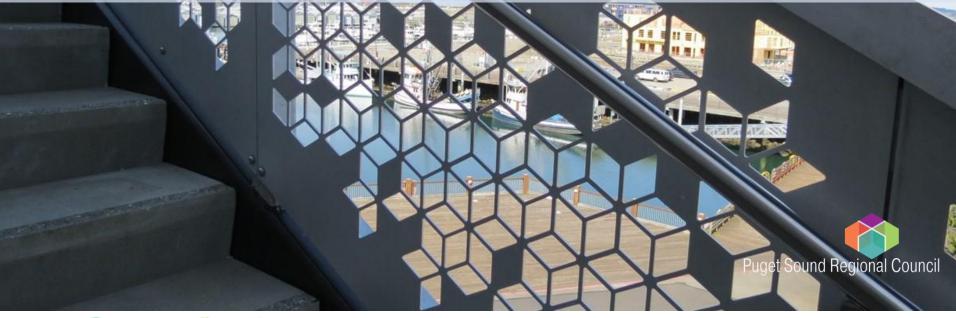
Preparing for PSRC's 2024 Project Selection Process

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We are leaders in the region to realize equity for all. Diversity, racial equity and inclusion are integrated into how we carry out all our work. psrc.org/equity

Today's Briefing

- Introduction to PSRC's project selection process
- Overview of *Policy* Framework and evaluation criteria
- Key policy areas for discussion
- Schedule of activities
- Highlights from previous process





Project Selection Process

PSRC has project selection authority over specific sources of funds from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

- ~\$90 million of FHWA funds per year
 - Competitive distributions regional and countywide
- ~\$280 million of FTA funds per year
 - Earned share and new Equity formula distribution
- Specific eligibilities across multiple funding sources



Policy Framework

- Policy direction from Board adopted in the Policy Framework for PSRC's Federal Funds
- Based on VISION 2050 policies and consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan
 - Adopted policy focus = support for centers and the corridors that serve them
- Projects must be consistent with local comprehensive plans
- Process conducted every two years
 - 2024 process will distribute FFY 2027-2028 funds



Policy Framework

Project selection process - key direction from **VISION 2050,** criteria based on VISION 2050 policies and consistency with RTP and RES



Short-range implementation — — Long-range plans



Project Evaluation Criteria

CRITERIA	Range of Point Values (depending on funding source)
Development of Centers	15 - 30
Circulation, Mobility and Accessibility	14 - 27
Equity	10
Safety	8
Air Quality / Climate Change	20 – 50
Project Readiness / Financial Plan	5
TOTAL	100



Additional Process Details

- Set-Asides: Preservation, Bicycle / Pedestrian
- Funding estimates
- Distribution splits
- Project tracking policies
- Contingency lists
- Caps on number of applications / funding requests



Key Policy Areas for Discussion

- 2022 process made significant revisions to Equity and Safety criteria
 - Including establishing a new Equity Pilot, currently in process
- Emphasis areas continue to be:
 - √ Safety
 - ✓ Climate
 - ✓ Equity



Current Work

Safety

- Regional Safety Summit
 - June 2023
 - Draft scope of work for the Regional Safety Action Plan
 - September 2023
 - Inventory of local safety plans / policies / programs
 - November 2023
 - Final Regional Safety Action Plan
 - 1st quarter 2025



Current Work

Climate

- 2030 analysis and sensitivity tests
 - 1st quarter 2023
 - Expert review panel
 - September October 2023
 - > CPRG / climate action plan development
 - March 2024 & Summer 2025



Current Work

Equity

- > Development of Equity Pilot with Equity Advisory Committee
 - January through September 2023
 - > Equity Pilot competition
 - September through October 2023
 - > Equity Advisory Committee recommendations
 - November pilot projects
 - December process improvements



Schedule and Next Steps

- October December 2023
 - Board discussions on key policy areas for Policy Framework for PSRC's Federal Funds
- January 2024
 - Adoption of Policy Framework
- February June 2024
 - Conduct project selection process
- July 2024
 - Project recommendations to board



Highlights from 2022 FHWA Process

- Projects provided improvements to:
 - Freight
 - Transit
 - Bicyclists / pedestrians
 - Intersections
 - Pavement preservation
 - Safety
 - Equity
 - Emissions















Feedback and Questions

