

# 2023 RTCC and TAP Project Recommendations

Transportation Policy Board – October 12, 2023



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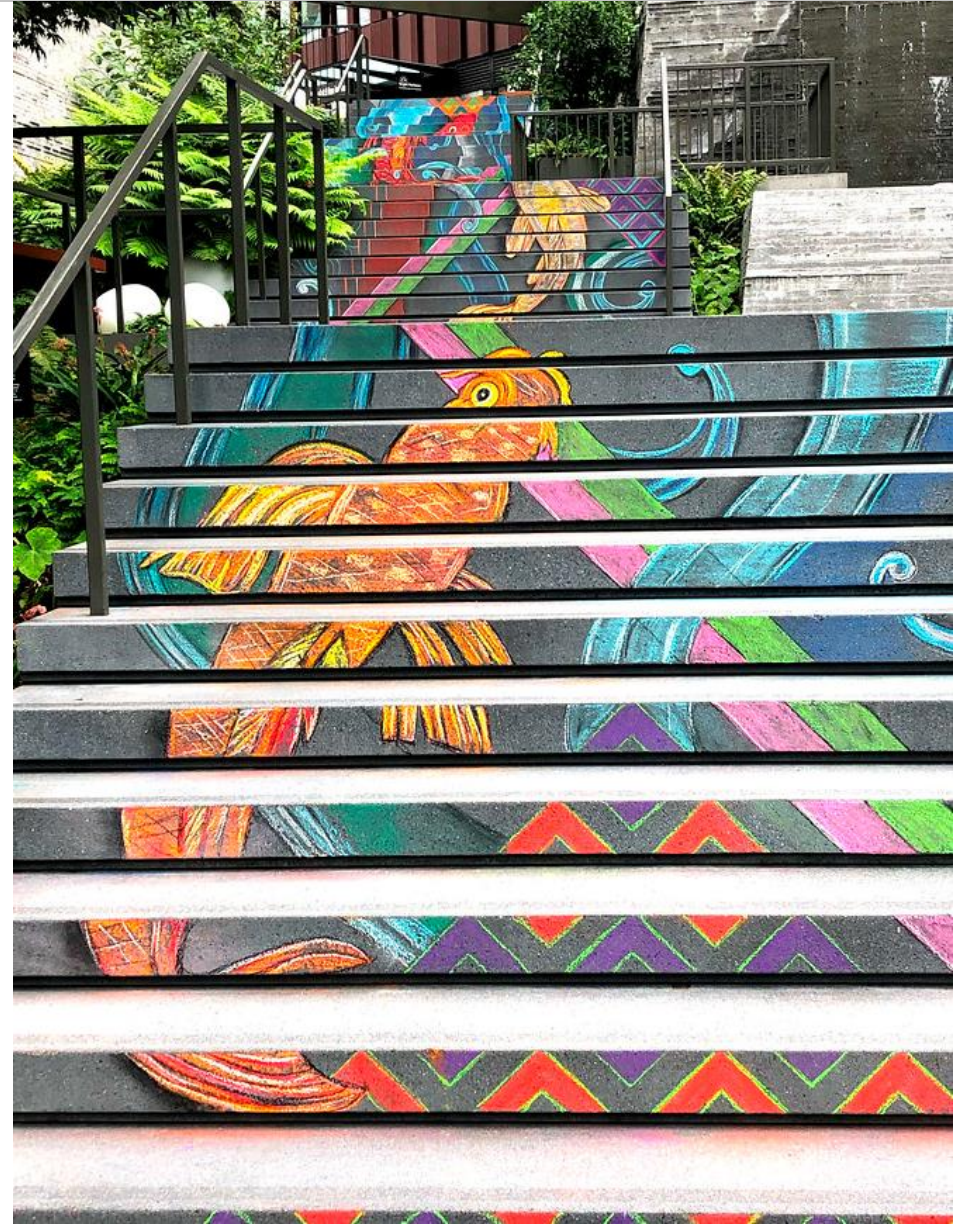


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# Today's Presentation

- Overview of RTCC/TAP project selection
- Highlights of project recommendations
- Update on public comments
- **Action:** Requesting Board to recommend the Executive Board approve project lists



# 2023 RTCC Competition

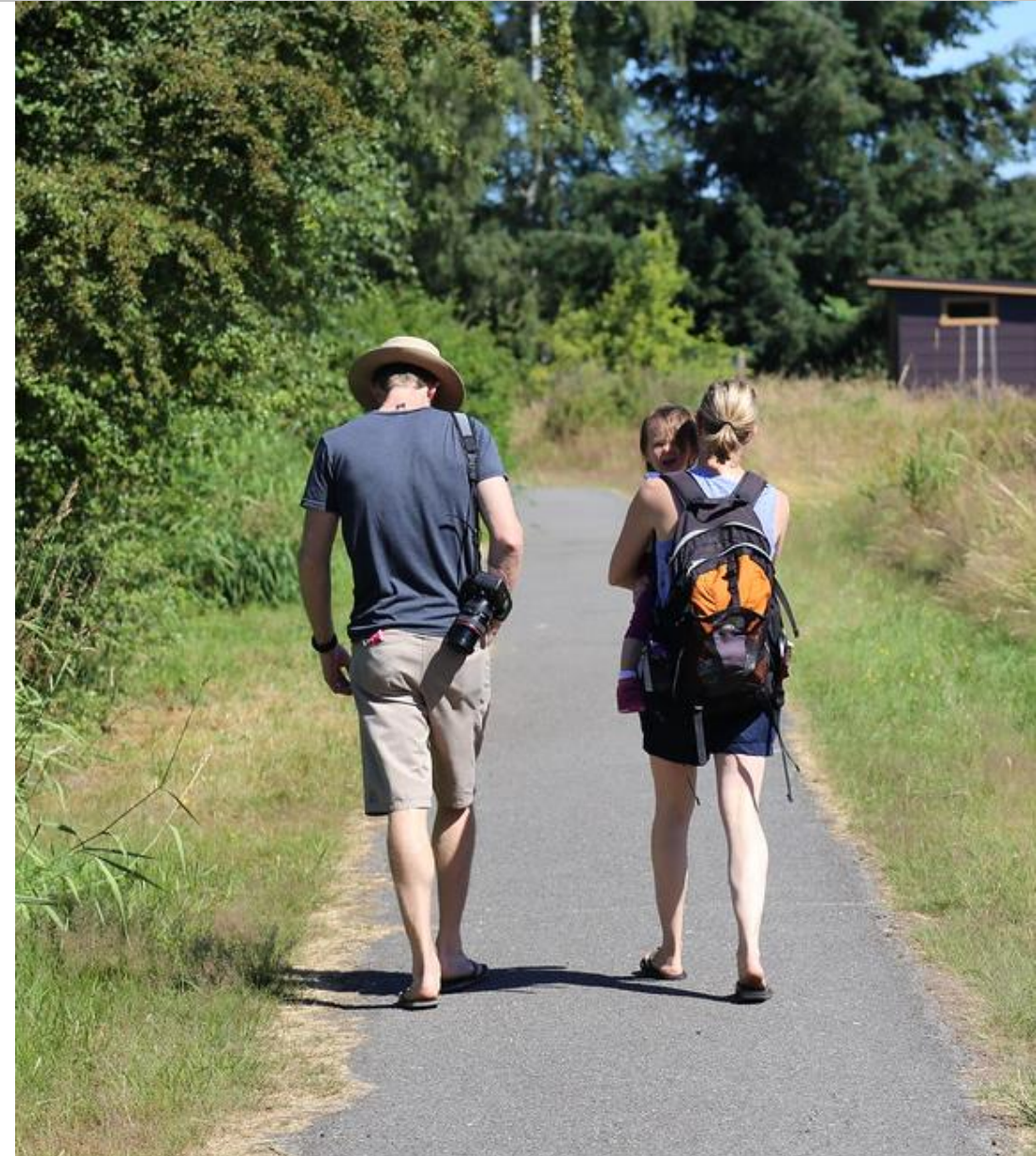


- Rural Town Centers and Corridors Program (RTCC) program established from a 2003 study to assist in implementing projects serving rural town centers.
- Two-stage process, with each countywide organization recommending up to three projects to compete regionally.
- **2023 RTCC competition:**
  - ✓ Call for projects released in May 2023
  - ✓ \$6.09 M in FFY2025–2026 funds available
  - ✓ 8 applications requesting total of \$8.42 M

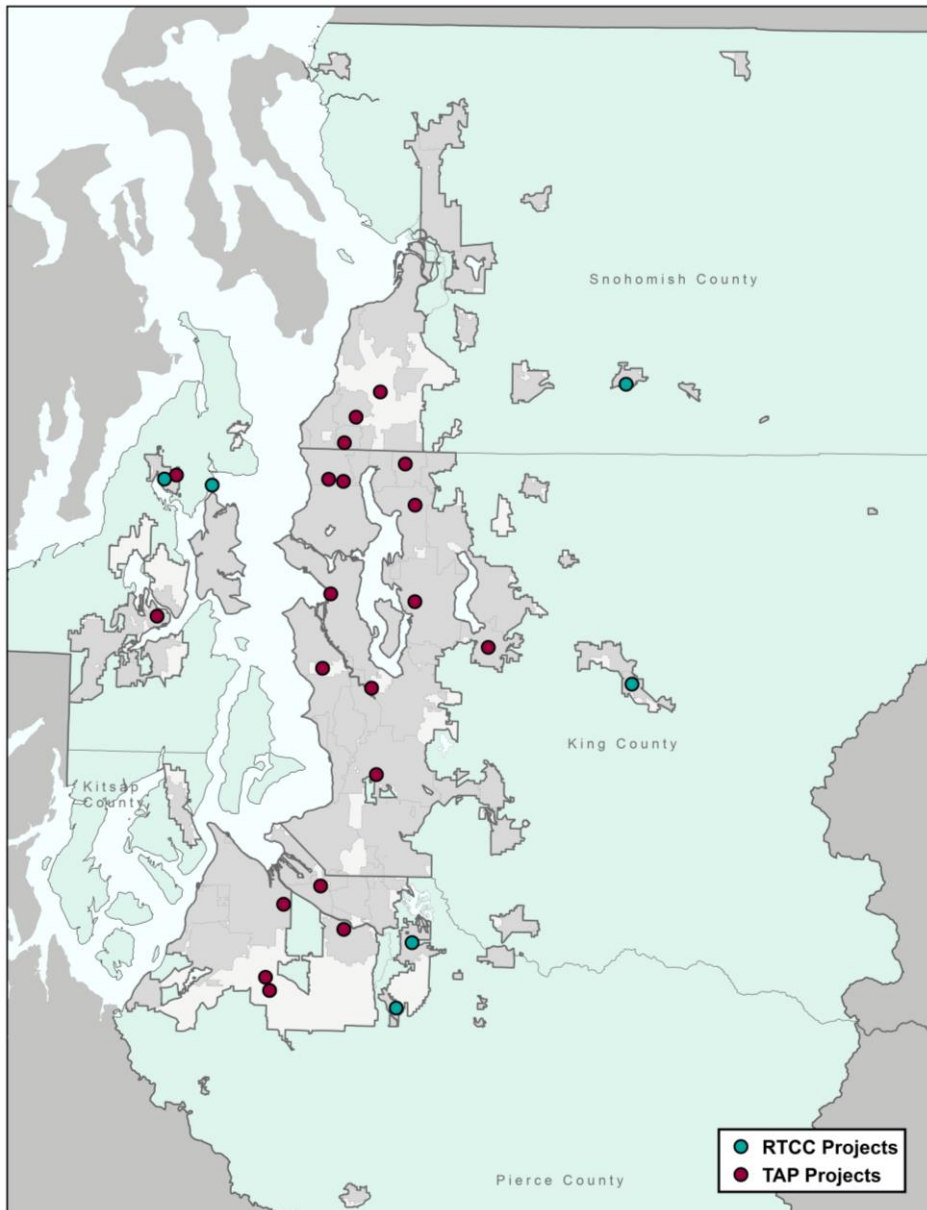


# 2023 TAP Competition

- Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) is an FHWA program that provides funding for community-based transportation improvements, such as pedestrian and bicycle facilities, historic preservation and environmental mitigation.
- **2023 TAP competition:**
  - ✓ Call for projects released in June 2023
  - ✓ \$23.6 M in FFY2024–2026 funds available
  - ✓ 31 applications requesting total of \$45 M



# RTCC / TAP Project Selection Committees



- Project Selection Committees for each competition convened in August 2023.
- Committees developed unanimous funding recommendations and prioritized contingency lists (Attachments A and B).
  - **6 RTCC** projects for total of \$6.09 M
  - **20 TAP** project for total of \$23.6 M



# 2023 TAP/RTCC Recommended Projects

- Recommendation includes **diverse mix** of project locations, phases and types.

## RTCC Project types:

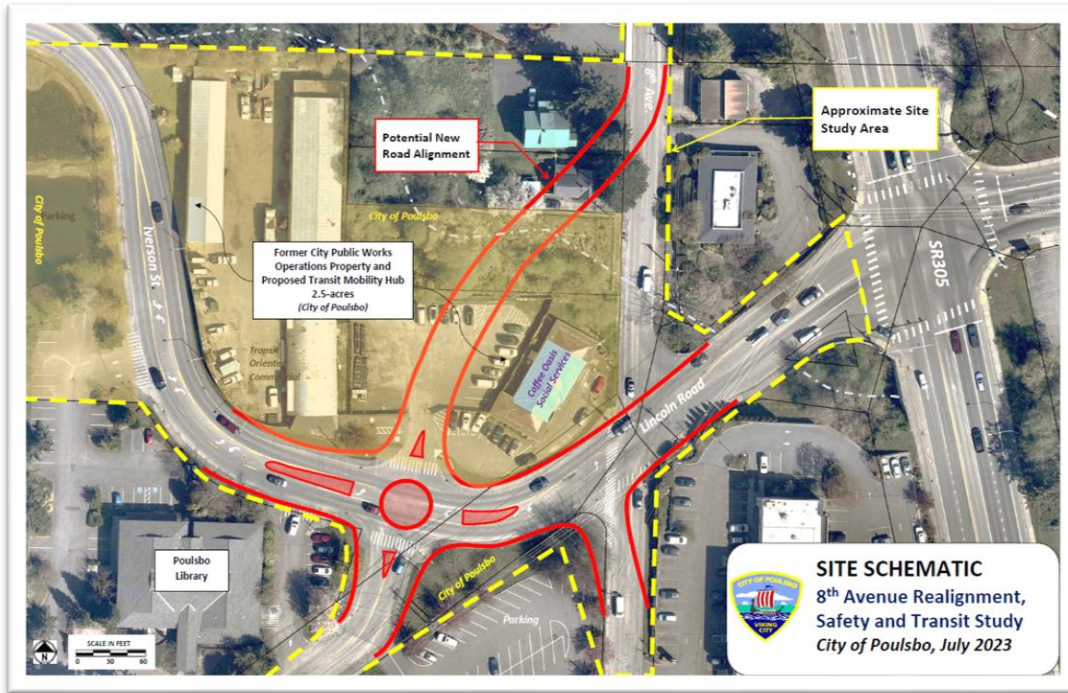
- **2** Intersection improvements
- **2** Ped/bike streetscapes
- **1** Trail improvements
- **1** Multimodal planning study

## TAP Project types:

- **12** Ped/bike streetscapes
- **6** Trail improvements
- **1** Wildlife connectivity
- **1** Historic preservation



# RTCC Project Examples



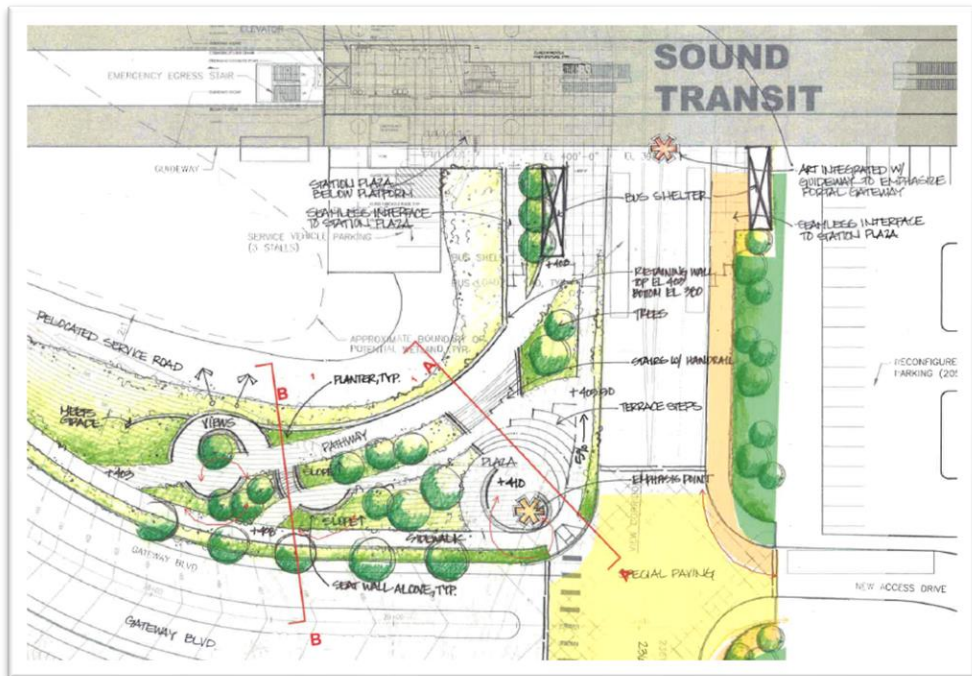
- City of Poulsbo study in partnership with Kitsap Transit to evaluate potential roadway realignment, multimodal transit hub, and intersection improvements.



- City of North Bend project to design pedestrian-oriented streetscape.
- Project will include pedestrian plazas, rail and street crossing improvements, and pedestrian-scale lighting.

# TAP Project Examples

- City of Mountlake Terrace project to construct a pedestrian pathway through Veterans Memorial Park.
- Pathway located in town center and provides access to Transit Center and future light rail station.



### PIONEER SQUARE'S HISTORIC AREAWAYS

Many buildings and public spaces in Pioneer Square are essentially unchanged since the city's origin. They are protected and preserved whenever possible, and new structures are carefully designed to enhance the community's historic character.

Above ground, Pioneer Square is a vibrant commercial and entertainment district with cl...

Steel beams attached to old brick structures is a common way to reinforce the old walls while retaining their historic character. This treatment allows some uses of the underground space while supporting heavy modern traffic loads. Tourists and other visitors can explore the unimproved and partially improved sections of the areaways, discovering the unique history of the buried city below modern-day Seattle.

- City of Seattle project to rehabilitate two vulnerable areaway walls in Seattle's historic Pioneer Square neighborhood.



# Public Review

- The recommended projects were released for public comment on September 14<sup>th</sup>.
- No public comments have been received as of October 12<sup>th</sup>.

# Next Steps

## Transportation Policy Board

- ✓ **Today's action** – Recommend Executive Board approval of RTCC and TAP project funding recommendations.

## Executive Board

- ✓ **October 26** – Review any public comments and final approval of RTCC and TAP project funding recommendations.



# Today's Action

The Transportation Policy Board should recommend the Executive Board approve the lists of projects 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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