

2025-2026 FTA Funding Recommendations

Transportation Policy Board – November 9, 2023



Puget Sound Regional Council



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.

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Today's Presentation

- Background on PSRC FTA funding
- Updates to FTA distribution methodology
- Review of project recommendations
- **Action:** Requesting Board to release recommended projects for public comment



PSRC FTA Funding Overview

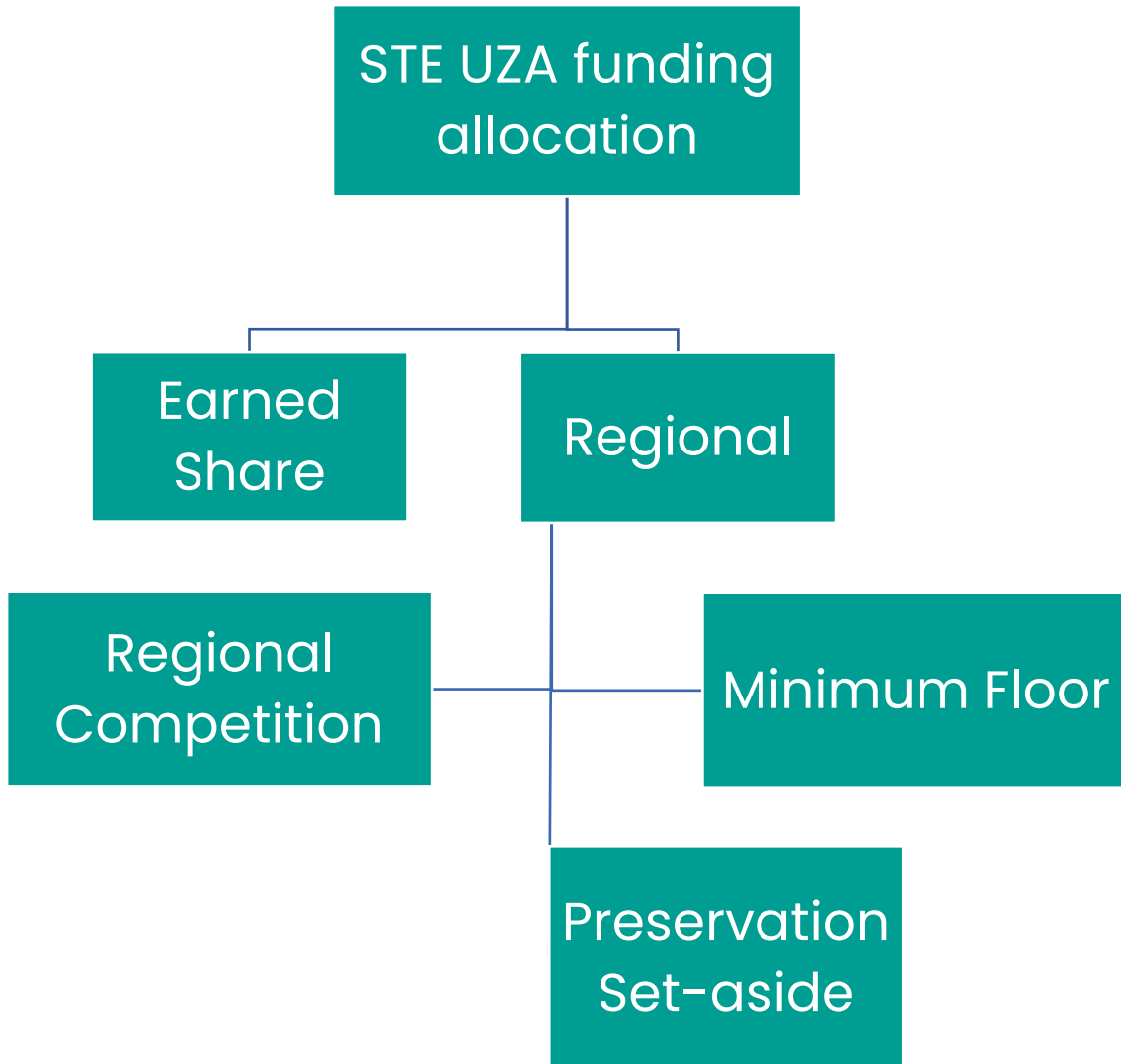


- PSRC distributes Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding from four programs with specific eligibility requirements for each.
- FTA funding allocated to three urbanized areas (UZAs) in PSRC region:
 - ✓ Bremerton UZA
 - ✓ Marysville UZA
 - ✓ Seattle-Tacoma-Everett UZA

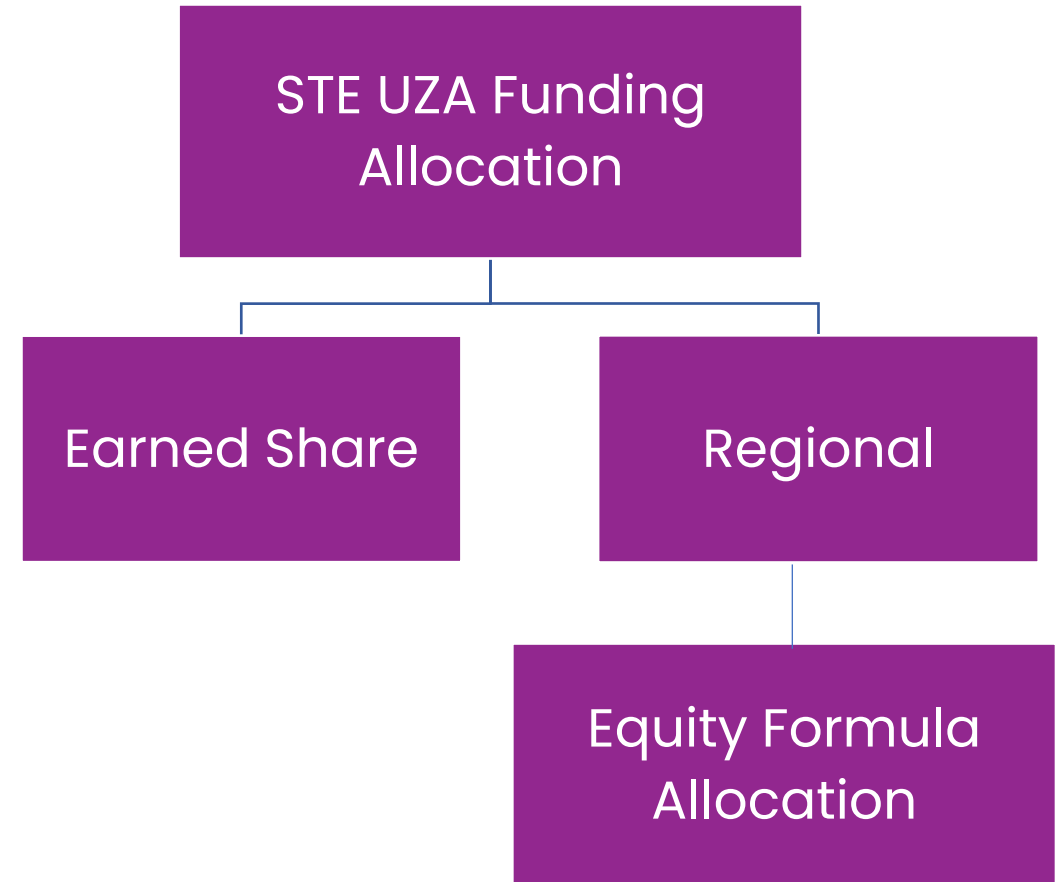


Seattle-Tacoma-Everett UZA FTA Process Update

Historic STE UZA FTA Process



Updated Process for 2025-2026 funds



FTA Funding Distributions

- In July 2023, PSRC released the **Call for Projects** to distribute:
 - \$506.9 M in 2025–2026 FTA **earned share** funds per adopted methodology for all three UZAs (**Attachment A**).
 - \$79.1 M in 2025–2026 **equity formula** funds within the STE UZA, as well as \$20.6 M in 2023–2024 funds (**Attachment B**).



FTA Equity Formula Allocation

- FTA equity formula uses **focused and intentional methodology** to distribute funds to improve transit services for equity focus area (EFA) populations:
 - People of color
 - People with low incomes
 - Seniors
 - Youth
 - People with disabilities
 - People with limited English proficiency



Equity Formula Criterion



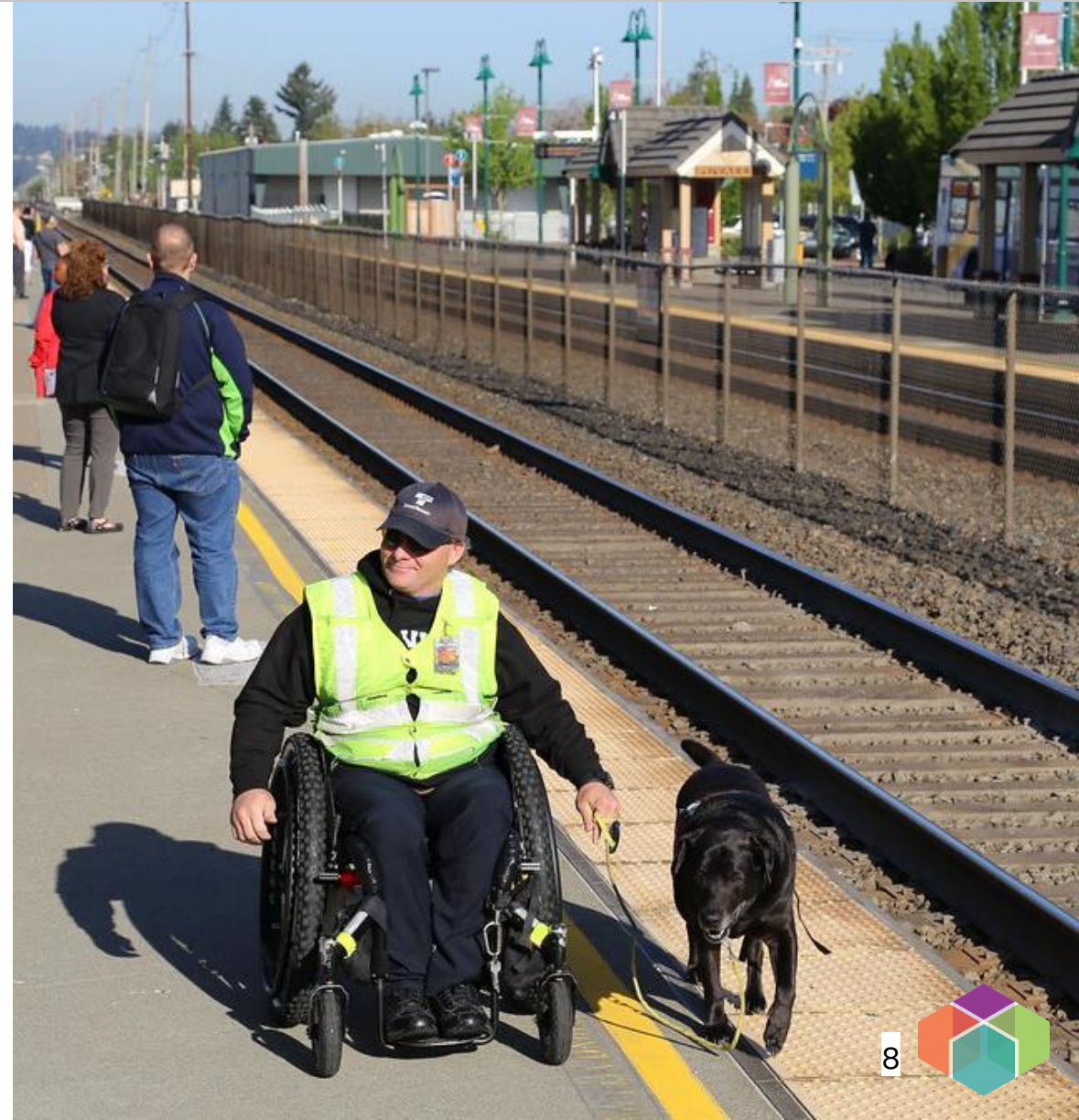
Agencies provided descriptions of how each project will support and improve equity, per the adopted **Equity Criterion**:

- ✓ Addressing disparities and gaps for identified EFA populations
- ✓ Engaging community
- ✓ Mitigation of displacement



Equity Formula Project Review

- Evaluation of whether the project submissions are consistent with the purpose and intent of the equity formula distribution.
 - Distinct difference from the earned share formula funds in both focus and distribution methodology.
 - Specific focus to *support and improve equity with PSRC's FTA funds.*



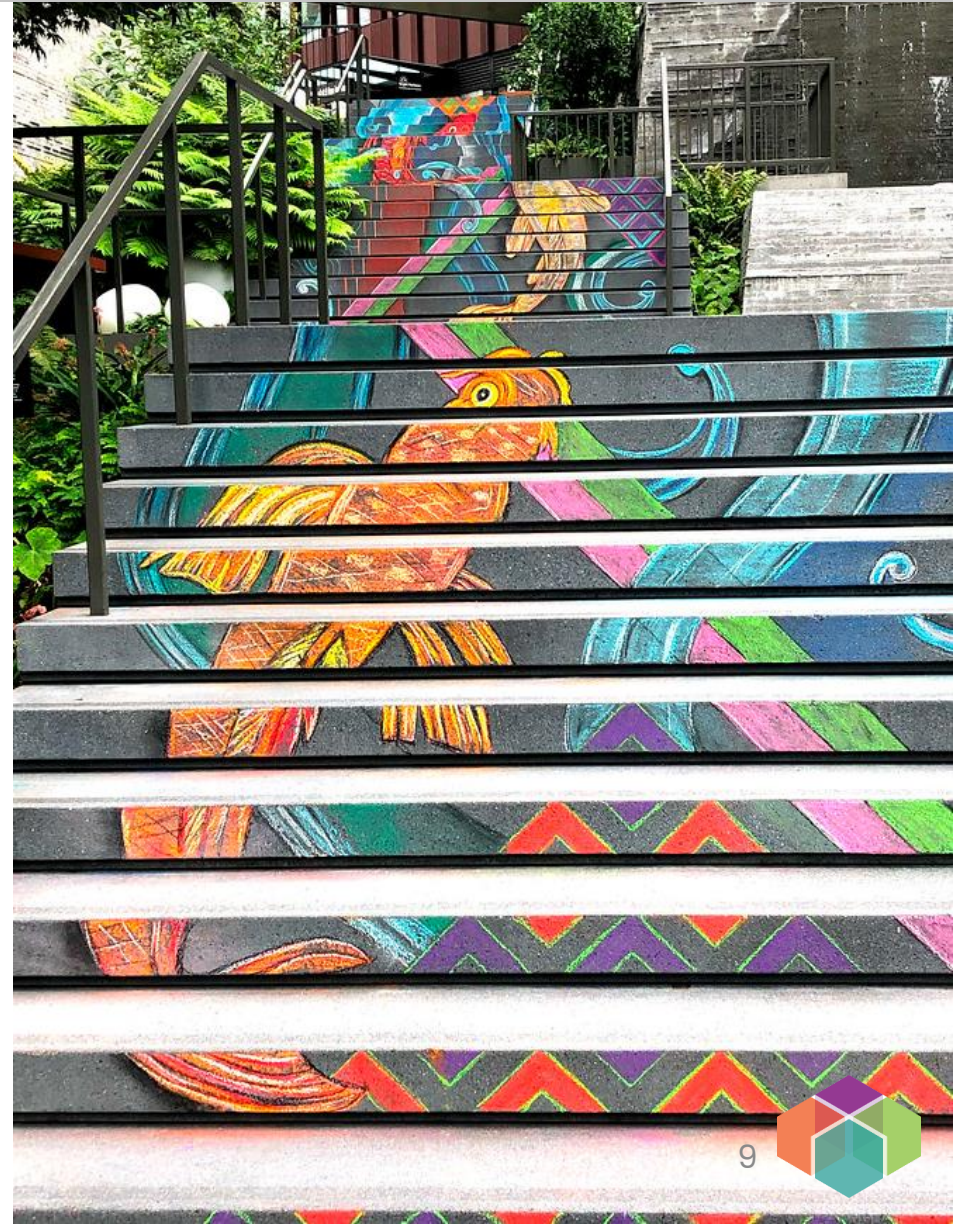
Next Steps

Transportation Policy Board

- ✓ Today's action – Release FTA recommended projects for public review.
- ✓ December 14 – Review public comments and recommend Executive Board approval.

Executive Board

- ✓ January 25 – Final approval of project funding recommendations.



Today's Action

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

- \$506.9 M in 2025–2026 FTA earned share funds, as identified in Attachment A.
- \$99.7 M of 2023–2026 FTA equity formula funding, as identified in Attachment B.

An aerial photograph of a coastal city, likely Everett, Washington. A large, multi-lane bridge spans across a wide body of water, connecting the city to the mainland. The city is densely packed with residential and commercial buildings. In the background, there are mountains under a clear blue sky. The text 'Thank You!' is overlaid in the top left corner.

Thank You!

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