Preparation for 2024 PSRC Regional Priority Ranking Process

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- **Overview of PSRC Regional Priority Ranking Process**

- **Committee Review & Discussion:**
  - Priority Ranking Factors
  - Additional Factors for Consideration
  - Other Ideas

- **Next Steps**

Goals

- Understand the Consolidated Grant regional priority ranking process.

- Provide feedback to the following discussion questions:

  - For **Regional Priority Ranking Factors** and/or **Additional Factors for Consideration**, do you have any questions, concerns, or suggested revisions?

  - Do you have any **other ideas for improvement**?

Priority Ranking Process for PSRC Region

PSRC provides regional priority rankings to the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) for specialized transportation projects seeking Consolidated Grant funds in King, Pierce, and Snohomish.

NOTE: Kitsap County participates through the Peninsula RTPO

WSDOT   **PSRC**

| WSDOT Call for Projects | → | Grant Application Due to WSDOT & PSRC | → | PSRC Sponsor Presentation (New) | → | PSRC Regional Priority Rankings Recommendation | → PSRC Priority Rankings → | WSDOT Evaluation & Scoring | → | PSRC Involvement / WSDOT Award | → | Specialized Transportation Project Implementation |

Summer 2024 — Fall 2024 — Fall 2024 — Winter 2024-Early 2025 — Spring 2025 — Project begins July 1, 2025

NOTE: Specific dates TBD pending WSDOT release of schedule

PSRC Regional Priority Ranking Process

Sponsors address **both WSDOT's evaluation criteria** and **PSRC's regional priority factors** within the same application.

PSRC staff review applications using regional priority ranking factors for how they address the regional priority ranking factors.

Project **sponsors present their projects** and answer questions from PSRC and members of the committee.

PSRC shares the result with SNTC before the deliberations.

SNTC recommends priority rankings to PSRC committee and boards and Executive Board makes final decision.

PSRC Regional Priority Ranking Factors

- PSRC's regional priority ranking factors are designed to help **implement the region's Coordinated Mobility Plan**.

- In 2022, PSRC used **four priority ranking factors** for application review:
  - Project Type (Preservation vs. New or Expansion)
  - Support for Coordinated Mobility Plan
  - Uniqueness of Service
  - Financial Sustainability

- Projects receive a **"Yes"** or **"No"** answer for each factor.

#1. Project Type (Preservation vs. New or Expansion)

Preservation and capital projects that support <u>existing programs at existing service levels</u> receive a "Yes."

#2. Support for PSRC's Coordinated Mobility Plan

Projects adequately address at least one "Emerging Needs and Gaps" <u>as well as</u> at least one "High Prioritized Strategy" receive a "Yes."

#3. Uniqueness of Service

Applicants adequately explain the uniqueness of their programs AND how their projects <u>do not duplicate</u> others for <u>similar target populations within the same geographic area</u> receive a "Yes."

#4. Financial Sustainability

Projects providing more than the <u>federal minimum required match</u> (operating: 50%, capital/mobility management: 20%) from local sources receive a "Yes."

Additional Factors for Considerations

- **Geographical distribution of regional priority rankings**

- **Project types** (operation, capital, mobility management)

- **Agency equity** (# of projects submitted by agency)

- **Compelling cases for agencies with limited resources**

- **Strategic Application of Federal/State Funds**

- **Coordination**

- **Acknowledge Importance of the Largest County Service Providers** (safety net projects)

Discussion

- How should we, as a region, best **prioritize the projects** that address the most significant regional needs? Should any of the **existing factors** be revised?

- **March 2024 Equity Advisory Committee engagement.** What specific guidance should we seek from EAC members regarding the priority ranking process?

- How can **PSRC better assist SNTC** in the process of reviewing applications and deliberating on projects?

Next Steps (Exact Dates TBD)

Spring 2024

- Engage EAC on this topic
- Continued discussion & revision of the call for projects materials

Summer 2024

Call for projects release

Fall 2024

- Staff review of applications
- Sponsor presentations

Winter/Early 2025

Regional Priority Ranking Recommendation Meeting

Thank You!

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