



Puget Sound Regional Council

Regional Project Evaluation Committee Agenda

Date: January 26, 2024, from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Online Meeting Only: Use Zoom Connection Information Provided Below

1. Introductions and Announcements (9:30)

2. Approve Meeting Summary for December 1, 2023* (9:35)

3. Transportation Policy Board Debrief

The 'At Work' reports for the Transportation Policy Board meetings on Thursday, December 14, 2023, and Thursday January 11, 2024, are available on the PSRC website at: <https://www.psrc.org/board/transportation-policy-board>.

4. Discussion Item: Project Tracking and Delivery Policy Updates (9:40)

Staff will provide an update on project tracking policy updates approved by the board, and a status update on the 2024 TIP rebalancing and project tracking processes.

5. Discussion Item: 2024 Project Selection Process (9:55)*

Staff will provide an overview of the board discussions and approved updates to the 2024 project selection process and expected timeline for the 2024 process.

6. Other Business (10:55)

7. Information Items*

8. Next Meeting: February 23, 2024

9. Adjourn (11:00)

***Supporting materials attached**

For more information, contact Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning, at (206) 971-3601 or KMcGourty@psrc.org.

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RPEC Attendees:

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Regional Project Evaluation Committee Meeting Summary

Date: December 1, 2023, from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. (extended)

Location: Remote – Online Meeting Only (Zoom Connection)

Introductions and Announcements

Doug McCormick, Chair, welcomed everyone at 9:30 a.m. He then took a roll call to confirm the members and alternates present.

Approval of Meeting Summary

The October 27, 2023, RPEC meeting summary was approved as presented.

Transportation Policy Board Debrief

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, reviewed the Transportation Policy Board meeting held on Thursday, November 9, 2023. The 'At Work' report for the Transportation Policy Board meeting is available on the PSRC website at: <https://www.psrc.org/board/transportation-policy-board>.

Action: Project Tracking and Delivery Policy Updates

Jennifer Barnes, PSRC, led continuation of the discussion begun in October of updates to PSRC's project tracking and funding competition policies recommended by the Project Delivery Working Group to help address ongoing project delivery issues. A brief synopsis of the October discussion was provided, of the committee's approval of recommendation #1: *Change project readiness/financial plan from a scored criterion to an eligibility criterion*; and recommendation #2: *Award only one phase per competition (no PE+1)*. Then the committee was presented with supporting information for recommendation #3: *Award increased federal shares before contingency projects*. This is to reduce reliance of "ready to go" status of contingency projects over project scores, make supplemental funding action more consistent with the competitive processes, and better ensure geographic balance in the distribution of supplemental funding actions. Analysis completed by PSRC staff found that there is generally ample capacity in projects with current year funding to accept increased federal shares while still retaining capacity in the case it is needed as an emergency tool. After discussion, this recommendation passed with a majority, with one vote in opposition and all other votes in support. The committee was next presented with supporting information for recommendation #4: *In the annual TIP rebalancing process, move up the obligation deadline for (1) projects advancing funds from later years of the TIP, and (2) those*

projects receiving an increase in federal share, from July 15 to June 1. With this measure, advancements and increased federal shares will be confirmed earlier in the fiscal year, so that project sponsors may proceed earlier and in time to meet the June 1 obligation deadline. This will help relieve strain on WSDOT by reducing submittals late in the year that can result in issues being identified late in the process. After discussion, this recommendation was passed unanimously. PSRC staff also discussed additional federal funds available to be allocated when the region's annual delivery target is exceeded, and PSRC's intent to position the region to receive a higher share of those funds. The four recommendations will be presented to the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) for discussion at their December meeting, with TPB recommendations and Executive Board action planned for their respective January meetings, for implementation in the 2024 processes.

For more information, contact Jennifer Barnes at jbarnes@psrc.org.

The presentation can be found on the PSRC website [here](#).

Discussion: 2024 Project Selection Process

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, provided an update on ongoing discussions leading up to the 2024 project selection process, with the policy areas of climate, safety, and equity as the main focus, and committee members provided feedback on all of these topics. She shared that there have been no suggestions to date for changes to the set-asides, but that the question had not yet been closed by the board. In the board discussion, there has been consensus on increasing emphasis on safety, including increasing the point values, stronger language reflecting Safe System Approach and FHWA's proven safety countermeasures, and requiring by sponsor agencies some level of commitment to a safety plan. In the equity arena, there has been consensus on improvements to the criteria and displacement typology, updating outreach and engagement to the Equitable Engagement and Guidance document, and translating equity to be woven throughout the criteria rather than as a standalone section. Discussion about the extent of updates to climate are ongoing, with a diversity of opinions expressed. There is also ongoing discussion about where reductions in points should be made, to allow for recommended increases. Board members have also indicated a desire to discuss potential scoring thresholds in award decisions. Discussion of all policy updates will continue at the December TPB meeting, with final recommendation and action planned for the January board meetings.

For more information, contact Kelly McGourty at kmcgourty@psrc.org

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:34 a.m.

***Members and Alternates Present**

See attached attendance roster.

***PSRC Staff, Alternates and Guests Present**

Brianne Ross; Catherine Lander, City of Shoreline; David Paine, City of Kent; Daniel Marcinko, City of North Bend; Eric Irelan, King County; Gunnar Fridriksson, City of Bremerton; Laura Gurley, Port of Everett; Michael Kosa, City of Sumner ; Sarah Green, King Conty; Stephanie Tax, WSDOT

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Jennifer Barnes, Alexa Leach, Kelly McGourty, Kalon Thomas, Josh Brown, Miles Stapleton, Doug Cox, Ben Bakkenta

**All attendees were present via remote participation*

RPEC Attendance Roster - Designated Members

Date: December 1, 2023 - 9:30-11:30am

Remote/Online Only

NOTE: Members are invited to sit at the table and vote. Alternates may sit at the table and vote when the member is absent. Please coordinate representation in advance of the meeting. All other Alternates and Guests are invited to attend and sit in the gallery. This roster is for attendance purposes only and should be marked by all members and alternates present at the table, regardless of voting status.

Jurisdiction	✓	Name	Jurisdiction	✓	Name
King County (3)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mary Bourguignon	WSDOT-NW Region (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cameron Kukes
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Peter Heffernan			<i>Mehrdad Moini (Alt.)</i>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	John Vander Sluis	WSDOT-Oly Region (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	JoAnn Schueler
		<i>Ruth Harvey (Alt.)</i>			<i>John Ho (Alt.)</i>
		<i>Sarah Green (Alt.)</i>	WSDOT-MoM (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Matthew Kenna
Seattle (3)		<i>Ivan Miller (Alt.)</i>	WSDOT-WS Ferries (1)		<i>April Delchamps (Alt.)</i>
		Sarah Strand			John Bernhard
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Joanna Valencia		<i>Todd Lamphere (Alt.)</i>	
		<i>Bill LaBorde (Alt.)</i>	Kitsap Transit (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Steffani Lillie
Bellevue (1)		<i>Serena Lehman (Alt.)</i>	Pierce Transit (1)		<i>Edward Coviello (Alt.)</i>
		<i>Benjamin Smith (Alt.)</i>			<i>Jeff Davidson (Alt.)</i>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eric Miller			Tina Lee
Other Cities/Towns (5)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Mia Waters (Alt.)</i>	Community Transit (1)		<i>Wendi Gephart (Alt.)</i>
		Chad Bieren, Kent		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nick Roach
		Joel Pfundt, Kirkland		<i>Kathryn Rasmussen (Alt.)</i>	
		Larissa Grundell, Duvall	King County Metro (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Chester Knapp
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jim Seitz, Renton	Sound Transit (1)		<i>Hannah McIntosh (Alt.)</i>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nytasha Walters, Shoreline			<i>Lisa Shafer (Alt.)</i>
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		<i>Jeff Hamlin, Snoqualmie (Alt.)</i>			<i>Tyler Benson (Alt.)</i>
		<i>Kamal Mahmoud, SeaTac (Alt.)</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Kirste Johnson (Alt.)</i>
Kitsap County (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	David Forte	Port of Seattle (1)		<i>Monica Overby (Alt.)</i>
Bremerton (1)		<i>Joe Rutan (Alt.)</i>	Port of Tacoma (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Geri Poor
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Shane Weber, Vice Chair			<i>Robert Giacometti (Alt.)</i>
		<i>Gunnar Fridriksson (Alt. 1)</i>	Port of Everett (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Deirdre Wilson
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		Leticia Neal	PSCAA (1)		Arne Bakker
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Melissa McFadden			<i>James Goodman (Alt.)</i>
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Tacoma (2)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Clint Ritter (Alt.)</i>			<i>Jennifer Keene (Alt.)</i>
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brennan Kidd			<i>VACANT (Alt.)</i>
		<i>Josh Diekmann (Alt.)</i>	Puyallup Tribe (1)		VACANT
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Snohomish County (2)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jeremy Metzler, Edgewood (Alt.)			<i>Thomas Noyes, WSDOT - BPAC Vice-Chair (Alt.)</i>
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		Kelly Snyder			<i>Mohammad Uddin, Sno Cty-RTOC Co-Chair (Alt.)</i>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Steve Dickson (Alt.)</i>			Jennifer Hass, Cmty. Transit-TDM Co-Chair
Everett (1)		<i>Janice Fahning (Alt.)</i>			<i>Sarah Spicer, City of Seattle-TDM Co-Chair</i>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tom Hood, City Engineer			
Other Cities/Towns (2)		<i>Melinda Adams (Alt.)</i>			
		Rob English, Edmonds			
		VACANT			
		<i>Jim Kelly, Arlington (Alt.)</i>			
	<i>Jakeh Roberts, Monroe (Alt.)</i>				

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Puget Sound Regional Council

January 19, 2024

ACTION ITEM

To: Executive Board

From: Mayor Dana Ralph, Chair, Transportation Policy Board

Subject: **Approve the 2024 Policy Framework for PSRC's Federal Funds**

IN BRIEF

PSRC has project selection authority for several sources of funds from both the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Prior to each funding cycle, the policies and procedures for the project selection process are reviewed and updated as needed to reflect current regional priorities and requirements and are documented in the *Policy Framework for PSRC's Federal Funds*. The next process will be conducted in 2024 for PSRC's 2027-2028 FHWA and FTA funds.

Over the last five months, the Transportation Policy Board discussed potential improvements to the 2024 project selection process, focused on the specific emphasis areas of safety, climate and equity. At their January 11 meeting, the Transportation Policy Board took action on a final recommendation on the suite of improvements to be incorporated into the *2024 Policy Framework for PSRC's Federal Funds*.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Executive Board should approve the policies and procedures for the 2024 project selection process, to be documented in the *2024 Policy Framework for PSRC's Federal Funds*. A summary of these policies and procedures is contained in Attachment A.

DISCUSSION

A competitive project selection process is conducted every two to three years for the distribution of PSRC's federal funds. The next process will be conducted in 2024 for PSRC's 2027-2028 FHWA and FTA funds. Prior to each process a Policy Framework is adopted, outlining the policy guidance for the distribution of funds and other details on how the process will be conducted.

Safety, equity and climate are priority themes in both the Regional Transportation Plan and PSRC's funding processes. Over the past five months the Transportation Policy Board reviewed how these policy focus areas are currently addressed and discussed various options for improvements to the 2024 project selection process. Information was provided to support these discussions, including background on the project evaluation criteria, information on the projects funded in the last cycle, and administrative details of the project selection process.

Specifically, the Transportation Policy Board reviewed and discussed potential revisions related to safety, climate and equity including options for both criteria and scoring changes. The following summarizes in greater detail the suite of potential improvements ultimately recommended for the 2024 project selection process. The recommended scoring framework is included in Attachment B.

Safety

1. Update the scoring values for safety in the project evaluation criteria.
2. Update the safety criterion & language to more concretely tie to the [Safe System Approach](#) and [FHWA proven safety countermeasures](#).
3. Consider a requirement that each agency have, or commit to develop, a safety plan based on a Safe System Approach in order to be eligible to compete for PSRC funding. The specific language recommended to be included in the 2024 application is as follows:

“USDOT is developing a framework for assessing how projects align with the Safe System Approach, and PSRC is developing a Regional Safety Action Plan due in early 2025. Does your agency commit to adhering to the forthcoming guidance and continuing to work towards planning and implementation actions under a Safe System Approach, to reduce fatalities and serious injuries?

PSRC will continue to monitor local safety action plans and revisit prior to the 2026 project selection process.”

Climate

PSRC uses a project-level emissions estimation tool to evaluate every project, regardless of funding source. Projects resulting in a substantial reduction in fine particulate and/or greenhouse gas emissions – the two highest priority pollutants in the region - score the highest under the Air Quality / Climate criterion.

PSRC is in the process of updating the project-level emissions estimation tool to reflect current state of the practice, including consideration of induced demand for capacity expansion of highways and major arterials. In addition, the Air Quality / Climate Change criterion will continue to prioritize projects that result in significant emission reductions of greenhouse gases and fine particulates through the substantial elimination of vehicle trips, reduction of vehicle miles traveled, conversion to alternative fuels, and reduction of heavy duty diesel truck idling or the shortening of heavy duty diesel truck trip lengths.

The Transportation Policy Board considered increasing the point values for the Air Quality / Climate criterion. However, since this criterion is already more heavily weighted (currently 20-50 points depending on the funding source), and since the impact from this option would reduce the points allocated to the Centers criterion, this option was not advanced. In addition, the Transportation Policy Board considered prohibiting from the competition projects adding general purpose capacity expansion on limited access highways. The board felt further evaluation was needed on this proposal before advancing, and directed staff to continue researching the impacts and nuances from this topic for future consideration.

Equity

The Equity Advisory Committee (EAC) finalized recommendations on the Equity Pilot and improvements to the equity criterion, which included improvements both to the criteria and scoring values for equity in the upcoming project selection process. Specific criteria improvements include updates to how community outreach and engagement and displacement risk is evaluated, and incorporating equity throughout all criteria. The Transportation Policy Board recommended approval of these changes, which are summarized in Attachment C.

Additional Policy Framework Revisions

The Regional Project Evaluation Committee (RPEC) recommended improvements to the adopted Project Tracking policies and procedures, to continue supporting the region's delivery of federal funds and achieving the annual FHWA delivery target. The Transportation Policy Board recommended approval of these revisions, which are included in Attachment A.

The Transportation Policy Board also considered setting a threshold for funding projects only above a certain total score, since the final scores and rankings reflect how well each project meets each of the project evaluation criteria and regional policies. This proposal was not advanced, but the board directed staff to continue working with RPEC on options and administrative procedures to present to the board later in 2024.

At the January 25, 2024 meeting, the Executive Board will review the Transportation Policy Board recommendations and be asked to take final action to recommend adoption of the *2024 Policy Framework for PSRC's Federal Funds*. This document will encompass the final revisions recommended by the board at the January meeting, in addition to the existing elements summarized in Attachment A. Upon approval of the *Policy Framework* the call for projects will be released, anticipated in early February.

For more information, please contact Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning, at 206-971-3601 or kmcgourty@psrc.org.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Summary of the 2024 Policy Framework for PSRC's Federal Funds
- B. Recommended Scoring Framework
- C. EAC Equity Pilot Recommendations

Attachment A: Policy Framework for PSRC's Federal Funds

- 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



Process Details to be Included

- Funding estimates (pending guidance from FHWA, FTA)
- Distribution splits between FHWA Regional and Countywide competitions, FTA Earned Share and Equity Formula Distributions
- FHWA Set-Asides: Preservation, Bicycle / Pedestrian, Kitsap County, Rural Town Centers & Corridors Program, PSRC funding
- Caps on number of applications / funding requests
- Contingency lists
- Project tracking policies



Funding Distributions

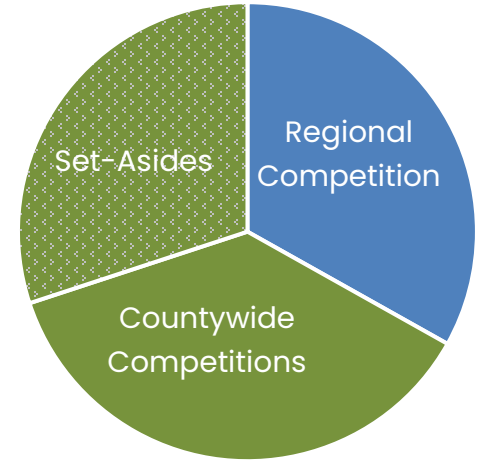
Federal Highway Administration Funds	Federal Transit Administration Funds
Regional Competition	Equity Formula Distribution
Countywide Competitions	Earned Share Distribution



FHWA Funding Distributions

- 50/50% split of funds between Regional and Countywide competitions, *after* set-asides are taken off the top

Set-Aside	Application
Preservation	20% of STBG Funds, distributed in countywide competitions
Bicycle / Pedestrian	10% of all Funds, distributed in countywide competitions
Kitsap County Adjustment	Population adjustment from STBG for Kitsap countywide process
Rural Town Centers & Corridors Program	10% of Regional Funds, distributed in off-year
PSRC Funding	\$1 million of STBG Funds per year



Administrative Details – FHWA Competitions

Number of Regional Applications:

- Total of 36 for the regional FHWA competition
 - 12 King County, 6 each for Kitsap, Pierce and Snohomish Counties, 2 each for regional agencies – WSDOT, PSCAA, Sound Transit

Amounts by Source in FHWA Competitions:

- Predetermined amount of FHWA funds by source, by competition
- Regional competition = 60% CMAQ, 40% STP



Administrative Details – FHWA Competitions

Funding Limits:

- Limit on FHWA regional applications at 50% of available annual funding by source

Contingency Lists:

- Continue long-standing procedure of creating prioritized contingency lists, should additional funds become available prior to the next cycle



FTA Distributions

- 2023 Revised Process
 - Maintained the earned share distribution process
 - Regional portion of funds in the Seattle-Tacoma-Everett Urbanized Area distributed via an equity formula process
 - Focused, intentional distribution that looks at all transit service being provided to the region's equity populations and distributes funds accordingly
 - Projects address PSRC's equity criterion and improvements for equity focus area populations



Project Tracking Policies and Procedures

Project Tracking Program:

- In place since 2003
- Goal = efficient and timely project delivery, minimize cost of delays, preserve federal funds coming to the region

Policies updated over time

- Current policies address annual delivery target for FHWA funds
- Policies set firm obligation deadlines but allow opportunity for one extension
- Revised extension request policies for FHWA in 2021



Project Tracking Policies and Procedures

5-Step Process for rebalancing and supplemental funding actions, if necessary to fill a delivery gap each year:

1. *Advance projects from later years of the TIP*
2. *Exchange federal funds for local or state funds between phases of a single project, or between projects within the same agency*
3. *Fund immediately ready-to-go projects from the current adopted contingency lists*
4. *Increase the federal share of awarded projects*
5. *Award new funds to new projects, outside of the standard PSRC project selection process*



2024 Project Tracking Revisions

In funding competitions:

1. Change project readiness/financial plan from a scored criterion to an eligibility criterion
2. Award only one phase per competition (no PE+1)

In annual rebalancing process, for supplemental funding:

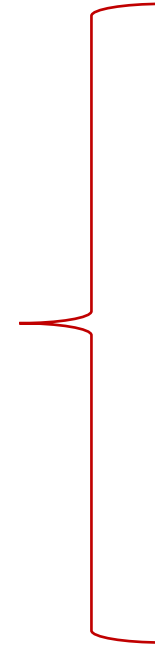
3. Award increased federal shares before contingency projects
4. Adjust process timeline to accommodate more June 1 deadlines



Project Evaluation Criteria and Point Values

Criteria includes:

- Development of Centers
- Circulation, Mobility and Accessibility
- Equity
- Safety
- Air Quality / Climate Change
- Project Readiness / Financial Plan



Attachment B: Recommended Scoring Framework

Surface Transportation Block Grant Program Funding (STP)

CRITERIA	STP Point Values Current Process	STP Point Values Recommended: Safety and Equity Increased	Staff notes
Development of Centers	30	28	To increase the point values in Safety and Equity, point reductions must come from these two criteria.
Circulation, Mobility and Accessibility	27	24	
Equity	10	--	The EAC recommendation is to incorporate Equity throughout <u>all</u> criteria, but leave a stand-alone Outreach and Displacement criterion.
Outreach and Displacement	--	12	
Safety	8	16	The board recommendation doubles the points for Safety; the EAC also recommended increases points for safety, to allow for a greater differentiation among projects.
Air Quality / Climate Change	20	20	
Project Readiness / Financial Plan	5	--	Per the RPEC recommendation, Project Readiness / Financial Plan is moved to an eligibility threshold for all projects to meet prior to submittal into the competitions.
TOTAL	100	100	

Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program Funding (CMAQ)

CRITERIA	CMAQ Point Values Current Process	CMAQ Point Values Recommended: Safety and Equity Increased	Staff notes
Development of Centers	15	13	The Air Quality / Climate criterion has a much larger share of points for CMAQ projects. As such, the distribution of points to reflect increases in safety and equity is attempted to be balanced across the other criteria.
Circulation, Mobility and Accessibility	14	12	
Equity	10	--	
Outreach and Displacement	--	10	
Safety	6	15	
Air Quality / Climate Change	50	50	
Project Readiness / Financial Plan	5	--	
TOTAL	100	100	

Summary of Equity Pilot Pathways and Improvements

1. Updating existing structure (Pathway 1)

- Update criteria
- Update guidance
- Increase equity criterion point values

2. Equity woven throughout all criteria (Pathway 2)

- Same criteria updates
- Same guidance updates
- Equity incorporated throughout



Equity Pilot Framework – Pathway 1

1. Updating existing structure

- Update criteria and guidance – Circulation, mobility & accessibility:
 - Address transit improvements for all services and times of day, not just commuter lines and periods
 - Is there a way to incorporate **resilience of the system** into the criterion?
 - Emphasize access to **opportunities and destinations**
 - Connect to existing PSRC resources such as the new **Housing Opportunities by Place (HOP)** typology



Equity Pilot Framework – Pathway 1

- Update criteria and guidance – **Equity:**
 - Assist sponsors in identifying the most marginalized communities impacted / improved by the project
 - Start with PSRC’s 6 **equity focus population areas (EFAs)**, support identification and understanding of data
 - Incorporate the **intersection of two or more EFAs** in the project area (e.g., in an area of higher percentages of both people of color and people with low incomes)
 - Include other datasets on disparities – e.g., WA Environmental Health Disparities map, Coordinated Mobility Plan
 - Improve assessment of addressing impacts and providing benefits
 - **Provide best practices and examples**



Equity Pilot Framework – Pathway 1

- Update criteria and guidance – Equity:
 - Address under Community Outreach and Engagement:
 - Provide **best practices and examples**, setting expectations
 - **Compensation, language, partnership practices** included in the project / agency outreach to the extent feasible
 - Include the variety of outreach strategies that could / should be conducted
 - Increase **point values** for this subsection



Equity Pilot Framework – Pathway 1

- Update criteria and guidance – Equity:
 - Address the quality of Displacement policies
 - Connect to **Housing Opportunities by Place (HOP)** resources
 - Provide improved guidance and examples



Equity Pilot Framework – Pathway 2

1. Equity woven throughout all criteria

- Include the same criteria and guidance updates
- Identify equity populations **upfront, before all criteria**
- Include **addressing impacts / benefits to EFA** populations **within all applicable criteria**
 - Additional questions related to **access to jobs** and **improved safety**, specifically for **Equity Focus Areas (EFAs)**
- Equity criterion becomes Community Outreach and Displacement
 - Identification and impacts questions now throughout all criteria



ATTACHMENT D: PSRC 2022 FHWA REGIONAL COMPETITION - FULL PROJECT SCORES BY SOURCE AND SPONSOR

CMAQ PROJECTS					Part I: Policy Criteria			Part 4: Technical Scores					TOTAL SCORE (100)	
Sponsor	Project Title	Requested Amount	Phase (s)	Category	Development of Center (15)	Circulation, Mobility & Accessibility (14)	Policy Subtotal (29)	Part 2: Equity Criteria (10)	Part 3: Safety Criteria (6)	Air Quality & Climate Change (40)	WAEHD Map (10)	Project Readiness (5)		Technical Subtotal (55)
Community Transit	Swift Gold Line Zero Emission Expansion Buses	\$8,000,000	Other	Corridor	10	11	21	9	4	20	10	3	33	67
Everett	California Street Ped/Bike Corridor	\$8,200,000	Construction	Regional Growth Center	4	10	14	3	3	8	10	4	22	42
King County Metro	King County Post Pandemic TDM	\$6,400,000	Other	Corridor	5	7	12	7	2	28	10	4	42	63
King County Metro	South Annex Base Expansion and Electrification	\$8,225,000	Construction	Corridor	7	10	17	6	1	32	10	5	47	71
Northwest Seaport Alliance	Zero-Emission Cargo-Handling Equipment Incentive Program	\$4,400,000	Other	Manufacturing / Industrial Center	3	6	9	8	1	28	10	2	40	58
Pierce Transit	Pacific Avenue/SR 7 Bus Rapid Transit: 112th Street S to 99th Street S	\$4,800,000	Construction	Corridor	8	12	20	9	6	20	10	3	33	68
PSCAA	On Track for the Future: Tacoma Rail Battery-Electric Switcher Locomotive Replacement Project	\$5,500,000	Construction	Manufacturing / Industrial Center	4	4	8	8	1	30	10	4	44	61
Sound Transit	Boeing Access Rd Infill Station	\$8,230,000	PE/Design	Corridor	12	11	23	9	2	25	10	3	38	72
Sound Transit	Graham Street Infill Station	\$8,230,000	PE/Design	Corridor	5	10	15	7	2	25	10	3	38	62
WSF	Terminal Electrification -Clinton Terminal, Mukilteo-Clinton Ferry Route	\$4,900,000	Construction	Corridor	4	6	10	8	2	35	0	5	40	60

STP PROJECTS					Part I: Policy Criteria			Part 4: Technical Scores					TOTAL SCORE (100)
Sponsor	Project Title	Requested Amount	Phase (s)	Category	Development of Center (30)	Circulation, Mobility & Accessibility (27)	Policy Subtotal (57)	Part 2: Equity Criteria (10)	Part 3: Safety Criteria (8)	Air Quality & Climate Change (20)	Project Readiness (5)	Technical Subtotal (25)	
Arlington	180th Street Connector	\$5,000,000	PE/Design & Construction	Manufacturing / Industrial Center	10	17	27	4	7	5	3	8	46
Auburn	East Valley Highway Widening	\$1,050,000	PE/Design	Corridor	17	22	39	9	7	5	5	10	65
Bellevue	Eastrail to NE Spring Boulevard Trail Link	\$4,900,000	Construction	Corridor	26	21	47	8	7	5	5	10	72
Bellevue	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail (142nd Avenue SE to I 90 Nonmotorized Overcrossing at 150th Avenue SE)	\$4,673,000	Construction	Corridor	15	18	33	7	6	5	5	10	56
Bothell	Bothell Way NE Multimodal Improvements Phase 1	\$5,480,000	Construction	Corridor	18	23	41	8	7	8	4	12	68
Bothell	Bothell Way NE Multimodal Improvements Phase 2	\$5,000,000	Construction	Corridor	20	24	44	8	7	8	4	12	71
Fife	Port of Tacoma Road Phase 2b: 20th Street East	\$4,000,000	Construction	Corridor	15	23	38	7	4	8	3	11	60
Kent	Meet Me on Meeker - Thompson Ave to Interurban Trail	\$4,757,500	Construction	Regional Growth Center	26	25	51	3	7	6	5	11	72
King County Metro	Metro Route 36 Improvements	\$3,000,000	Construction	Corridor	6	16	22	8	2	5	3	8	40
Kirkland	108th Avenue Transit Queue Jumps	\$1,500,000	ROW	Corridor	9	23	32	5	4	5	5	10	51
Kitsap County	Ridgetop - Mickelberry to Myhre, ROW Phase 1	\$5,200,000	ROW	Regional Growth Center	20	22	42	5	6	5	4	9	62
Lynnwood	42nd Avenue W Improvements	\$5,000,000	Construction	Regional Growth Center	27	23	50	4	5	4	4	8	67
Pierce County	Canyon Rd. E. (72nd St. E to Pioneer Way E.)	\$2,000,000	PE/Design	Corridor	9	23	32	7	5	8	4	12	56
Port of Seattle	SR 509 Extension Project Stage 2 (Final Stage) Local Commitment	\$5,480,000	Construction	Corridor	13	24	37	5	5	10	5	15	62
SeaTac	Airport Station Area Pedestrian Improvements	\$4,500,000	Construction	Regional Growth Center	17	21	38	9	7	7	4	11	65
Shoreline	State Route 523 (N/NE 145th St) Aurora Ave N to I-5, Phase 2 (Corliss Ave to Wallingford Ave)	\$5,480,000	ROW	Corridor	11	22	33	8	5	5	4	9	55
Shoreline	148th Street Non-Motorized Bridge (Phase 2)	\$5,480,000	Construction	Corridor	10	21	31	8	6	6	4	10	55
Shomohish County	North Creek Regional Trail Phase 2	\$5,000,000	Construction	Corridor	7	18	25	6	6	6	5	11	48
Tacoma	Puyallup Ave Transit/Complete Street Improvement	\$5,480,000	Construction	Corridor	23	22	45	5	7	5	5	10	67
WSDOT	SR167 Completion Project- Stage 2 (Final Completion)	\$5,480,000	Construction	Corridor	15	27	42	8	6	10	5	15	71
WSDOT	I-5/SR 161/SR 18 Triangle Interchange Vicinity - Improvements	\$5,480,000	Construction	Corridor	13	17	30	4	6	4	5	9	49

2022 Schedule (for reference)

Schedule Milestone	Regional	King	Kitsap	Pierce	Snohomish
Call for Projects	February 11	March 7	February 7	March 4	March 11
Screening Forms Due	March 11	March 25	March 21	April 4	April 1
PSRC Screening Form Review	March 12 – 25	March 30 – April 8	March 23 – 28	April 6 – 12	April 5 – 11
Applications Due	April 11	April 29	May 9	May 2	April 25

Draft 2024 Competition Schedules

Schedule Milestone	Regional	King	Kitsap	Pierce	Snohomish
Call for Projects	February 5	TBD	February 7	TBD	February 19
Screening Forms Due	March 4	March 11 – for all forums			
PSRC Screening Form Review	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Initial review by March 22 * 2. Final review by April 5^ 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Submitted screening forms will be reviewed in the order they are submitted, regardless of forum. 2. Initial review completed by April 15* – Return of initial review comments, and coordination with sponsors, may be staggered as initial reviews are completed. 3. Final review completed by April 25^ 4. Final summary provided to chairs on April 26. 			
Applications Due	April 8	TBD - after April 29	May 6 (tentative)	TBD - after April 29	April 29 / May 3

Notes: * for Initial review, each screening form will be given a green light (OK to proceed), yellow light (needs more information/sponsor coordination to confirm eligibility), or red light (determined to be ineligible).

^ Final review will focus on yellow- and red-light determinations identified in initial review, including coordination with sponsors, WSDOT, and forum chairs as appropriate, after which a final eligibility determination will be made.

PSRC staff met separately with the chairs of each forum to (1) discuss schedules, (2) provide base applications for mark-up, which note PSRC in-progress elements, and (3) confirm logistics and schedule for application updates.



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Regional Project Evaluation Committee January 2024 Information Items

The following information provides status reports on various PSRC Transportation work program items currently underway.

Regional Transportation Inventory Updates:

PSRC has been working with stakeholders to develop survey tools and other methods of collecting regional transportation system inventory data as part of Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) implementation over the last several months. This is a preliminary step in preparation for the next RTP, anticipated for adoption in 2026. Regional transportation system inventory information is collected to update the baseline conditions and help inform needs for long range planning.

PSRC reached out to our member organizations to collect information for pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure and transportation demand management (TDM) towards the end of 2023. The official due date for these inventory elements passed in December and PSRC is currently following up with those agencies that have not responded or completed their responses. In addition, staff are beginning to incorporate edits provided via the pedestrian/bicycle facility inventory webmap into PSRC's dataset from those who have responded.

The survey for the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS)/traffic signal inventory went out in December and the survey for the mobility on demand (MOD) inventory will be distributed by the end of January. Please be on the lookout for these data requests for a timely response. Each data request will include a PSRC contact for follow-up questions. If you have any questions about the regional inventory data collection effort more broadly, please contact Gil Cerise at gcerise@psrc.org or (206) 971-3053.

Regional Transportation Plan:

The regular mid-cycle call was released on November 14 for project updates to the Regional Capacity Projects List in the Regional Transportation Plan, with applications due on December 18. This call was limited to projects for which action is anticipated before the next major update in 2026, that need to be updated or added to the Regional Capacity Projects list to move forward before that time. The submitted

applications are currently being reviewed by PSRC staff, and recommended updates to the Regional Capacity Projects list are planned to be brought to the board in February. Information on this process may be found on PSRC's website [at this link](#). For more information, please contact Mitch Koch at mkoch@psrc.org.