



Puget Sound Regional Council

Transportation Policy Board

Thursday, April 11, 2024 • 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call (9:30) - Mayor Dana Ralph, Chair

2. Communications and Public Comment

Public comment must relate to an action or discussion item on the agenda.

3. Report of the Chair

4. Director's Report

5. Consent Agenda - Action Items (9:45)

- a. Approve Minutes of Transportation Policy Board Meeting held March 14, 2024
- b. Routine Amendment to the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

6. Action Item (9:50)

- a. Updates to PSRC's FTA Project Tracking Policies – *Kelly McGourty, PSRC*

7. Action Item (10:10)

- a. 2024 Project Tracking and Extension Requests – *Jennifer Barnes, PSRC*

8. Discussion Item (10:40)

- a. Regional Transportation Plan (2026-2050) Development Process – *Kelly McGourty, PSRC*

9. Information Items

- a. Transportation Work Program Progress Tracker
- b. Save the Date: PSRC General Assembly, May 30, 2024, 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- c. Washington Transportation Plan Outreach Meetings ([Register online](#))

10. Next Meeting: May 9, 2024, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Major Topics for May:

- Regional Transportation Plan (2026-2050) Development Process

11. Adjourn (11:30)

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MINUTES

**Puget Sound Regional Council Transportation Policy Board
March 14, 2024
1201 3rd Ave., Ste 500, Seattle, WA 98101**

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m. by Mayor Dana Ralph, Chair. Chair Ralph stated that a video of the meeting would be streamed live as well as recorded. The video would be available for viewing on PSRC's website. A call-in number was provided on the meeting agenda for members of the public to call in by phone and listen live to the meeting.

Roll call determined attendance and that a quorum was present.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The board received written public comment which was distributed via email before the meeting.

John Niles provided public comment to the board.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Ralph noted that there was a full agenda and would call on Kelly McGourty for the Director's Report.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, noted that consent agenda item 5.d is a recommendation for one project to receive PSRC's Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds. PSRC has a policy that new projects are released for public comment. The project received four public comments which were included in the agenda packet. Consent agenda 5.e is an update to FTA project tracking policies. The change will provide additional flexibility specifically related to the new FTA equity formula funds.

Ms. McGourty shared that PSRC has started project selection. The team is currently reviewing eligibility of all prospective projects. The board is scheduled to take action on project recommendations at its July meeting.

This morning the board received an email with an updated attachment for agenda item 6. It is regarding PSRC's annual delivery target requirements for Federal Highway Administration funds. The update will be reviewed during the presentation.

Robin Koskey, PSRC, updated the board on the conclusion of the Washington State legislative session and provided information on the transportation budget.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve Minutes of Transportation Policy Board Meeting held February 8, 2024
- b. Routine amendment to 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- c. Recommend Authorizing a Change in the Regional Transportation Plan Project Status for the City of Tacoma's Water Ditch Trail Phase 3 Project
- d. Recommendation of PSRC FTA Funding for King County Metro's Pier 48 Gangway Replacement Project
- e. Recommendation of Updates to PSRC's Project Tracking Policies

ACTION: The motion was made and seconded (Pauly/Daughtry) to adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion passed.

ACTION ITEM: 2024 PROJECT TRACKING AND SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING ACTION

Jennifer Barnes, PSRC, provided an overview of PSRC's Project Tracking Program and Policies. She shared how PSRC conducts continuous monitoring of projects, including collecting progress reports twice a year. PSRC also frequently coordinates with countywide forums on the status of projects.

Ms. Barnes reviewed the five-step process to meet federal funding requirements and the details of each step of the TIP rebalancing process. She noted that board action at the January 11, 2024, meeting reprioritized the steps. She also discussed other project tracking policy updates.

Ms. Barnes briefed the board on 2024 project extension requests, discussing increases in one-year extensions and noting the estimated gap to achieving the required 2024 delivery target. A supplemental funding action is required, comprised of increasing the federal funding share to existing 2024 projects. Ms. Barnes noted that the gap and funding allocation amounts are subject to change. The board will receive further information at its meeting in April. Ms. Barnes noted that smaller projects will receive

the maximum amount of funding with this action, but there are also a few projects with additional capacity that could absorb additional funds should it be necessary.

Board members discussed issues of increases in project costs and how that factors into this process. Staff shared that existing policies direct staff to base these supplemental funding actions on cost estimates provided during the project selection process and time of award. However, agencies do have an opportunity to access additional FHWA funds to address higher construction bids as part of a separate, statewide process. Information on this process will be provided at the next meeting. Ms. McGourty noted that the board could recommend changes to the adopted project tracking policies in the future.

ACTION: The motion was made and seconded (Pauly/Baron) that The Transportation Policy Board should recommend the Executive Board approve a supplemental funding action to increase the federal shares for projects awarded PSRC's 2024 FHWA funds, up to the amounts identified in Attachment A. The motion passed.

DISCUSSION ITEM: CLIMATE WORK SUMMARY AND FUTURE PLANNING

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, shared information on current and completed climate work. She noted that the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) has a 4-part greenhouse gas strategy and reviewed elements that influence emissions. The RTP climate analysis extends to 2050 and shows that the region is on track to achieve 2050 goals. During development of the RTP, there was a call to develop a 2030 transportation network and 2030 analysis, which was completed last year.

Sensitivity tests were also conducted to evaluate what additional reductions might be feasible by 2030. An expert climate review panel was convened to review this work and PSRC's modeling and analyses. Ms. McGourty provided a summary of the findings and recommendations from the panel.

Ms. McGourty shared details of the Puget Sound Regional Emissions Analysis Project. The project included seven partners and all four counties. A major benefit is that all jurisdictions are now using the same methodology.

Ms. McGourty reminded the board that the project-level emissions estimation tool was also recently updated. It is available on PSRC's website and will be used in the current project selection process.

Ms. McGourty provided information on the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG). It has two phases, one for planning and the other for implementation. The Puget Sound Clean Air Agency is leading the planning work for the region in partnership with PSRC, the counties and major cities.

The CPRG includes the development of a Priority Climate Action Plan, focused on near-term, high-priority greenhouse gas measures with a focus on disadvantaged communities. It was submitted to EPA on March 1. The next step is the Comprehensive Climate Action Plan, looking longer term and including more required elements. The Comprehensive Climate Action Plan is due to EPA by summer 2025 and will support the development of the 2026 RTP.

Ms. McGourty shared information on the CPRG implementation grant funding, and the four applications being coordinated between the state and the region. The regional applications are focused on transportation electrification and building energy. Implementation grant applications are due to EPA on April 1.

Ms. McGourty reviewed the work of the Regional Electric Vehicle (REV) Collaboration and the Puget Sound Climate Preparedness Collaborative.

DISCUSSION ITEM: REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (2026-2050) DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

Gil Cerise, PSRC, shared that at its February meeting, the board reviewed federal requirements for developing regional transportation plans and the board adopted focus areas of the current plan. The board was then polled for feedback on current regional priorities.

Mr. Cerise highlighted the responses from February and high-level themes. The board was then asked to discuss these topics and priorities further. Members asked that the plan include the needs of different types of communities, especially those outside of urban areas. Members also commented on capturing safety in different aspects citing examples of an increase in pedestrian fatalities and safety within the transit system. Members also discussed access to transit, micro-mobility and new technologies. Members shared that it would be helpful to elevate maintenance and preservation as a critical need.

Staff provided an overview of key themes and analysis the board will be briefed on in the coming months.

DISCUSSION ITEM: PROJECT SELECTION FUTURE WORK ITEMS

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, shared that when the board adopted the 2024 Policy Framework, they directed staff to continue work on two topics that were not moved forward at that time: prohibiting general-purpose capacity projects on limited access highways into the competition, and setting a scoring threshold for funding.

Ms. McGourty reviewed what the board previously discussed and shared preliminary ideas for next steps. She asked the board what additional information the board would find helpful when staff returns later in the year on these topics. Members discussed identifying projects that were previously funded but would no longer be allowed under

these scenarios. Members shared that they would like to see examples before the meeting and that it would be helpful to have more description of the criteria used to identify these projects. Members also asked for consideration in the future of how any of the changes being made can be analyzed to determine if they worked and made the expected improvements.

Due to time constraints, staff offered to send a separate communication requesting additional board feedback.

Mayor Ralph noted that the General Assembly will be held May 30. The deadline for submitting VISION 2050 awards is coming up in April.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for April 11, 2024.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 11:31 a.m.

Attachment:

- A. Attendance Roster – March 14, 2024.

Transportation Policy Board March 14, 2024				5.a - Att. A	
Voting Members			✓	Non-voting Members	✓
King County	2	CM Jorge Barón	1	Associate Members	
		Vacant		Island County	1
		Vacant Alt			1
Seattle	2	CM Rob Saka	1	Thurston Regional Planning Council	1
		CM Robert Kettle			1
		CM Tanya Woo, Alt		Public Agency Members	
Bellevue	1	CM Dave Hamilton	1	Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board	1
		CM Jared Nieuwenhuis Alt			1
Cities/Towns	3	MYR Dana Ralph, Kent, Chair	1	Puget Sound Clean Air Agency	1
		MYR Mary Lou Pauly, Issaquah	1		1
		CM Peter Kwon, SeaTac	1	Public Health	1
		CM Wendy Weiker Mercer Isl Alt			1
		DEP MYR Jay Arnold, Kirkland Alt	1	WA Tran. Improvement Board	1
		CM Matt Mahoney, Des Moines Alt	1		1
Local Transit	1	CM Rod Dembowski	1	PSRC Committees	
		Vacant Alt		Equity Advisory Cmte.	1
Kitsap County	1	COM Christine Rolfes	1		1
		COM Charlotte Garrido Alt		Regional Staff Cmte.	1
Bremerton	1	MYR Greg Wheeler			1
		CP Jennifer Chamberlin Alt		Regional Project Evaluation Cmte.	1
Cities/Towns	1	CM Leslie Schneider, Bainbridge Isl	1		1
		Vacant		Transportation Operators Cmte.	1
Local Transit	1	MYR Rob Putaansuu, Port Orchard			1
		CM Anna Mockler, Bremerton	1	Private/Civic Members-Business/Labor	
Pierce County	1	CM Ryan Mello, Vice Chair	1	WA Trucking Associations exp. 12/31/26	1
		CM Dave Morell Alt			1
Tacoma	1	CM Kristina Walker	1	Seattle Met. Chamber of Commerce exp. 12/31/26	1
		CM Olgy Diaz Alt			1
Cities & Towns	1	CM Tim Ceder, Milton	1	Private/Civic Members-Community/Environment	
		MYR Pro Tem Edward Wood, University Place Alt		TBD	
Local Transit	1	CM Marty Campbell, Pierce County		Non-voting	10
		DEP MYR John Hines, Tacoma			Non-voting members present
Snohomish County	1	CM Jared Mead			
		CM Strom Peterson Alt			
Everett	1	CM Ben Zarlingo	1		
		MYR Cassie Franklin Alt			
Cities/Towns	1	CM Jan Schuette, Arlington	1		22
		CM Michael Dixon, Mukilteo Alt			
Local Transit	1	CM Kim Daughtry, Lake Stevens	1		
		CM Jan Schuette, Arlington Alt			
Regional Transit	1	CM Ed Prince, Renton	1		
		MYR Kim Roscoe, Fife Alt			
Federally Recognized Tribes					
Muckleshoot Indian Tribe	1	CM John Daniels, Jr.			
		Vacant Alt			
Puyallup Tribe of Indians	1	Andrew Strobel			
		Robert Barandon Alt			
Suquamish Tribe	1	CM Luther (Jay) Mills			
		CHRMN Leonard Forsman Alt			
Statutory Members					
Ports	1	COM Toshiko Hasegawa, Seattle			
		COM Cary Bozeman, Bremerton Alt			
WA Trans. Commission	1	COM Jim Restucci			
		COM Nicole Grant Alt			
WSDOT	1	Robin Mayhew	1		Abbreviations
		Todd Lamphere Alt	1		CHRMN Chairman
Legislative Transportation Cmte. (Not Counted for Quorum)					
House Transportation Cmte.	2	Vacant			CM Councilmember
		REP Jake Fey, D Alt			CP Council President
		REP Dan Griffey, R			COM Commissioner
		REP Andrew Barkis, R Alt			DEP MYR Mayor
Senate Transportation Cmte.	2	SEN Marko Liias, D			MYR Mayor
		SEN Emily Randall, D Alt			MYR Pro Tem
		Vacant, R			REP Representative
		Vacant, R Alt			SEN Senator
Voting	32	(Quorum = 14) Quorum Total	18		
		Total Voting members present	21		



Puget Sound Regional Council

April 4, 2024

CONSENT AGENDA

To: Transportation Policy Board

From: Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning

Subject: **Routine Amendment to the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

IN BRIEF

Three agencies submitted six projects this month for routine amendment into the Regional TIP. The projects are summarized in Exhibit A. These projects were awarded local, state and federal funding through various funding processes, such as the Motor Vehicle Account funds managed by the Washington State Department of Transportation. PSRC staff reviewed the projects for compliance with federal and state requirements, and consistency with VISION 2050 and the Regional Transportation Plan.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Transportation Policy Board should recommend Executive Board adoption of an amendment to the 2023-2026 Regional TIP to include the projects as shown in Exhibit A.

DISCUSSION

Under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), PSRC has project selection authority for all projects programming regional funds from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) - Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) - and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) - Urbanized Area Formula Program (5307), State of Good Repair (5337), and Bus and Bus Facilities Formula (5339).

While PSRC does not have project selection authority for other types of federal, state or local funds, the Executive Board does have responsibility for adding these projects to

the Regional TIP. Each project must comply with requirements regarding plan consistency, air quality and financial constraint. The attached Exhibit A illustrates the action needed to amend the Regional TIP.

The recommended action would approve the TIP amendment request based on a finding of consistency with VISION 2050, the Regional Transportation Plan and the air quality conformity determination of the Regional TIP. Approval is also based on a determination that funding is reasonably expected to be available to carry out the project. Information describing plan consistency, air quality conformity and the funding basis for approving the request is further described below.

Consistency with VISION 2050 and the Regional Transportation Plan

The projects recommended for action were reviewed by PSRC staff and have been determined to be consistent with the multicounty policies in VISION 2050 and the Regional Transportation Plan.

Air Quality Conformity

The projects in Exhibit A were reviewed and it has been determined that a new air quality analysis and conformity determination is not required because each project falls into one or more of the following categories:

- It is exempt from air quality conformity requirements.
- It is an existing project already included in the current air quality modeling.
- It is a non-exempt project not able to be included in the regional model.

Funding Reasonably Expected to be Available

For the projects in Exhibit A, PSRC has confirmed that the funds are reasonably expected to be available.

PSRC's Project Tracking Policies

There is one request from King County Metro for modifications to PSRC's FTA funds. The modification was found to be consistent with PSRC's project tracking policies and was reviewed and recommended by the Transportation Operations Committee (TOC) at its meeting on March 27, 2024.

The agency requests to redistribute \$1,413,87 in 2019 and 2020 FTA 5307(Urban) funds from its "KCM System Expansion Eighth Base" project to its "Rapid Ride I Line" project. The redistribution is needed because the project was cancelled and will not proceed further due to impacts from COVID on both ridership and corresponding fleet needs. After the funds are redistributed, the "KCM System Expansion Eighth Base" project will be closed out; the "Rapid Ride I Line" project scope will remain the same as the agency is decreasing the project's total budget by the equivalent amount of local funds.

Federal and State Fund Source Descriptions

The following federal and state funding sources are referenced in Exhibit A.

5307 (Urban)	FTA Urban Formula Funds
FBP	Ferry Boat Program provides federal funds for construction of ferryboats and ferry terminal facilities
MVA	State funds from the Motor Vehicle Account
NHPP	National Highway Performance Program provides federal funds for the condition and performance of the National Highway System

For additional information, please contact Jennifer Barnes, Program Manager, at jbarnes@psrc.org or 206-389-2876.

ATTACHMENT

A. Projects Proposed for Routine Amendment to 2023-2026 TIP

Month: April

Project(s) Proposed for Routine Amendment to 2023-2026 TIP

Year: 2024

Exhibit A

Sponsor	Project Title and Work Description	Funding		PSRC Action Needed			
				Project Tracking	New Project/ Phase	UPWP Other	Amend
1. King County Department of Transportation (Transit)	Rapid Ride I Line Existing project redistributing funds from MET-219: KCM System Expansion Eighth Base for station and stop improvements for the bus rapid transit RapidRide corridor along Metro Routes 169 and 180 between Auburn and Renton. Work includes bus shelters, benches, lighting, and signage.	\$1,413,878	Federal 5307(Urban)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$1,413,878	Total				
2. Kitsap Transit	Port Orchard Intermodal Terminal New project programming a planning phase for analysis to determine feasibility of the Port Orchard Intermodal Terminal to support operational needs, electrification infrastructure, vessel maneuverability, and upgraded pedestrian facilities.	\$851,716	Federal FBP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		\$851,716	Total				
3. WSDOT Olympic Region	SR 7/Pacific Highway Crossing and Signalization New project programming preliminary engineering and construction phases to replace the Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons with pedestrian signals.	\$3,080,007	MVA	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$1,958,522	Local				
		\$5,038,529	Total				
4. WSDOT South Central Region	I-90/S Fork Snoqualmie River Bridges - Seismic Retrofit New project programming a preliminary engineering phase to seismically retrofit the I-90/S Fork Snoqualmie River Bridges.	\$528,885	Federal NHPP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$45,990	MVA				
		\$574,875	Total				
5. WSDOT South Central Region	I-90/South Fork Snoqualmie River Bridge WB - Deck Rehabilitation New project programming a preliminary engineering phase to scarify and overlay the I-90/South Fork Snoqualmie River westbound bridge.	\$617,173	Federal NHPP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$53,667	MVA				
		\$670,840	Total				
6. WSDOT South Central Region	I-90/Upper Snoqualmie River Bridge WB - Seismic Retrofit New project programming a preliminary engineering phase to seismically retrofit the I-90/Upper Snoqualmie River westbound bridge.	\$374,285	Federal NHPP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$32,547	MVA				
		\$406,832	Total				



Puget Sound Regional Council

April 4, 2024

ACTION ITEM

To: Transportation Policy Board

From: Kelly McGourty, Director, Transportation Planning

Subject: **Updates to PSRC's FTA Project Tracking Policies**

IN BRIEF

PSRC's adopted project tracking policies are designed to ensure the timely use of PSRC's federal funds and to increase the delivery of transportation investments that support the region's long-range plans. The Executive Board has recently approved revisions to the policies for PSRC's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funds. The policies also address requirements for PSRC's Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds. To reflect nuances related to the new Equity Formula distribution for PSRC's FTA funds, the Transportation Operators Committee (TOC) is recommending revisions to the policies to allow additional flexibility under certain conditions.

The Transportation Policy Board recommended approval of these revisions at their meeting on March 14, 2024. Due to a request by the City of Everett, at their meeting on March 28 the Executive Board asked for additional discussion at the Transportation Policy Board before taking final action.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Transportation Policy Board should recommend the Executive Board approve the revisions to PSRC's project tracking policies as described in this memo.

DISCUSSION

Within the Seattle-Tacoma-Everett Urbanized Area (UZA), approximately 86% of the FTA funds allocated by federal formula are based on the service and operating characteristics of the nine transit agencies in the UZA. Per adopted regional policy, this portion of the funds is distributed to each public transit agency based on their earnings,

called the “earned share” distribution. The remaining funds, approximately 14%, come to the region based on regional attributes such as population density, called the “regional” distribution. As of 2023, these regional funds are now distributed via the Equity Formula, which is a focused and intentional methodology that looks at all transit services being provided to the region’s equity focus populations and distributes funds accordingly.

PSRC’s adopted [Project Tracking Policies](#) are designed to ensure the timely use of PSRC’s federal funds and to increase the delivery of transportation investments that support the region’s long-range plans. Because Equity Formula funds are sourced from the regional portion of PSRC’s FTA funds, and based on the original purpose and intent of this distribution process as determined by PSRC’s boards, projects with these funds will follow the established project tracking policies distinct to the FTA Regional funds, which require greater accountability and expectations than the rules for FTA Earned Share funds.

However, given the unique nature of this new distribution process, PSRC worked with the TOC to review the policies and identify any appropriate revisions specific to the Equity Formula funds that may allow additional flexibility. The table below summarizes the recommended revisions to the project tracking policies for the Equity Formula funds. These revisions allow for a limited set of exceptions to be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Requests for exceptions will first be reviewed by PSRC and recommended by the TOC to the Transportation Policy Board. The Transportation Policy Board will then recommend final approval by the Executive Board.

Adopted Policy	Proposed Exception
Equity Formula funds may not be awarded to phases that have already been awarded PSRC’s federal funds. Additional funds to a previously awarded phase would only be considered if the funds will implement new or additional scope beyond the original award.	<i>Exceptions to this may be considered to add Equity Formula funds to previously funded project phases if it will allow the project to be delivered faster or more efficiently, such as by accelerating the project schedule, reducing project costs, etc., and delivering project benefits to equity focus populations sooner.</i>
Regional FTA funds are considered delayed if they have not been transmitted in an FTA grant application by six months after their estimated obligation date. PSRC staff will consult with the TOC and FTA to determine if an extension is warranted based on whether the delay is considered “reasonable,” defined as delays due to factors outside of the sponsor’s control.	<i>Exceptions to this may include project delays due to feedback provided through community outreach.</i>

Adopted Policy	Proposed Exception
Once Equity Formula funds are awarded, funds cannot be moved between projects; funds cannot be moved between phases within a project; and the scope of projects as originally awarded may not be substantively changed.	<i>Exceptions to these rules may be considered on a case-by-case basis, and in general must demonstrate a compelling need for the deviation, including circumstances by which projects may be delivered faster or revisions needed due to community outreach with affected equity focus populations.</i>
Transit agencies may receive additional Equity Formula funds due to an increase in the Regional portion of funds as part of the FTA annual adjustments process, or from a project returning Regional funds. Agencies will use the additional funds for new Equity Formula projects or for additional work on existing Equity Formula projects.	<i>In some instances, transit agencies may receive modest amounts of additional funds that they are unable to utilize to fully fund a new project phase. In these cases, an exception could be considered to allow the agencies to instead increase the federal share of an existing Equity Formula project.</i>

At its meeting on February 28, 2024, the TOC reviewed and recommended the proposed revisions to the Project Tracking Policies to the Transportation Policy Board. The Transportation Policy Board recommended approval of these revisions at their meeting on March 14, 2024. However, due to a request by the City of Everett, at their March 28 meeting the Executive Board asked for additional discussion at the Transportation Policy Board before taking final action. Staff will provide a summary and additional information on the Equity Formula distribution process and the project tracking policies at the April 11 meeting.

For additional information, please contact Sarah Gutschow at sgutschow@psrc.org or (206) 587-4822.



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April 4, 2024

ACTION ITEM

To: Transportation Policy Board
From: Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning
Subject: **2024 Project Tracking and Extension Requests**

IN BRIEF

A requirement to meet an annual delivery target for PSRC's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funds has been in place since 2013. PSRC's adopted project tracking policies identify the procedures to be followed when there is a risk the target will not be met, including the development of a supplemental funding action.

A supplemental funding action to meet the 2024 delivery target was recommended by the Transportation Policy Board and approved by the Executive Board in March. The list of 2024 projects requesting an extension is presented to the board per adopted policy for action in April. These extensions were accounted for in the estimated delivery gap discussed in March.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Transportation Policy Board should recommend the Executive Board approve the actions related to 2024 project extensions as detailed in Attachment A.

DISCUSSION

Per the recently revised PSRC Project Tracking Policies, early action to increase the federal share of previously awarded projects was requested in March, to streamline the processing and approval timeframes and expedite use of the funding to help meet the region's 2024 delivery target. The estimated delivery gap discussed at that time accounted for the 2024 project extension requests.

2024 Project Extension Requests

The project tracking policies have evolved over the years to ensure the successful delivery of projects by addressing issues caused by project delays and the potential risk of losing unused funding. However, the policies recognize the challenges to project delivery, and a provision is included to allow short-term extensions for delayed projects. This provision has varied over the years to establish guidelines for allowable reasons for delays and the time allowed for the extension.

The adopted policies allow sponsors to request one of two possible extensions. The first provides a 45-day extension to allow for those projects that need a bit more time past the original June 1 deadline, but do not need until the end of the calendar year to deliver. These extensions would remain within the current fiscal year and minimize any impact on the delivery target. The second extension allows more time for those projects that are facing a greater delay, outside of the reasons noted in the policies for which an extension would not be granted. These projects would receive a one-year extension that requires approval by PSRC's boards.

PSRC staff has reviewed the requested extensions for 2024 in collaboration with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and the chairs of the Regional Project Evaluation Committee (RPEC) and the four countywide transportation forums. A very thorough and detailed review of every project is conducted, with an assessment of each request's consistency with the adopted project tracking policies. All except one of the one-year extension requests are recommended for approval. A summary of each project and the reason for the delay, as well as the reason behind the recommendation to deny the one request, is included in Attachment A.

As noted at the March meeting, the supplemental funding action taken at that time is anticipated to be adequate to achieve the 2024 delivery target, inclusive of the extensions requested in the current action. There have been no significant changes to the estimated 2024 delivery gap presented in March. However, there are still factors that may impact the final need, including any additional return of funds and the final funding allocations once confirmed through the federal appropriation bill. Staff will return to the board in May to confirm the final delivery target, as well as any further project delivery actions that may be required.

Also at the March meeting, there was discussion of potential funding for projects with costs coming in higher than budgeted, particularly at the point of receiving construction bids. Staff will provide information in April regarding the current policy constraints and issues related to cost increases, and the opportunity statewide for additional federal funds to projects with higher construction bids than estimated.

For additional information, please contact Jennifer Barnes, Program Manager, at jbarnes@psrc.org or 206-389-2876.

ATTACHMENT

A. 2024 Project Extension Recommendations

1-Year Extensions Recommended for Approval

Sponsor	Project Title	Award Amount	Phase	Summary of Reason for Delay
Auburn	Auburn Way S (SR-164) - Hemlock to Poplar	\$3,605,087	Construction	Scope updated to add noise wall as a result of the NEPA analysis.
Bellevue	Main Street Off-Street Multimodal Pathway	\$1,041,000	Construction	Delay in right-of-way negotiation with property owner.
Bothell	Bothell Way NE Multimodal Improvements	\$6,550,000	Right-of-Way	Delay due to length of federal review of Biological Assessment for environmental permitting.
Carnation	E Entwistle/NE 45th Sidewalk	\$358,145	Construction	Delay due to coordination with Certification Acceptance agency, and in finalizing Preliminary Engineering / Design.
Issaquah	Newport Way NW Improvement Project - SR 900 to SE 54th Street	\$2,200,000	Right-of-Way	Delay due to length of federal review of Biological Assessment for environmental permitting.
King County Roads	SE Green Valley Rd and 218th Ave SE Intersection Improvement	\$319,500	Right-of-Way	Additional right-of-way needs have been identified that were not originally anticipated.
Kitsap County	Ridgetop - Mickelberry to Myhre	\$4,872,500	Right-of-Way	Delay due to length of federal review of Biological Assessment for environmental permitting.
Lynnwood	Alderwood Mall Parkway Pavement Preservation	\$750,000	Construction	Combining with another project with 2025 delivery to leverage resources and economies of scale.
Lynnwood	Scriber Creek Trail Phase 3	\$1,870,096	Construction	Delay due to length of federal review of Joint Aquatic Resource Permit Application for environmental permitting and project design changes resulting from negotiations with Muckleshoot and Tulalip tribes.
Pierce County	168th Street E	\$420,000	Right-of-Way	Delay due to geotechnical requirements.
Redmond	70th Street Extension	\$2,700,000	Construction	Delay in right-of-way process negotiation with property owner.
Snohomish	Bickford & Weaver Intersection Improvements	\$394,480	Construction	Delay due to length of federal review of Biological Assessment for environmental permitting.
Sultan	US-2 / Main Street Roundabout	\$480,000	Right-of-Way	Delay due to length of federal review of Biological Assessment for environmental permitting.
Sumner	Stewart Road Corridor Completion: White River Bridge	\$4,847,380	Construction	Delay due to negotiations related to utility easements.
Washington State Ferries	Terminal Electrification - Seattle and Bainbridge Island Terminals	\$6,000,000	Construction	Coordination with FHWA and FTA to confirm lead agency for NEPA took longer than anticipated.
TOTAL:		\$36,408,188		

1-Year Extension Request Revoked

Sponsor	Project Title	Award Amount	Phase	Reason for Denial
Dupont	Center Drive Overlay Phase 4a	\$522,945	Construction	Delay is due to scope and right-of-way updates needed to accommodate additional Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) design requirements that were not included in the original project's limits. In consultation with WSDOT and the chairs of RPEC and the countywide forums, it was determined that these are established requirements that should have been anticipated, and therefore the reason is not consistent with those outlined in the project tracking policies. <i>The City has opted to voluntarily return these funds and recompile in the 2024 project selection process.</i>
TOTAL:		\$522,945		

45-Day Extensions (information only)

Sponsor	Project Title	Award Amount	Phase
Arlington	Smokey Point Blvd & 188th St Roundabout	\$2,080,000	Construction
Arlington	74th Ave Trail	\$525,000	Construction
Bremerton	6th Street Preservation Phase 3, Naval Ave to Warren Ave	\$1,572,838	Construction
Bremerton	Naval Avenue: 1st Street to 15th Street Pedestrian & Bicycle Enhancement	\$2,499,600	Right-of-Way
Community Transit	Swift BRT TDM Expansion	\$1,000,000	Other
Edmonds	Main St. Overlay from 6th Ave. to 8th Ave.	\$624,800	Construction
Fircrest	Emerson West Sidewalk	\$341,956	Construction
Kirkland	Kirkland Neighborhood Greenway: Stores to Shores	\$1,608,900	Construction
Kitsap County	SR 104 Holding Lanes - ATMS	\$1,178,000	Construction
Monroe	147th Signal	\$665,000	Construction
Mukilteo	47th Place West Pavement Preservation	\$627,119	Construction
Poulsbo	Noll Road North Segment 3A	\$1,070,000	Construction
Puyallup	Valley Ave NW Overlay - Phase 1 & 2	\$1,155,000	Construction
Redmond	West Lake Sammamish Parkway Preservation	\$1,169,000	Construction
Seattle	Alaskan Way Protected Bike Lane	\$2,000,000	Construction
Tacoma	Water Ditch Trail Phase IIIB	\$3,316,860	Construction
TOTAL:		\$21,434,073	



Puget Sound Regional Council

April 4, 2024

DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Transportation Policy Board

From: Kelly McGourty, Director, Transportation Planning

Subject: **Regional Transportation Plan (2026-2050) Development Process**

IN BRIEF

Over the past two months, the Transportation Policy Board has been discussing priorities and key themes for developing the next long-range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Work on the next RTP will continue through 2026, when the plan is scheduled to be adopted. At the April meeting, staff will provide an in-depth review of the current RTP, including investments, policies and actions.

DISCUSSION

In February, the board was provided an overview of the current RTP, and the schedule and work program for the next RTP scheduled for adoption in May 2026. Over the last two months, the board has been discussing key regional priorities and focus areas to guide development of the next RTP. Key themes have included the continued focus areas of safety, climate, and equity; maintenance and preservation; transit and accessibility; ferries; decarbonizing the system; and recognizing the diverse needs and community contexts around the region.

The board has also discussed analytical needs for the next plan, such as addressing changes in travel behavior since the pandemic, providing more detailed analyses by county and city, and tracking progress over time.

To support the continued discussions of these key priorities and focus areas, at the April meeting staff will provide a more detailed overview of the current RTP. This will include a more comprehensive description of the investments in the plan, key policies and actions, outcomes of the plan and new or enhanced tools and data collection efforts. In

May, staff will provide a briefing on PSRC's models and analytical tools, as well as how those tools can respond to policy questions.

For more information please contact Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning, at 206-971-3601 or kmcgourty@psrc.org, or Gil Cerise, Program Manager, at 206-971-3053 or gcerise@psrc.org.

PSRC Transportation Work Program - Draft Progress Reporting

DRAFT Progress Chart (Timeline as of April 4, 2024)

Status	
■	Preparing
■	In Progress
■	Complete
	Tentative

Project	Status to-date
Regional Transportation Plan	
Alignment of RTP and Funding Cycles	tbd - pending further board discussions
Update RTP Project Prioritization Framework	tbd - pending further board discussions
Board work group to determine 2026 RTP scope of work	Anticipate use of RTP Steering Committee, beginning February 2024
TPB direction on scope of work for 2026 RTP	Discussions beginning February 2024
RTP development	anticipated Q3 2024-Q2 2026
Financial Strategy Refinement	tbd - pending further board discussions
PSRC Funding	
Policy Framework for PSRC's Federal Funds	Board adopted January 2024
FHWA Project Selection: Board Action	Q3 2024, following competitions
FTA Funding Methodology Process Discussion	Completed with board action in March 2023
FTA Project Selection / Equity Formula Distribution	2025-2026 projects approved; 2027-2028 process included in 2024 project selection process
Annual FTA Adjustments Process	Complete
Rural Town Centers and Corridors Project Selection	Complete
Transportation Alternatives Project Selection	Complete
Equity Pilot Program Development	Complete
Equity Pilot Program Project Selection	Board approved January 2024
Consolidated Grant Program Regional Rankings	Complete
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)	
2025 -2028 TIP Development	Q3-Q4 2024, following 2024 project selection
Conduct Equity Analysis of draft 2025-2028 TIP	Q3-Q4 2024
Release of 2025-2028 TIP for Public Comment	Q3-Q4 2024
Board Action on 2025-2028 TIP	Q4 2024
Monthly TIP Amendments	Ongoing
Project Tracking/Rebalancing	Ongoing
Climate: GHG Analysis and Planning	
2030 Transit Networks and Service	Complete
PSRC 2030 Network Modeling and Analysis	Initial modeling complete; Expert Review Panel convened September-October 2023; summary report to be provided March 2024
Puget Sound Regional Emissions Analysis Project	Complete
Regional Electric Vehicle Collaboration Clearinghouse	Operational/Ongoing, initial launch complete, maintenance and updates ongoing
Regional Electric Vehicle Collaboration Outreach	Ongoing, REV collaborative meetings scheduled for Q2 and Q4 (every year) - event held June 28
Develop Climate Implementation Strategy with Partners	Board discussions in Q1-2 2023 and expert panel convened; CPRG planning work underway with partners, Preliminary Climate Action Plan submitted to EPA March 1, 2024, Comprehensive Climate Action Plan due summer 2025
PSRC Board Progress Briefings	Ongoing
Regional Safety Plan	
Explore Grant/Funding Opportunities	Complete
Apply for Safe Streets for All Grant	Round 1 complete; Round 2 complete

Research current plans, roles and responsibilities	Preliminary local safety plan inventory completed; more detailed review to be conducted as part of the Regional Safety Action Plan
Convene Stakeholders	Complete - Regional Safety Summit held June 29
Develop Scope of Regional Safety Plan	Complete; board review September 2023
Develop Regional Safety Plan	Technical and engagement consultants under contract; work to commence through end of 2024; adoption Q1 2025
Performance Measures and Dashboard <i>Align with Equity Tracker, other related monitoring efforts</i>	
Identify Measures	Complete
Develop Dashboard Outline for Board Feedback	Complete
Assemble Data	Initial set complete; ongoing and continuous
Publish Draft Dashboard	Complete
Refinement and Updates	Ongoing
Annual Board Briefings	Briefing February 2024 and annually thereafter
Active Transportation Plan Repackaging	
Repackage Active Transportation Plan	Complete
ADA Transition Plan Technical Assistance	
Research current plans, roles and responsibilities	Preliminary research complete; moving to monitoring role
Board Briefing and Discussion	TPB briefing June 2023
Annual Transit Integration Report	
Report Development	Complete
Publish Report	Released November 2023
Big Ideas/Transformational Planning	
Regional Convenings to Support Effort	tbd - pending further board discussions
Future of HCT Regional Convening	tbd - pending further board discussions
Data Collection, Analysis, Performance Metrics	
Data collection, maintenance of viz tool, improvements	In Progress, Q1-Q4 2024
Equity, EJ analysis methodology improvements	tentative Q2-Q4 2024
RTP Financial Strategy	
Collaborate with Partners on Implementation Steps	tbd - pending further board discussions



SAVE THE DATE

Puget Sound Regional Council

2024 ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

 **May 30, 2024 | 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM**

 **Seattle Convention Center – Summit Building**
900 Pine Street
Seattle, WA 98122

PSRC's General Assembly will meet on **May 30, 2024**, to vote on major decisions, establish the budget, and elect new officers. Please save the date!

All mayors, county executives, commissioners, and councilmembers of PSRC member jurisdictions and tribes have votes at the Assembly and are encouraged to participate.

Registration will open in **early April**.

For questions, please contact **Sheila Rogers** at **(206) 354-6560** or email srogers@psrc.org.



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