

Regional Project Evaluation Committee

July 26, 2024



Puget Sound Regional Council



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Board-Directed Policy Topics

Two topics deferred by the board in January adoption of the *Policy Framework for PSRC's Federal Funds*

1. Potential limit or restriction to funding projects that would increase general purpose lane capacity
2. Potential application of a score threshold for funding eligibility



Board-Directed Policy Topics

- In 2023 policy framework review, RPEC
 - Recommended updates in four policy areas
 - Did not forward a recommendation on these two topics
- In the January 2024 policy framework update, the Board
 - Adopted the four RPEC-recommended updates
 - Did not adopt policy update related to these two topics
 - But, directed staff to compile/evaluate data to support more detailed discussion later this year



Plan Moving Forward

- Introduce discussion at July RPEC meeting – **we are here!**
- In-depth discussion at September/October RPEC meetings
 - Data-driven
 - PSRC may request additional input from committee via online platform prior to next meeting
 - Objective is RPEC recommendations or considerations to bring to help inform board discussion and determinations
- Bring to boards later this year



Questions for Today

For each topic...

- Comments / initial reaction to data presented today?
- Is there additional data or analysis that would be useful to bring back in September?
- Are there other factors we should be considering?



General Purpose Lane Capacity – Background

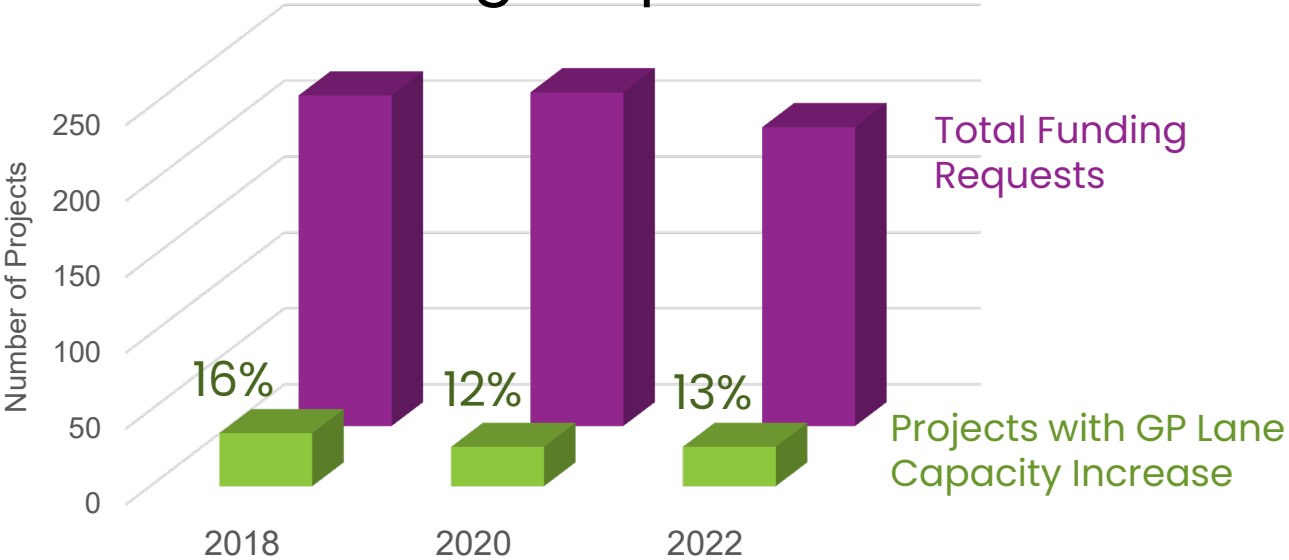
In board discussion leading to 2024 policy framework...

- There was acknowledgement that projects adding lane capacity, in general, are aligned with PSRC criteria and are also doing other things
- But also an interest in policy to support projects that most strongly support climate goals
- Considered a limited proposal to restrict funding general capacity additions to limited access highways
 - *Did not recommend, but directed staff to bring back later in year with additional analysis*



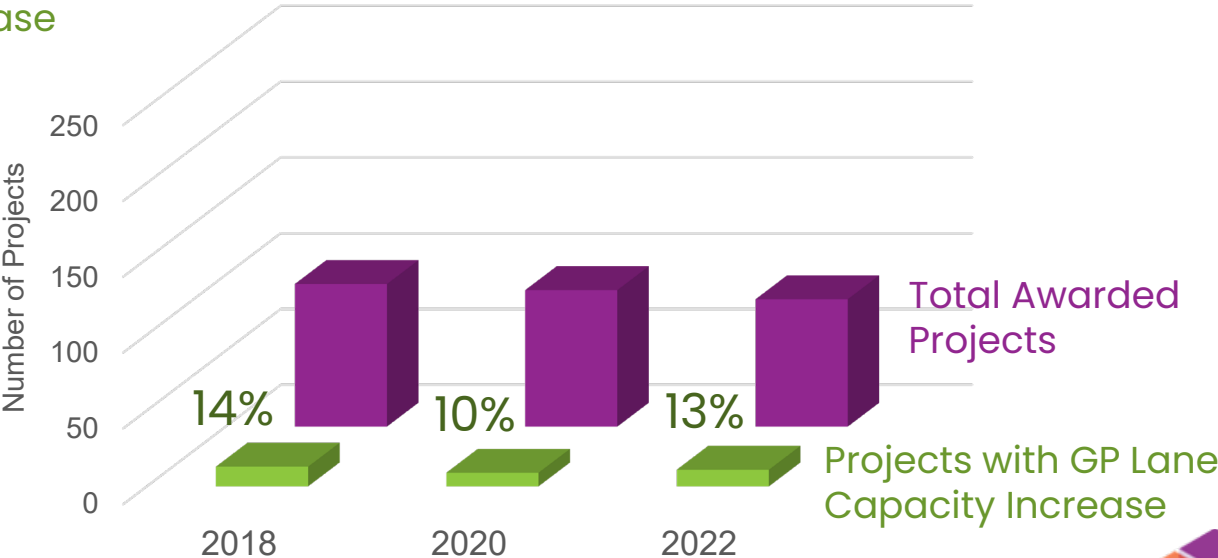
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Funding Requests...

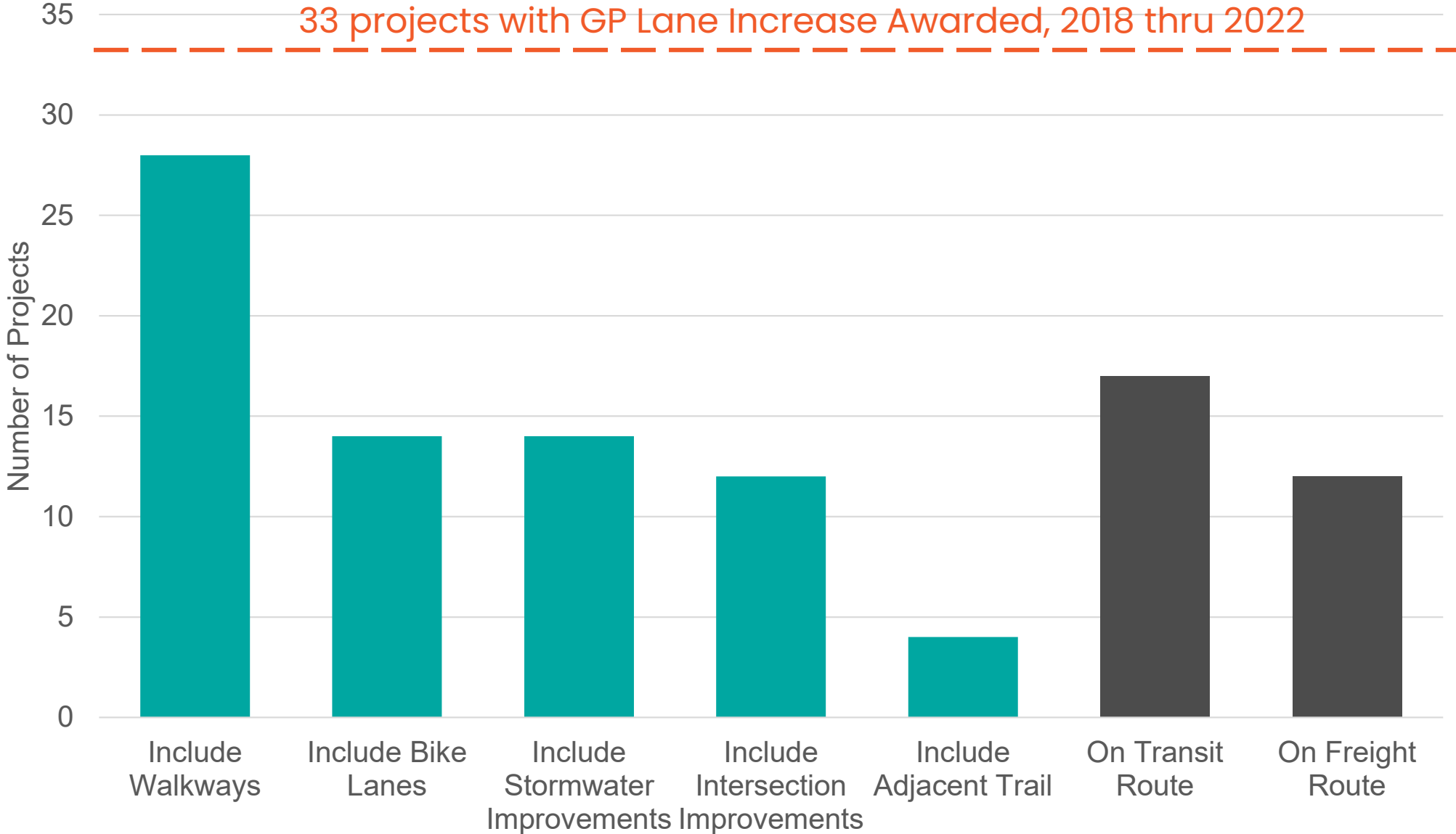


*Of the 33 awarded projects, 2 would have been affected by the limited access highway restriction considered by the board.

Awarded Projects...



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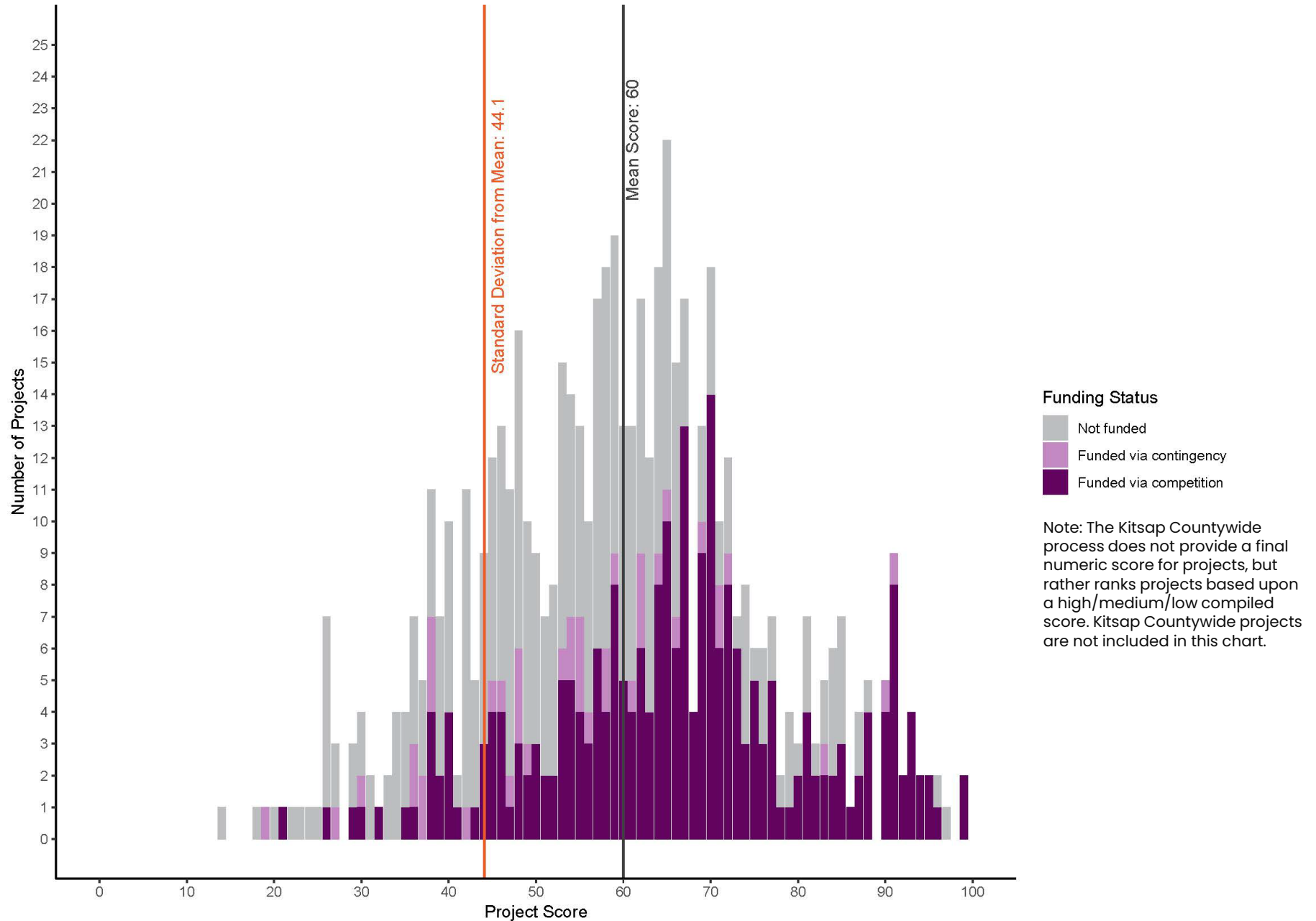


Discussion of Potential Scoring Thresholds

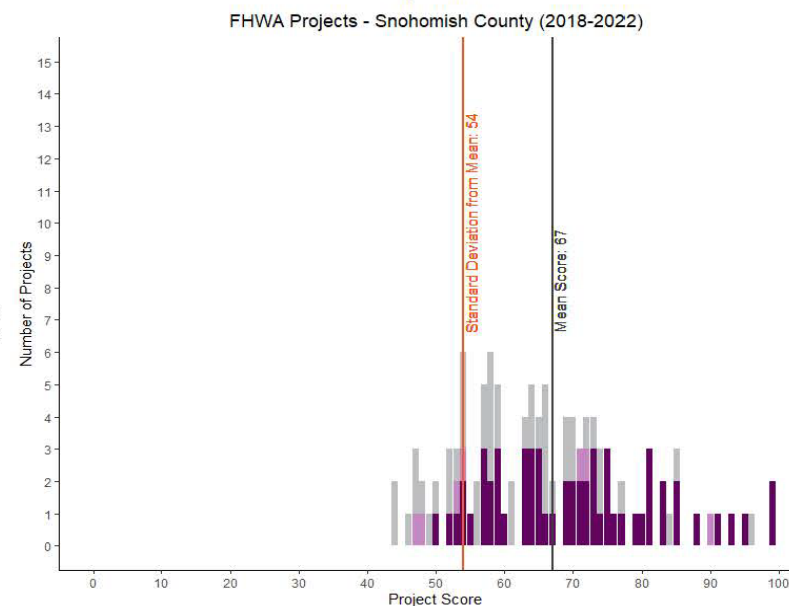
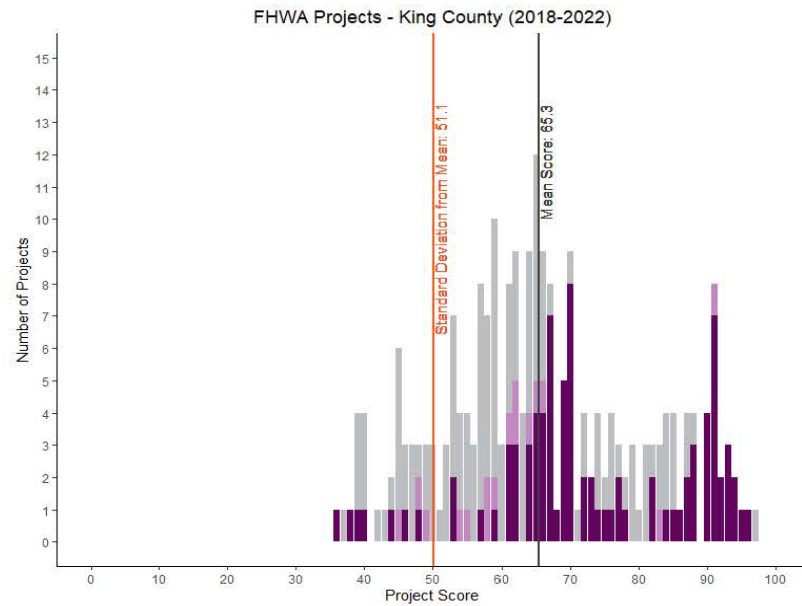
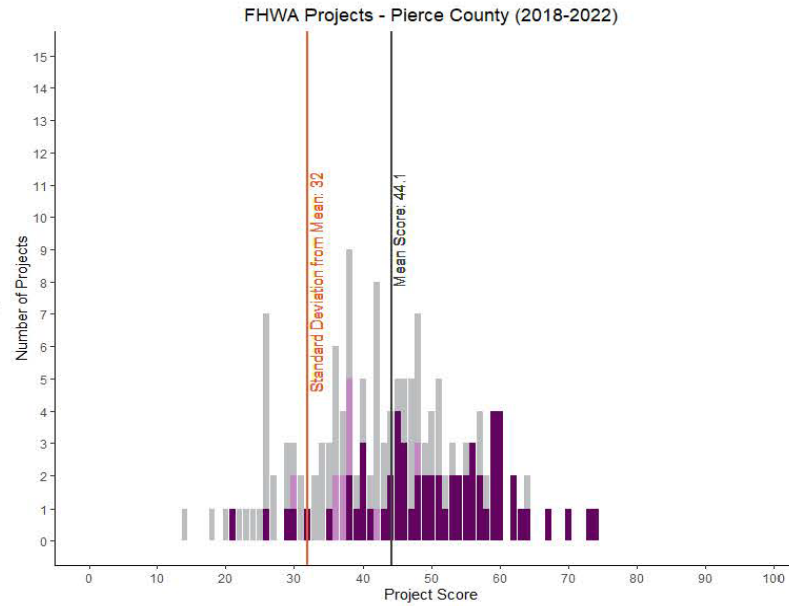
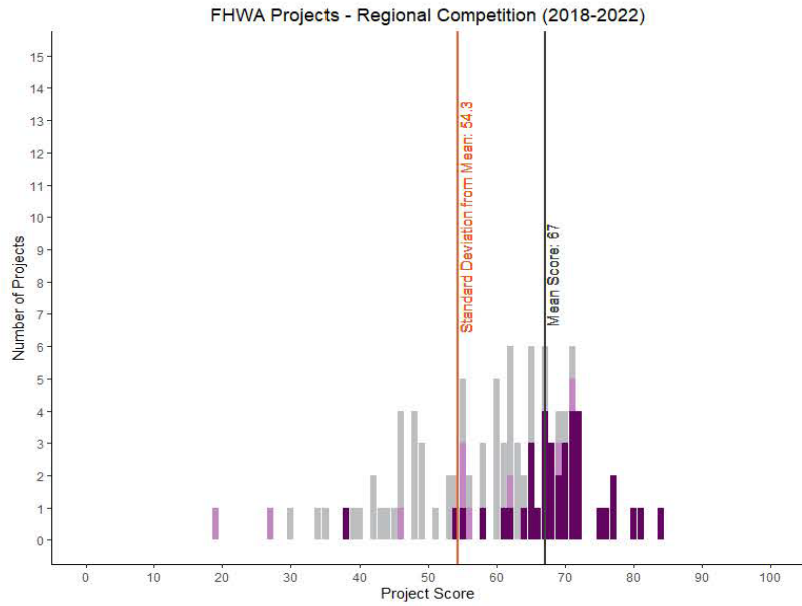
- Preliminary data assessed for 2023 RPEC discussions
- Challenges identified
 - Variation in scoring between forums
 - Kitsap high/medium/low approach needs to be translated to be included
 - Concerns about unintended consequences and/or disproportionate impacts without more data to consider
→ additional analysis desired



Scoring Distribution of FHWA Projects 2018, 2020, 2022 Project Selection Processes All Forums



Scoring Distribution of FHWA Projects 2018, 2020, 2022 Project Selection Processes By Forum*



*Note: The Kitsap Countywide process does not provide a final numeric score for projects, but rather ranks projects based upon a high/medium/low compiled score. Kitsap Countywide projects are not included in these charts.

