

WSDOT Consolidated Grant Program Overview

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Puget Sound Regional Council



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Presentation Overview

- **Overview of WSDOT Consolidated Grant Program**
 - Types of programs and projects funded
 - Funding sources
 - Regional role and input
- **Coordinated Mobility Plan: Basis for PSRC regional priorities in the Consolidated Grant**
 - Mobility needs and gaps
 - Prioritized Strategies



Consolidated Grant Overview

The state consolidates a variety of statewide funding sources to meet a variety of mobility needs

- Public transportation within and between rural communities
- Tribal transportation
- Transportation services between cities
- Purchases of new buses, vans, and equipment
- Public transportation services to older adults and people with disabilities (specialized transportation)

One of the only funding competitions for private nonprofit and human service agency transportation providers.



Typical Projects and Programs

Operations:

- Rural public transit service
- Door-to-door van service for older adults and people with disabilities
- Service outside of transit agency boundaries
- Volunteer drivers

Example project:

Pierce County's Beyond the Borders



Typical Projects and Programs (continued)

Capital:

- Bus or van replacement – especially for private nonprofit service providers

Mobility Management:

- Mobility coalitions
- Customer travel navigation
- Information and referral

Example project: King County Mobility Coalition's One-Call One-Click



Consolidated Grant Program Funding Sources

Federal Transit Administration (FTA):

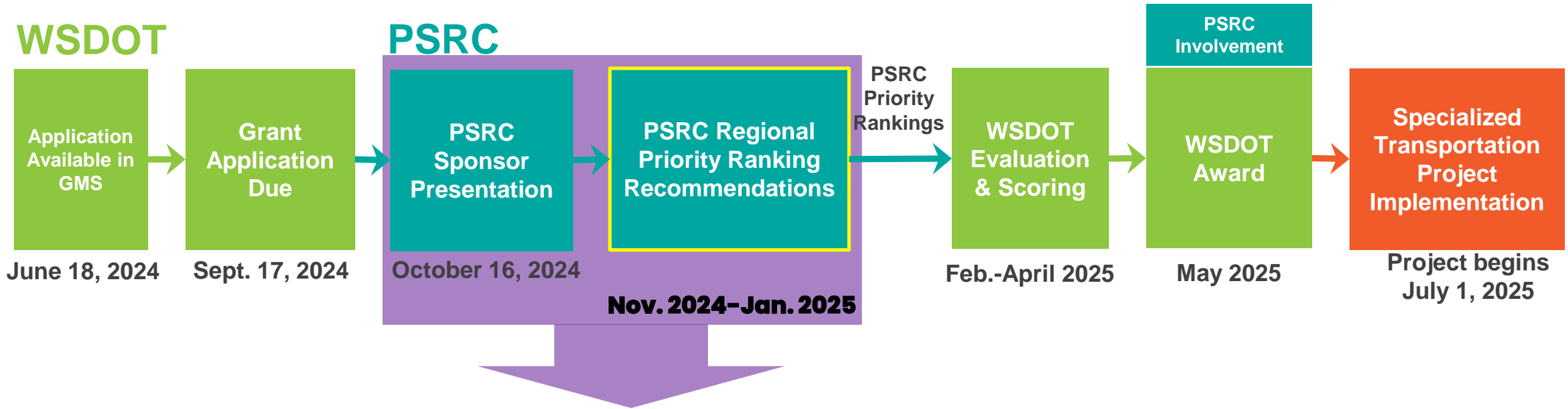
- Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities – Section 5310
 - A portion of this funding is dedicated to PSRC region (large urbanized area)
- Formula Grants for Rural Areas – Section 5311
- Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities – Section 5339(a)

State:

- Paratransit/Special Needs grants
- Rural Mobility grants
- Tribal Transit Mobility grants



Regional Priority Ranking Process



WSDOT seeks regional input on projects seeking funding.

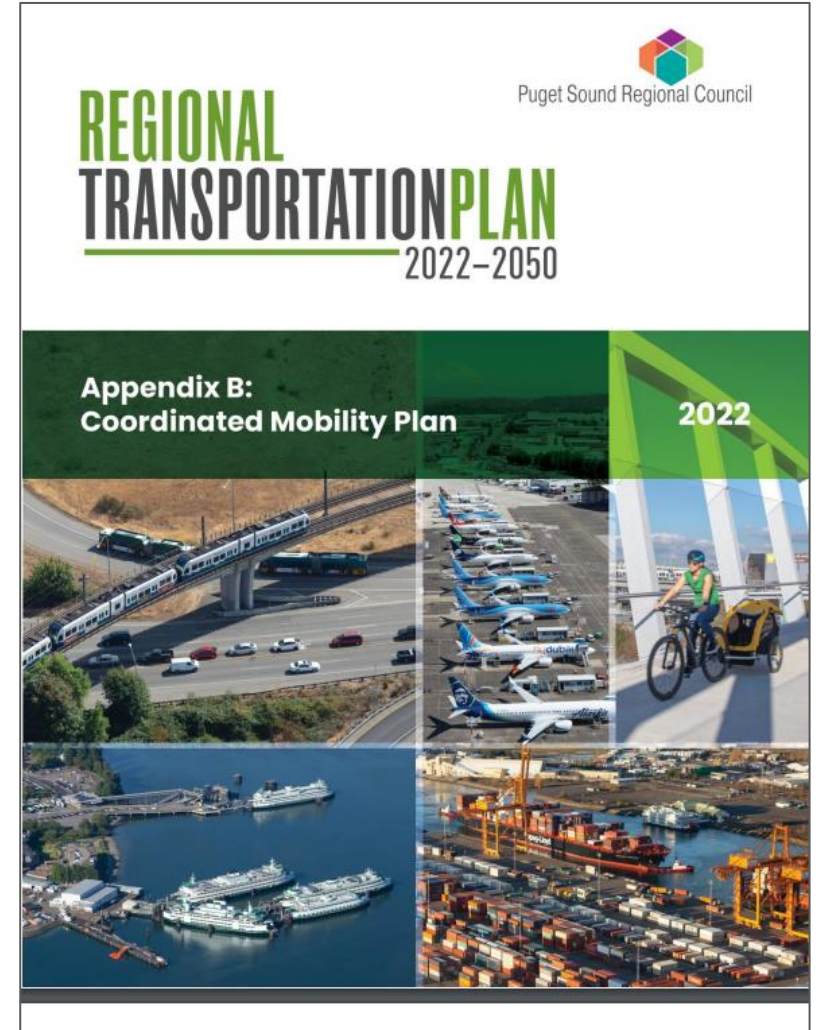
- WSDOT distributes a limited number of regional rankings worth a variety of points.
- Regions express their priorities by “grading” projects (A through D)

PSRC's Coordinated Mobility Plan

Federal and state law require a coordinated plan. PSRC's Coordinated Mobility Plan meets that requirement.

It provides the basis for PSRC's regional priorities for WSDOT Consolidated Grant competition.

- Targeted outreach to people with mobility and accessibility challenges
- Identifies mobility needs and gaps
- Includes strategies to address the needs



Mobility Needs and Gaps: Examples

Geographic:

- No service or inadequate service to meet mobility needs

Access to Healthcare:

- Need for door-through-door service to assist frail customers

Lack of Awareness:

- Do not know available travel options



Prioritized Strategies to Address the Need

Targeted Outreach to people experiencing mobility and accessibility needs helps **develop strategies** to address those needs.

Example strategies:

- **Geographic:** develop service beyond transit service boundaries
- **Access healthcare:** Encourage door-through-door services, such as volunteer transportation
- **Lack of Awareness:** One-Call/One-click connecting customers to wide variety of transportation options



Next Steps/Schedule



PSRC Process for the 2025–2027 Consolidated Grant

December 10, 2024 Coordinated Mobility and Accessibility Committee Recommendation

December 20, 2024 Transit Operators Committee Recommendation

January 9, 2025 Transportation Policy Board Recommendation

January 23, 2025 Executive Board Decision on Priority Rankings

January 28, 2025 Deadline: Submit Regional Priority Rankings to WSDOT



Thank You!

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