



Puget Sound Regional Council

Transportation Policy Board

Thursday, January 9, 2025 • 9:30 a.m. – 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 December 12, 2024
- b. Routine Amendment to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

6. Action Item (9:50)

- a. Regional Priority Rankings for the WSDOT 2025-2027 Consolidated Grant Program – *Jean Kim, PSRC*

7. Action Item (10:05)

- a. Project Tracking Exception Request – *Jennifer Barnes, PSRC*

8. Action Item (10:25)

- a. Regional Safety Action Plan Release for Public Comment – *Gary Simonson, PSRC*

9. Discussion Item (10:35)

- a. Regional Transportation Plan (2026-2050) Development – *Paul Inghram, Craig Helmann & Gil Cerise, PSRC*

10. Information Items

- a. Transportation Work Program Progress Tracker
- b. PSRC's Draft FY2026-2027 Biennial Budget and Work Program

11. Next Meeting: February 13, 2025, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Major Topics for February:

- Regional Transportation Plan Development
- Revive I-5 Presentation
- Regional Climate Action Plan Development

12. Adjourn (11:30)

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MINUTES

**Transportation Policy Board
December 12, 2024
1201 3rd Ave., Ste 500, Seattle, WA 98101**

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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 to the meeting live.

Roll call determined attendance and that a quorum was present.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Robin Briggs provided public comment to the board.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Mayor Ralph noted the outgoing members and thanked them for their work in support of the board.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, noted the busy year of work in 2024 and pointed the board to the agenda item for the Year in Review, which will share some key accomplishments.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve Minutes of Transportation Policy Board Meeting held November 14, 2024

ACTION: The motion was made and seconded to adopt the Consent

Agenda. The motion passed.**DISCUSSION ITEM: WSDOT CONSOLIDATED GRANT PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

Gil Cerise, PSRC, provided an overview of the state's Consolidated Grant Program. The state consolidates several federal and state funding sources for this program to meet a variety of community mobility needs. The program is one of the only sources of funding for private non-profit and human service agency transportation providers.

Mr. Cerise reminded the board that PSRC and other regions play a role in this state grant program. PSRC provides priority rankings for the projects submitted into the funding competition from the region, which adds points to their overall score. PSRC's Coordinated Mobility Plan (CMP) is a federal and state requirement and helps direct the regional priorities which inform the rankings of the submitted projects. The CMP identifies needs and gaps for individuals with mobility and accessibility challenges, as well as strategies to address them.

Mr. Cerise provided examples of the types of projects previously awarded funds, such as mobility management programs, bus and van replacements, rural transit service and door-to-door services for older adults and people with disabilities. He reviewed the schedule for the overall grant program and informed the board they will be briefed on the project rankings in January, at which time a recommendation to the Executive Board will be requested.

Members inquired about the level of need versus the level of funding, the eligibility to fund ferry access to healthcare connections and the eligibility to fund ADA plans.

DISCUSSION ITEM: REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (2026-2050) FINANCIAL STRATEGY

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, reviewed the preliminary approach to potential new revenue sources for the next RTP financial strategy, based on previous board discussions. She reminded the board of the sensitivity tests shared at the last board meeting. Craig Helmann, PSRC, then shared information on several additional, refined sensitivity tests related to a road usage charge, vehicle fees, sales tax for local transit and the county road levy.

Mr. Helmann then described the combined revenue potential of the various sources and scenarios, which ranged from \$24 billion to \$63 billion. He identified a working staff option for the board's consideration that has the potential to raise up to \$34 billion.

Ms. McGourty reviewed the upcoming schedule of work for the financial strategy and plan development, including sharing information on the current transportation system through the winter, gathering proposed future investments and having further policy discussions through the spring, and identifying plan alternatives for analysis and a refined financial strategy by the summer of 2025.

Board members requested that staff include a scenario illustrating conditions if new revenues do not materialize. Members also requested the plan identify the authority needed to implement new revenue sources and discussed additional sources such as a retail delivery fee and EV charging fees. Members were interested in understanding the tradeoffs and implications of various scenarios.

DISCUSSION ITEM: YEAR IN REVIEW

Jennifer Barnes, PSRC, provided highlights of a few key transportation investments and milestones that occurred in the region over the last year. In January 2024, the Equity Pilot Program was completed in close coordination with PSRC's Equity Advisory Committee (EAC), which informed the criteria used in the 2024 project selection process. The 2024 project selection process awarded over \$700 million in PSRC's Federal Transit Administration and Federal Highway Administration funds to 136 priority projects.

Ms. Barnes noted that the new 2025-2028 Regional Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) was approved in October, containing 435 projects and \$9.6 billion of federal, state and local funds. This represents \$44 billion in total project investment throughout the region. Ms. Barnes further reported that there were 697 TIP amendments processed in 2024, adding \$4.7 billion to the TIP. In addition, the region delivered \$123 million to 77 projects with PSRC's FHWA funds to achieve the 2024 delivery target.

Ms. Barnes then highlighted a few transportation projects that were either completed or broke ground in 2024. These included a variety of project types throughout all corners of the region, including high-capacity transit openings, pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, roadway preservation, safety investments, freight improvements and other projects. Ms. Barnes then identified a few projects coming up in 2025, including anticipated transportation project completions and key elements of PSRC's work program for the year.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2025.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

ATTACHMENTS

A. Attendance Roster – December 12, 2024.

Transportation Policy Board - December 12, 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		1
		CM Tanya Woo, Alt			
Bellevue	1	CM Dave Hamilton	1	Public Agency Members	
		CM Jared Nieuwenhuis Alt		Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board	1
Cities/Towns	3	MYR Dana Ralph, Kent, Chair	1		1
		MYR Mary Lou Pauly, Issaquah	1	Puget Sound Clean Air Agency	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		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		1
		CP Jennifer Chamberlin Alt		Regional Project Evaluation Cmte.	1
Cities/Towns	1	CM Leslie Schneider, Bainbridge Isl	1		1
		CM Doug Newell, Poulsbo Alt	1	Transit Operators Cmte.	1
Local Transit	1	MYR Rob Putaansuu, Port Orchard	1		1
		CM Anna Mockler, Bremerton		Private/Civic Members-Business/Labor	
Pierce County	1	CM Ryan Mello, Vice Chair	1	WA Trucking Associations	1
		CM Dave Morell Alt		exp. 12/31/26	1
Tacoma	1	CM Kristina Walker	1	Seattle Met. Chamber of Commerce	1
		CM Olgy Diaz Alt		exp. 12/31/26	1
Cities & Towns	1	CM Tim Ceder, Milton	1	Private/Civic Members-Community/Environment	
		MYR Pro Tem Edward Wood, University Place Alt		Puget Sound Partnership	1
Local Transit	1	CM Marty Campbell, Pierce County		exp. 12/31/26	1
		DEP MYR John Hines, Tacoma		Non-voting	13
Snohomish County	1	CM Jared Mead			9
		CM Strom Peterson Alt			
Everett	1	CM Ben Zarlingo	1		
		MYR Cassie Franklin Alt			
Cities/Towns	1	CM Jan Schuette, Arlington			
		CM Michael Dixon, Mukilteo Alt			
Local Transit	1	CM Kim Daughtry, Lake Stevens			
		CM Jan Schuette, Arlington Alt	1		
Regional Transit	1	CM Ed Prince, Renton			
		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	1		
		COM Cary Bozeman, Bremerton Alt	1		
WA Trans. Commission	1	COM Jim Restucci			
		COM Nicole Grant Alt			
WSDOT	1	Robin Mayhew	1		
		Todd Lamphere Alt			
Legislative Transportation Cmte. (Not Counted for Quorum)					
House Transportation Cmte.	2	Vacant		Abbreviations	
		REP Jake Fey, D Alt		CHRMN Chairman	
		REP Dan Griffey, R		CM Councilmember	
		REP Andrew Barkis, R Alt		CP Council President	
Senate Transportation Cmte.	2	SEN Marko Lias, D		COM Commissioner	
		SEN Emily Randall, D Alt		DEP MYR Deputy Mayor	
		Vacant, R		MYR Mayor	
		Vacant, R Alt		MYR Pro Tem	
Voting	32	(Quorum = 14) Quorum Total	18	REP Representative	
		Total Voting members present	22	SEN Senator	



Puget Sound Regional Council

January 2, 2025

CONSENT AGENDA

To: Transportation Policy Board

From: Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning

Subject: **Routine Amendment to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

IN BRIEF

Seven agencies submitted 17 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 Move Ahead Washington 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 2025-2028 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

This month's amendment includes no project tracking actions.

Federal and State Fund Source Descriptions

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

CWA	State Connecting Washington Account
Demonstration	Federal Congressional Directed Spending Earmarks
Discretionary	All Other Unidentified Federal Fund Sources
FHWA Discretionary	FHWA Discretionary Awards
HIP	Federal Highway Infrastructure Program
MAW	State Move Ahead Washington Account
MVA	State Motor Vehicle Account
NHPP	Federal National Highway Performance Program

RAISE Federal Rebuilding American Infrastructure with
Sustainability and Equity Discretionary Grant Program

STBG Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant Program

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 2025-2028 TIP

Month: January

Project(s) Proposed for Routine Amendment to 2025-2028 TIP

Year: 2025

Exhibit A

Sponsor	Project Title and Work Description	Funding		PSRC Action Needed			
				Project Tracking	New Project/ Phase	UPWP Other	Amend
1. Everett	Everett Point Industrial Center (EPIC) Green Bridge New project programming a preliminary engineering phase for a new two-lane bridge with sidewalks and bike lanes over BNSF railroad tracks from Everett Avenue/E Grand Avenue to Railway Avenue, with a new roundabout at Railway Avenue.	\$850,000	Federal Demonstration	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$4,150,000	Local				
		\$5,000,000	Total				
2. King County Parks Department	Closing The Eastrail I-90 Gap New project programming a construction phase for a segment of the Eastrail Trail along I-90 between Coal Creek Park and I-405. Work includes new lighting and paved shared-use path and the retrofit of two bridges.	\$25,000,000	Federal RAISE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$12,000,000	State				
		\$4,914,016	Local				
		\$41,941,016	Total				
3. Northwest Seaport Alliance	Zero Emission Truck and Charging Infrastructure for Small and Independent Operators New project programming construction and other phases for at least 36 zero-emission short-haul trucks and associated charging/fueling infrastructure. The project will offer incentives to independent owner-operators and small trucking companies between 50% and 80% of the cost of the truck and charger.	\$16,000,000	Federal FHWA Discretionary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$4,000,000	Local				
		\$20,000,000	Total				
4. Seattle	Roosevelt Way Preservation Existing project adding a right-of-way phase and adding funds to the construction phase for mill and overlay, pavement repair, curb ramp installation, and improved crossings between NE 92nd Street and 15th Avenue NE.	\$50,000	Local	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$50,000	Total				
5. Steilacoom	Garrison Springs Creek Culvert Replacement New project programming a preliminary engineering phase to replace a fish passage barrier with a fish passable structure. Project is located on Chambers Creek Road over Garrison Springs Creek.	\$500,000	Federal Discretionary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$125,000	Local				
		\$625,000	Total				

Sponsor	Project Title and Work Description	Funding		PSRC Action Needed			
				Project Tracking	New Project/Phase	UPWP	Other Amend
6. Woodinville	Eastrail Multi-Use Trail Plan Existing project programming a new planning phase to determine a preferred alignment for a multi-use trail from the Sammamish River Trail to the north Woodinville city limits, based on public engagement and design, environmental, and permitting considerations.	\$3,930,000	RAISE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		\$1,620,000	Local				
		\$5,550,000	Total				
7. WSDOT Northwest Region	I-90/EB East Channel Bridge - Modular Assembly Joints New project programming a construction phase to replace expansion joints.	\$3,552,754	Federal HIP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$766,136	MVA				
		\$4,318,890	Total				
8. WSDOT Northwest Region	SR 164 Charlie Jones Creek to White River - Fish Passage New project programming right-of-way and construction phases to replace a fish passage barrier with a fish passable structure.	\$6,145,612	MAW	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$6,145,612	Total				
9. WSDOT Northwest Region	SR 202/Mud Creek to Snoqualmie River - Fish Passage New project programming right-of-way and construction phases to replace a fish passage barrier with a fish passable structure.	\$19,897,545	CWA	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$19,897,545	Total				
10. WSDOT Northwest Region	SR 410/Clay Creek to White River - Fish Passage New project programming preliminary engineering, right-of-way, and construction phases to replace a fish passage barrier with a fish passable structure.	\$204,939	CWA	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$15,757,898	MAW				
		\$160,223	MVA				
		\$16,123,060	Total				
11. WSDOT Northwest Region	SR 522/Cat Whisker Creek - Fish Passage New project programming a construction phase to replace a fish passage barrier with a fish passable structure.	\$22,886,740	MAW	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$22,886,740	Total				
12. WSDOT Northwest Region	SR 104/Unnamed Tributary to Lyon Creek - Fish Passage New project adding right-of-way and construction phases to replace a fish passage barrier with a fish passable structure. This is a multi-year project and the programming reflects the funds available within the span of the regional TIP.	\$306,951	MAW	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$306,951	Total				
13. WSDOT Northwest Region	SR 525/I-405 Interchange to SR 99 Vicinity - Paving & ADA New project programming right-of-way and construction phases to resurface the roadway with hot mix asphalt and complete ADA retrofit of pedestrian ramps.	\$7,789,397	Federal NHPP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$158,967	MVA				
		\$7,948,364	Total				

Sponsor	Project Title and Work Description	Funding		PSRC Action Needed			
				Project Tracking	New Project/Phase	UPWP Other	Amend
14. WSDOT Northwest Region	SR 525/Box Springs, Maple Creek and UNT to Swamp Creek - Fish Passage New project programming right-of-way and construction phases to replace a fish passage barrier with a fish passable structure. This is a multi-year project and the programming reflects the funds available within the span of the regional TIP.	\$19,384,303	MAW	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$19,384,303	Total				
15. WSDOT Northwest Region	SR 524/Martha Creek to Swamp Creek - Fish Passage New project programming preliminary engineering, right-of-way, and construction phases to replace a fish passage barrier with a fish passable structure. This is a multi-year project and the programming reflects the funds available within the span of the regional TIP.	\$6,326,258	MAW	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$6,326,258	Total				
16. WSDOT Northwest Region	I-5/Unnamed to Penny Creek & Silver Lake - Fish Passage New project programming right-of-way and construction phases to replace a fish passage barrier with a fish passable structure. This is a multi-year project and the programming reflects the funds available within the span of the regional TIP.	\$57,276,555	MAW	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$57,276,555	Total				
17. WSDOT SR-520 Bridge Replacement & HOV Project Office	SR 520/I-5 to Floating Bridge - Bridge Replacement and HOV Existing project programming an other phase and adding funds to the construction phase to reconstruct the SR 520 corridor from I-5 to the new Evergreen Point Floating Bridge, resulting in a 6-lane corridor including two HOV lanes and a second new bascule bridge across the Montlake Cut. The total project cost has increased from \$2.05 billion to \$2.69 billion. This is a multi-year project and the programming reflects the funds available within the span of the regional TIP.	\$417,616,000	CWA	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$212,000,000	State				
		\$11,760,000	Local				
		\$641,376,000	Total				



Puget Sound Regional Council

January 2, 2025

ACTION ITEM

To: Transportation Policy Board

From: Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning

Subject: **Regional Priority Rankings for the WSDOT 2025-2027 Consolidated Grant Program**

IN BRIEF

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) is conducting the 2025-2027 Consolidated Grant Program competition to fund projects providing services to people with mobility and accessibility needs. At the January 9 meeting, the Transportation Policy Board will be asked to review and recommend approval of the PSRC regional priority rankings for submittal to this competition.

ACTION

The Transportation Policy Board should recommend the Executive Board approve the regional priority rankings for the WSDOT 2025-2027 Consolidated Grant Program competition, as found in Attachment A.

DISCUSSION

Every biennium, WSDOT conducts a competition through the Consolidated Grant Program to distribute funding from various federal and state sources for specialized transportation projects serving individuals with mobility and accessibility needs, including older adults and people with disabilities.

As part of this program, PSRC is allocated 21 regional priority rankings (seven A, seven B and seven C rankings) and assigns the rankings to the projects submitted in King, Pierce and Snohomish counties, based on the needs and strategies addressed in the [Coordinated Mobility Plan](#). Points associated with each ranking (higher points for A and lower points for C rankings) are added to the statewide score. PSRC can also distribute

D rankings, which are worth zero points to the statewide score, but this allows the project to compete, relying solely on its state score. Kitsap County is not included in the recommendations today because it competes for this funding through the Peninsula Regional Transportation Planning Organization.

WSDOT allows projects to use a ranking for two biennia, rather than one biennium. The action on regional priority rankings taken by the board in 2022 (for the 2023-2025 biennium) awarded rankings to 10 projects that span into the 2025-2027 biennium. More information about the projects already funded can be found in Attachment B.

With the action in 2022, there remained 11 regional priority rankings to distribute as part of the current competition: three As, three Bs, and five Cs. A total of 24 projects were submitted and reviewed by PSRC staff and the Coordinated Mobility and Accessibility Committee (CMAC). The process to develop the final recommendation is summarized below.

PSRC evaluated the project applications based on how well they addressed the pre-established evaluation factors, which served as the key information for the CMAC deliberations. These five ranking factors were drawn from the Coordinated Mobility Plan and further refined with input from the CMAC and the Equity Advisory Committee:

- Preservation of Existing Programs
- Addressing the Coordinated Mobility Plan's High Prioritized Strategies
- Service Coordination
- Performance Measures and Targets
- Equitable Engagement and Communications

The CMAC convened on December 10, 2024 to develop regional priority ranking recommendations for the 24 submitted projects. The projects recommended to receive an A, B or C ranking encompass a variety of specialized transportation programs, including demand response, volunteer transportation programs, vehicle replacement to support existing operations and mobility management programs. These programs provide safety net mobility services for priority populations across the region. The recommendation developed by the CMAC prioritizes projects that address all five factors in the staff assessment and demonstrate strong coordination with other transportation programs in areas underserved by public transit. The recommendation further emphasizes projects submitted by private nonprofit and human service agencies that do not have alternative tax or revenue sources and incorporates a strategic consideration of the focus and eligibility of the funding sources available in the competition. As a reminder, the projects receiving a D ranking are still eligible to compete and may still secure funding through the statewide competition.

The distribution of the remaining 11 regional priority rankings, as identified in Attachment A, was unanimously recommended by both the CMAC and the Transit Operators Committee.

For additional information, please contact Jean Kim, Senior Planner, at jkim@psrc.org or 206-971-3052.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Recommendation of Regional Priority Rankings to the WSDOT 2025-2027 Consolidated Grant Program
- B. PSRC Region Projects Previously Funded in the 2023-2025 Biennium

Attachment A: Recommendation of Regional Priority Rankings to the WSDOT 2025-2027 Consolidated Grant Program

Sponsor	Project Title	Description	County	Sustaining, Expansion, or New	Applying for 2-year or 4-year	Funds requested for 2025-27	Funds requested for 2027-29	Recommended Priority Ranking
Catholic Community Services of King County	Catholic Community Services - Volunteer Transportation Services	Volunteer Services provides low-income older adults and adults with disabilities in King County with free transportation using volunteers. Services are offered to those who do not qualify for state-paid chore programs. Drivers tailor services to client needs, including door-through-door service and multiple stops.	King	Sustaining	4-year	\$ 116,980	\$ 122,651	A
Homage	Transportation Assistance Program (TAP) Sustain	Sustain Homage's Transportation Assistance Program (TAP) which provides demand response curb-to-curb transportation services to older adults and adults with disabilities residing outside the paratransit corridors in Snohomish County. Provides clients access to medical appointments, work, and shopping activities, enabling them to maintain their independence.	Snohomish	Sustaining	4-year	\$ 1,953,612	\$ 2,137,428	A
Mt. Si Senior Center	Sustain Snoqualmie Valley Transportation (SVT) Weekday Operations	Sustain ADA-accessible demand response services and deviated route services to specialized transportation populations and the general public in unincorporated rural areas and the communities of North Bend, Snoqualmie, Fall City, Preston, Carnation, Duvall (King), and Monroe (Snohomish).	Multi-County	Sustaining	2-year	\$ 2,110,365	-	A
Homage	Transportation Assistance Program (TAP) - Expansion	Expand capacity for paratransit service to disabled and older adults living in rural areas of Snohomish County by increasing the number of trips with 1) adding availability on Saturdays, 2) non-emergency medical trips to Skagit or King County, 3) volunteer driver trips and 4) coordination with Snow Goose Transit to provide trips for gap coverage.	Snohomish	Expansion	2-year	\$ 766,100	-	B
Pierce County Human Services	Beyond the Borders - Supplement	The project sustains accessible demand and deviated fixed route transportation for special needs riders who live in or travel to unincorporated rural and suburban locations in east and south Pierce County, unserved by Pierce Transit. Special needs clients include seniors, low-income persons, persons with disabilities, and youth aged 5-17.	Pierce	Expansion	2-year	\$ 650,000	-	B
Sound Generations	Hyde Shuttle - Eastside	Provides operating funds for a community-based paratransit service for seniors and people with disabilities in Bellevue, Kirkland, and Redmond who are unable to use public transportation such as the bus or ADA Paratransit, because they cannot afford the fare, are not eligible for ADA Paratransit, or are too frail to use it.	King	Sustaining	2-year	\$ 724,857	-	B

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Attachment A: Recommendation of Regional Priority Rankings to the WSDOT 2025-2027 Consolidated Grant Program

Sponsor	Project Title	Description	County	Sustaining, Expansion, or New	Applying for 2-year or 4-year	Funds requested for 2025-27	Funds requested for 2027-29	Recommended Priority Ranking
Foundations of MultiCare	PACE Senior Transportation	The All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) program is a Medicare and Medicaid program that helps people meet their healthcare needs in the community instead of going to a nursing home or other care facility. Services include transportation to medical and non-medical appointments, supporting transportation costs is the basis of our request.	Multi-County	Sustaining*	2-year	\$ 1,800,000	-	C
Mt. Si Senior Center	Sustain SVT WEEKEND services	Continue to provide weekend ADA-accessible demand response services and deviated route services to transit-dependent individuals in unincorporated rural areas and the communities of North Bend, Snoqualmie, Fall City, Preston, Carnation, Duvall, and Monroe. Operating hours are Saturday and Sunday, 6:00 am to 8:00 pm.	Multi-County	Sustaining	2-year	\$ 713,408	-	C
Muckleshoot Indian Tribe	Muckleshoot Transportation Project	To provide transportation services to overburdened populations to help access vital destinations. Commuter routes and demand-response services ensure community members can access healthcare, employment, and essential services. The Muckleshoot Tribal Transit provides fare-free transportation.	Multi-County	Sustaining	2-year	\$ 1,425,000	-	C
Pierce County Human Services	Pierce County Mobility Management	This project sustains staffing for the Pierce County Coordinated Transportation Coalition (PCCTC) which provides mobility leadership for all of Pierce County. The PCCTC's primary focus is finding solutions for special needs riders facing transportation challenges. Pierce County Human Services has been the lead agency of the PCCTC since 1999.	Pierce	Sustaining	4-year	\$ 210,257	\$ 223,746	C
SnoTRAC	Snohomish County Mobility Management & Navigation	Funds Snohomish County's mobility coalition to coordinate improvements to transportation services and create affordable, age- and ability-friendly communities for all people; and to educate and train community members and local organizational/ agency staff in understanding the best transportation options for their needs.	Snohomish	Sustaining	2-year	\$ 518,388	-	C
AbleLight	Vehicle Replacement, Transportation for Adults with Developmental Disabilities	The project will provide safe, accessible transportation for 12 people with developmental disabilities at residential group homes in Renton, WA. Funds will be used to replace three aging vehicles with new vans that have increased wheelchair capacity so all clients can benefit from 24/7 transportation support to help them lead healthy, fulfilling lives.	King	Sustaining*	2-year	\$ 211,965	-	D

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Sponsor	Project Title	Description	County	Sustaining, Expansion, or New	Applying for 2-year or 4-year	Funds requested for 2025-27	Funds requested for 2027-29	Recommended Priority Ranking
Catholic Community Services of Snohomish County	Disabled Veterans Transportation	Sustain the Disabled Veterans Transportation program that provides disabled veterans living in Snohomish County with no-cost transportation to medical, dental, and other essential appointments.	Snohomish	Sustaining	2-year	\$ 64,262	-	D
City of Issaquah	Metro Flex On-Demand Mobility Service Pilot	Issaquah's Metro Flex is an on-demand transit service for residents and visitors. Operating weekdays 7 AM-6 PM and Saturdays 9 AM-6 PM, it provides rides within Issaquah for the cost of a bus fare. Users can book rides via an app or phone, ensuring equitable, convenient, and affordable travel within the local Issaquah-Sammamish service area.	King	Sustaining*	2-year	\$ 531,564	-	D
Homage	Homage Transportation Assistance Program Vehicle Replacement	This project will replace four vehicles, each with 150K+ mileage currently exceeding or within 1 year of the useful life benchmark. Homage's Transportation program provides demand response curb-to-curb transportation services to older adults and adults with disabilities who reside outside the paratransit corridors in Snohomish County.	Snohomish	Sustaining	2-year	\$ 298,860	-	D
Hopelink	Community Transportation Navigators	The Community Transportation Navigators program provides transportation education using a peer-to-peer model through culturally appropriate engagement to hard-to-reach communities. The program leverages paid Navigators with lived experience to increase confidence and allow target populations to move freely around the central Puget Sound region.	King	New	2-Year	\$ 365,829	-	D
Mt. Si Senior Center	Capital - Bus Replacement	Provide replacement vehicles to sustain ADA-accessible demand response services and deviated route services to specialized transportation populations and the general public in unincorporated rural areas and the communities of North Bend, Snoqualmie, Fall City, Preston, Carnation, Duvall (King), and Monroe (Snohomish).	Multi County	Sustaining	2-year	\$ 536,760	-	D
Northshore Senior Center	Expansion of Deviated Fixed-Route Specialized Transportation in Mill Creek	Northshore Senior Center will expand access to mobility services for seniors and people with disabilities between Mill Creek (Snohomish) and Bothell (King/Snohomish).	Multi-County	Expansion	2-year	\$ 128,000	-	D

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Sponsor	Project Title	Description	County	Sustaining, Expansion, or New	Applying for 2-year or 4-year	Funds requested for 2025-27	Funds requested for 2027-29	Recommended Priority Ranking
Northshore Senior Center	Replace 4 Gas Powered Medium-Duty Cutaway Vehicles	Purchase four replacement gas powered medium duty lift-equipped vehicles	Multi County	Sustaining	2-year	\$ 438,000	-	D
Pierce Transit	Pierce Transit Runner: New Special Needs Transit Connector for Tide Flats, Ruston, and Gig Harbor	Pierce Transit is proposing to fund new Runner micro transit mobility zones under the Consolidated Grant Program for special needs populations such as the youth, people with disabilities, older adults aged 65 and above, and families with low incomes. These new special needs connector projects are located in Ruston, Tide Flats, and Gig Harbor.	Pierce	Sustaining*	2-year	\$ 2,828,805	-	D
Pierce Transit	Pierce Transit Runner: Sustaining Spanaway's Transit Connector	Pierce Transit proposes to sustain Runner, its flexible, on-demand, and affordable micro transit service in the Parkland-Spanaway-Midland area as a real time transit solution for special needs populations such as the youth, seniors aged 65 and older, people with disabilities, and families with low incomes.	Pierce	Expansion	2-year	\$ 1,207,149	-	D
TranServe PNP	Beyond the Borders Replacement Vehicles	TranServe is a new private non-profit created to obtain vehicles to support the Beyond the Borders contract by awarding vehicles to be used by the provider Around the Sound (ATS) Transportation. TranServe will identify vehicles and equipment needed to improve and/or maintain operations.	Pierce	Sustaining	2-year	\$ 905,926	-	D
TranServe PNP	MultiCare PACE / ADH Vehicle Replacement 2024	TranServe will obtain vehicles to support the PACE ADH Program by providing service vehicles to Around the Sound (ATS). TranServe will work with MultiCare to ensure its highly vulnerable adults are properly transported by ATS.	Multi County	Sustaining	2-year	\$ 602,270	-	D
Volunteers Of America Western Washington	Snohomish County "One Call" 211 Transportation Navigation	Volunteers of America Western Washington (VOAWW) will increase 2-1-1 staff capacity to help Snohomish County callers navigate transportation services and provide direct referrals. Our proposal supports the implementation of the Puget Sound Regional Council's "One-Call" portion of the "One-click/One-call" effort in Snohomish County.	Snohomish	Sustaining*	2-year	\$ 519,061	-	D
TOTAL						\$19,627,418	\$ 2,483,825	

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Attachment B: PSRC Region Projects Previously Funded in the 2023-2025 Biennium

Sponsor	Project Title	Description	County	Sustaining, Expansion, or New	Applying for 2-year or 4-year	Funds requested for 2025-27	Recommended Priority Ranking
CCSWW - Pierce County	Pierce County Volunteer Transportation Services	VTS provides door-through-door transportation to medical, grocery shopping and other necessary appointments to low-income seniors and adults with disabilities (18-59) who don't qualify for Pierce Transit Shuttle, Paratransit services or who live in a rural area of Pierce County where public transportation isn't available.	Pierce	Sustaining	4-year	\$ 351,972	A
Pierce County Human Services	Beyond the Borders	The scope will sustain accessible demand & deviated fixed route transportation for special needs riders who live or travel to unincorporated rural & suburban locations in east & south Pierce County who don't receive service from Pierce Transit (PT). Special needs clients served by include seniors, low-income, persons w/ disabilities & youth 5-17.	Pierce	Sustaining	4-year	\$ 2,072,982	A
Puget Sound Educational Service District (PSESD)	Road to Independence	The RTI program serves special needs individuals in rural south King and east Pierce counties, where there is little or no public transportation. The program contributes to economic development and enhances quality of life by providing: Certified Driver License (CDL) training and licensing so low-income individuals may obtain a family wage jobs.	Multi County	Sustaining	4-year	\$ 811,200	A
Sound Generations	Hyde Shuttle	To provide operating funding assistance to sustain a community-based paratransit service for seniors and people with disabilities in urban, suburban and rural King County who are unable to use public transportation such as the bus or ADA Paratransit, because they cannot afford the fare, not eligible for ADA Paratransit or too frail to use it.	King	Sustaining	4-year	\$ 2,146,941	A
Hopelink	Mobility Management in King County	Provides staffing, planning, & operational support for King County's mobility coalitions, implements prioritized mobility projects, & conducts outreach to targeted populations. The project increases the efficiency & effectiveness of specialized transportation services via collaborative efforts while building & maintaining successful relationships.	King	Sustaining	4-year	\$ 1,016,318	B
King County Metro Transit	Sustain Community Shuttles for Seniors and People with Disabilities in King County	Provide operating funds to support the continuation of the Hyde Shuttle, a community-based paratransit service for seniors and people with disabilities in urban and suburban King County who are unable to use the bus or ADA paratransit service because they lack access, cannot afford the fare, not eligible for ADA service, or too frail to use it.	King	Sustaining	4-year	\$ 669,920	B

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Northshore Senior Center	Northshore Senior Center Transportation	Northshore Senior Center Transportation will provide demand-response service to seniors and persons with disabilities in Bothell, in King and Snohomish Counties, and in Kirkland, Woodinville, Kenmore, Lake Forest Park, with trained Drivers operating lift-equipped vehicles, including our Adult Day Health program, and our Meal Delivery program.	Multi County	Sustaining	4-year	\$ 137,500	B
United Way of Pierce County	South Sound 2-1-1	Preserve existing South Sound 211 Transportation Resource Center (SS211 TRC) operations, the centralized intake service for special needs transportation, providing the access point for the special needs population to learn about all available mobility options in Pierce County, apply for rides, and receive one-on-one navigation assistance.	Pierce	Sustaining	4-year	\$ 345,522	B
Hopelink	Central Puget Sound One-Call/One-Click	This project maintains and improves a One-Call/One-Click system to provide multimodal trip planning and referral system for special needs populations in the Puget Sound region. It will ensure the community has access to a one-stop shop for their transportation needs while increasing the efficacy of existing special needs transportation services.	Multi County	Sustaining	4-year	\$ 584,539	C
Hopelink	Regional Alliance for Resilient and Equitable Transportation (RARET)	This grant is to provide the staffing, short- and long-term planning, and operational support for the Regional Alliance for Resilient and Equitable Transportation (RARET) workgroup whose goal is to increase life-sustaining transportation services available to specialized populations during an emergency in the Central Puget Sound region.	Multi County	Sustaining	4-year	\$ 206,141	C
TOTAL						\$ 8,343,035	



Puget Sound Regional Council

January 2, 2025

ACTION ITEM

To: Transportation Policy Board
From: Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning
Subject: **Project Tracking Exception Request**

IN BRIEF

The City of Sumner is requesting transfer of \$539,853 in PSRC's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funds from the right-of-way phase to the construction phase for the *Stewart Road Corridor Completion: White River Bridge* project. Any transfer in excess of \$50,000 requires an exception to PSRC's [Project Tracking Policies](#) and board approval. PSRC staff has reviewed this request in collaboration with the chairs of the Regional Project Evaluation Committee (RPEC) and the four countywide transportation forums and concluded that the circumstances of this request meet the exception conditions laid out in the adopted Project Tracking Policies.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Transportation Policy Board should recommend the Executive Board approve the City of Sumner's request for an exception under PSRC's Project Tracking Policies and allow the transfer of \$539,853 in PSRC's FHWA funds from the right-of-way phase to the construction phase for the *Stewart Road Corridor Completion: White River Bridge* project.

DISCUSSION

PSRC's project tracking program was first implemented in 2000 to monitor delivery of projects awarded PSRC's federal funds and has evolved over time to reflect new and emerging circumstances. The Project Tracking Policies have been revised 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. While awards of PSRC's FHWA funds are granted competitively to specific phases of projects, the policies

recognize the challenges to project delivery and include provisions that allow the administrative transfer of up to \$50,000 between phases to accommodate evolving project needs.

For the transfer of funds between phases above the \$50,000 threshold, an exception is required and must be approved by PSRC's Executive Board. The Project Tracking Policies allow consideration for such a transfer if the following three parameters are met: (a) the phase(s) involved in the exception request remain fully funded; (b) the applicable phase can be implemented within six months of PSRC Board action; and (c) there is a compelling need for the exception.

The City of Sumner is requesting an exception to this policy, to transfer \$539,853 in PSRC's FHWA funds from the right-of-way phase to the construction phase for the *Stewart Road Corridor Completion: White River Bridge* project. This project is replacing the existing bridge over the White River at Stewart Road and providing a separated shared-use path on the north side of the roadway. All three of the project's phases (preliminary engineering/design, right-of-way and construction) have received PSRC funding awards.

Exception Request

Earlier in 2024 the project's construction funds had been granted a one-year extension to June 1, 2025. However, the City notified PSRC in August that they would be able to deliver the project earlier and support the region's 2024 project delivery target. One of the prerequisites to obligating construction funding is completing the right-of-way certification process through the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), which was underway at the time. As part of that process the City was informed by WSDOT of two right-of-way issues needing resolution. Given the approaching end of fiscal year deadline, the City moved forward to obligate the construction funding in time to support the region's 2024 delivery target. While the City did resolve the right-of-way issues, due to the circumstances of timing between this resolution and the obligation of construction funding, it was determined that they missed the deadline and would need to return a portion of the FHWA funds awarded to the right-of-way phase.

As such, the City is requesting an exception per PSRC's adopted Project Tracking Policies to transfer the portion of funds deemed ineligible for the right-of-way phase to the construction phase. Bids for the construction phase came in higher than the engineer's estimate, with the lowest bid almost \$8 million higher. The City is committed to funding the shortfall and moving the project forward to completion.

PSRC staff has reviewed this request in collaboration with the chairs of the RPEC and the four countywide transportation forums, and concluded the following:

- The request meets the requirements of the Project Tracking Policies that all phases remain fully funded and the applicable phase be implemented within six months.
- The City addressed the right-of-way issues raised by WSDOT and timing circumstances led to the determination of ineligibility.
- The request meets the requirements of the Project Tracking Policies for a compelling need. The City acted in good faith to meet all federal requirements and took action to obligate construction funds earlier than anticipated to assist the region in meeting its 2024 delivery target. The timing of these actions resulted in the current issue with the right-of-way funding.

Based on these findings, the recommendation is to approve the City of Sumner's request for an exception to the Project Tracking Policies and transfer \$539,853 of PSRC's FHWA funds from the right-of-way phase to the construction phase.

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Puget Sound Regional Council

January 2, 2025

ACTION ITEM

To: Transportation Policy Board
From: Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning
Subject: **Regional Safety Action Plan Release for Public Comment**

IN BRIEF

PSRC has completed a draft of the Regional Safety Action Plan, funded through the USDOT Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program. The Transportation Policy Board has received multiple briefings throughout the year regarding the various components of the plan. At the January 9 meeting, the board will be asked to authorize staff to release the draft plan for public comment.

The [draft plan documents](#) are available for board members to review prior to the meeting. The draft plan will be posted to PSRC's online Engagement Hub and comprehensive outreach to the public and interested stakeholders will occur the week of January 12.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Transportation Policy Board is asked to authorize staff to release the draft Regional Safety Action Plan for public comment.

DISCUSSION

The Regional Safety Action Plan (RSAP) has been under development since Fall of 2023, following the June 2023 Regional Safety Summit and receipt of grant funding from USDOT's Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program. The Transportation Policy Board has been briefed at regular intervals over the last 15 months on key milestones and findings, including the scope of work for the plan, data and analysis results, best practices, emphasis areas, tools and strategies, and community engagement efforts.

In August 2024, PSRC launched the [RSAP Engagement Hub](#), providing information to stakeholders and the general public on how they can participate in the development of the plan. The Hub included an online opinion survey and featured key findings and elements of the plan as they were completed. In addition to the online Hub, a comprehensive suite of outreach and engagement has occurred as part of the development of the draft plan. This has included four regional public meetings, seven focus groups, stakeholder interviews, and tabling at community events around the region. In addition, regular briefings have occurred to PSRC's boards and committees, as well as external partner agency meetings. Feedback from this outreach has informed development of the draft plan, which will be posted on the online Hub for public review and comment.

At the January 9 meeting, the Transportation Policy Board will be asked to authorize staff to release the draft [Regional Safety Action Plan](#) for public review and comment. The draft plan will be posted to the online Engagement Hub the following week and comprehensive outreach to the public and interested stakeholders will be conducted. The board will be briefed on comments received at the March meeting, and in April will be asked to recommend approval of the final plan. The final plan is scheduled to be adopted by the General Assembly in May 2025.

For more information, please contact Gary Simonson at gsimonson@psrc.org or (206) 971-3276.



Puget Sound Regional Council

January 2, 2025

DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Transportation Policy Board

From: Kelly McGourty, Director, Transportation Planning

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

IN BRIEF

Over the course of 2024 the Transportation Policy Board discussed key priorities for the next Regional Transportation Plan, with a particular focus on the plan's financial strategy. These discussions culminated in the approval in December of the scope of work for developing the next plan, which will be adopted in May 2026.

Throughout 2025 work to develop the draft plan will continue and the board can expect to receive regular briefings on the many elements of the plan, including information on the state of the current transportation system. In January these briefings will be launched with a reminder overview of VISION 2050 and the regional growth strategy, details on the distribution of people and jobs today and in the future, and information on the current transit network and services throughout the region. In the coming months additional presentations on the current transportation system will be brought to the board, with the goal of preparing an interim report by the spring.

DISCUSSION

The Executive Board approved the scope of work for the next Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) at their meeting on December 5. The [scope of work](#) is based on the feedback received by both the Transportation Policy Board and Executive Board throughout 2024, as well as specific action items identified in the current RTP.

The policy priorities identified by the board for the next RTP include the continued focus areas of safety, climate and equity; maintenance and preservation; transit and accessibility; ferries; decarbonizing the system; recognizing the diverse needs and community contexts around the region; addressing changes in travel behavior since the pandemic; and reevaluating the plan's financial strategy.

Work to develop the draft plan will continue throughout 2025 and the board will be briefed each month on various plan elements. Beginning in January, information on land use and the foundations of VISION 2050 will be provided, as well as information on current transit services throughout the region. In the coming months information on additional elements of the current transportation system will be provided, with the goal of publishing an interim report by the spring. Information on the current system will then feed into the development of the draft plan and identification of future investments to the system through 2050.

In January staff will also provide an updated calendar of board discussions and plan milestones throughout 2025.

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

PSRC Transportation Work Program - Progress Reporting

Updated for 2025-2026

Progress Chart (Timeline as of January 2, 2025)

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 Plan Consistency Framework	Consultant contract in progress; work expected to be complete by March 2025
Board work group to determine 2026 RTP scope of work	RTP Steering Committee, February-September 2024; board action completed November / December 2024
TPB direction on scope of work for 2026 RTP	February through December 2024
RTP development	Q2 2024-Q2 2026
Financial Strategy Refinement	Board discussions Q2 2024 - Q2 2025
PSRC Funding	
2026 Policy Framework for PSRC's Federal Funds	Work to develop the next Policy Framework will begin in Fall 2025
FHWA/FTA Project Selection: Board Action	Board action July 2026
Annual FTA Adjustments Process	Pending, Spring 2025
Rural Town Centers and Corridors Project Selection	Pending, Fall 2025
Transportation Alternatives Project Selection	Pending, Fall 2025
Consolidated Grant Program Regional Rankings	Board action for 2025 process scheduled for January 2025
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)	
2025 -2028 TIP Development	Complete
Conduct Equity Analysis of draft 2025-2028 TIP	Complete
Release of 2025-2028 TIP for Public Comment	Complete
Board Action on 2025-2028 TIP	Complete, October 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	Complete
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
Develop Climate Implementation Strategy with Partners	CPRG planning work underway with partners, Preliminary Climate Action Plan submitted to EPA March 1, 2024, Comprehensive Climate Action Plan due December 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	Complete, included in the draft Regional Safety Action Plan
Convene Stakeholders	Complete - Regional Safety Summit held June 29, 2023
Develop Scope of Regional Safety Plan	Complete; board review September 2023

Develop Regional Safety Plan	Draft plan complete, scheduled for release of public comment January 2025; General Assembly adoption May 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 and improvements	In Progress
Equity, EJ analysis methodology improvements	Q4 2024-Q1 2025
RTP Financial Strategy	
Collaborate with Partners on Implementation Steps	Q1-3 2025



Puget Sound Regional Council

January 2, 2025

INFORMATION ITEM

To: Transportation Policy Board

From: Josh Brown, Executive Director

Subject: **PSRC's Draft FY2026-2027 Biennial Budget and Work Program**

IN BRIEF

PSRC is in the process of developing the agency's Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-2027 Biennial Budget and Work Program. The PSRC budget outlines transportation, economic and growth planning activities for these two years. The Transportation Planning portion of the biennial budget is included as task 200.

DISCUSSION

The PSRC Operations Committee has primary responsibility for developing the budget and work program for both PSRC and the Economic Development District. Between September and December 2024, the Operations Committee reviewed revenue and expenditure assumptions as well as PSRC's financial policies. At its December 5, 2024 meeting, the Operations Committee reviewed the full draft FY 2026-2027 Biennial Budget and Work Program. The draft PSRC biennial budget includes estimated revenues and expenditures of \$41.7 million and is available for review by members [online](#).

NEXT STEPS

The Executive Board, Transportation Policy Board, Growth Management Policy Board and Economic Development Board will have the opportunity to review the Draft Budget and Work Program and forward comments to the Operations Committee for consideration by March 16, 2025. Comments will be compiled and reviewed by the Operations Committee on March 27, 2025. The final budget is scheduled for approval by the Executive Board in April and adoption by the PSRC General Assembly in May.

For more information, please contact Andrew Werfelmann at (206) 971-3292 or awerfelmann@psrc.org.