

Regional Capacity Project Thresholds

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
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Reminders

- The RTP must identify and analyze “additions or modifications” to the regional network – including all modes – per federal and state requirements
- Regionally significant projects – regardless of funding source – may not be implemented if they are not in the RTP
- Projects enter the plan as Candidates – additional oversight required before Approval and implementation
- Projects below the thresholds – programmatic – are free to proceed



Thresholds

TABLE 1: Projects Required to be on the Regional Transportation Plan Regional Capacity Project List and Subject to PSRC's Approval Process

Please note that there may be some overlap in the categories below.

Roadway Projects on principal arterials, State Routes or Interstates

- Capacity changes
 - Adding vehicle lanes
 - Removing vehicle lanes
 - Changing the configuration or usage of vehicle lanes
 - Other multimodal improvements that may affect vehicle usage or capacity such as Business Access Transit or High Occupancy Vehicle lanes
- Street realignment or relocation
- Continuous left turn lanes that extend between two principal arterials or state routes
- New interchanges
- Reconstruction of existing interchanges that add new fly-over ramps or new turning movements
- Grade separations
- Areawide multimodal improvements around transit stations

Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Projects

- Projects over \$100 Million

Bicycle and/or Pedestrian Projects

- Projects over \$20 Million on separated pathways on dedicated rights of way

Transit Projects

- Park & ride lots resulting in more than 250 stalls
- New or relocated transit centers and stations
- New dedicated transit right of way, such as new alignments or tracks/infrastructure
- Bus flyer stops in the Interstate right of way

Ferry Projects

- New routes
- New or relocated ferry terminals



Thresholds

The current Bicycle / Pedestrian thresholds were developed under consultation with BPAC in 2016

- Focused on separated rights of way
- Desire to include a regionally significant threshold, rather than addressing all trail projects as programmatic
- Determination of cost as the most logical surrogate to capture “large” trail projects
- *Still some definitional challenges*



BPAC Member Feedback for Discussion

1. Concurrence with only having the most significant trail / separated pathway projects on the Regional Capacity Projects list
2. Suggestion to increase the \$20 million threshold to reflect inflation / increased construction costs
3. Include paved surfaces as part of the threshold determination for separated pathways, to distinguish types of projects
4. Additional clarification on the definition of “separated pathways on dedicated rights of way” vs. “adjacent to and within roadway rights of way” would be helpful



Next Steps

- Consensus improvements will be incorporated into the thresholds for the 2026 RTP
- RTP Call for Projects in March 2025
 - Workshops to be held in February
 - *Save the Date coming soon*
 - Outreach to countywide forums, PSRC advisory committees

