2025-2028



Regional Transportation Improvement Program



















Appendix I Approvals

October 24, 2024



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October 24, 2024

Adopt the 2025-2028 Regional Transportation Improvement Program

The Executive Board adopted the 2025-2028 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The TIP includes the projects approved in July as part of PSRC's 2024 project selection process, as well as projects with local, state and other federal funds expected to be utilized during this timeframe. The TIP will now be forwarded on for state and federal approvals, expected in January 2025. <u>View video</u> and <u>presentation</u>. For additional information, please contact Jennifer Barnes, Program Manager, at jbarnes@psrc.org or 206-389-2876.

Regional Safety Action Plan Development

The board was briefed on the work to date to develop the Regional Safety Action Plan (RSAP). This included the key data findings, emphasis areas from the data analysis, the preliminary menu of tools and strategies developed for the plan and next steps. The board also heard feedback from community outreach to date. The plan is scheduled to be adopted in the spring of 2025. <u>View presentation</u>.

For more information, please contact Gary Simonson at gsimonson@psrc.org.

Regional Transportation Plan (2026-2050) Development Process

The board was briefed on the preliminary scope of work for developing the next Regional Transportation Plan, to be adopted in May 2026. This included the key elements expected to be included in the draft scope, which at a minimum will address the policy priorities set by the board in previous discussions; the work underway to develop both safety and climate action plans; the evaluation of the financial strategy; and the scenario and sensitivity testing to be conducted at board direction. The Transportation Policy Board will be asked to recommend adoption of the scope in November, followed by Executive Board action in December. View presentation.

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.

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December 10, 2024

Mr. Josh Brown Executive Director Puget Sound Regional Council 1011 Western Avenue, Suite 500 Seattle, WA 98104

> Air Quality Conformity Determination Puget Sound Regional Council 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program

Dear Mr. Brown:

According to the Clean Air Act (CAA) of 1990, transportation plans, programs, and projects cannot create new National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) violations, increase the frequency or severity of existing NAAQS violations, or delay attainment of the NAAQS. As such, the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the U.S. Department of Transportation (FHWA/FTA) are required to make transportation conformity determinations for both the MPO Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) in non-attainment or maintenance areas. Transportation conformity ensures that Federal funding supports transportation activities that are consistent with air quality goals, and do not worsen air quality or interfere with the purpose of the State Implementation Plan (SIP).

The Tacoma-Pierce County area is currently designated as a maintenance area for PM2.5. PSRC must demonstrate conformity for PM2.5 until March 12, 2035; however, the "attainment" status indicates a significant improvement made in the Central Puget Sound Region toward bettering our air quality in the State of Washington.

On October 24, 2024, PSRC approved and made a formal conformity determination on the 2025-2028 TIP.

Based on our review of PSRC's conformity determination, as concurred with the Washington State Department of Transportation, Washington State Department of Ecology, and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, FHWA and FTA find that the PSRC 2025-2028 TIP conforms with the SIP to reduce the severity and number of NAAQS violations.

Please contact Matthew Pahs, FHWA Washington Division, at 360-753-9418, or Ned Conroy, FTA Region 10, at 206-220-4318, if you have any questions.

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December 3, 2024

Josh Brown, Executive Director Puget Sound Regional Council 1201 3rd Ave., Suite 500 Seattle, WA 98101

Dear Mr. Brown,

This is notification that the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) has approved your organization's 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Following a review of your submission, we find this TIP substantially meets the requirements stated in Title 23 United States Code, Section 134 and Title 49 United States Code, Section 5303. The projects in this TIP use federal, state, and local funds, and are financially constrained.

If you have any questions or need additional clarification, please contact Anna Ragaza-Bourassa, Tribal and Regional Integrated Planning Manager, at anna.ragaza-bourassa@wsdot.wa.gov or (509) 953-9766.

Sincerely,

Roger Millar, PE, FAICP, Dist. M. ASCE

Secretary of Transportation

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