

2006 Project Selection Process for PSRC's STP, CMAQ & FTA Funds

Overview of the Project Selection Process

- **Shared project selection process for PSRC's STP/CMAQ funds**
 - Regional Competition
 - Countywide Competitions
- **Two processes for PSRC's FTA funds**
 - “Earned Share” Process
 - Regional Project Competition
- **Distribution of FFY 2008-2010 Funds**
 - Three-year amount

STP/CMAQ Regional/Countywide Process

- **Shared process**

- \$54 million in STP/CMAQ available for regional process
 - \$52 million for Regional Competition
 - \$2 million for Rural Town Centers & Corridors program (2007 Project Selection)
- \$73 million in STP/CMAQ available for countywide processes

- **Reminders**

- All public agencies, jurisdictions, and Tribal Nations are eligible to apply.
- All projects are subject to adopted policies in Destination 2030.

STP/CMAQ Funding Levels

Estimated 2008 - 2010 STP & CMAQ Funds			
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STP Funds*			\$90.50
CMAQ Funds			\$36.60
Total Estimated funds available for programming			\$127.10
Funds Taken Off the Top			
10% for nonmotorized (NM) projects (STP & CMAQ)			\$12.71
7% for Kitsap County (STP)			\$6.34
Total Funds taken off the top			\$19.05
Funds remaining for 50% regional & 50% countywide split			\$108.06
Funds for the Regional & Countywide Processes			
Regional Process			
50% \$108.06		\$54.03	\$54.03
Funds for rural program (STP)		\$2.00	
Remaining for Regional Competitid		\$52.03	
Countywide Process			
50% of \$108.06 plus funds taken off the top	50% of \$108.06	\$54.03	\$73.07
	For NM projects	\$12.71	
	For Kitsap County	\$6.34	
	Total:	\$73.07	
Recommended split: 50% regional / 50% countywide			\$127.10
Actual split: 43% regional / 57% countywide			
Breakdown of Countywide Funds**			
County	Share	10% NM	Subtotals
King County	\$30.34	\$6.61	\$36.95
Kitsap County	\$6.34	\$0.89	\$7.22
Pierce County	\$12.68	\$2.80	\$15.48
Snohomish County	\$11.00	\$2.41	\$13.42
Totals	\$60.36	\$12.71	\$73.07

STP/CMAQ Eligibility

- **STP funds**

- All projects eligible.
- A portion must be spent in rural area.

- **CMAQ funds**

- Projects must benefit air quality.
- General purpose lane expansion projects are ineligible.
- Under SAFETEA-LU, new priority on diesel retrofits.
- Funds only eligible within designated maintenance areas.

Adopted Policy Focus

Focus area: “Support for Centers and Connecting Corridors”

- **STP/CMAQ Regional competition:** “Centers” defined as “designated urban centers and manufacturing/ industrial centers, as adopted through countywide planning policies, and their connecting corridors.”
 - Map of designated centers: Attachment 6 in the Policy Framework
- **STP/CMAQ Countywide competitions and FTA Regional competition:** “Centers” broadened to include those identified in local comprehensive plans.
- **For all processes:** the industry clusters identified in the region’s adopted Regional Economic Strategy are included as part of the Centers Policy focus.
- **Accountability Policies:** all project sponsors are accountable to the adopted project tracking policies.

2006 Project Competitions

- **STP/CMAQ and FTA Regional Project Competitions**
 - Criteria for evaluating projects based on adopted policies in the Policy Framework.
 - RPEC and the TOC recommends projects to TPB.
 - Executive Board makes final determination.
- **STP/CMAQ Countywide Project Competitions**
 - Countywide forums use guidance in the Policy Framework.
 - Each forum has its own competition and selection process.
 - Processes are documented, support local GMA and transit plans, and have been approved by TPB.
 - No formula suballocation to individual jurisdictions.
 - Recommendations must be approved by countywide policy forum.
 - PSRC and TPB review recommendation.
 - Executive Board makes final determination.

STP/CMAQ Regional Competition: Key Dates

- **March 1:** Call for Projects released
- **March 10 - 15:** Workshops in Snohomish, Pierce, King & Kitsap Counties
- **May 1:** Applications due by 1:00 pm
- **May 18-19:** Sponsor presentations
- **May:** PSRC scores projects using Regional Project Evaluation Criteria
- **June 13:** RPEC reviews scoring
- **June 15-16:** RPEC develops funding recommendation
Note: Scores are used as a tool in the decision-making process
- **July 13:** TPB reviews all funding recommendations
- **July 27:** Executive Board approves all projects to be included in the Draft TIP
- **Aug – Oct:** AQ Modeling, public comment period, TIP adoption
- **Dec:** Federal approval of the TIP

STP/CMAQ Regional Competition: Highlights

- **To submit projects**
 - Applications must be submitted through the appropriate countywide forum.
- **Number of submissions (pending Board approval in April)**
 - Kitsap, Snohomish, and Pierce countywide forums can submit up to 6 projects each.
 - King County can submit up to 12.
 - WSDOT, Sound Transit, and PSCAA can submit projects through countywides, plus up to 2 additional projects each directly to PSRC.
- **Policy group endorsement**
 - Projects submitted through countywide forums must be endorsed by countywide policy groups prior to submission to the PSRC.

STP/CMAQ Countywide Competitions: Process

- **Each countywide has their own approved process**
 - Must use guidance in Policy Framework.
 - Each responsible for developing & maintaining documentation.
 - Process approved by TPB to ensure regional consistency, and that federal & state requirements are met.
 - Process must allow for consideration of all modes, participation by all eligible agencies.
 - Well documented public decision-making.
 - Reasonable opportunity for public involvement.
 - Consistency with Destination 2030.
 - Financial feasibility (ensure local match is available, etc.).
 - No formula suballocation to individual jurisdictions.
 - Recommend projects for nonmotorized set-aside.
 - Recommend projects for STP/Rural funds.

Countywide Competitions: Key Dates

- **June 23:** Countywide recommendations due to PSRC
 - Must be approved in writing by countywide policy boards.
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FTA Regional Competition

- Similar to the STP/CMAQ Regional Competition
- **March 1:** Call for Projects released www.psrc.org/projects/tip/selection/index.htm
- Workshop scheduled at PSRC Tuesday March 14 for details
- Approximately \$36 million* in FTA 5307 funds available
- Public transportation operators and local jurisdictions (with written support from operators) eligible within Snohomish, King and Pierce counties
- Same policy focus as with STP/CMAQ competitions
- Transit Operators Committee (TOC) make recommendations to PSRC Boards
- **April 17:** Applications due to PSRC
- **May:** PSRC scores projects
- **June 9:** TOC recommends projects to PSRC Boards
- **July 13:** TPB reviews projects
- **July 27:** Executive Board approves projects to be in draft TIP

*This will change to approximately \$49 million due to current info

Project Evaluation Criteria

- **Regional STP/CMAQ Project Competition**
 - Policy Criteria = benefit to centers, circulation, mobility and accessibility, system continuity, long-term benefit
 - Technical Criteria = Project readiness, financial plan, air quality
 - Air quality heavily weighted for CMAQ funds
- **Countywide STP/CMAQ Project Competitions**
 - Each Countywide forum conducts own process
 - Criteria similar to regional competition, same policy focus
- **FTA Regional Competition**
 - Similar to STP/CMAQ Regional Competition
 - Policy and Technical Criteria, including Air Quality

Air Quality Project Evaluation Criterion

Describe how the project provides emissions reductions through the following:

- Eliminating vehicle trips.
- Inducing a mode shift away from SOVs
- Reducing Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT).
- Improving traffic flow (e.g. through signal coordination or by removing a bottleneck).
- Converting to cleaner fuels, equipment, fuel systems, and/or vehicles.
- NOTE:** Priority given to substantial reduction in fine particulates.

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- Link to the Call for Projects – www.psrc.org/projects/tip/selection/index.htm
- Link to the TIP Home Page – www.psrc.org/projects/tip/index.htm
- Link to the Prosperity Partnership Regional Economic Strategy Clusters Page – www.prosperitypartnership.org/clusters/index.htm
- Link to VISION 2020 Regional Growth Centers Page - <http://www.psrc.org/projects/monitoring/rgc.htm>

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