



Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council

Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TransTAC) 12/8/16 Webinar

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The Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council (KRCC) Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TransTAC) had a webinar on 12/8/2016 with Kelly McGourty of the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC). TransTAC members received the presentation slides via email. Below is a summary of the questions and answers from the webinar.

Question: Will Connecting Washington funds be affected by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) obligation authority issues?

Answer: No

Question: How many projects might be affected by the obligation authority issues?

Answer: There is approximately \$20-\$25 million remaining for 2017, but \$35 million has already been programmed for 2017. It is unclear how many projects will be affected at this time.

Question: If a project sponsor is able to push out a 2018 project to 2019, should they let PSRC know in the survey?

Answer: Yes.

Question: What percentage of affected projects was for preliminary engineering versus construction?

Answer: PSRC will have an understanding of this once it receives all the survey responses.

Question: Should projects that are shovel ready have a priority over other projects?

Answer: PSRC is going to take into account project needs and fairness, including whether a project would be at risk of losing funding if they needed to delay work.

Question: Is it true that the obligation authority issues mostly affect Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds?

Answer: No, these obligation authority issues also affect Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds a great deal.

Question: If a project is going to advanced construction (A/C), it is safe to assume that the project will just be floated one year?

Answer: There is some amount of uncertainty, but likely yes.

Question: How much risk is there associated with going to A/C?

Answer: There is always some amount of risk, especially with a new federal administration. However, the FAST Act is in place through 2020.

Question: Does *Transportation 2040* include all funding types, including Connecting Washington?

Answer: Yes

Question: The SR 305 project has a broad scope; does that mean it is not included in the *Transportation 2040* project list?

Answer: There is a placeholder for the SR 305 project, but it would be good to add more specific details as part of the limited call for projects in January 2017.

Question: Do separate right of way (ROW) bicycle and pedestrian projects need to be on the Regional Capacity Project list?

Answer: PSRC has proposed this, but it has not been confirmed yet.

Question: Does the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) competition include Kitsap?

Answer: No.

Question: What are the obligation years for Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funds?

Answer: 2018, 2019 or 2020.

Question: Is there a cap on the number of projects that can be submitted in the TAP competition?

Answer: Not at this time.

Question: Is there a role for KRCC for the TAP competition?

Answer: Likely no.