

# PSRC Transportation Work Program Update

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# Today's Topics

- 2022 Regional Transportation Plan development
  - Work to date and key findings
  - Next steps
- Project Selection Task Force
- Regional Passenger Only Ferry Study



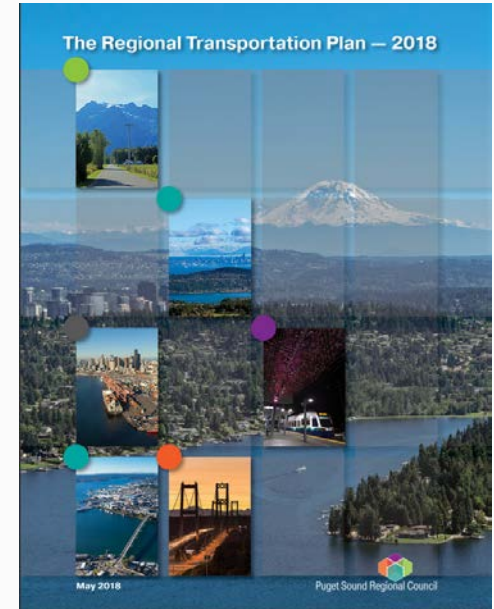
# VISION 2050 Foundation





# 2018 Regional Transportation Plan

- Responds to state and federal requirements
- Develops a new Integrated Regional Transit Network
- Addresses key issues:
  - Environment
  - Innovation & technology
  - Finance
  - Performance measurement
- \$197 billion plan
- 2040 horizon year



# VISION 2050

- Plans for growth to 2050
- Details regional Goals, Policies and Actions
- Regional Growth Strategy integrated with current planned transportation network to 2040
- Sets the stage for 2024 comprehensive plan updates

## Vision 2050 Transportation Goal

*The region has a sustainable, equitable, affordable, safe and efficient multimodal transportation system, with specific emphasis on an integrated regional transit network that supports the Regional Growth Strategy and promotes vitality of the economy, environment and health.*



# 2022 Regional Transportation Plan

- Builds from VISION 2050
- Objectives:
  - Make progress on existing challenges, address current and future needs of the transportation system
    - » Provide better data and analysis to support local investment planning (2024 comprehensive plans)
  - Plan for long-term system investments to accommodate future growth
    - » Improve existing system, big picture thinking on future investments (aviation, rail, ferries)



# Key Policy Focus Areas

Building from VISION 2050, board identified key policy areas:

- Access to transit
- Forward thinking/future investments
- Local agency needs
- Safety
- Equity
- Climate



# Key Planning Work

- Expanded data collection and analysis of conditions to inform local planning
- *In concert with existing and planned system conditions –*
  - *transit routes and stops, congestion, demographic and opportunity data, etc.*
- Maintenance and preservation needs
- Multimodal access to transit



- Freight inventory
- Bicycle and pedestrian facilities and counts
- ITS inventory
- TDM inventory
- Assessment of special needs providers and programs
- Technology / shared mobility trends and forecasts





# Key Planning Work

- Visioning future system needs
  - New or expanded high capacity transit
  - Passenger only ferry study
  - Aviation needs
  - Intercity rail
  - High speed rail
- Assessment of needs and opportunities
  - Groundwork for future, more detailed investment planning



# Outreach

In addition to board / committee / stakeholder outreach:

**End of 2020** - posting of policy briefs and data visualization on state of the system on PSRC's website

- opportunity for online feedback

**Early 2021** – public opinion survey

- initiating further focused outreach in late spring

**Ongoing** - targeted outreach to community partners

- focused on those with special transportation needs



# Schedule



# Project Selection Task Force



# Project Selection Task Force

- Convened prior to each project selection process for PSRC's federal funds
- Volunteers solicited from members of PSRC's four boards
- Purpose:
  - Review key policy issues and administrative procedures for PSRC's project selection processes
  - Recommend the *Policy Framework for PSRC's Federal Funds* to the Transportation Policy Board
- In the past, the timeframe has been four meetings over four months with a recommendation to the TPB in January





# Policy Framework

## *Policy Framework for PSRC's Federal Funds*

- Adopted prior to each funding cycle
- Funds distributed approximately every 2 years
  - *Program funds into the future*
  - *2022 process will distribute FFY 2025-2026 funds*
- Based on VISION policies
- Provides board direction for project selection
- Detailed policies and procedures for conducting the process



# Key Policy Framework Issues

## Policy Issues

- Policy Focus (*support for centers and the corridors that serve them*)
- Set-Asides
- Project Tracking and Delivery Provisions
- Project Evaluation Criteria

## Administrative Issues

- Estimated Funding Amounts
- Funding Splits by Competitions
- Number of Applications / Request Limits for Regional Competitions
- Contingency List Procedures



# Key Issues from 2020 Process

## *Issues Identified for Further Discussion:*

- Project Evaluation Criteria
  - Ensuring criteria adequately reflect VISION 2050 emphasis areas
  - In particular safety and equity considerations
- FTA funding distribution methodology
- Set-asides
- Streamlining opportunities
- Project tracking “emergency / hardship” provisions



# 2022 Project Selection Schedule

September 2020 – January 2021: Staff committee debriefings

*tbd 2021: Project Selection Task Force*

January 2022: adoption of *Policy Framework for PSRC's Federal Funds*

February 2022: Call for projects

July 2022: Project recommendations





# Puget Sound Passenger-Only Ferry Study



# 2020 Puget Sound Passenger-Only Ferry Study



## Overview of Project Scope:

- 12-County Puget Sound Region, including Lake Washington and Lake Union
- Analyze potential new passenger-only routes:
  - Terminal locations and capacity
  - Passenger demand/ridership
  - Capital and operating elements
- Assess environmental aspects of POF service
- Conduct early, inclusive, and continuous outreach



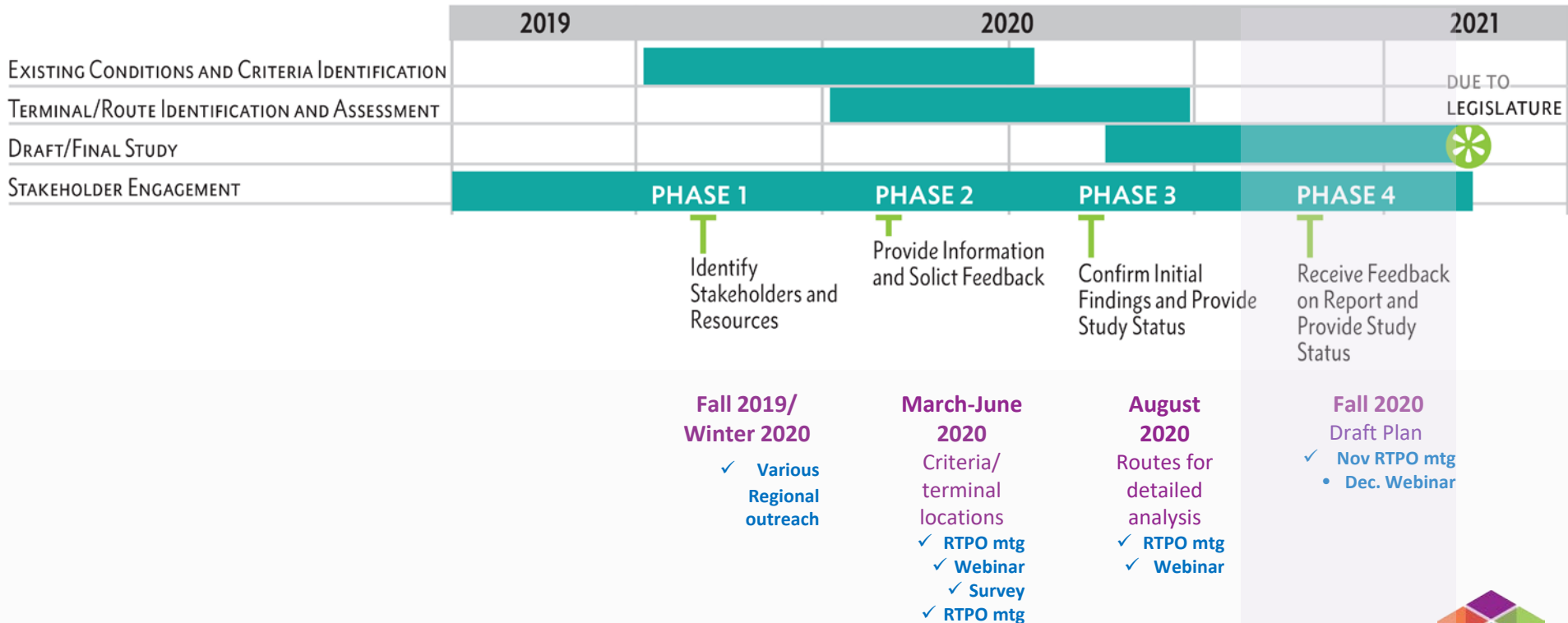
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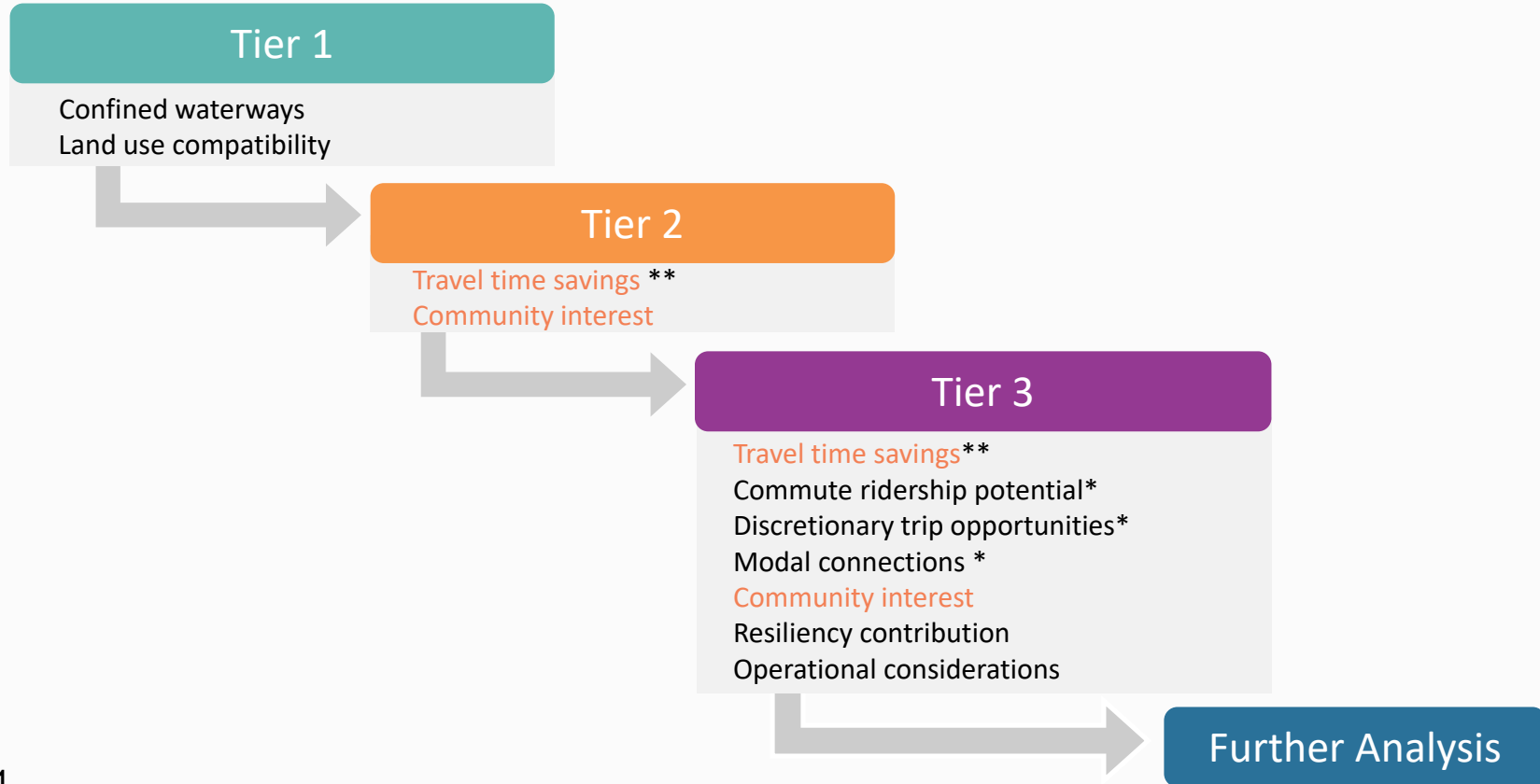


# 2020 Puget Sound Passenger-Only Ferry Study Schedule



# Tiered Criteria Analysis

\*\* Indicates study-wide priority  
\* Indicates regional priority



Please visit:

<https://www.psrc.org/passenger-ferry-study>

Your input will strengthen this study.

Please keep in touch through our mailing list and the project website.

Please contact [POF\\_Study@psrc.org](mailto:POF_Study@psrc.org) to be added to the project stakeholder email list.



A large white ferry is docked at a pier. The sky is filled with dramatic, dark clouds, with a bright sunset or sunrise breaking through in the upper left, casting a golden glow over the scene. The water in the foreground is dark with some ripples. The pier structure is visible on the right side of the frame.

# Thank you

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