

# ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROJECT PROGRAMS AND FUNDING

Pierce County Planning & Public Works



# What We Will Address Today

Objective of this agenda item - update on Working Group active transportation (AT) project proposal. To this end we will:

- ❖ Recap discussion from Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> TAC meeting
- ❖ Discuss working group's proposal of three tiers of AT projects and criteria for including projects in each tier
- ❖ Determine what AT project packages to present at the April 12<sup>th</sup> County Council EIDC meeting

# February 24<sup>th</sup> TAC meeting discussion

- ❖ Staff presented current active transportation funding and projects in Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program
- ❖ Discussed proposed tiers for AT project funding levels and criteria for including projects in each tier
- ❖ Discuss possible funding strategies for AT projects

# Transportation Advisory Commission Working Group



Met on 2/10, 3/2 & 3/17. Working Group members include:

- ❖ Lindsey Sehmel – TAC Vice-Chair
- ❖ Larry Leveen – TAC member
- ❖ Jessica Gamble – TAC member
- ❖ Diane Evans/Jenn Halverson-Kuehn – Tacoma-Pierce County Health Dept (TAC non-voting)
- ❖ Brianne Blackburn – Pierce County Parks & Recreation
- ❖ Jessica Nappi – PPW Project Analyst
- ❖ Dan Cardwell – PPW Long-Range Planning
- ❖ Jesse Hamashima – PPW Traffic Engineering
- ❖ Shawn Phelps – PPW Traffic Engineering
- ❖ Mason Struna – PPW Traffic Engineering
- ❖ Clint Ritter – PPW Program Development

- ❖ Offer a range of funding levels for projects, one of which is considered likely to be achievable with existing funding levels
- ❖ Emphasize projects that will benefit the largest populations, especially in designated Towne Centers and transit corridors with high ridership and/or future bus rapid transit
  - Consistent with Pierce County Comprehensive Plan policy
- ❖ Strive for a proposal that offers significant benefit to each Council District
  - Evaluation scores are only one consideration in project selection

# Active Transportation Project Tiers - Draft

**Tier 1** – Assumes continuation of Funding Programs + modest grant success

- Originally aimed to have about \$40 million in projects over 20 years. It was decided to include two trail projects in the list, so now totals \$62 million. Trail projects have different/additional revenue stream opportunities

**Tier 2** -- Assumes \$29+ million in additional projects. May be attainable if highly successful with grants, but likely to need additional funding/match

- Tier 1 + Tier 2 = \$91 million for active transportation projects

**Tier 3** – Another \$28+ million in projects (funding not identified)

- Tier 1 + 2 + 3 = \$120 million for active transportation projects
- review materials – maps and spreadsheet

# Next Steps

- ❖ TAC Action today to move proposal forward to Council EIDC
  - ❖ Make a motion
  - ❖ Clarify the details of the recommendation that the Chair will present
- ❖ Clarify relationship between TAC proposal and projects that will be carried forward in Active Transportation Plan – The TAC's Recommended list of Active Transportation Projects serves as an important input to the ongoing Active Transportation Plan development. This will be shared at Council EIDC

# Recommendation – Working Group Members

Move to recommend to Pierce County Council the full project list of active transportation projects presented on March 24, 2022, supporting network connectivity

Details of recommendation:

- ❖ Tier 1 projects are expected to be financially feasible within 20 years with existing funding streams
- ❖ Tiers 2 and 3 will be combined and identified as unfunded future projects