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PTIC Members:

During the initial Public Transportation Improvement Conference (*PTIC*) meeting on Friday, December 16, Pierce Transit staff was asked by a conference member if there would be any funding opportunities lost in her city if there was no transit component? Pierce Transit staff made an inquiry to PSRC Staff as to the funding/grant competition impacts if a community was removed from the Pierce Transit service area.

The response from a PSRC Program Manager is as follows:

- Projects competing in PSRC's grant processes tend to score higher if they include multimodal elements and are transit supportive. However, there are not any requirements or other parameters within our processes tied to the physical location of a transit boundary. It is my understanding that within the Pierce countywide grant competition, there are also points awarded for providing access to a transit center, bus stop, etc., but there are equal points awarded to providing a sidewalk, safety improvement, traffic control, etc.
- Regarding eligibility for rural funding, I am unaware of the requirements for state funding, but any funding through PSRC would follow the same procedures mentioned above. As long as the project is eligible for federal funds, it would simply be a matter of how well they score based on the project's scope of work and the criteria in place.

For further clarification on a jurisdiction specific basis Pierce Transit recommends that you contact PSRC directly.

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