

# Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Asset Management Target Setting

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# Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Metropolitan Planning Organization

PSRC is a regional planning and programming agency

- Population: 4,066,800 (2017)
- 4 counties
- 82 cities and towns
- Public Transportation
  - 6 Tier 1 Fixed-route operators
  - 4 Tier 2 operators with significant transit assets



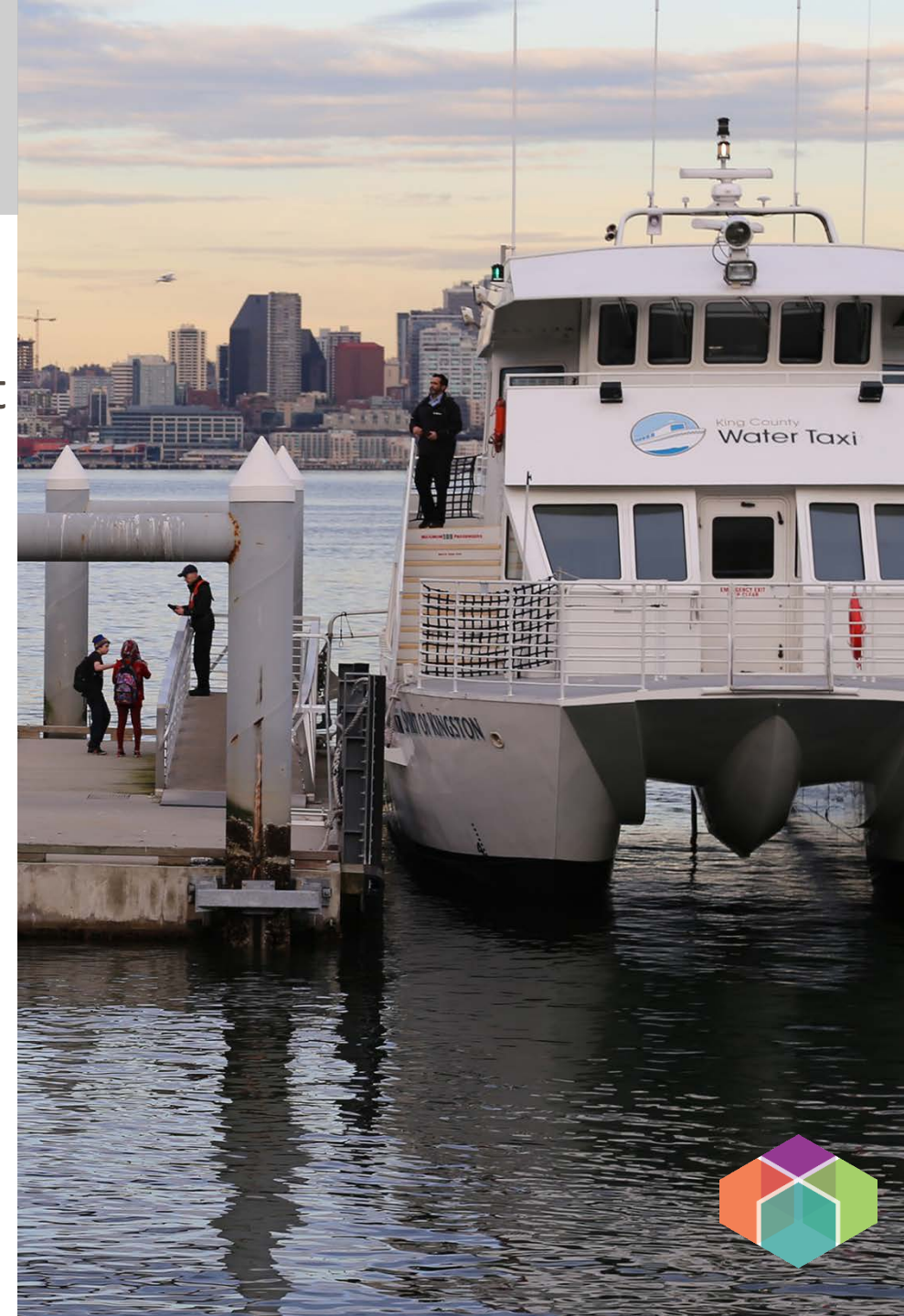


# MPO's Role in Transit Asset Management?

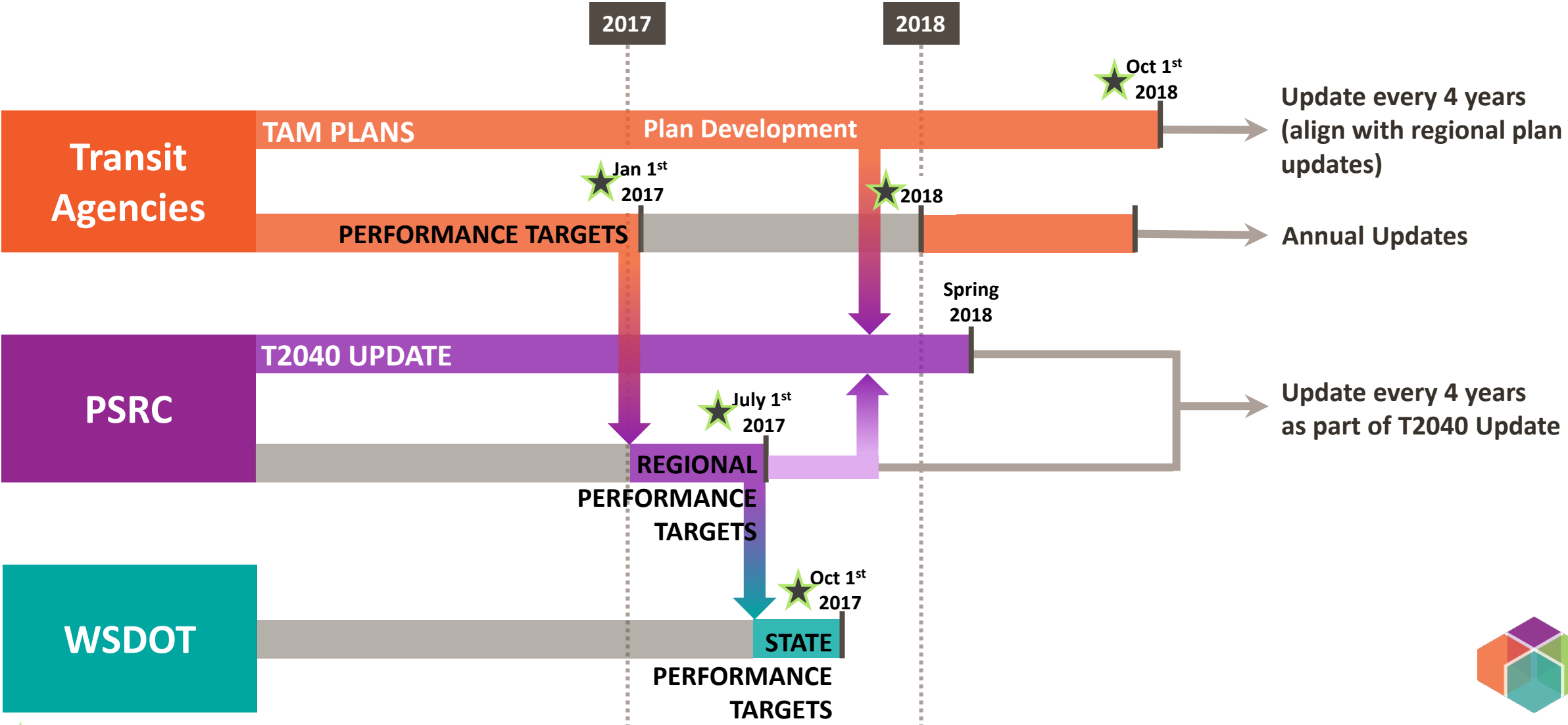
## The Final Rule indicates that MPOs should:

- Integrate transit agency Transit Asset Management plans into regional planning process
- Coordinate with transit providers to implement a performance-based planning process that prioritizes investments that meet regional performance targets for transit State of Good Repair.

MPOs are being asked to assess progress toward region-wide attainment of transit State of Good Repair performance.



# Federal Transit Asset Management Rule



★ = milestone identified in final rule



# PSRC's TAM Advisory Committee

## Advisory Committee informed the process:

- Composed of transit agency staff with expertise in this subject

## A sampling of issues/topics debated in the course of developing regional targets:

- How to develop performance targets before completion of agency TAM plans
- Thresholds for inclusion of assets
- Misconceptions about the relationship between transit asset management and transit safety
- Inventory vs. Performance Target



Source: The Insider



Source: Sound Transit



Source: Seattle Transit Blog



# Opportunities

- Provide better data for asset planning in the region's Metropolitan Transportation Plan -- Transportation 2040
  - Inform the Plan's financial strategy
  - Expand on the performance measurement
- Explicitly link Transit Asset Management plans with funding dedicated to that purpose



# Challenges

## Developing Transit Asset Management Performance Targets:

- Reliant upon transit agencies to provide the data
  - Each agency was in a different place in terms of implementing TAM rule.
  - Some agencies had different interpretations about the Rule and how implemented.
- Adopting Regional TAM Performance Targets
  - Who adopts them? At PSRC, the agency's Executive Board adopted them based upon recommendation from Transportation Policy Board





# PSRC Regional TAM Targets

- FTA Transit performance-based planning is based upon agency provided information.
- Agency-specific performance and targets feed into the regional targets, but are not the same as regional targets.
- Regional TAM performance targets are a weighted average of all agency-specific performance targets





# Next Steps / Lessons Learned

- Collaboration and data sharing among agencies is key to ongoing success.
- Performance targets will change over time. Agencies and region will update, as needed.
  - Agency Transit Asset Management Plans and data reporting to the National Transit Database will inform assessment of progress and updates to targets.
- Incorporate best available information into Transportation 2040 and future Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP).





**Thank you!**

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