

## King County Flood Control Zone District Advisory Committee

At the April 4<sup>th</sup> FCZD Advisory Committee meeting, staff presented recommendations from the Basin Technical Committees to refine the capital project evaluation process and incorporate factors such as project readiness, leveraging, and partnerships. During this discussion Advisory Committee members asked that the evaluation process clearly reflect ‘regional economic benefit’, as this is included in the 2006 Flood Plan policies, along with threats to public safety, damage to public infrastructure, and damage to private structures. In addition, the regional economic benefits of functioning flood protection facilities was frequently cited as justification for approving the Flood District levy. Specific examples of regional economic impacts included employment centers, regional distribution centers, and freight mobility. The Advisory Committee asked King County staff to reinforce the regional economic benefits element of the scoring system, and to provide proposed revisions via email prior to the next Advisory Committee meeting.

We propose that the flood risk scoring system be amended as follows, with an additional 5 points (out of 38 total, or 13%) awarded to projects that meet the following conditions:

The proposed project protects the regional economy by reducing the risk of flooding, erosion, and channel migration to at least one of the following areas:

- a. Major freight transportation corridors identified in the current Washington State Department of Transportation Freight and Goods Transportation Designations Table (FGTS) as category T1 (statewide Strategic Freight Corridor carrying more than 10 million tons of freight per year)  
<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/NR/rdonlyres/3CF227DF-C152-440D-AD0E-4BADDDB8C470/0/0208FGTS2007Final.pdf>
- b. Highest concentration of employment centers for each of the Puget Sound Regional Council’s Regional Employment Clusters mapped categories for ‘number of jobs’ in each for the Puget Sound Regional Council’s Regional Employment Clusters (see maps on page 77+ of  
[http://www.prosperitypartnership.org/strategy/v2\\_pt3.pdf](http://www.prosperitypartnership.org/strategy/v2_pt3.pdf))
- c. Central Puget Sound Manufacturing and Industrial Center, as identified by the Puget Sound Regional Council  
<http://www.psrc.org/publications/pubs/trends/e13mar03.pdf>

We have discussed this proposal with each of the Basin Technical Committees and asked for their comments. We believe that this proposal is responsive to the Advisory Committee’s request, and addresses the regional economic benefits from protecting employment centers, distribution centers, and freight corridors from flooding. Further, the proposed evaluation criteria use existing information from the Puget Sound Regional Council and the Washington State Department of Transportation that is already in use by each of the jurisdictions for other purposes.