

General Multicounty Planning Policies

This initial set of five general policies addresses coordination, monitoring, and fiscal challenges and opportunities — topics which are overarching and have implications for all of the other policy sections.

Coordination. A key feature of the Growth Management Act is its emphasis on coordinating planning, especially where there are common borders or related regional issues (RCW 36.70A.100). To that end, VISION 2040 addresses coordination among various local, regional, state, federal, and tribal planning agencies in the four-county region. Planning at all levels of government plays an important role in ensuring implementation of VISION 2040, along with cooperation among various agencies and organizations.

The Growth Management Act calls for local plans in the central Puget Sound region to be updated next in 2011 and at seven-year increments beyond that. To ensure that countywide planning policies provide context and meaningful guidance to local jurisdictions in implementing VISION 2040, a timeframe is provided for updating countywide policies.

Monitoring. An important part of VISION 2040 is monitoring its implementation and performance. Monitoring includes tracking action on agreed-upon steps, measuring progress over time, and determining whether the region is achieving desired results.

Fiscal Opportunities and Challenges. Local jurisdictions, state and county governments, transit agencies, and other service providers are constantly challenged to find the revenues necessary to maintain and operate services and facilities and to fund and develop new facilities to serve growth.

VISION 2040 recognizes the critical importance of creating and maintaining sufficient infrastructure to accommodate the *Regional Growth Strategy*. This is a goal that is shared among the jurisdictions of the region, and local governments share in its implementation. Implementation of various multicounty policies and actions requires financial resources from all levels of government to provide and maintain services and facilities. This includes funding for programs and projects to restore and protect the environment.

A number of resources already exist among city and county governments, as well as at the regional and state levels. More resources will be needed to serve the region's expected population and employment growth. It will be essential to coordinate the provision of needed infrastructure with various sources of funding — including both existing and new money. That funding will need to continue to come from a variety of federal, state, county, and private sources. Jurisdictions will need to take full advantage of various existing resource options, and the region will need to work with its local governments to approach the state about providing new funding tools.

Tribes in the Region

The region's tribal governments are key players in planning for the future. As sovereign nations, tribes are not required to plan under the Growth Management Act. However, the Act recognizes the importance of coordination and cooperation with the tribes regarding environmental planning, land use, economic development, and the provision of services. The federally recognized tribes located in the central Puget Sound region are listed below.

King County.....	Muckleshoot Indian Tribe Snoqualmie Tribe
Kitsap County.....	Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe Suquamish Tribe
Pierce County.....	Puyallup Tribe of Indians
Snohomish County	The Tulalip Tribes Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe Stillaguamish Indian Tribe

POLICIES

MPP-G-1 Coordinate planning efforts among jurisdictions, agencies, and federally recognized Indian tribes where there are common borders or related regional issues, to facilitate a common vision.

MPP-G-2 Update countywide planning policies, where necessary, prior to December 31, 2010, to address the multi-county planning policies in VISION 2040.

MPP-G-3 Monitor implementation of VISION 2040 to evaluate progress in achieving the regional growth strategy, as well as the environment, development patterns, housing, economy, transportation, and public services provisions.

MPP-G-4 Explore new and existing sources of funding for services and infrastructure, recognizing that such funding is vital if local governments are to achieve the regional vision.

MPP-G-5 Identify and develop changes to regulatory, pricing, taxing, and expenditure practices, and other fiscal tools within the region to implement the vision.

VISION 2040 ACTIONS

The following VISION 2040 actions have been developed to help implement the general policies. Detailed information on specific measures that will be used to monitor implementation and performance is contained in *Part IV: Implementation*.

REGIONAL ACTIONS

Develop an Outreach Program: G-Action-1

The Puget Sound Regional Council will develop an outreach program for VISION 2040 that is designed to communicate to member jurisdictions and the public. The program will include an overview brochure describing VISION 2040.

- Short-term / MPP-G-1
- Results and Products: *outreach program, overview brochure*

Refine Monitoring Program: G-Action-2

The Puget Sound Regional Council will convene an interjurisdictional advisory group to evaluate possible additional measures and potential expansion of the regional monitoring effort.

- Short-term / MPP-G-3
- Results and Products: *recommendations for additional and refined measures*

Investigate Funding Sources: G-Action-3

The Puget Sound Regional Council, together with its member jurisdictions, shall investigate existing and new sources of funding for facilities and services — including natural resource planning and open space — to assist local governments as they accommodate growth and future development. Explore options to develop incentives for jurisdictions that take advantage of various funding mechanisms.

- Short-term / MPP-G-4, 5
- Results and Products: *information on new or expanded funding of infrastructure, technical assistance to help local jurisdictions utilize existing and new funding for services and infrastructure*

Communicate VISION 2040 to State Agencies and the Legislature: G-Action-4

The Puget Sound Regional Council will relay the goals and objectives of the regional vision to state agencies and the Legislature, in order to promote changes in funding criteria to ensure that investments in facilities and services advance the regional vision.

- Short-term / MPP-G-4, 5
- Results and Products: *letter (or other reporting) to Legislature and state agencies*