

Part 2: Model VISION 2040 Statement

...to be included in policy document, local comprehensive plan, or agency plan

VISION 2040 calls for countywide planning policies, local comprehensive plans, and transit agency plans to include a brief report or statement of how the plan addresses VISION 2040's multicounty planning policies and conformity to relevant planning requirements in the Growth Management Act (see VISION 2040 / Part IV: Implementation).

Such a statement could be as brief as a few paragraphs or could be longer and more in-depth. At a minimum the statement should address:

- (1) A sustainable approach to planning
- (2) Aligning with the *Regional Growth Strategy*
- (3) Consistency with the overall policy direction and goals in the Multicounty Planning Policies.
- (4) Implementation actions in countywide planning efforts and/or local comprehensive plans geared to advance the actions and tasks included in VISION 2040.

Note: The inclusion of a VISION 2040 statement in your policy document or plan is intended to inform users of the plan of its relationship to VISION 2040 and coordinated regional planning efforts. However, the statement itself does not establish that the provisions in the policies or plan have been certified. The policy document or plan still must be reviewed and formally certified by the Puget Sound Regional Council after it has been adopted.

EXAMPLE OF A MODEL STATEMENT

A model of how such a statement might appear is shown on the following page.



EXAMPLE:

Our city's comprehensive plan advances a sustainable approach to growth and future development. We have incorporated a systems approach to planning and decision-making that addresses protection of the natural environment. The plan commits to maintaining and restoring ecosystems, through steps to conserve key habitats, clean up polluted waterways, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The plan includes provisions that ensure that a healthy environment remains available for future generations in our city.

Our city's comprehensive plan has been updated based on residential and employment targets that align with VISION 2040. Through the targeting process we have identified the number of housing units in the city for the year 2031. We have also established an affordable housing goal for this planning period. Residential and employment targets have also been identified for our designated regional growth center.

The comprehensive plan addresses each of the policy areas in VISION 2040. We have policies that address habitat protection, water conservation, air quality, and climate change. We advance environmentally friendly development techniques, such as low-impact landscaping. Our plan calls for more compact urban development and includes design guidelines for mixed-use and transit-oriented development. There are directives to prioritize funding and investments to our regional growth center. The housing element commits to expanding housing production at all income levels to meet the diverse needs of both current and future residents. We have an economic development element in the plan that supports creating jobs, investing in all people, creating great communities, and maintaining a high quality of life. Our transportation element advances cleaner and more sustainable mobility, with provisions for complete streets, green streets, and context-sensitive design. We have programs and strategies that advance alternatives to driving alone. We coordinate our transportation planning with neighboring jurisdictions, including our level-of-service standards and concurrency provisions. We commit to conservation methods in the provision of public services.

The comprehensive plan also addresses local implementation actions in VISION 2040, including identification of underused lands, mode-split goals for our designed center, and housing targets.