

Meeting Summary

REGIONAL STAFF COMMITTEE

March 15, 2007

9:30 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

MEMBERS and ALTERNATES

Bill Trimm, Mill Creek (Co-Chair)

Leonard Bauer, CTED

Linda Bentley, Kitsap Co.

Stephanie, Bowman, Port of Tacoma

Steve Butler, SeaTac

Allan Giffen, Everett

Mark Gulbranson, PSRC (Co-Chair)

Will Hall, Snohomish Co.

Tom Hauger, Seattle

Shane Hope, Mountlake Terrace

Paul Ingrham, Bellevue

Tracy Krawczyk, Seattle

Rob Odle, Redmond

Alex Pietsch, Renton

Ron Posthuma, King Co.

Eric Shields, Kirkland

Steve Thomsen,

Snohomish County

Chip Vincent, Pierce Co.

Karen Wolf, King County

OTHERS

Norman Abbott, PSRC

Steve Atkinson, PSRC

Ben Bakkenta, PSRC

Larry Blain, PSRC

Charlie Howard, PSRC

Diana Lauderbach, PSRC

Megan Marston, PSRC

Robin McClelland, PSRC

Carol Naito, PSRC

Rocky Piro, PSRC

Jim Rogers, Kitsap Co.

Eric Schinfeld, PSRC

Yorik Stevens-Wajda,

PSRC

MEETING SUMMARY

Bill Trimm, Regional Staff Committee Chair, opened the meeting. There were no citizen comments.

Mr. Trimm reported on the Growth Management Policy Board's March 8th meeting. Seattle Councilmember Peter Steinbrueck provided a presentation on the South Lake Union Urban Growth Center and plans for turning the area into a sustainability district. Action by the PSRC to designate it as a center will take place in April – South Lake Union will become the region's 26th regional growth center.

Eric Schinfeld briefed the Committee on the Economic Development District's March 14th Board Meeting. Currently, the Washington Research Council is working on preliminary tax data for the Tax Reform Effort. The Higher Education Proposal to increase Bachelor's degrees in Math and Science passed through the Senate. A Washington Clean Technology Event will be held on March 29th. Eric also invited Regional Staff Committee members to participate with a task force that will be working over the next several months on affordable housing issues. Eric can be contacted at eschinfeld@psrc.org.

Diana Lauderbach discussed the Draft Budget and Work Program for Fiscal Years 2008-2009. The proposed budget is \$4.1 million less than the previous biennium's budget, and will be addressed by reducing consultant-related work. Each of the PSRC boards has reviewed the draft budget. The budget will be submitted for approval to the General Assembly on April 5th.

Robin McClelland mentioned that several open houses will be held throughout the region this August to discuss the VISION Update with the general public. PSRC staff has agreed to also

begin outreaches to member jurisdictions and interest groups in advance of the formal public comment period. Norman Abbott noted that the comment period will begin in mid-July and extend to September 7th.

The major work item for the Committee was the review of draft actions relating to the public services section of the VISION Update. See the *Attachment* for more detailed notes on the revisions and additions proposed at the meeting.

Ben Bakkenta introduced the Committee to work that will be coming back at the April meeting concerning measures that are to be included in the VISION Update. Committee members encouraged PSRC staff to keep the measures as simple as possible.

Rocky Piro briefed the Committee on a proposal to revise the names of the different types of center places addressed in the VISION Update. The Committee will work more on that effort in April.

Committee members were reminded to sign up for the 2007 General Assembly on April 5th at the Westin Hotel in Seattle. Please register with Sylvia Nelson at snelson@psrc.org. The business meeting begins at 3:30 p.m., followed by a no-host reception at 5:30 p.m. The dinner and VISION 2020 Awards ceremony begins at 6:30 p.m.

The Regional Staff Committee meeting adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

The next Regional Staff Committee will be held on:
Thursday, April 19th
Regional Council Conference Room
9:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

Scheduled Topics: (1) Measures, (2) continued discussion of proposed VISION Update implementation actions, (3) centers terms, (4) naming the VISION.

Attachment: VISION Update – Draft Actions for Public Services (with Regional Staff Committee proposed revisions)

Public Services and Facilities Actions

Regional Level

Special Service Districts

The Puget Sound Regional Council, on behalf of its member jurisdictions, will communicate to the Legislature that special service districts should be required to comply with the Growth Management Act. (short-term) (PS-2, 4, 6, 21)

Water Supply

The Puget Sound Regional Council will determine its role in addressing regional water issues – including water supply. (mid-term) (PS-12 through 15)

Energy Supply – Conservation

The Puget Sound Regional Council will relay to energy providers the goals and objectives of the regional vision. Providers are encouraged to convey tools and practices relating to energy supply and conservation to local jurisdiction planning purposes. (short-term) (PS-12-15)

Fiscal – Funding Sources

The Puget Sound Regional Council, together with its member jurisdictions, shall investigate existing and new sources of funding for facilities and services to assist local governments as they accommodate growth and future development. (short-term) (PS-25, 26)

Fiscal – Streamlining Funding

The Puget Sound Regional Council will relay to state agencies and the Legislature the goals and objectives of the regional vision, in order to address useful changes in funding criteria to ensure that investments in facilities and services advance the regional vision. (short-term) (PS-25, 26)

Local Level

Regional Staff Committee Comments (March 15, 2007)

Address need for Legislative change to bring special service districts under the Growth Management Act.

Action should focus on communicating with energy providers about the vision. The providers already provide information to individual households and users – request that they also provide information to local governments.

Special Service Districts – Coordinated Planning

Counties, in their review of special service districts' plans, will identify any inconsistencies in the plans with local growth management goals and objectives, as well as the regional vision. As part of this review, counties, in consultation with pertinent cities, will work with special service districts to provide guidance for facilities and service planning to ensure that districts develop long-range plans that implement the regional vision. (short-term) (PS-2, 4, 6, 21)

Have counties incorporate into their review of special district plans an assessment of any inconsistencies in these districts' plans with growth management and regional planning objectives.

Facilities – Siting and Design

Counties and cities will collaborate with special service districts to review the districts' location and design criteria for new schools, libraries, and other such public facilities – to ensure that growth management goals and the regional vision are addressed. (short-term) (PS-21, 22)

Specify which criteria are being addressed in this action.

Facilities – Coordination

Counties and cities will collaborate with special service districts to identify opportunities for co-location of facilities and services – such as parks adjacent to schools. (short-term) (PS-2, 4, 6, 21)

Address co-location of complementary facilities.

Facilities – Coordinated Planning and Programming

Counties and cities, will submit a consistency assessment of their capital facilities programming processes to the Regional Council as part of the Policy and Plan Review process. This assessment should address consistency of capital improvement programs and facility plans with adopted growth management objectives, the comprehensive plan, and the regional vision. The Puget Sound Regional Council will provide guidance and assistance. (short-term, ongoing) (PS-1, 2, 3, 23)

Express more proactively and clarify the product and/or process.