



Puget Sound Regional Council

Growth Management Policy Board

Thursday, April 7, 2022 • 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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1. Call to Order (10:00) - Councilmember Ed Prince, Chair

2. Communications and Public Comment

3. Report of the Chair

4. Director's Report

5. Consent Agenda (10:15)

- a. Approve Minutes of Growth Management Policy Board Meeting held March 3, 2022

6. Action Item (10:20)

- a. Recommend Certification of Canyon Park RGC Subarea Plan -- *Maggie Moore, PSRC*

7. Action Item (10:35)

- a. Recommend Certification of Snohomish County Countywide Planning Policies --
Liz Underwood-Bultmann, PSRC

8. Discussion Item (10:50)

- a. Regional Transit-Oriented Development Committee Update -- *Laura Benjamin, PSRC*

9. Discussion Item (11:10)

- a. Conservation Toolkit for Protecting Farms, Forests, Open Space, and Rural Lands
-- *Erika Harris, PSRC*

10. Discussion Item (11:30)

- a. Puget Sound Data Trends -- *Craig Helmann, PSRC*

11. Information Item

- a. General Assembly Save the Date Flyer

12. Next Meeting: May 5, 2022, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Major Topics for May:

Legislative Session Recap

VISION 2050 Implementation

2024 Plan Updates

Save the Dates:

General Assembly - May 26, 2022, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Joint Board Session on Implicit Bias - June 23, 2022, 10:00 - 11:30 AM

13. Adjourn (12:00)

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Puget Sound Regional Council

MINUTES

Growth Management Policy Board

March 3, 2022

Hybrid Meeting

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Chair Prince.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

None provided at the meeting. Staff noted that written public comments regarding Black Diamond's comprehensive plan were included in the meeting packet.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Prince announced the appointment of Snohomish County Council Chair Megan Dunn as Vice Chair of the Growth Management Policy Board.

Chair Prince welcomed new board members and alternates:

- Councilmember Sarah Perry and Councilmember Dave Upthegrove are the new members representing King County.
- For Other Cities & Towns in Kitsap County, Councilmember Jon Quitslund of City of Bainbridge Island is the new member and Councilmember Jay Rosapepe of City of Port Orchard is the new alternate.
- For Other Cities & Towns in Snohomish County, Mayor Pro Tem Bryan Wahl of Mountlake Terrace has moved from alternate to member. Mayor Pro Tem Stephanie Vignal of Mill Creek and Councilmember Erin Murray of Mountlake Terrace will serve as alternates.
- For Thurston Regional Planning Council, Helen Wheatley has moved from alternate to member and Mayor Joe DePinto of Yelm is the new alternate.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director of Growth Management Paul Inghram welcomed new board members and alternates. Mr. Inghram announced that at the request of the City of Black Diamond,

the certification of their comprehensive plan was not included on this month's agenda. Mr. Inghram highlighted the two information items in the agenda packet – the VISION 2050 Award Nomination flyer and the General Assembly save the date flyer. General Assembly is scheduled as a hybrid event for May 26, 2022, from 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve Minutes of Growth Management Policy Board Meeting held February 3, 2022

ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Wahl/Buxton) to adopt the Consent Agenda. Motion passed.

RECOMMEND CERTIFICATION OF THE FEDERICKSON MIC SUBAREA PLAN

Senior Planner Maggie Moore provided an overview of regional centers and the plan certification process. Ms. Moore highlighted the work Pierce County has put into the subarea plan including the preservation of industrial land and encouragement of new growth, encouraging the use of new technologies and strategies that minimize impacts, and acknowledgement of surrounding community and mitigation of impacts.

ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Wahl/Robinson) to recommend the Executive Board certify that the Frederickson MIC subarea plan addresses planning expectations for regional manufacturing/industrial centers. Motion passed.

REGIONAL HOUSING STRATEGY UPDATE

Senior Planner Laura Benjamin updated the board on the Regional Housing Strategy. The Executive Board and Equity Advisory Committee reviewed the strategy and provided additional input. The Executive Board adopted the strategy on February 24, 2022. Ms. Benjamin highlighted three key projects slated for early implementation are monitoring, developing typology, and supporting the plan review updates.

OUTREACH AND SUPPORT FOR 2024 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATES

Senior Planner Maggie Moore provided an overview of the plan review process and the timeline for the local comprehensive plan updates. Support PSRC will be providing includes the plan review manual, survey, webinar, workshops with Washington State Department of Commerce and MRSC, and meeting one-on-one or presenting at council meetings.

NEXT MEETING

Chair Prince announced the next meeting is scheduled for April 7, 2022.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

Attachments:

March 3, 2022, GMPB Attendance Roster

Growth Management Policy Board - March 3, 2022							
Voting Members			✓	Non-voting Members			✓
King County	2	CM Sarah Perry	1	Associate Members			
		CM Dave Uptegrove	1	Alderwood Water and Wastewater District	1	COM Paul McIntyre	
						Dick McKinley Alt 1	
Seattle	2	CM Andrew Lewis	1	Thurston Regional Planning Council	1	Helen Wheatley	1
		CM Dan Strauss				MYR Joe DePinto, Yelm	
		CM Tammy Morales Alt		Public Agency Members			
Bellevue	1	Mayor Lynne Robinson	1	Commerce	1	Dave Andersen	
		DM Jared Nieuwenhuis Alt				Mark Barkley Alt	
Cities/Towns	3	DM Traci Buxton, Des Moines	1	PSRC Committees			
		CM Tola Marts, Issaquah Alt	1	Regional Staff Cmte.	1	Andrea Spencer, Bremerton	1
		CM Ed Prince, Renton - Chair	1			Chip Vincent, Renton Alt	
		CP Jessica Forsythe, Redmond Alt	x	Private/Civic Members-Business/Labor			
		CM Phillippa Kassover, Lake Forest Park Alt		Master Builders of King and Snohomish Counties	1	Jennifer Anderson	1
		MYR Mason Thompson, Bothell Alt	x				
Kitsap County	1	COM Ed Wolfe		Natural and Built Environments	1	Angela Rozmyn	1
		COM Charlotte Garrido Alt				Robert Pantley Alt	x
Bremerton	1	MYR Greg Wheeler	1	Seattle Children's	1	Edna Shim	1
		CP Michael Goodnow Alt				Victoria Cleator Alt	
Cities/Towns	1	CM Jon Quitslund, Bainbridge Isl	1	Private/Civic Members-Community/Environment			
		CM Joe Rosapepe, Port Orchard Alt		Futurewise	1	Alex Brennan	
Pierce County	1	CM Hans Zeiger	1			Tiernan Martin Alt	1
		CM Ryan Mello Alt		Housing Development Consortium - Seattle/King Co.	1	Patience Malaba	1
Tacoma	1	CM Joe Bushnell	1	Metro Parks Tacoma	1	Debbie Terwilleger	
		CM Sarah Rumbaugh, Alt					
Cities & Towns	1	DM Ned Witting, Puyallup	1				
		MYR Joshua Penner, Orting Alt		Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department	1	Dr. Anthony Chen, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department	1
Snohomish County	1	CM Megan Dunn - Vice Chair	1			Dr. Gib Morrow, Kitsap Public Health District Alt	x
		CM Jared Mead Alt		Non Voting	11		8
Everett	1	CM Mary Fosse	1				
Cities/Towns	1	MYR Pro Tem Brian Wahl, Mountlake Terrace	1				
		MYR Pro Tem Stephanie Vignal, Mill Creek 1st Alt	x				
		CM Erin Murray, Mountlake Terrace 2nd Alt	x				
Federally Recognized Tribes							
Muckleshoot Indian Tribe	1	Vacant					
Puyallup Tribe of Indians	1	Andrew Strobel					
		Jennifer Keating Alt					
Suquamish Tribe	1	Rob Purser				Abbreviations	
		Thomas Ostrom Alt				CM Councilmember	
Statutory Members						COM Commissioner	
Ports	1	COM Fred Felleman, Seattle				CP Council President	
		COM Don Meyer, Tacoma Alt 1				DM Deputy Mayor	
						MYR Mayor	
WSDOT	1	Robin Mayhew	1			1 = Member for Meeting	
		JoAnn Schueler, Alt 1				X = Alternate for Meeting	
		Azim Sheikh-Taheri, Alt 2					
Voting	22	(Quorum = 11) Quorum Total	16				

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Attachment: March 3, 2022, GMPB Attendance Roster (3386 : March 3, 2022, GMPB Minutes)

GUESTS AND PSRC/STAFF PRESENT - All Attendees Remote
(As determined by staff.)

Laura Benjamin, PSRC
Carolyn Downs, PSRC
Courtney, closed captioner
Aaron Hallenberg, Pierce County
Erika Harris, PSRC
Paul Inghram, PSRC
Kathryn Johnson, PSRC
Thara Johnson, City of Bellevue
Piset Khuon, PSRC
Kristin Mitchell, PSRC
Zoë Mullendore, King County
Liz Underwood-Bultmann, PSRC



Puget Sound Regional Council

ACTION ITEM

March 31, 2022

To: Growth Management Policy Board

From: Paul Inghram, Director of Growth Management

Subject: **Recommend Certification of Canyon Park RGC Subarea Plan**

IN BRIEF

Consistent with PSRC's adopted plan review process, PSRC staff recommends certification of the subarea plan for the Canyon Park regional growth center. The certification report (Attachment A) further describes how the plan meets applicable requirements.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Growth Management Policy Board and Transportation Policy Board should:

Recommend that the Executive Board certify that the Canyon Park Regional Growth Center subarea plan addresses planning expectations for regional growth centers.

DISCUSSION

A major emphasis of the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA) is the need to coordinate local, regional, and state planning efforts. Within the central Puget Sound region, local governments and the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) have worked together to develop an overall process for reviewing local, countywide, regional, and transit agency policies and plans for compatibility and consistency.

VISION 2050 directs jurisdictions with regional growth centers and/or manufacturing/industrial centers to develop subarea plans for those centers (DP-Action-8 and p. 80). This expectation has been in place since the PSRC Executive Board adopted its Plan Review Process in 2003 and is required for designation of new regional

centers under the Designation Procedures for New Centers and the Regional Centers Framework. VISION 2050, the Regional Transportation Plan, and the Adopted Policy and Plan Review Process call for PSRC to review and certify subarea plans of jurisdictions with designated regional centers.¹

The Regional Centers Framework Update calls for review of centers in 2025, following local plan updates. All regional centers are expected to have subarea plans adopted and updated to be consistent with the Framework and VISION 2050 by that time. Certification of a subarea plan now affirms the planning work for the regional center is consistent with VISION 2050 and is an opportunity to identify any additional planning work required by 2025.

At this board meeting, staff will present the following subarea plan certification report for the Canyon Park regional growth center for board consideration. The Canyon Park regional growth center is located in the Snohomish County portion of Bothell and was designated by PSRC in 1995. The subarea plan seeks to leverage regional transit investments to continue developing a multifaceted neighborhood with a diverse mix of housing, office, retail, and public space. The subarea plan includes an amendment to the center boundary to remove natural areas and include nearby activity centers.

PSRC staff reviewed the subarea plan and find that it addresses the planning expectations for regional centers. PSRC staff coordinated with city staff in the review of the plan and drafting of the certification report. The Regional Centers Framework (2018) calls for review of centers and center planning again in 2025, and PSRC may provide additional comments or guidance for center planning as part of that work.

For more information, contact Maggie Moore, Senior Planner, at 206-464-6171 or mmoore@psrc.org.

Attachments:

A - Canyon Park RGC Subarea Certification Report

¹ The specific requirements for center planning are provided in [PSRC's Plan Review Manual](#), and the process is also described in [VISION 2050: Implementation](#). Certification of the jurisdiction's comprehensive plan for consistency with the regional transportation plan, regionally established guidelines and policies, and Growth Management Act requirements for transportation planning is completed through a separate board action.

REGIONAL GROWTH CENTER PLAN REVIEW CERTIFICATION REPORT



CITY OF BOTHELL, CANYON PARK SUBAREA PLAN

MARCH 31, 2022

CANYON PARK SUBAREA PLAN

The Canyon Park Regional Growth Center is located in the Snohomish County portion of Bothell and was designated as a regional growth center by PSRC in 1995. The subarea plan seeks to leverage regional transit investments to continue developing a multifaceted neighborhood with a diverse mix of housing, office, retail, and public space. The subarea plan includes an amendment to the center boundary to remove natural areas from and include nearby activity centers. This reduces the overall center size by 93 acres meeting PSRC's maximum size recommendation of 640 acres for urban centers.

REGIONAL CENTERS CERTIFICATION

VISION 2050 directs jurisdictions with regional growth centers and/or manufacturing/industrial centers to develop subarea plans for those centers (DP-Action-8 and p. 80). This expectation has been in place since the PSRC Executive Board adopted its Plan Review Process in 2003 and is required for designation of new regional centers under the Designation Procedures for New Centers and the Regional Centers Framework. VISION 2050, the Regional Transportation Plan, and the Adopted Policy and Plan Review Process call for PSRC to review and certify subarea planning efforts of jurisdictions with designated regional centers.¹

The [Regional Centers Framework Update](#) calls for review of centers in 2025, following local plan updates. All regional centers are expected to have subarea plans adopted and updated to be consistent with the Framework and VISION 2050 by that time. Certification of a subarea plan now affirms the planning work for the regional center is consistent with VISION 2050 and is an opportunity to identify any additional planning work required by 2025.

CERTIFICATION RECOMMENDATION

Staff reviewed the subarea plan and found that the plan is consistent with the VISION Consistency Tool for Regional Growth Center Plans. The following action is recommended to the PSRC Growth Management Policy Board, Transportation Policy Board, and Executive Board:

The Puget Sound Regional Council certifies that the Canyon Park Subarea Plan addresses planning expectations for regional growth centers.

The remainder of this report contains a summary of the PSRC review of the Canyon Park Subarea Plan. Under each heading, the scope of the certification review, as guided by the [Plan Review Manual](#) and the [VISION 2050 Consistency Tool for Regional Growth Center Plans](#), is listed in high-level bullets. Discussion in each topic area highlights exemplary provisions of the plan, as well as issues identified through the certification review where future work on the part of the city may more fully address VISION 2050, the Regional Transportation Plan, and center planning requirements.

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REVIEW OF REGIONAL GROWTH CENTER PLANNING

BACKGROUND

The success of regional centers lies at the heart of VISION 2050 and the Regional Growth Strategy, and jurisdictions with regionally designated centers are expected to conduct subarea planning for these areas. Subarea planning efforts are reviewed for consistency with the VISION 2050 Consistency Tool for Regional Growth Center Plans. The review contained in this section follows the format and content established in this tool, covering the seven major categories (center plan concept/regional collaboration, environment and climate change, land use/development patterns, housing, economy, transportation, and public services).

Center Plan Concept (Vision)/Regional Collaboration

SCOPE OF REVIEW

The VISION 2050 Consistency Tool for Regional Growth Center Plans calls for subarea plans to address the following center concepts:

Vision for the center, including a commitment to compact, pedestrian and transit-oriented development.

Identification of the area designated as a regional center and relationship to other plans.

A market analysis of the center's development potential.

Equitable engagement process with community and relevant stakeholders.

Coordination with tribes, ports, military installations, and special purpose districts, and adjacent jurisdictions.

Prioritization of services and access to opportunity for people of color, people with low incomes, and historically underserved communities.

Prioritization of local investments in the center.

DISCUSSION: EXEMPLARY PLAN PROVISIONS

The Canyon Park Subarea Plan effectively addresses the center concept provisions of the VISION Consistency Tool. Highlights include:

- ☒ The plan envisions the center as an economic driver for the region with a diverse mix of uses serving both residents from Bothell and members of the larger region.
- ☒ The innovative community engagement process conducted with a student group from UW Bothell to engage with small business owners and cultural anchors in the city strengthens the work on affordable commercial spaces.
- ☒ The plan assesses the market potential of the center and includes policies to support economic growth.

DISCUSSION: AREAS FOR FURTHER WORK

The certification review did not identify any major areas for improvement of the plan to better align with regional centers expectations on center concept.

Environment and Climate Change

SCOPE OF REVIEW

The VISION 2050 Consistency Tool for Regional Growth Center Plans calls for subarea plans to address the following center concepts:

- Critical/environmentally sensitive areas**, including inventories and relevant policies and programs.
- Parks and open space**, including public spaces and civic places, and provisions to encourage accessible open space.
- Innovative stormwater management** policies and programs.
- Air pollution and greenhouse gas emission reduction** policies and programs.
- Avoidance and/or mitigation of environmental impacts** for vulnerable populations.
- Electric transportation infrastructure**, such as charging stations for industrial equipment.
- Retrofitting of existing buildings** to reduce building energy use.
- Minimize gaps in equitable access** to parks and open spaces.

DISCUSSION: EXEMPLARY PLAN PROVISIONS

The Canyon Park Subarea Plan effectively addresses the environment and climate change provisions of the VISION Consistency Tool. Highlights include:

- ☒ The plan includes strategies to protect, restore, and enhance wetlands throughout the center. Highlighting the North Creek Trail as an amenity will preserve this natural resource as development occurs.
- ☒ The plan recognizes the role of land use and development on greenhouse gas emissions. It calls for the application of building design standards to reduce emissions and encourage energy and water efficient development.
- ☒ The plan includes “through-block connections” that will be applied to site plan applications as proposed development occurs. These include alley design, woonerf, and landscaped and urban-passage ways intended to facilitate multimodal transportation methods through the center.

DISCUSSION: AREAS FOR FURTHER WORK

The city should address the following comments through future amendments or implementation steps for the Canyon Park Subarea Plan or Comprehensive Plan:

- ☐ Encouraging multimodal transportation methods, such as electric bikes and scooters, provides multiple ways for employees, residents, and visitors to get around. Identifying additional implementation steps for expanding charging infrastructure will be important for expanding electric transportation modes and supporting more opportunities for transportation options.

Land Use/Development Patterns

SCOPE OF REVIEW

The VISION 2050 Consistency Tool for Regional Growth Center Plans calls for subarea plans to address the following center concepts:

- Defined boundaries and shape for the center** that are compact and easily walkable. Residential and employment growth targets that accommodate a significant share of the jurisdiction’s growth, as well as residential densities and building intensities with capacity to accommodate these levels of growth.
- Mix, distribution and location of existing and future land uses** described and mapped. Encourage a mix of complementary uses.

Design standards for pedestrian-friendly, transit-oriented development and other transit-supportive planning that orients land uses around transit.

Center's role in achieving VISION 2050's goal of attracting 65% of regional population growth and 75% of employment growth to centers and high-capacity transit station areas

DISCUSSION: EXEMPLARY PLAN PROVISIONS

The Canyon Park Subarea Plan effectively addresses the land use/development pattern provisions of the VISION Consistency Tool. Highlights include:

- ☒ Thoughtful land use planning and zoning code amendments support the transition of Canyon Park from an auto-oriented center to a place with nodes of walkable, transit-oriented mixed-use development and employment.
- ☒ The updated growth targets, along with the reduced center boundary, in the plan are consistent with criteria for Urban Regional Growth Centers in the Regional Centers Framework.

DISCUSSION: AREAS FOR FURTHER WORK

The city should address the following comments through future amendments or implementation steps for the Canyon Park Subarea Plan or Comprehensive Plan:

- ☐ It is great to see the city working with both King and Snohomish counties on growth targets. It will be important for Bothell to update growth targets for the regional growth center when local comprehensive plan is updated in 2024. Updating center growth targets is an important step in the planning process and should be done early to inform policy decisions on how to accommodate additional growth. Updated center growth targets should be consistent with the city's overall targets and demonstrate that a significant share of growth is being accommodated in the center.

Housing

SCOPE OF REVIEW

The VISION 2050 Consistency Tool for Regional Growth Center Plans calls for subarea plans to address the following center concepts:

Existing and targeted housing units by type, affordability, and special needs housing.

Tailored provisions for a variety of housing types, affordable housing, and special housing needs.

Implementation strategies for addressing housing targets and goals.

Reduce the risk of residential displacement.

DISCUSSION: EXEMPLARY PLAN PROVISIONS

The Canyon Park Subarea Plan effectively addresses many of the economic provisions of the VISION Consistency Tool. Highlights include:

- ☒ The plan promotes the development of a diverse range of market rate and affordable housing that will help the center develop more housing to develop into the mixed-use center that supports regional goals.
- ☒ The plan includes strategies, such as mandatory affordability requirements, to meet housing affordability needs.

DISCUSSION: AREAS FOR FURTHER WORK

The city should address the following comments through future amendments or implementation steps for the Regional Manufacturing/Industrial Center Subarea Plan or Comprehensive Plan:

- ☐ The [Regional Centers Framework](#) requires that all regional growth centers have a goal for a minimum of at least 15% planned residential activity in the center to ensure a healthy mix of uses. Canyon Park is primarily an employment center today, but the plan identifies strategies to encourage more residential development

over time. The city should aggressively promote housing to work towards achieving this residential development as part of the implementation of the Canyon Park Subarea Plan to ensure a center with mixed uses.

- Although there not a significant residential population in the center today, it will still be important for the city to consider residential displacement as the center continues to grow over the 20-year timeframe of the plan. The work the city has put into developing anti-displacement strategies for local immigrant and BIPOC businesses is a great model for developing future anti-displacement housing strategies.

Economy

SCOPE OF REVIEW

The VISION 2050 Consistency Tool for Regional Growth Center Plans calls for subarea plans to address the following center concepts:

Key sectors and industry clusters in the center.

Reduce the risk of commercial displacement.

Expand access to economic opportunity.

DISCUSSION: EXEMPLARY PLAN PROVISIONS

The Canyon Park Subarea Plan effectively addresses many of the economic provisions of the VISION Consistency Tool. Highlights include:

- ☑ The emphasis on retaining affordable and flexible commercial spaces in the center demonstrates the city's commitment to expanding access to opportunity for individuals who own or work at businesses of different sizes.
- ☑ Action to help prevent commercial displacement as the center redevelops are innovative, and PSRC looks forward to the city's equity analysis to inform implementation of anti-displacement strategies.

DISCUSSION: AREAS FOR FURTHER WORK

The certification review did not identify any major areas for improvement of the plan to better align with regional centers expectations on the economy.

Transportation

SCOPE OF REVIEW

The VISION 2050 Consistency Tool for Regional Growth Center Plans calls for subarea plans to address the following center concepts:

Integrated multimodal network transportation network, including pedestrian and bicycle facilities, as well as linkages to adjacent neighborhoods and districts.

Regional high-capacity transit, local transit and coordination with transit agencies.

Complete street provisions for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit, vehicles, and – where appropriate – freight.

Context-sensitive design provisions for transportation facilities.

Environmentally friendly street treatments (green streets).

Level-of-service standards and concurrency provisions tailored for the center to encourage transit.

Parking management strategy that addresses supply of parking, on-street parking and mitigating effects of parking.

Mode-split goals.

DISCUSSION: EXEMPLARY PLAN PROVISIONS

The Canyon Park Subarea Plan effectively addresses many of the transportation provisions of the VISION Consistency Tool. Highlights include:

- ☒ Investments in transit, pedestrian and bicycle systems, and mixed-use development increase transportation options and help the city achieve the center's mode split goal for 2044.
- ☒ Coordination between the city, Sound Transit, and Community Transit as regional investments in bus rapid transit have potential to significantly increase transportation options for residents, commuters, and visitors to the center

Discussion: Areas for Further Work

The certification review did not identify any major areas for improvement of the plan to better align with regional centers expectations on transportation.

Public Services

SCOPE OF REVIEW

The VISION 2050 Consistency Tool for Regional Growth Center Plans calls for subarea plans to address the following center concepts:

Local capital plans for infrastructure, such as sewer, water, gas, electric and telecommunications, including financing and strategies to ensure facilities are provided consistent with planned growth.

DISCUSSION: EXEMPLARY PLAN PROVISIONS

The Canyon Park Subarea Plan effectively addresses many of the public service provisions of the VISION Consistency Tool. Highlights include:

- ☒ The plan describes existing services and planning provisions along with a goal of anticipating and planning for needed public facilities, services, and infrastructure as the center grows.

DISCUSSION: AREAS FOR FURTHER WORK

The certification review did not identify any major areas for improvement of the plan to better align with center planning expectations on public services.

Conclusion and Next Steps

PSRC thanks the city for working through the plan review and certification process for the center plan. The Canyon Park Subarea Plan effectively address the requirements of the VISION Consistency Tool for Regional Growth Center Plans, demonstrating consistency with VISION 2050, and is recommended for certification. The adopted Regional Centers Framework calls for the review of centers and center plans following the adoption of local plan updates. In 2025, PSRC review will ensure that center plans, center growth targets, and local comprehensive plans have been updated consistent with VISION 2050 and the Regional Centers Framework.

For additional information regarding this certification report, please contact Maggie Moore at mmoore@psrc.org.



Puget Sound Regional Council

ACTION ITEM

March 31, 2022

To: Growth Management Policy Board

From: Paul Inghram, Director of Growth Management

Subject: **Recommend Certification of Snohomish County Countywide Planning Policies**

IN BRIEF

Consistent with PSRC's adopted plan review process, PSRC staff recommends certification of the countywide planning policies for Snohomish County. The certification report (Attachment A) further describes how the policies meets applicable requirements.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Growth Management Policy Board and Transportation Policy Board should:

Recommend that the Executive Board certify that the Countywide Planning Policies for Snohomish County are consistent with the multicounty planning policies and the regional transportation plan.

DISCUSSION

A major emphasis of the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA) is the need to coordinate local, regional, and state planning efforts. Within the central Puget Sound region, local governments and the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) have worked together to develop an overall process for reviewing local, countywide, regional, and transit agency policies and plans for compatibility and consistency.

VISION 2050, the region's long-range plan for growth, calls for countywide planning policies (CPPs) to be updated to address the multicounty planning policies included in VISION 2050 (MPP-RC-13). The adopted Plan Review process calls on PSRC to review the countywide planning policies based on a comparative analysis of countywide

and multicounty planning policies, focusing on policy areas for regional planning identified in the Growth Management Act (RCW 36.70A.210).

Snohomish County adopted a major update to the CPPs in September 2021 (Ordinance 21-059). The CPPs were updated to align with the multicounty planning policies and the Regional Growth Plan in VISION 2050, reflecting local context for the regional policy framework and outlining a countywide vision for the future of Snohomish County and its cities. Notable changes to the policies include direction, across all chapters, to incorporate equity considerations into local comprehensive plans and jurisdictional decision-making. In February 2022, the county adopted 2044 growth targets (Ordinance 22-003) as an appendix to the CPPs to support the 2024 comprehensive plan updates and implement the VISION 2050 Regional Growth Strategy.

The Snohomish County CPPs were updated using the Snohomish County Tomorrow (SCT) planning framework. The CPP Subcommittee consisted of planning staff from SCT jurisdictions, regional and state agencies, and tribes. Following adoption, Snohomish County staff completed the PSRC consistency tool for countywide planning policies and submitted the reporting tool along with a completed set of CPPs.

PSRC staff reviewed the CPPs and find the policies address the multicounty planning policies and the Regional Transportation Plan. PSRC staff coordinated with county staff in the review of the plan and drafting of the certification report.

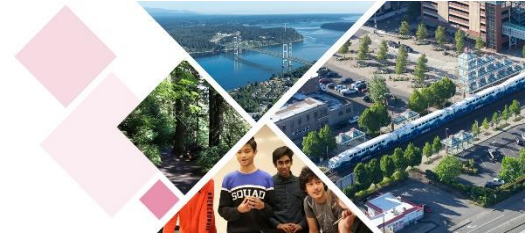
At the April board meeting, PSRC staff will also update the board on progress in other counties to update CPPs and growth targets.

For more information, contact Liz Underwood-Bultmann, Principal Planner, at LUnderwood-Bultmann@psrc.org.

Attachments:

A: Snohomish County CPP Certification Report

COUNTYWIDE PLANNING POLICIES PLAN REVIEW CERTIFICATION REPORT



SNOHOMISH COUNTY

MARCH 31, 2022

BACKGROUND

Snohomish County adopted a major update to the Countywide Planning Policies (CPPS) in September 2021 (Ordinance 21-059). The CPPs were updated to align with the multicounty planning policies and the Regional Growth Plan in VISION 2050, reflecting local context for the regional policy framework and outlining a countywide vision for the future of Snohomish County and its cities. Notable changes to the policies include direction, across all chapters, to incorporate equity considerations into local comprehensive plans and jurisdictional decision-making. In February 2022, the county adopted 2044 growth targets (Ordinance 22-003) as an appendix to the CPPs to support the 2024 comprehensive plan updates and implement the VISION 2050 Regional Growth Strategy.

The Snohomish County CPPs were updated using the Snohomish County Tomorrow (SCT) planning framework. The CPP Subcommittee consisted of planning staff from SCT jurisdictions, regional and state agencies, and tribes. Following adoption, Snohomish County staff completed the PSRC consistency tool for countywide planning policies and submitted the reporting tool along with a completed set of CPPs.

COUNTYWIDE PLANNING POLICIES CERTIFICATION

VISION 2050, the region's long-range plan for growth, calls for countywide planning policies to be updated to address the multicounty planning policies included in VISION 2050 (MPP-RC-13). The adopted Plan Review process calls on PSRC to review the countywide planning policies based on a comparative analysis of countywide and multicounty planning policies, focusing on policy areas for regional planning identified in the Growth Management Act (RCW 36.70A.210). The consistency certification of countywide planning policies and the regional transportation plan is based on a comparative analysis of the adopted countywide transportation-related planning policies and the regional transportation plan (RCW 47.80.023). PSRC coordinated with county staff and reviewed information provided by county staff to prepare this report.

CERTIFICATION RECOMMENDATION

Staff reviewed the countywide planning policies and found that the policies are consistent with the VISION Consistency Tool for Countywide Planning Policies. The following action is recommended to the PSRC Growth Management Policy Board, Transportation Policy Board, and Executive Board:

The Puget Sound Regional Council certifies that the Countywide Planning Policies for Snohomish County are consistent with the multicounty planning policies and the regional transportation plan.

The remainder of this report contains a summary of the PSRC review of the countywide planning policies. Under each heading, the scope of the certification review, as guided by the [Plan Review Manual](#) and the [VISION 2050 Consistency Tool for Countywide Planning Policies](#), is listed in high-level bullets. Discussion in each topic area highlights exemplary provisions of the policies, as well as issues identified through the certification review where future work on the part of the county and its cities may more fully address VISION 2050 and the Regional Transportation Plan requirements.

REVIEW OF COUNTYWIDE PLANNING POLICIES

VISION 2050 emphasizes the value of coordination to achieve shared regional objectives. CPPs complement multicounty planning policies and provide more specific level of detail to guide county and local comprehensive planning. CPPs are reviewed for consistency with the VISION 2050 Consistency Tool for Countywide Planning Policies. The review contained in this section follows the format and content established in this tool, covering the policy chapters in VISION 2050 (regional collaboration, environment, climate change, land use/development patterns, economy, transportation, and public services).

Regional Collaboration

SCOPE OF REVIEW

The VISION 2050 Consistency Tool for Countywide Planning Policies calls for policies to address the following concepts:

- Support joint planning and coordination** among jurisdictions, agencies, tribes, ports, military installations, special purpose districts and adjacent regions.
- Prioritize services and access to opportunity** for people of color, people with low incomes, and historically underserved communities.
- Recognize military installations** and their beneficial impacts and challenges.
- Prioritize transportation investments** to centers and high-capacity transit station areas.
- Promote existing and new funding sources** to implement the regional vision.

DISCUSSION: NOTABLE POLICIES

The Snohomish County CPPs effectively addresses the regional coordination provisions of the VISION Consistency Tool. Highlights include:

- ☒ A robust set of policies emphasizing joint planning and collaboration between the cities and the county. (JP-1 – 7)
- ☒ New policies recognizing the importance of working with Tribal governments and military installations. (JP 6 – 7)
- ☒ Significant focus to incorporate equity and inclusion provisions into the CPPs. New policies and updated goals throughout all topic chapters were added to address all aspects of racial equity and support local implementation.

DISCUSSION: AREAS FOR FURTHER WORK

The certification review did not identify any major areas for improvement to better align with regional expectations on collaboration.

Regional Growth Strategy

SCOPE OF REVIEW

The VISION 2050 Consistency Tool for Countywide Planning Policies calls for policies to address the following concepts:

Implement the regional growth strategy by providing direction for growth targets, including growth in centers and near high-capacity transit, addressing jobs-housing balance, reducing the rate of rural growth, and supporting infill within the urban growth area.

Ensure urban growth area stability and sustainability over the long term.

Include a **process to reconcile discrepancies** between growth targets and local plans.

DISCUSSION: NOTABLE POLICIES

The Snohomish County CPPs effectively addresses the Regional Growth Strategy provisions of the VISION Consistency Tool. Highlights include:

- ☒ Adopted growth targets consistent with the Regional Growth Strategy, supporting significant growth in Metro and Core cities and reducing the rate of rural growth over time. (Appendix B)
- ☒ Policies seek to ensure the long-term stability of the urban growth area over time (DP-1 – 3)

DISCUSSION: AREAS FOR FURTHER WORK

The county and cities should address the following comments through future amendments or implementation steps for the countywide planning policies:

- ☐ Snohomish County is commended for a collaborative process to develop growth targets that implement VISION 2050. VISION 2050 states that PSRC will be looking for substantial consistency with adopted growth targets in certification review. It will be critical for jurisdictions to provide capacity and planning to accommodate growth targets in 2024 comprehensive plan updates. PSRC staff is available to provide assistance as local plans are developed.

Environment

SCOPE OF REVIEW

The VISION 2050 Consistency Tool for Countywide Planning Policies calls for policies to address the following concepts:

Coordinate and integrate environmental strategies among jurisdictions, tribes, countywide and watershed groups.

Promote environmentally sensitive development, including minimizing impacts to natural features.

Support protection of critical areas and incentivize environmental stewardship.

Plan for open space and encourage protection of native vegetation and tree canopy.

Promote the protection of water quality and restoration of hydrological function.

Avoid and/or mitigate environmental impacts for vulnerable populations.

Reduce pollution, including air toxics, greenhouse gas and stormwater.

DISCUSSION: NOTABLE POLICIES

The Snohomish County CPPs effectively addresses environmental provisions of the VISION Consistency Tool. Highlights include:

- ☒ Policies to support collaborative efforts to enhance the environment, including implementing the Regional Open Space Conservation Plan. (Ev 1 – 3)

- ☑ New policies to reduce and mitigate stormwater impacts and improve water quality. (Ev-7, Ev-8)
- ☑ Policies to reduce light and noise pollution, toxic pesticides, and the spread of invasive species. (Ev 9 – 11)
- ☑ Updated policies to ensure that all residents have equitable access to clean air and water. (Ev-8)

DISCUSSION: AREAS FOR FURTHER WORK

The certification review did not identify any major areas for improvement to better align with regional expectations on the environment.

Climate Change

SCOPE OF REVIEW

The VISION 2050 Consistency Tool for Countywide Planning Policies calls for policies to address the following concepts:

Support achieving regional emission reduction goals by encouraging electrifying the transportation system, prioritizing investments that reduce emissions, promoting reduced vehicle miles travelled, and expanding use of conservation, alternative energy sources and energy management technology

Support reducing building energy

Coordinate work to **sequester and store carbon**.

Address impacts on water, land, infrastructure, health, and the economy.

Address siting and planning for relocation of hazardous industries away from the **500 year floodplain**.

Address impacts to **vulnerable populations and areas disproportionately affected by climate change**.

DISCUSSION: NOTABLE POLICIES

The Snohomish County CPPs effectively addresses climate change provisions of the VISION Consistency Tool.

Highlights include:

- ☑ Updated policies consider how decisions will impact climate and emission reduction goals. (GF-3)
- ☑ Policies support adopting and implementing actions to achieve emission reduction goals adopted by the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (CC-1, 6)
- ☑ Expanded policies to reduce carbon and support carbon sequestration with forests, wetlands, farmlands, and estuaries. (CC-4)
- ☑ New policies to plan for adaptation and resilience, focusing on minimizing impacts on highly impacted and vulnerable communities. (CC-5)

DISCUSSION: AREAS FOR FURTHER WORK

The certification review did not identify any major areas for improvement to better align with regional expectations on climate change.

Land Use/Development Patterns

SCOPE OF REVIEW

The VISION 2050 Consistency Tool for Countywide Planning Policies calls for policies to address the following concepts:

Reduce disparities in opportunity by supporting inclusive community planning, investments to expand opportunity, and strategies to mitigate displacement in centers and near high-capacity transit.

Implement the **Regional Centers Framework**.

Maximize transit investments through appropriate densities.

Support center and station area planning.

Facilitate annexation and incorporation, support joint planning, and affiliate unincorporated areas.

Reduce rural growth over time, ensure long-term **integrity of resource lands**, and avoid conversion to other uses.

Prioritize reducing health disparities and improving outcomes.

Avoid incompatible uses near airports, military installations, manufacturing/industrial centers, and Tribal reservation lands.

Address impacts on culturally significant sites and tribal treaty fishing, hunting, and gathering grounds.

DISCUSSION: NOTABLE POLICIES

The Snohomish County CPPs effectively addresses the development patterns provisions of the VISION Consistency Tool. Highlights include:

- ☒ Expanded policies on working with tribal governments and addressing encroachments and impacts to culturally-significant sites and reservation lands. (JP-8, DP-37)
- ☒ Policies to encourage transit-oriented development, including planning for growth near high-capacity transit. (DP-18)
- ☒ New policies on reducing disparities, supporting inclusive community planning, and reducing residential displacement. (DP-38, DP-39)
- ☒ Policies to implement the Regional Centers Framework, including detailed criteria and procedures to designate centers and a list of candidate countywide centers. (DP-8, Appendix I)

DISCUSSION: AREAS FOR FURTHER WORK

The county and cities should address the following comments through future amendments or implementation steps for the Snohomish County countywide planning policies:

- ☐ While the policies address joint planning and the process to affiliate urban unincorporated areas with cities, the countywide planning policies should support proactive, collaborative steps to identify strategies and remove barriers to annexation.

Housing

SCOPE OF REVIEW

The VISION 2050 Consistency Tool for Countywide Planning Policies calls for policies to address the following concepts:

- Increase housing production opportunities** to address supply, including diverse types and styles.
- Address housing affordability needs**, with an emphasis on housing near transit and in centers.
- Promote jobs-housing balance** by providing housing choices accessible to workers.
- Expand **moderate density housing** capacity.
- Address **residential displacement**.

DISCUSSION: NOTABLE POLICIES

The Snohomish County CPPs effectively addresses the housing provisions of the VISION Consistency Tool. Highlights include:

- ☒ New policies to evaluate and address residential displacement. (HO-5, HO-15)
- ☒ Policies to promote additional housing options in single family zones and moderate density housing. (HO-1, 4)

DISCUSSION: AREAS FOR FURTHER WORK

The county and cities should address the following comments through future amendments or implementation steps for the Snohomish County countywide planning policies:

- ☐ The county has adopted population targets and is beginning work to translate those targets to housing units. Housing targets are a critical implementation step for VISION 2050 and HB 1220 (2021). PSRC is available to provide data or support to translate adopted population targets to housing units.

Economy

SCOPE OF REVIEW

The VISION 2050 Consistency Tool for Countywide Planning Policies calls for policies to address the following concepts:

- Support recruitment and retention** to foster a positive business climate.
- Focus employment growth in centers.**
- Support industry clusters** recognized in the Regional Economic Strategy.
- Promote environmentally and socially responsible** business practices.
- Expand **access to opportunity and remove barriers** for economically disconnected communities.
- Support and empower **contributions of culturally and ethnically diverse communities.**
- Address **commercial displacement.**

DISCUSSION: NOTABLE POLICIES

The Snohomish County CPPs effectively addresses the economy provisions of the VISION Consistency Tool. Highlights include:

- ☒ Policies to expand economic development strategies to support people with historically low or very low access to opportunity. (ED-6)
- ☒ Updated policies to ensure that economic development respects the natural environment and supports sustainability and resilience. (ED-15)
- ☒ New policies that address the potential for commercial displacement. (ED-18)

DISCUSSION: AREAS FOR FURTHER WORK

The certification review did not identify any major areas for improvement to better align with regional expectations on the economy.

Transportation

SCOPE OF REVIEW

The VISION 2050 Consistency Tool for Countywide Planning Policies calls for policies to address the following concepts:

Prioritizing improvements that support the Regional Growth Strategy, centers, and high-capacity transit areas.

Maintain and preserve the transportation system.

Manage demand and support alternatives to driving alone.

Identify stable and predictable funding sources and pursuit of alternative transportation financing.

Strategies and actions for changes in **transportation technologies and mobility**.

Racial and social equity as a core objective in transportation improvements, programs, and services.

Provide mobility choices for people with special needs.

Promote human health and the state's goal of zero deaths and serious injuries.

Support the economy and the movement of people and goods.

DISCUSSION: NOTABLE POLICIES

The Snohomish County CPPs effectively addresses the transportation provisions of the VISION Consistency Tool. Highlights include:

- ☒ Policies to minimize impacts on the natural environment, including reducing stormwater, improving fish passage, and promoting human health. (TR-6)
- ☒ Strategies that reduce emissions committing to climate change, including reducing vehicle miles traveled, encouraging investment in clean energy options, and encouraging alternatives to traveling alone. (TR-16)
- ☒ Support for planning for frequent and successful transit service. (TR-11 – 14, 17)

DISCUSSION: AREAS FOR FURTHER WORK

The certification review did not identify any major areas for improvement to better align with regional expectations on transportation.

Public Services

SCOPE OF REVIEW

The VISION 2050 Consistency Tool for Countywide Planning Policies calls for policies to address the following concepts:

- Protect and enhance the environment and public health** when providing services and facilities.
- Coordinate planning for services and facilities** to support the Regional Growth Strategy.
- Provide guidance to locate urban services** and regional facilities in urban areas and appropriately scale rural facilities.
- Serve new development** within urban areas with sanitary sewer and replace failing septic systems.
- Consider impacts of climate change** on public facilities.
- Plan for affordable and equitable access to public services**, especially to underserved communities.
- Encourage interjurisdictional coordination** of public safety and emergency management.
- Locate community facilities and services in centers and near transit.**
- Work with school districts** on siting, design, and strategies to provide adequate urban capacity.

DISCUSSION: NOTABLE POLICIES

The Snohomish County CPPs effectively addresses the public services provisions of the VISION Consistency Tool. Highlights include:

- ☒ Policies to promote collaboration on equitable access of public services and facilities for all residents, especially those that are historically underserved. (PS-18)
- ☒ Working with school districts to plan for the siting and improvement of school facilities to meet the current and future community needs. (PS-21)
- ☒ Collaborating for long-term water and utility needs, particularly in the face of climate change (PS-8, 9)

DISCUSSION: AREAS FOR FURTHER WORK

The certification review did not identify any major areas for improvement to better align with regional expectations on public services.

Conclusion and Next Steps

PSRC thanks the county and cities for working through the plan review and certification process for the CPPs. The policies effectively address the requirements of the VISION Consistency Tool for Countywide Planning Policies, demonstrating consistency with VISION 2050, and are recommended for certification.

For additional information regarding this certification report, please contact Liz Underwood-Bultmann at LUnderwood-Bultmann@psrc.org.



Puget Sound Regional Council

DISCUSSION ITEM

March 31, 2022

To: Growth Management Policy Board

From: Paul Inghram, Director of Growth Management

Subject: **Regional Transit-Oriented Development Committee Update**

IN BRIEF

The Regional Transit Oriented Development Committee (RTODC) serves as an advisory committee to the Growth Management Policy Board. The board will be provided an update on the committee's work and have the opportunity to provide input on future work.

DISCUSSION

The RTODC serves as an advisory committee to the Growth Management Policy Board. The new charter, adopted by the board in May 2020, restructures the committee to better align with VISION 2050 and current and future transit-oriented development work.

Key elements of the updated charter include:

- The committee acts as a technical working group focused on performance monitoring, documentation of promising practices, and general support of local efforts to take equitable TOD from theory to practice.
- The committee is comprised of 21 technical experts from across the region.
- The committee focuses on implementing TOD-related goals set forth in VISION 2050.
- Ad hoc subcommittees may be formed to assist with event planning and other convenings in an effort to engage interested parties.

The full committee charter and list of members is available [online](#).

Work in Early 2022

With input from the GMPB, the committee adopted a work plan for 2022. The committee will hold quarterly meetings and host three events – two webinars in the spring and summer, and one full-day event in the fall. Work to date includes:

- Quarterly meeting (March 18) focused on “TOD for All” – Included presentations from PSRC staff on updates to the Displacement Risk Mapping, an update from Sound Communities on site acquisition for equitable TOD, and presentations from City of Lynnwood and City of Tacoma staff on work to mitigate commercial and residential displacement. Meeting materials are [available online](#).
- [Talkin’ TOD](#) – A quarterly TOD newsletter published between committee meetings.

Future Work

- Incentives for TOD: Tax Increment Financing and Other Financing Tools – A hybrid event on April 29 cohosted by ULI NW. See the attached flyer for more information. GMPB members are encouraged to attend and help spread the word.
- Quarterly meeting (June 22) focused on TOD guidance for comprehensive plan updates.

Growth Management Policy Board members are also a part of the committee and can provide additional insight. Members are:

- Patience Malaba, Housing Development Consortium, Committee Co-Chair
- Mayor Lynne Robinson, City of Bellevue
- Jennifer Anderson, MBAKS

NEXT STEPS

The board will be provided regular updates on the Regional TOD Committee and be asked for input to help shape the committee’s work to best support the GMPB and VISION 2050 implementation.

Contact Laura Benjamin at LBenjamin@psrc.org or 206-464-7134 with any questions.

Attachments:

A - Regional TOD Committee 2022 Work Plan

B - Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Event Flyer 2022

Regional TOD Committee – 2022 Work Plan

March 18, 2022 – TOD for All Part 1	
Topic	Purpose/Deliverable
Displacement	Information sharing
Housing Benefit Districts/Strategic Site Acquisition	Implementation support (dependent on leg passing)
Lessons Learned*	Information sharing
Ad Hoc Subcommittee – TOD Guidance documents	Provide feedback on draft guidance prior to full committee review in June
April/May – Webinar – TIF and Other Financial Tools	
June 17, 2022 – Guidance Documents	
Topic	Purpose/Deliverable
Resources/guidance for comp plan updates	Committee feedback on resources – id gaps and what needs to be elevated
Lessons Learned	Information sharing
July– Walking Tour – Site(s) TBD	
September 16, 2022 – Transit Access	
Topic	Purpose/Deliverable
Access to transit (built environment, special needs pops)	Feedback on PSRC transportation access visualization tool Feedback on WSDOT project
Lessons Learned	Information sharing
Ad Hoc Subcommittee— Industrial Lands + TOD guidance	Provide feedback on draft guidance – project timeline and committee meeting schedule do not align
September/October – Full Day “Signature” Event – Topics TBD	

Final – December 2021

*Lessons Learned – Committee members will be asked to help identify outside speakers.

December 16, 2022 – TOD for All Part 2	
Topic	Purpose/Deliverable
TOD for all – family size/accessible units, childcare, schools, open/play spaces, medical services	Information sharing
Placemaking with a racial equity lens	TBD
Lessons Learned	Information sharing

*Lessons Learned – Committee members will be asked to help identify outside speakers.

Final – December 2021

INCENTIVES FOR TOD

TIF and Other Financing Tools

Friday, April 29, 2022
10:00 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.

Hybrid Event
PSRC Boardroom
1011 Western Ave, Suite 500
Seattle, 98104

Zoom

Transit-oriented development (TOD) offers many benefits, yet conventional real estate financial tools and development appraisal methods may not be favorable to TOD due to its mix of uses and lower parking ratios.

Hear from experts and practitioners about financing tools for equitable TOD, including tax increment financing (TIF) a financing tool that local governments use to fund public infrastructure in targeted areas to encourage private development and investment.

The event will include a panel presentation and opportunities for breakout discussions and networking.

This is a hybrid event with in-person and remote attendance options. More information on COVID protocols for in-person attendees will be available closer to the event.

Registration opening soon.



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DISCUSSION ITEM

March 31, 2022

To: Growth Management Policy Board

From: Paul Inghram, Director of Growth Management

Subject: **Conservation Toolkit for Protecting Farms, Forests, Open Space, and Rural Lands**

IN BRIEF

In response to VISION 2050 and Growth Management Policy Board direction, PSRC is developing a conservation toolkit to help jurisdictions in their work to protect farms, forests, open space, and rural lands. A draft of the toolkit is available for review. PSRC staff will provide an overview of the toolkit and solicit board feedback.

DISCUSSION

VISION 2050 includes ambitious expectations for protecting open space and reducing growth pressure in rural and resource lands. In general, growth in rural and resource areas can lead to increased transportation and environmental impacts compared to urban development. Conservation programs and techniques can help protect the region's important open space areas, manage rural growth, and reduce growth pressures on farms and forests. While recognizing that rural areas have existing development potential, there are tools and strategies available to help manage rural growth and protect the most valuable natural areas. Tools and strategies are also available to protect and restore natural resources in urban areas.

VISION 2050 RGS-Action-4 calls for exploring conservation programs to reduce development pressure in rural and resource areas through establishing a regional structure for transfer and purchase of development rights, developing a toolkit of open space conservation strategies, and facilitating city and urban development.

Last year, the Growth Management Policy Board provided direction on the development of a toolkit. Since then, PSRC staff has been developing the toolkit with the goal of

aiding county and city conservation efforts, including during the upcoming comprehensive plan update cycle. In February, the board heard an update on the development of the toolkit and provided feedback. PSRC asked partners such as counties, resource agencies, and land conservancies to review an early draft and provide suggestions to improve the toolkit.

The toolkit includes sections with policy, planning, and regulatory tools, acquisition and easement tools, stewardship tools, and data and mapping tools. Promising policy, planning, and regulatory tools in the toolkit include watershed management plans and open space requirements in development codes. Transfer of development rights and community forests are acquisition and easement tools that could be used more widely throughout the region. Some innovative stewardship tools include DePave and carbon markets. ParkScore, Open Space Assessment Tool, and Tree Equity Score Mapper are data and mapping tools that can help inform comprehensive plan work.

A draft of the [toolkit is now available](#) for review.

PSRC staff welcome hearing from the board about ideas for promoting the toolkit to counties, cities, and other agencies, and ways that PSRC could support jurisdictions' conservation work.

NEXT STEPS

Board members are encouraged to review the toolkit and share the draft with their staff who work on conservation and open space issues. Please submit feedback on the toolkit by May 2 to Erika Harris at eharris@psrc.org. PSRC will integrate feedback on the draft and finalize the toolkit in June.

For more information contact Erika Harris, Senior Planner, at eharris@psrc.org.



Puget Sound Regional Council

DISCUSSION ITEM

March 31, 2022

To: Growth Management Policy Board
From: Paul Inghram, Director of Growth Management
Subject: **Puget Sound Data Trends**

IN BRIEF

At the April 7 Growth Management Policy Board meeting, Craig Helmann, Director of the Data Department, will provide a background presentation on the latest trends in the Puget Sound region.

DISCUSSION

As part of the long-range performance-based planning process, PSRC is involved in an ongoing effort to track a variety of regional demographic and transportation trends across the region. This presentation will look at several trends that highlight how our region is changing with a focus on the continued changes that occurred this past year due to the impacts of COVID-19 and emerging towards a new normal. Some of the data includes changes in jobs and unemployment within the region along with changes in vehicle and transit usage.

Following the presentation, PSRC staff will take questions and comments from board members.

If you have any questions, please contact Craig Helmann, Director of Data, at chelmann@psrc.org.

SAVE THE DATE

Puget Sound Regional Council
2022 Annual General Assembly



May 26, 2022 | 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Location and/or remote participation TBD

PSRC's General Assembly will meet on **May 26, 2022**, to vote on major decisions, establish the budget, and elect new officers. Please save the date!

All mayors, county executives, commissioners, and councilmembers of PSRC member jurisdictions and tribes have votes at the Assembly and are encouraged to participate.

Registration will open in **early April**.

For questions, please contact **Sheila Rogers** at (206) 354-6560 or email srogers@psrc.org.

Communication: General Assembly Save the Date Flyer (Information Item)



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