

VISION 2050

PSRC Plan Review & Certification

Growth Management Policy Board | May 5, 2022



Puget Sound Regional Council

Overview

- Planning Framework & VISION 2050
- PSRC's Plan Review Program
 - Updated Plan Review Manual
 - Plan certification focus areas
 - Local planning resources
- Outreach
- Discussion



Why is PSRC's plan review important?

- **Advances regional policy goals** set forth in VISION 2050
- Helps **coordinate individual plans** to work collectively
- Encourages **best practices** in local planning
- **Required by state law** (CPPs, comp plans, transit plans) or **regional policy** (regional centers)
- Comprehensive plan certification is required to be eligible for PSRC's federal **transportation funding**



Planning Framework



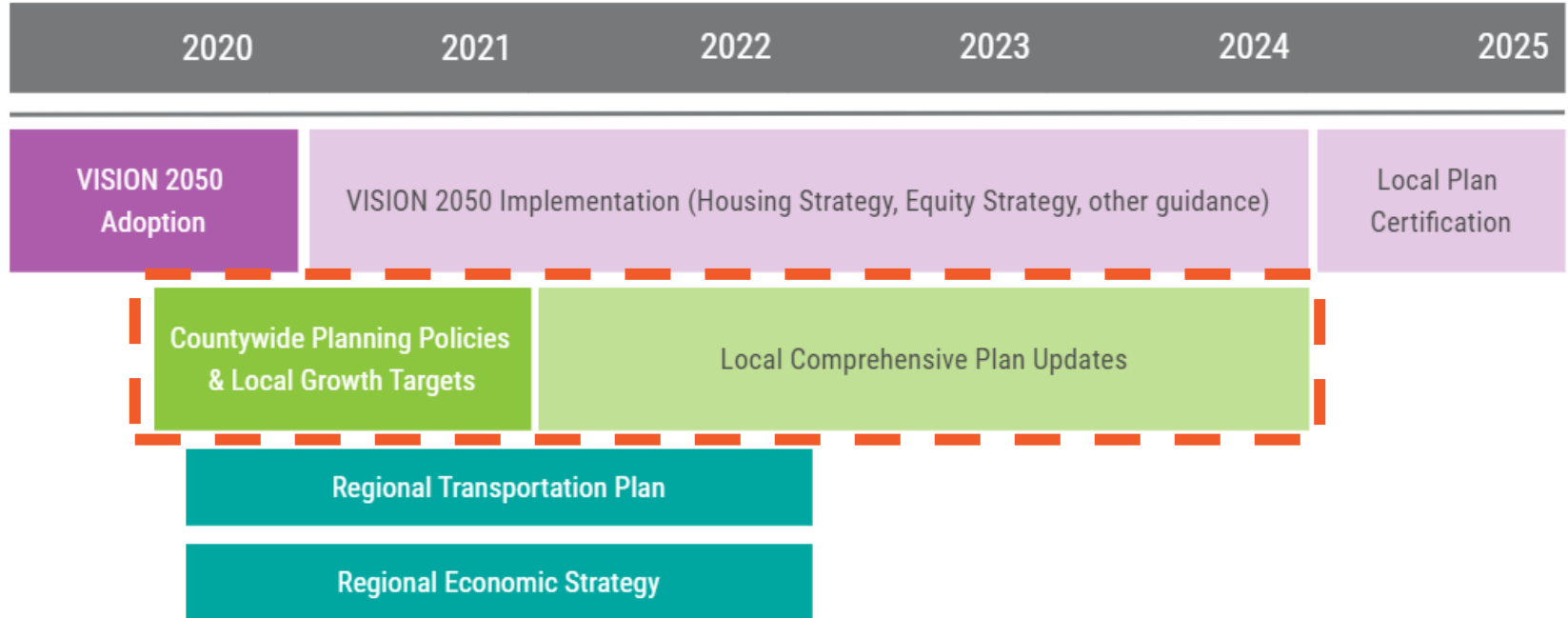
- State law requires PSRC to review and certify **countywide planning policies** and local **comprehensive plans**
- RCW 81.104.040 requires PSRC to review **Sound Transit's long-range system plans**
- PSRC's Policy & Plan Review Process (2003) calls for review and certification of **regional center plans**
- 2017 MOU between PSRC & transit agencies calls for review of **transit plans**

The Plan Review Manual
helps facilitates this work



VISION 2050

Upcoming Planning Work





Goals: Overarching plan objectives



Policies: Multicounty principles for regional and local planning



Actions: Step to implement policies



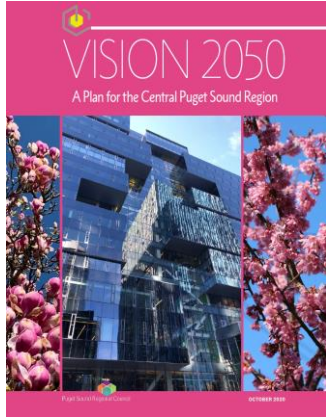
Regional Growth Strategy: numeric strategy to plan for new growth

Policy Sections

- Regional Collaboration
- Regional Growth Strategy
- Environment
- Climate Change
- Development Patterns
- Housing
- Economy
- Transportation
- Public Services



Plan Review Manual



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2012 King County Countywide Planning Policies

With amendments ratified by June 25, 2016



City of Edmonds Comprehensive Plan

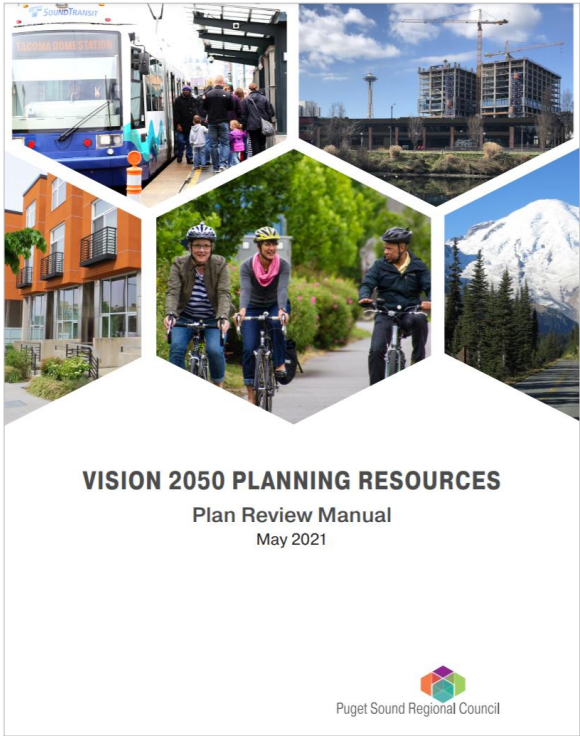


Adopted July 28, 2015
Updated December 15, 2017

Updating the manual implements
VISION 2050's RC-Action-1



Plan Review Manual: Contents



VISION 2050 Consistency Tools

Tools should be used throughout the planning process

VISION Consistency Tool for Local Comprehensive Plans

Note: The tool shown here is for illustrative purposes. To fill out the tool, visit www.psrc.org/our-work/plan-review.

This tool is intended to help cities and counties integrate VISION 2050 into their local comprehensive plans. VISION 2050's multicounty planning policies serve as the adopted regional guidelines and principles required in state law to guide both regional and local planning. The tool also identifies transportation planning requirements of the Growth Management Act (GMA). The tool may be used at various times in the local planning process:

Plan Update Scoping: Use checklist items as guidance for scoping the extent of plan element updates. New or expanded issue areas in VISION 2050 are identified to support this process.

Draft Plan Review: Submit draft plans to PSRC prior to Planning Commission and Council review. Completing and submitting this tool and providing early drafts to PSRC help identify potential consistency issues early in the process.

Certification Review: Along with the adopted plan, the tool will assist in PSRC's review of the plan. Demonstrating inclusion of the necessary information in the checklist helps facilitate certification. *Note: The PSRC Executive Board is the final decision-making body for plan certification.*

Regional Collaboration: The tool provides cities and counties an opportunity to highlight supports sharing of best practices across the region and benefits jurisdictions as they

Resources

- Regional Plans: [VISION 2050](#), [Regional Transportation Plan](#), and [Regional Economic Development Plan](#)
- [VISION 2040 to VISION 2050](#) – summary of what changed in VISION 2050
- [VISION 2050 Policy Matrix](#) – a comparison of multicounty planning policies and actions
- [Plan Review Manual webpage](#) – access more information about the review and certification process and other resources by policy area. See previous [certification reports](#) for areas that

Icons show new or expanded focus areas

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Standard for Review

In accordance with state law, PSRC reviews comprehensive plans in the 4-county region

Plans must conform to:

- 1.) GMA transportation-related planning requirements
- 2.) Regional Transportation Plan
- 3.) Regional guidelines and principles (VISION 2050 MPPs)

Certification is a requirement for funding requests or projects submitted to the Regional Transportation Improvement Plan



Possible Certification Outcomes

Certification	Conditional Certification	Not certified
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Fully consistent with VISION 2050, the Regional Transportation Plan, and state law requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Meets majority of planning requirements▪ Requires limited additional work for full conformity▪ Still eligible for regional funding, provided conditions of approval are followed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Inconsistent with VISION 2050, Regional Transportation Plan, or state law requirements▪ Did not submit for certification review

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Certification Focus Areas (Comp Plans)

GMA transportation-related requirements

- Land use assumptions and travel demand forecasts are consistent with each other and growth targets
- Service and facility needs
- Plan for transportation financing and investments
- Demand management
- Pedestrian and bicycle planning

Consistency with Regional Transportation Plans

- Transportation project lists, including financing strategies
- Transportation modeling based on shared regional growth assumptions

Consistency with VISION 2050 MPPs

- Regional Growth Strategy
- Climate change and air quality through reduction of transportation-related GHG emissions and pollution
- Equitable transit-oriented development (TOD)
- Housing supply and choices near transit and job centers



Plan Review Process

Planning Process

Growth Targets/CPPs		Plan Scoping/Outreach/SEPA		Plan/Policy Development		Plan Adoption			
2021		2022		2023		2024		2025	
Coordination with PSRC		Use VISION Consistency Tool for scoping		Ongoing technical assistance		Submit completed tool & draft plan for review		Submit adopted plan and updated tool for final review and certification	



Regional Housing Strategy

Strategies Related to Plan Review:

- Provide technical assistance to support local work, including guidance
- Explore housing planning requirements in Plan Review and Certification as they relate to transportation access to jobs and services



PSRC Comprehensive Plan Checklist

VISION 2050 Housing Topic Areas:

- Assess housing needs
- Increase housing supply and choices
- Support the development and preservation of affordable housing
- Address inequities in access to housing

HB 1220 – changes to state law in 2021



Resources Webpage

Existing Resources:

- Housing Innovations Program (HIP)
- Growth Targets Guidance
- Economic Development Element Guide
- Displacement Risk & Opportunity Mapping
- Data products
- Peer Networking

Forthcoming guidance on VISION 2050 focus areas:

- Housing Strategy
- Equity Strategy
- Planning for TOD
- Equitable Engagement
- Multimodal Concurrency
- Climate change

VISION 2050 Planning Resources

PSRC develops guidance, research, and data products to support local planning and advance VISION 2050. Browse resources below by policy topic area.



Regional Plans

- > VISION 2050
- > Regional Transportation Plan
- > Regional Economic Strategy

Guidance by Policy Topic Area (from PSRC and partner agencies)

Regional Collaboration

Regional Growth Strategy

Environment

<https://www.psrc.org/vision-2050-planning-resources>



Questions

- Questions about PSRC's plan review process?
- How should plan review and certification support topics like housing and climate?
- Are there topic areas the board would like to discuss in more detail?

PSRC's Plan Review Process

2021

Plan review
manual &
consistency tool

June plan review
webinar

2022/2023

Plan review
survey

Workshops with
Commerce &
MRSC

Ongoing

Continue hosting Peer
Networking events

Releasing new
resources and data
products



Local Government Survey Results

Focus areas:



Housing



Transportation



Climate



Equity

Local needs for updates:

- Information on requirements and what has changed
- Communication with PSRC throughout the plan development process



Outreach Program


Comprehensive Plan Workshop Series:

- PSRC, Commerce & MRSC
- Focus on staff engagement
- Kick-off in Summer 2022
- Topic specific workshops:
 - Housing
 - Climate
 - Equity
 - Economic Development
 - Workshop for electeds/planning commission



Outreach Program

- Newsletter launched April 2022
- Highlights events, guidance and other updates from PSRC
- Sign-up at <https://www.psrc.org/our-work/plan-review>



The graphic for the PSRC Comprehensive Planning Newsletter features the Puget Sound Regional Council logo at the top left. Below it, the title "Comprehensive Planning Newsletter" is displayed in a pink font. The graphic is decorated with several diamond-shaped images: a bridge, a person on a bicycle, a city skyline, a person working on a laptop, and a modern building. The background is a mix of pink and white geometric shapes.

Welcome to PSRC's comprehensive planning newsletter, highlighting information on resources for local plan updates and the plan review process!

Please forward this newsletter on to others who may be interested. *You can unsubscribe at any time from this list by clicking "unsubscribe" at the bottom of this email.*

Contact Maggie Moore at mmoore@psrc.org with suggestions, questions, or comments.

Passport to 2044 – Periodic Update Workshop on June 15

PSRC, the Washington State Department of Commerce, and MRSC are hosting an online workshop on June 15 from 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. on comprehensive plan updates. The workshop will officially kick-off the 2024 class of plan updates! We will cover what's new in the Growth Management Act and VISION 2050 and explore the planning issues communities are most interested in. Attendees will also have an opportunity to connect with other staff working on comprehensive plans throughout the region.

Check out the [save the date](#) and share it with others.



How else can PSRC staff help early in the process?



Meet one-on-one to discuss plan scope and schedule



Present to councils, planning commissions, boards, etc.



VISION 2050, consistency tools, or resources

Email us at planreview@psrc.org



Questions

- Questions or suggestions about our plans for outreach?



Thank You

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