

# Comprehensive Plan Review, Housing & Certification

Growth Management Policy Board

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Puget Sound Regional Council





# Overview

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- Plan certification
- State and PSRC review process
- Expectations for 2024
- Housing review





# Plan Certification

Why discuss plan certification now?

- VISION 2050
- Regional Housing Strategy
- Recent review of plans
- 2044 plan updates

Cities: *“We want to know what you’re looking for.”*



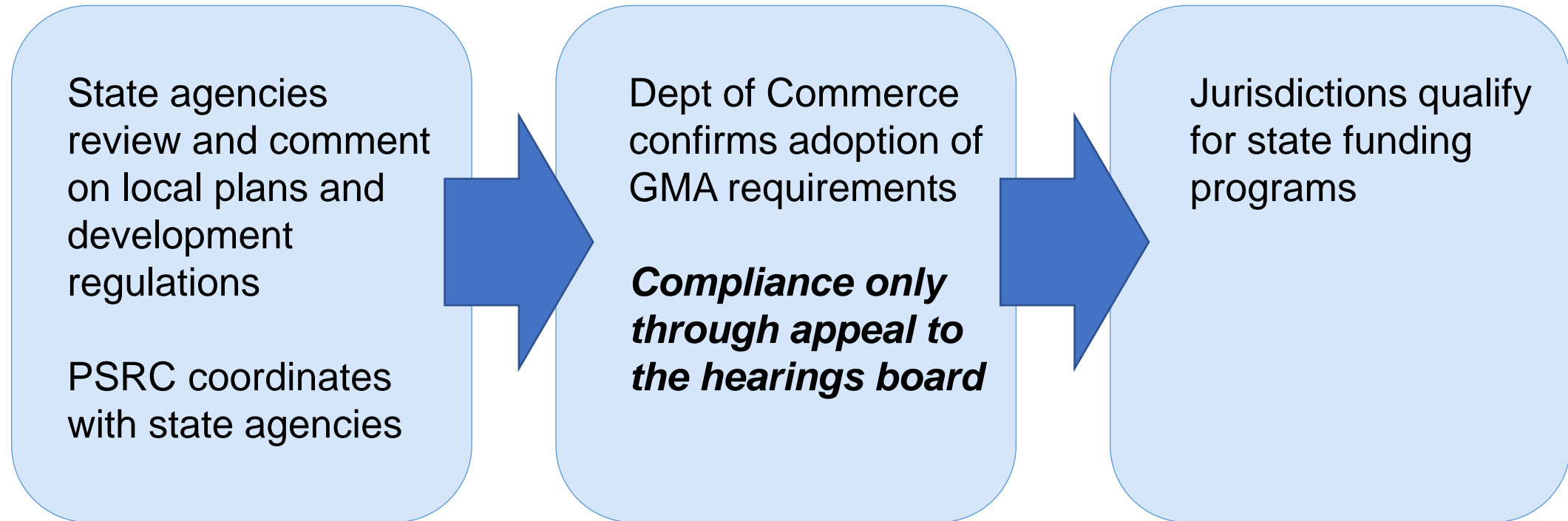
# Plan Certification



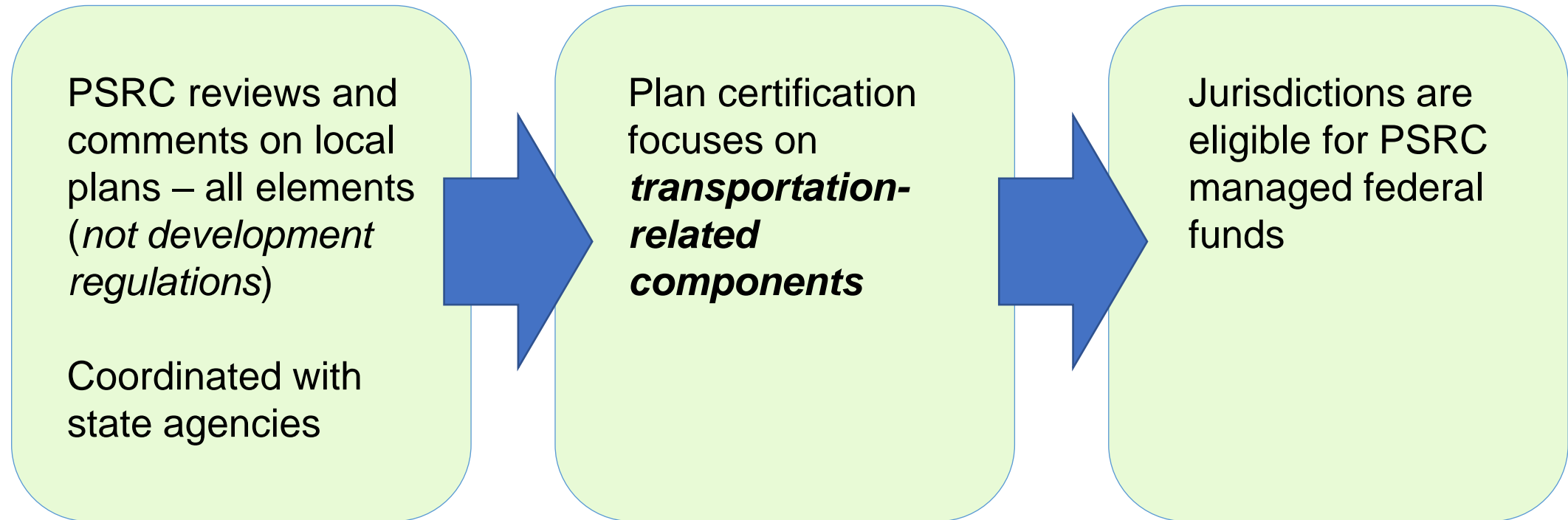
- PSRC supports plan updates at **beginning, middle, and end**
- Intent is to make what's necessary for certification clear up front



# State Review



# PSRC Review





# Legal Framework

- **Growth Management Act (GMA)**
  - Requirements for transportation planning
- **Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) Act**
  - Certification requirement
- **Interlocal agreement**





# Benefits of Certification

- Eligible for PSRC managed federal funds
- External review
- Coordination with other jurisdictions, state
- Alignment of plans/projects with growth
- Increases grant competitiveness





# What does certification look for?

- Consistency with:

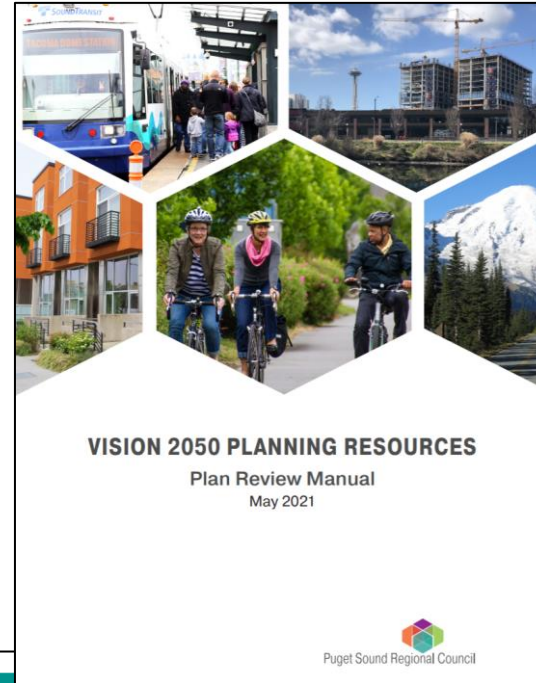
- GMA
- VISION 2050
- Regional Transportation Plan

- Transportation elements
  - Full range of policies
  - Modelling assumptions consistent with targets/RGS
- Transportation project lists
- Transit support and TOD
- Ped-bike plan
- Pollution & emissions
- Access to jobs, housing, services, schools
- External & tribal coordination



# PSRC plan update support

- Plan Review Manual
  - “checklists”
- Plan update workshops
  - Started June 15
  - Continues thru summer and fall
- Topic area guidance papers
- One-on-one assistance



Regional Collaboration	
The plan supports <b>collaboration for a healthy environment, thriving communities, and opportunities for all</b> , including coordination with other jurisdictions and agencies, tribes, ports, military installations, and adjacent regions.	
Policies and programs should:	
Support regional collaboration	Page/Policy Reference
✓ Include a statement about how the plan relates to countywide planning policies, VISION 2050, and planning requirements of the Growth Management Act	
✎ Coordinate with other jurisdictions, agencies, tribes, ports, military installations, special purpose districts, and adjacent regions (RCW 36.70A.070(6)(a)(v), MPP-RC-1, RC-4-5)	
✎ Prioritize services and access to opportunity for people of color, people with low incomes, and historically underserved communities to ensure all people can attain the resources and opportunities to improve quality of life and address past inequities (MPP-RC-2)	
✎ Address land use, transportation, and housing opportunities and challenges related to military installations, when applicable (MPP-RC-6)	
✓ Prioritize investments in centers, including regional centers, countywide centers, high-capacity transit areas with a station area plan, and other local centers (MPP-RC-8-9)	
✓ Explore funding sources, changes to regulatory, pricing, taxing, and expenditure practices, and other fiscal tools to meet infrastructure and other needs (MPP-RC-10-11, RC-Action-7, RC-Action-9)	
Additional comments on Regional Collaboration or additional documents to share [optional]: _____	

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

Regional Collaboration	➤
Regional Growth Strategy	➤
Environment	➤

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





# Housing & plan review

- Why is housing important for plan certification?
  - Access to housing that is affordable/attainable is a regional priority
  - Every community has a role to play
  - Board identified how housing relates to transportation



# PSRC housing review

- Focused review of housing elements in 2015/16
  - Housing element guidance
  - Detailed housing comments
  - Review of overall housing growth targets
- PSRC review limited to comprehensive plans – not zoning, regs, funding, etc.





# PSRC housing review

- Regional Housing Needs Assessment
  - Need for 800,000 housing units by 2050
- Regional Housing Strategy
  - Supply, stability, and subsidy
- HB 1220 established new local housing expectations
  - Address all income levels
  - Numeric countywide needs
  - Racially disparate impacts

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# Certification

Certification is a decision for the Growth Management Policy Board and Executive Board

- **What questions does the board have about certification and plan review?**
- **Are there areas that the board seeks to emphasize during certification?**





# Housing review

The board identified housing actions as a regional priority

- **How can PSRC's plan review process best support local housing efforts?**
- **Should PSRC:**
  - **Emphasize housing in plan review?**
  - **Explore new housing review options that consider HB 1220, the Regional Housing Needs Assessment, and the Regional Housing Strategy?**



# Thank you.

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