Implementing VISION 2050
Progress Report
& Regional Trends
Growth Management Policy Board
September 1, 2022
VISION 2050

- Adopted in October 2020
- Regional plan for 5.8 million people
- Guide for a healthy environment, thriving communities, and strong economy
Increase **housing** choices and affordability

Provide **opportunities** for all

Sustain a strong **economy**

Significantly reduce greenhouse gas **emissions**

Keep the region **moving**

Restore the health of **Puget Sound**

Protect a network of **open space**

Growth in **centers** and near **transit**

Act **collaboratively** and support **local efforts**
Is VISION 2050 Working?

Expectation compared to VISION 2040….

- **Land Development**: Less land converted - Amount of land converted to new development is substantially less than other alternatives.

- **Transit ridership**: Greater transit ridership - Transit ridership increases compared to alternatives.

- **Greenhouse gas emissions**: Greenhouse gas emissions reduced – Emissions, compared to 2014 baseline, decrease more than alternatives.

- **Average daily drive time**: Better drive times – Average drive time, compared to 2014 baseline, is a greater reduction than alternatives.

*Full analysis provided in Draft SEIS and Final SEIS*
Regional & Local Planning

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VISION 2050 is the long-range plan for the central Puget Sound region. It works to implement the state Growth Management Act and provides guidance for local plans.

This Progress Report identifies state, regional, and local work that has been completed and is in progress to implement the actions in VISION 2050. VISION 2050 looks to a planning horizon of the year 2050 although many of its implementation actions are anticipated to be completed by about 2030 when an update to the plan will be developed.

VISION 2050 is implemented primarily through a series of regional and local actions.

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PSRC is continually tracking data and measures that help determine if VISION 2050 goals are being met. This Progress Report focuses on actions. Future steps will measure outcomes and, ultimately, PSRC will assess how to update VISION 2050 to respond to changes.
Regional Actions/Objectives

- Support countywide and local plan updates
  - Partially complete
- Monitoring program
  - Continuing
- Outreach
  - Continuing
- Regional Equity Strategy Work Program
  - Significant Progress
  - Support for countywide planning policies
  - Established Equity Advisory Committee
  - Joint board sessions on equity
  - Development of a Regional Equity Strategy by early 2023
  - Tribal engagement guidance released

Goal: The region plans collaboratively for a healthy environment, thriving communities, and opportunities for all.

Regional Collaboration

State Actions
- Grants for local plan updates
- HB 1220 racially disparate impacts review

Local Actions
- Countywide planning policies updated
- Updated countywide project selection criteria
- Local equity strategies
Regional Growth Strategy

Goal: The region accommodates growth in urban areas, focused in designated centers and near transit stations...

Regional Actions/Objectives

- **Track and evaluate growth, UGA**
  - Monitoring

- **Implement RGS through targets**
  - Significant progress

- **65%/75% regional growth in centers/HCT**
  - Monitoring

- **Conservation program/funding**
  - Significant progress

- Released growth target guidance; engaged with target setting process
- Conservation toolkit released
- Exploring regional effort for Transfer of Development Rights

Local Actions
- Counties have largely completed or adopted growth targets
- Plan update scoping
Goal: The region... protects and restores natural systems, conserves habitat, improves water quality, and reduces air pollutants...

Regional Actions/Objectives

- Open Space Plan implementation
  Completed 6/2022
- Watershed planning & support
  Partial

- Stormwater parks assistance for 6 communities
- Stormwater parks guidance coming this fall
- Ongoing coordination with Puget Sound Partnership
- Ongoing coordination with Environmental Resource Agencies

State Actions
- Puget Sound Partnership Action Agenda and Funding
- DNR urban and community forestry funding and assistance
- WSDOT stormwater retrofit
- Recreation and Conservation Office Planning for Recreation Access grants

Local Actions
- Tree protection and enhancement
- Stormwater retrofit planning and projects
- Fish passage barrier removals
- Habitat enhancement projects
Climate

Goal: Reduce GHG emissions... to 50% below 1990 levels by 2030 and 80% below 1990 levels by 2050 and prepare for climate change impacts.

Regional Actions/Objectives

- Greenhouse gas strategy
  Updated with RTP in 2022
- Local guidance & assistance
  In process
- Evaluation & monitoring
  Ongoing

- Updated 4-Part Greenhouse Gas Strategy with Regional Transportation Plan
- Climate and Resilience Webinar held in August
- Draft climate and resilience guidance released
- Puget Sound Regional Emissions Analysis project, including wedge analysis, by end of year
- Collaborative partnerships with PSCAA, including REV Collaborative

State & Federal Actions

- State Climate Element guide coming in 2023
- WA State 2020–2021 legislation: Climate Commitment Act, Clean Fuel Standard, ZEV standards, others
- Federal legislation: Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, Inflation Reduction Act, Executive Orders and others
Development Patterns

Goal: The region creates healthy, walkable, compact, and equitable transit-oriented communities...

Regional Actions/Objectives

- **Implement the Regional Centers Framework**
  - In process

- **Industrial lands analysis**
  - In process

- **Planning for Transit Oriented Development**
  - Ongoing

- **Concurrency best practices**
  - In process

- **Unincorporated urban areas**
  - Limited work

  - Monitoring and guiding centers work
  - Industrial lands analysis in development
  - Ongoing work of the Regional Transit-Oriented Development Committee, including TOD event
  - TOD guidance to be release this summer

Local Actions

- Center subarea plans – Canyon Park, Lakewood
- New Kirkland Regional Growth Center subarea planning
- Plan update scoping
Goal: The region preserves, improves, and expands housing stock to provide a range of affordable, accessible, healthy, and safe choices to every resident. Fair & equal access for all people.

Regional Actions
- Regional Housing Strategy
  Adopted 2/2022
- Local assistance
  In process
- State support & coordination
  In process

  • Implementing Regional Housing Strategy
  • Collaboration with Commerce, MRSC, and county-level housing agencies
  • Housing webinar scheduled for October
  • Update to housing element guidance paper to be released this fall

State Actions
- HB 1220 amendment to GMA
- Housing planning assistance grants
- Middle housing planning grants

Local Actions
- Housing action plans
- Housing strategies
- Plan update scoping
- More on local actions in November
Economy

Goal: The region has a prospering and sustainable regional economy by supporting business & job creation, investing in people, sustaining environmental quality, and creating great central places...

Regional Actions

- **Regional Economic Strategy**
  
  Adopted 12/2021

- **Local support**
  
  On going

- **Data & job distribution**
  
  In process
  
  - Updated the Regional Economic Strategy
  
  - Recovery and resiliency planning
  
  - Economic element guidance released
  
  - Economic development webinar scheduled for September 7
  
  - Analysis on telework trends

Local Actions

- Plan update scoping
Goal: A sustainable, equitable, affordable, safe, and efficient multimodal transportation system; supports the Regional Growth Strategy and promotes economic, environmental, and health vitality.

Regional Actions

- **Regional Transportation Plan**
  - Adopted 5/2022
- **Transportation funding**
  - Updated in 2022
- **Changing technology**
  - In process
- **Aviation capacity**
  - Completed
  - Regional Aviation Baseline Study completed in 2021
  - Policy Framework for Federal Funds updated in 2022
  - 2022 Regional Transportation Plan adopted
  - RTP implementation underway
  - Transportation planning webinar & guidance scheduled for October

State & Federal Actions

- $16.9B Move Ahead Washington transportation package
- Federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law – funding for bridges, active transportation, climate, transit, freight, safety and more
Public Services

Goal: Support development with adequate public facilities and services in a timely, coordinated, efficient, and cost-effective manner...

Regional Actions/Objectives

- Utility & service district planning
  Limited work

- School/facility siting & design
  Completed briefing paper
  - Initial school siting briefing paper completed in 2021
  - Ongoing coordination with state Roadmap project, including role of districts in planning

Local Actions

- Updated countywide planning policies regarding utility and school coordination
- Plan update scoping
What is Next?

• Expectations for the near future
  – Shifting from regional plans to support for local plans
  – Continuing to advance regional priorities – housing, equity, centers

• Future work
  – State & legislative support
  – Utilities & special districts
  – Annexation
Question for the Board

• Is the implementation of VISION 2050 on the right track?
Thank you.

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