Comprehensive Plan Review Work Plan & Approach

Growth Management Policy Board | June 6, 2024





We are leaders in the region to realize equity for all. Diversity, racial equity and inclusion are integrated into how we carry out all our work.

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Overview



Today:

- PSRC Review Process for Drafts & Adopted Plans
- Preview GMPB Process for Certification Recommendations
- Discuss Conditional Certifications

Upcoming:

Certifications Starting Fall 2024



Discussion Questions

Is this a reasonable approach for plan review and the certification process with the boards? Do you have any other feedback? What are potential certification issues to you? Are there other issues that you're concerned about? How's your plan update going? Are there any themes emerging in your jurisdiction?

Comprehensive Plans – Basics

- Plans updated every 10 years, next due Dec 31, 2024
- Plan elements include background, data and analysis, forward-looking goals and policies
- Public participation required under the Growth Management Act
- State may provide comments but doesn't formally approve plans



PSRC & Plan Certification

Regional Collaboration

- Challenges such as housing affordability, congestion, and racial disparities require regional coordination
- Supports local jurisdictions to address regional issues

Requirements in State Law

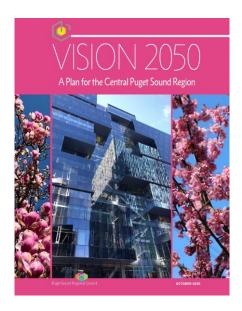
 Certification ensures state requirements for transportation planning are being met

Transportation Funding

 Certification is required for jurisdictions to be eligible for PSRC's federal transportation funding



Plan Review Manual





VISION 2050 PLANNING RESOURCES

Plan Review Manual May 2021

Regional Collaboration

The plan supports collaboration for a healthy environment, thriving communities, and opportunities for all, including coordination with other jurisdictions and agencies, tribes, ports, military installations, and adjacent regions.

Policies and programs should:

Sı	upport regional collaboration	Page/Policy Reference
1	Include a statement about how the plan relates to countywide planning policies, VISION 2050, and planning requirements of the Growth Management Act	
9	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)	
0	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 tile and address past inequities (MPP-RC-2)	
0	Address land use, transportation, and housing opportunities and challenges related to military installations, when applicable (MPP-RC-6)	
1	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)	
V	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]:

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



Certification Focus Areas

GMA transportation-related requirements

- Consistent land use assumptions and travel demand forecasts
- Service and facility needs
- Plan for transportation financing and projects
- Demand management
- Pedestrian and bicycle planning

Consistency with Regional Transportation Plans

- Transportation project lists and financing
- Transportation modeling based on shared regional growth assumptions

Consistency with VISION 2050 MPPs

- Regional Growth Strategy
- Climate change, air quality and VMT provisions
- Equitable transit-oriented development (TOD)
- Housing supply and choices near transit and job centers



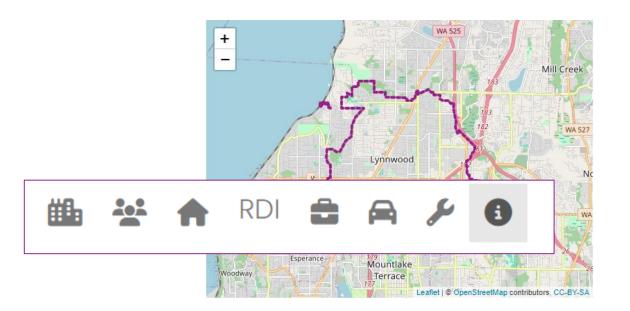
New or Expanded Review Areas

- Racial equity & equitable engagement
- Housing access & affordability
- Addressing health disparities
- Station area planning
- Resident & commercial anti-displacement
- Climate change
- Transportation electrification and other emerging technologies



PSRC Resources & Support

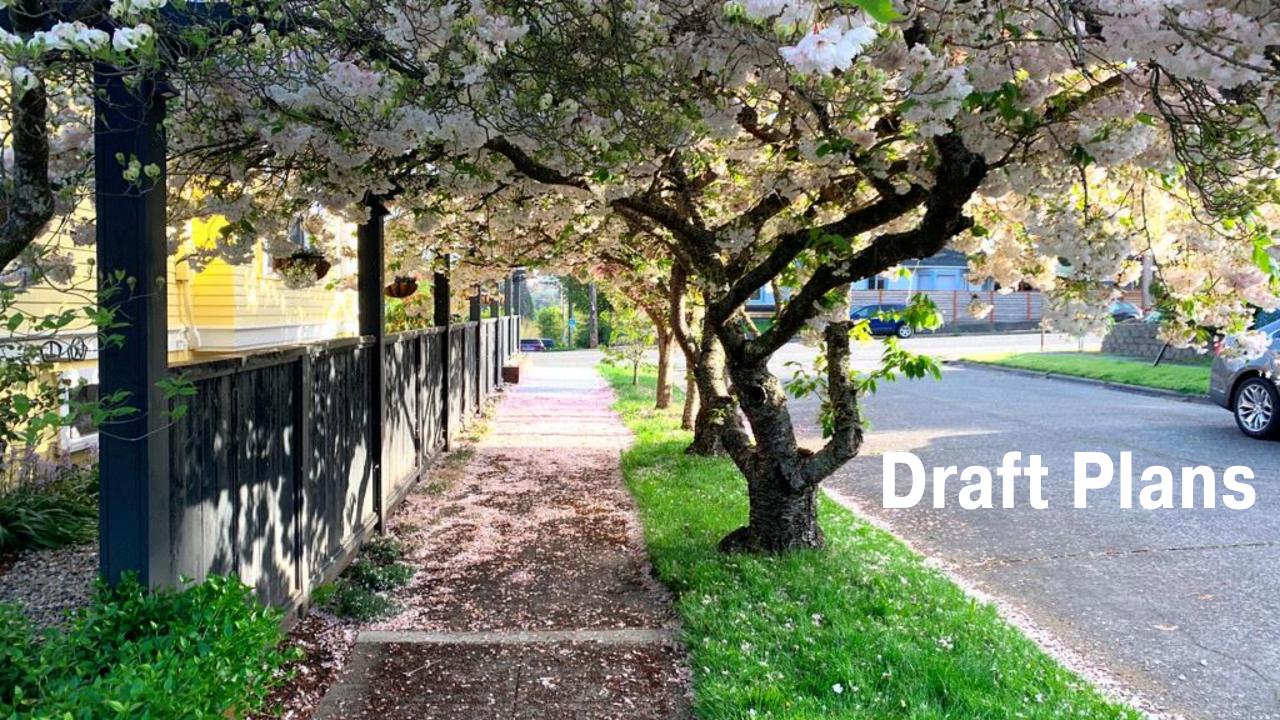
- Guidance documents and data resources
- Passport to 2044 Webinar Series
- Meetings & surveys with local jurisdictions







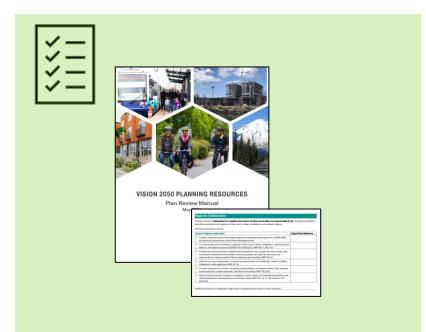




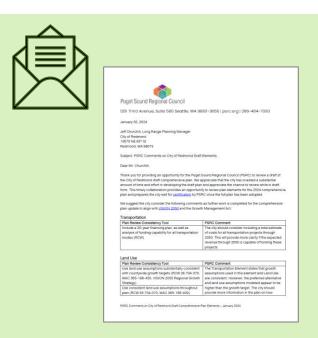
PSRC Process for Draft Plans



Draft Plan &
Consistency Tool
Submitted to PSRC



PSRC Staff Reviews Draft for Consistency with VISION 2050



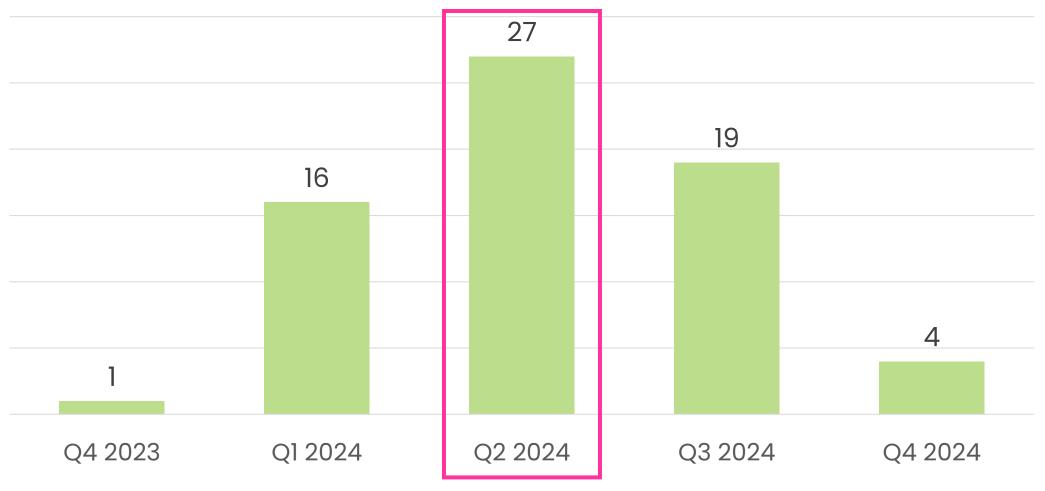
PSRC Staff Send Jurisdiction Comment Letter



Draft Plan Review Timing



(as of 2/20/24)





Draft Plans - What We've Seen So Far

Equity and Community Engagement

- Community engagement techniques including youth councils and community events
- Incorporating data on environmental health outcomes and disparities
- Addressing racially disparate impacts and barriers to affordable housing
- Rezones/upzones to accommodate housing need

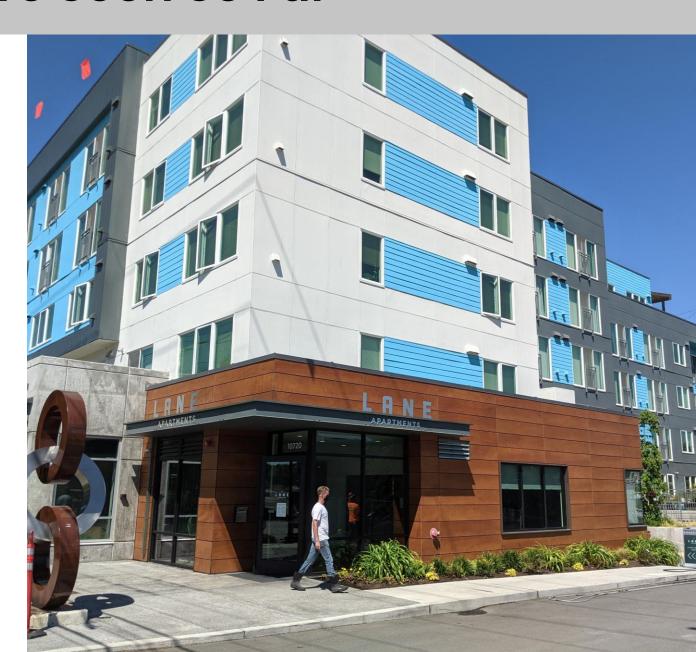




Draft Plans – What We've Seen So Far

Areas of Focus

- Transportation requirements
- Growth targets & alignment with CPPs
- Housing elements & new state requirements
- Climate work ahead of HB 1181

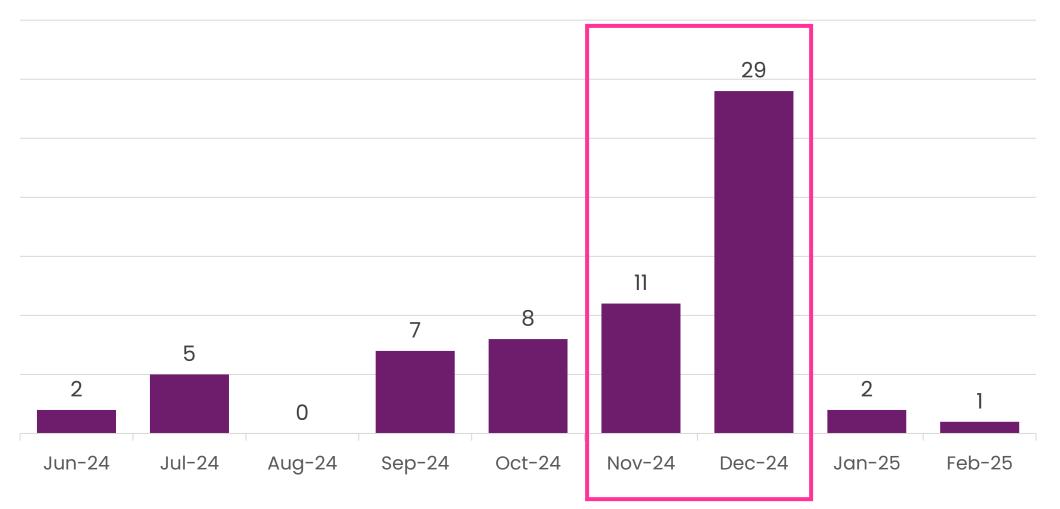




Adopted Plans Timing

Anticipated Plan Adoption

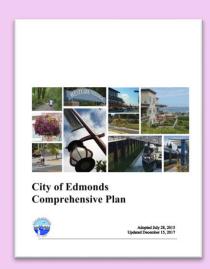
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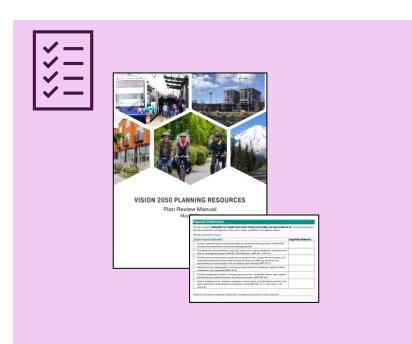


PSRC Process - Adopted Plans





Jurisdiction Adopts Final Plan



PSRC Staff Reviews Final Plan for Consistency with VISION 2050





PSRC Staff Prepare
Certification Report and
Makes Recommendation to
Boards



Certification Process

PSRC PLAN REVIEW REPORT & CERTIFICATION RECOMMENDATION





The Washington State Growth Management Act calls for coordination between local, regional, and state planning efforts. To advance this coordination, state law requires PSRC to certify that regional transity plans, countywide planning policies, and local comprehensive plans within the central Puget Sound region conform to: (1) established regional guidelines and principles, (2) the adopted long-range regional transportation plan, and (3) transportation planning requirements in the Growth Management Act. Within the central Puget Sound region, the multicounty planning policies in VISION 2040 have been established as the regional guidelines and principles under Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 47.80.026. Certification of local comprehensive plans is also a requirement for jurisdictions and agencies that intend to apply for PSRC funding or proceed with any project submitted into the Regional Transportation Improvement Program, regardless of funding source.

Within the central Puget Sound region, local governments and PSRC have worked together to develop an overall process (Adopted Policy and Plan Review Process, Revised September 2003) for reviewing and certifying local, countyvide, regional, and transit agency policies and plans. This process also provides an opportunity to coordinate and share information related to local and regional planning. A set of materials, compiled in a Plan Review Manual, provides details on the review and certification process, background, and framework. The manual also provides putil and checklists for a ligning plans and policies with VISION 2040, Transportation 2040, and Growth Management Act requirements.

Discussio

This report summarizes the findings and recommendations regarding the periodic update to the comprehensive plan for the City of Everett, adopted by the city on October 21, 2015. PSRC last certified the City of Everett's comprehensive plan in 2003. PSRC staff reviewed the 2015 comprehensive plan amendments and coordinated with city staff in the development of this report.

CERTIFICATION RECOMMENDATION

Based on the review of the City of Everett comprehensive plan, 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 transportation-related provisions in the City of Everett 2015 comprhensive plan update conform to the Growth Management Act and are consistent with multicounty planning policies and the regional transportation plan.

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- Draft reports and PSRC staff recommendation previewed with local staff
- PSRC staff make recommendations on certification to PSRC Boards
- transportation-related provisions of comprehensive plans conform to the Growth Management Act and consistent with VISION 2050 and the Regional Transportation Plan



¹ The certification requirement in the Growth Management Act is described in RCW 47.80. The specific requirements for transportation elements in local comprehensive plans are spelled out in RCW 36.70.0.070. PSRC's Interlocal Agreement, Section VII, also provides direction for the review of local comprehensive plans and courtivide policies (Resolution A)-01-01, amended March 1998). The Council's Executive Board last updated in process for Policy and Plan Review in September 2003. The process is also described in VISION 2040, Part IV; Insplementation.

Board Process for Certification

Growth
Management
Policy Board

Recommendation

Discussion Item

Recommendation

Transportation Policy Board

Consent Agenda

Executive Board

Certification = Consent Agenda Conditional = Discussion Item



Certification Timeline

Plans Due December 31, 2024

Certification Process

September 2025

PSRC Fall Transportation Funding Cycle



Possible Certification Outcomes

Certification	Conditional Certification	Not Certified
 Fully consistent with VISION 2050, the Regional Transportation Plan, and state law requirements 	 Meets majority of planning requirements Requires limited additional work for full conformity Still eligible for regional funding, provided conditions of approval are followed 	 Inconsistent with VISION 2050, Regional Transportation Plan, or state law requirements Did not submit for certification review

Possible Certification Issues

Alignment between Plan Elements // Internal Consistency

 Transportation modeling based on different assumptions, inconsistent between elements

Alignment with Growth Targets // External Consistency

Planned growth significantly different than targets

Capacity for Planned Growth

Transportation Requirements

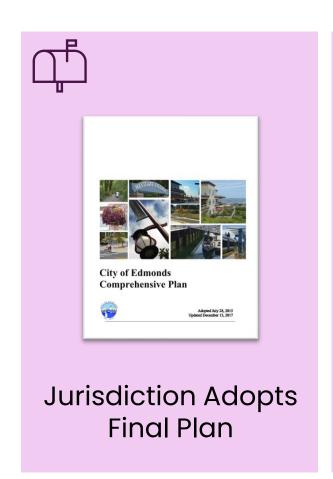
Project lists, bike + ped component, financing plan



HB 1220 // Housing Requirements

Planning for and accommodating housing at different income levels

Proposed Conditional Certification Process





PSRC Staff Reviews
Final Plan for
Consistency with
VISION 2050

PSRC Staff Meet with Local Staff & Talk Through Options



Potential
Certification Issue
Shared with GMPB as
Discussion Item





PSRC Staff Makes
Recommendation to
Boards on Conditional
Certification



Discussion Questions

