

Comprehensive Plan Review Work Plan & Approach

Growth Management Policy Board | June 6, 2024



Puget Sound Regional Council



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?

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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

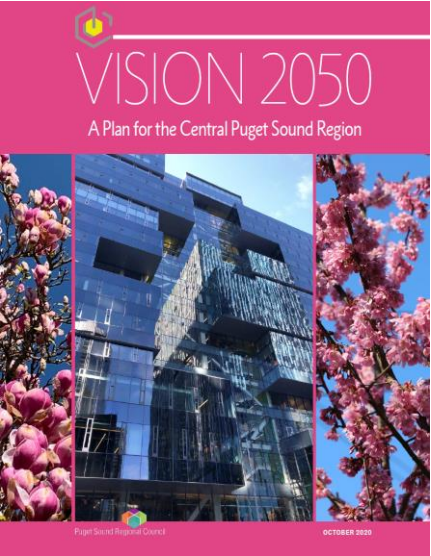
- Certification ensures state requirements for transportation planning are being met

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:

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]: _____

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



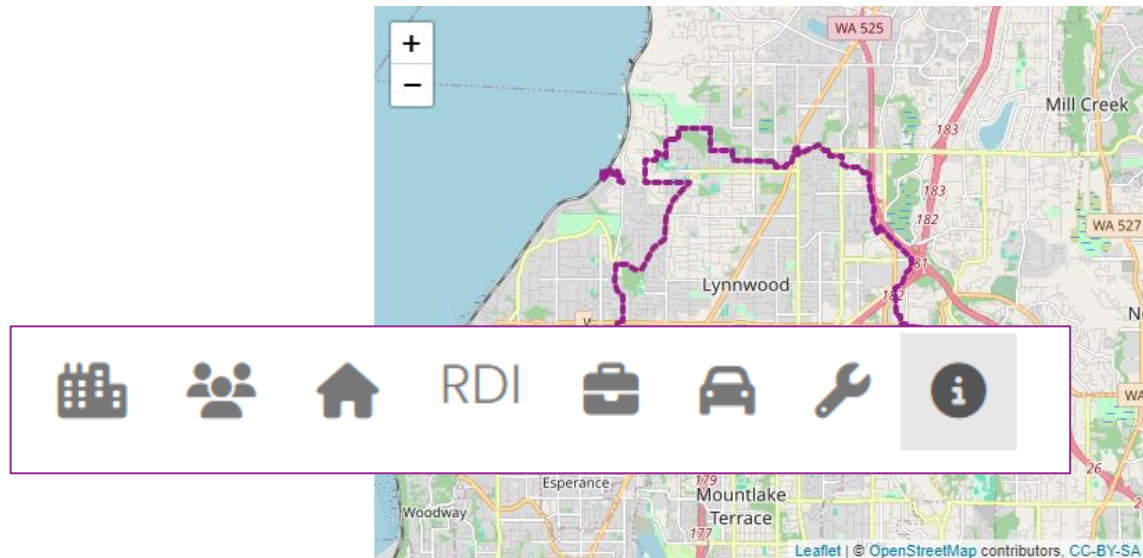
New or Expanded Review Areas

- **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

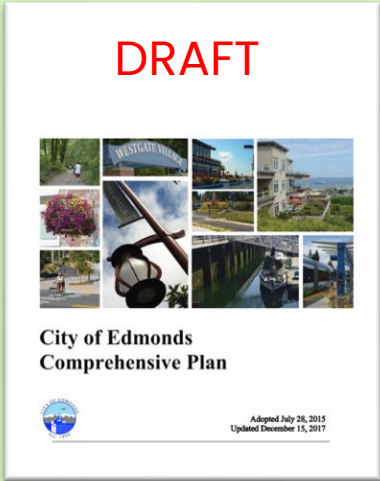
- Guidance documents and data resources
- Passport to 2044 Webinar Series
- Meetings & surveys with local jurisdictions



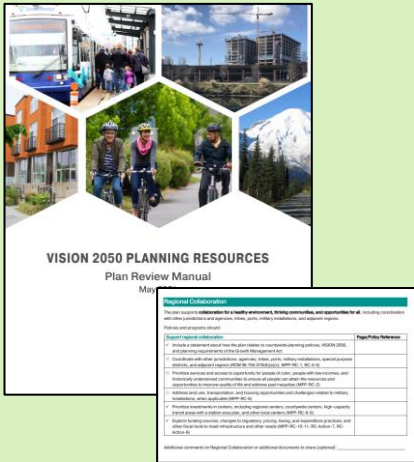


Draft Plans

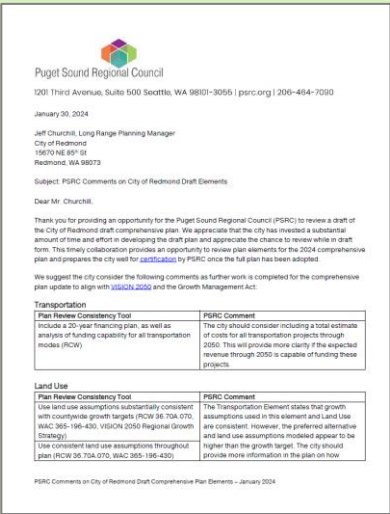
PSRC Process for Draft Plans



Draft Plan & Consistency Tool Submitted to PSRC



PSRC Staff Reviews Draft for Consistency with VISION 2050

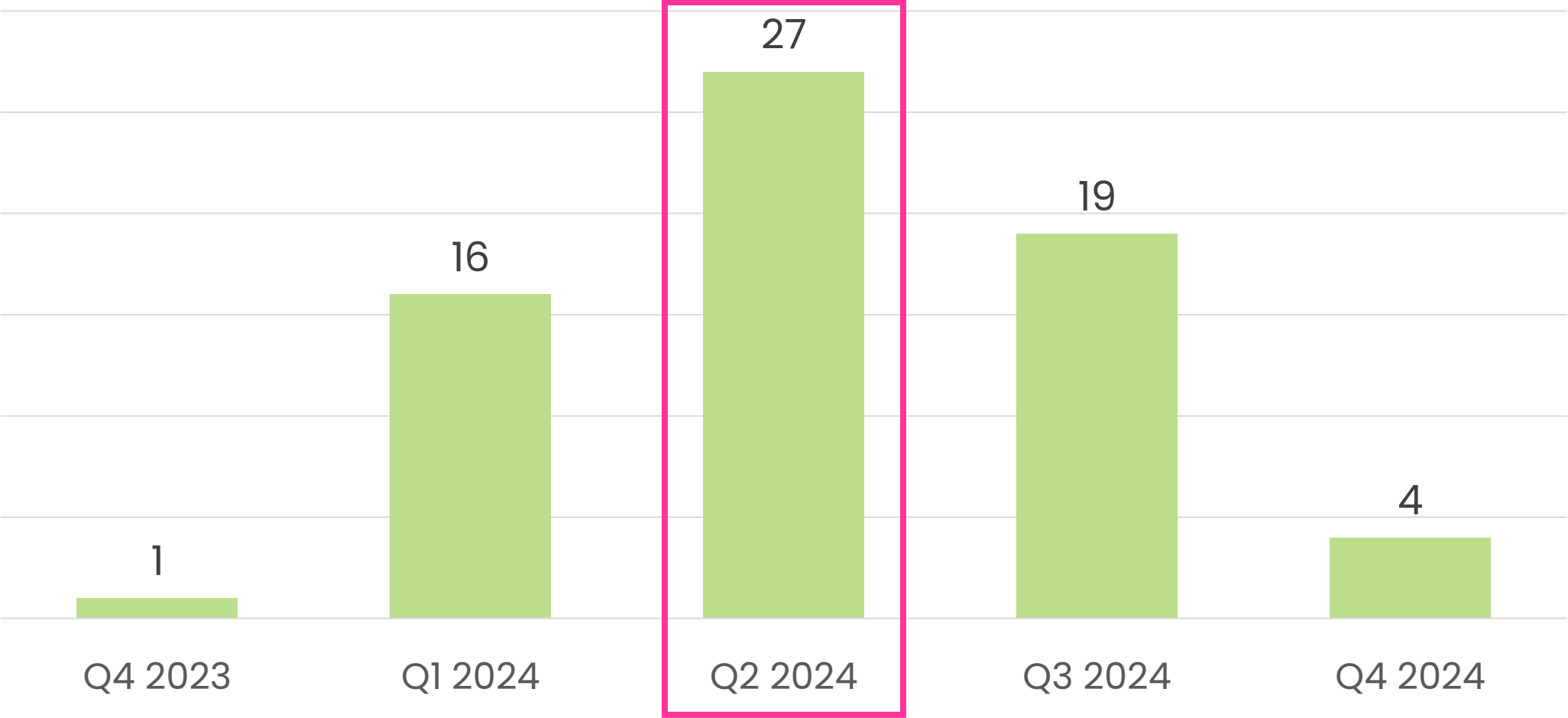


PSRC Staff Send Jurisdiction Comment Letter



Draft Plan Review Timing

Draft Plan Timing for PSRC Review
(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



Image from City of Snohomish public outreach event



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

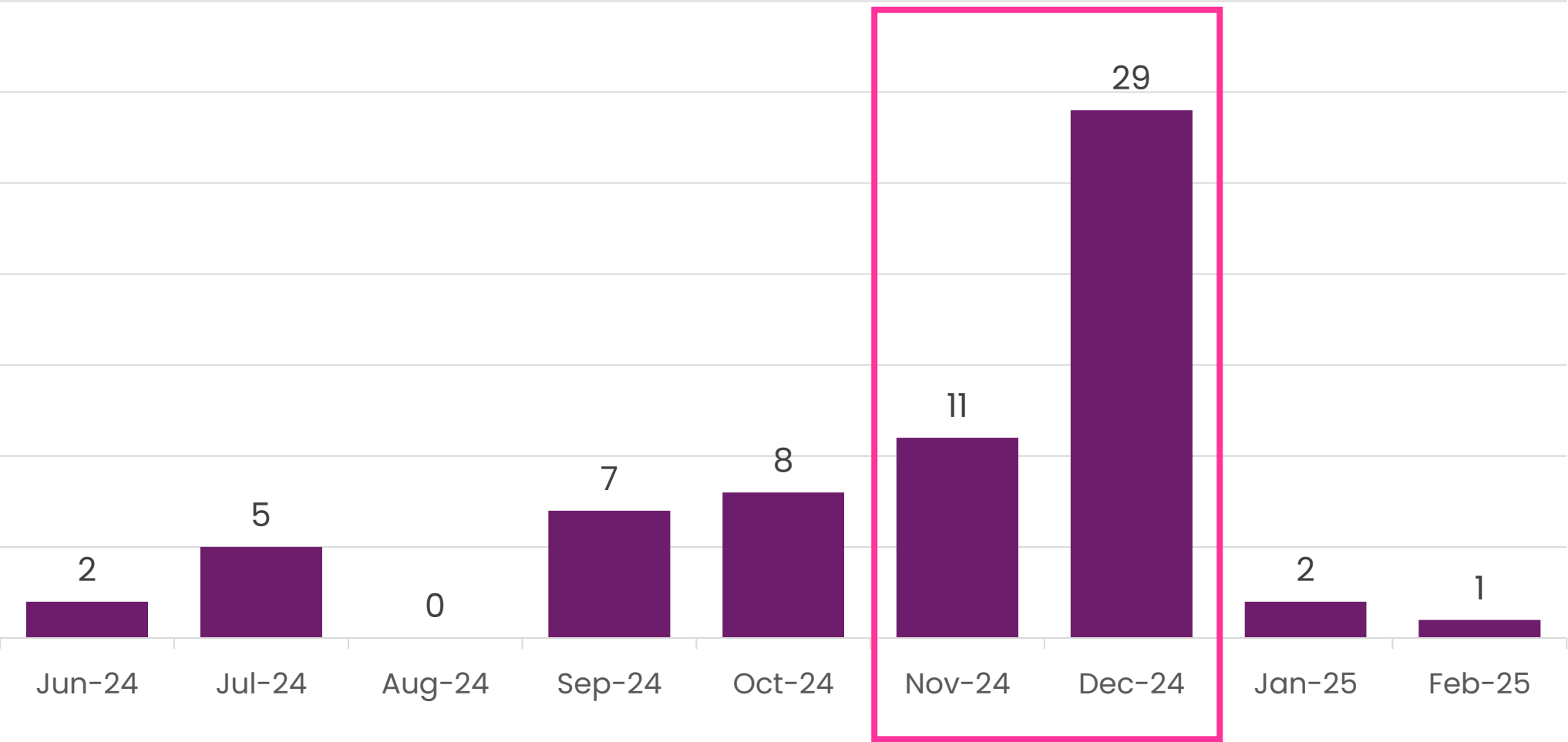


Adopted Plans & Certification

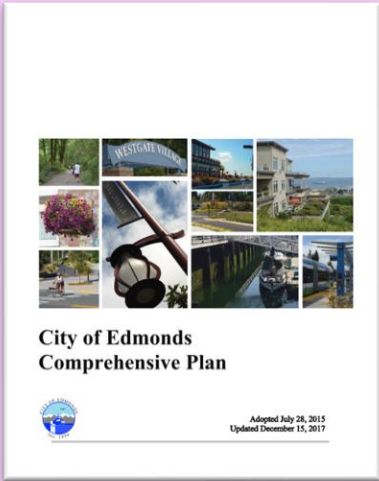


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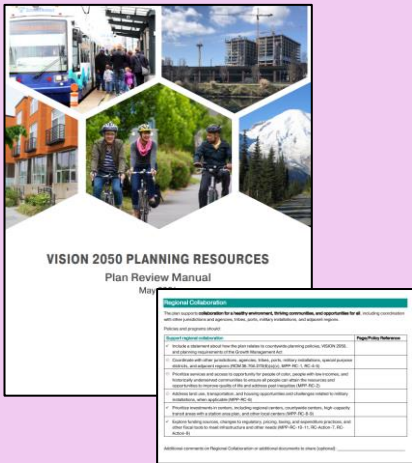
Anticipated Plan Adoption
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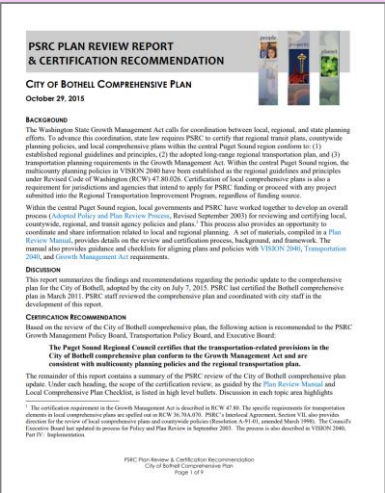
PSRC Process – Adopted Plans



Jurisdiction Adopts
Final Plan



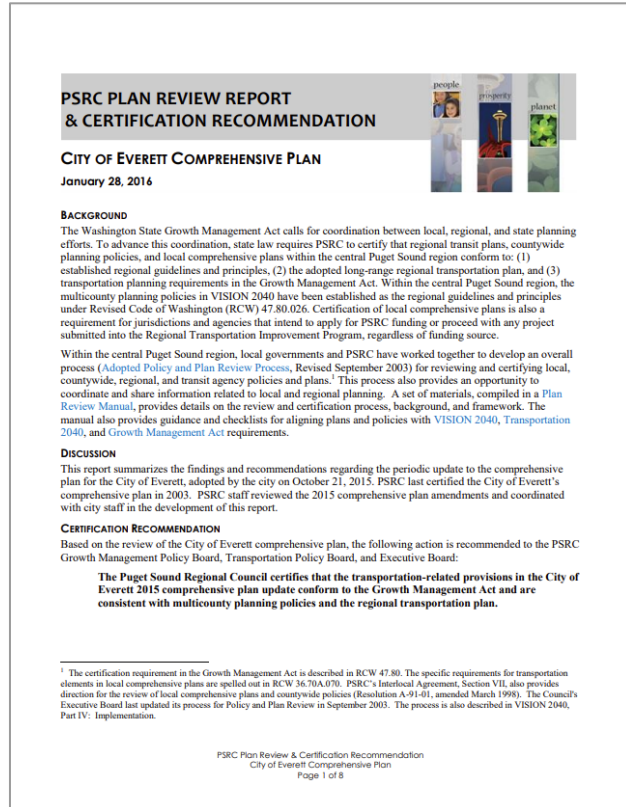
PSRC Staff Reviews Final
Plan for Consistency
with VISION 2050



PSRC Staff Prepare
Certification Report and
Makes Recommendation to
Boards



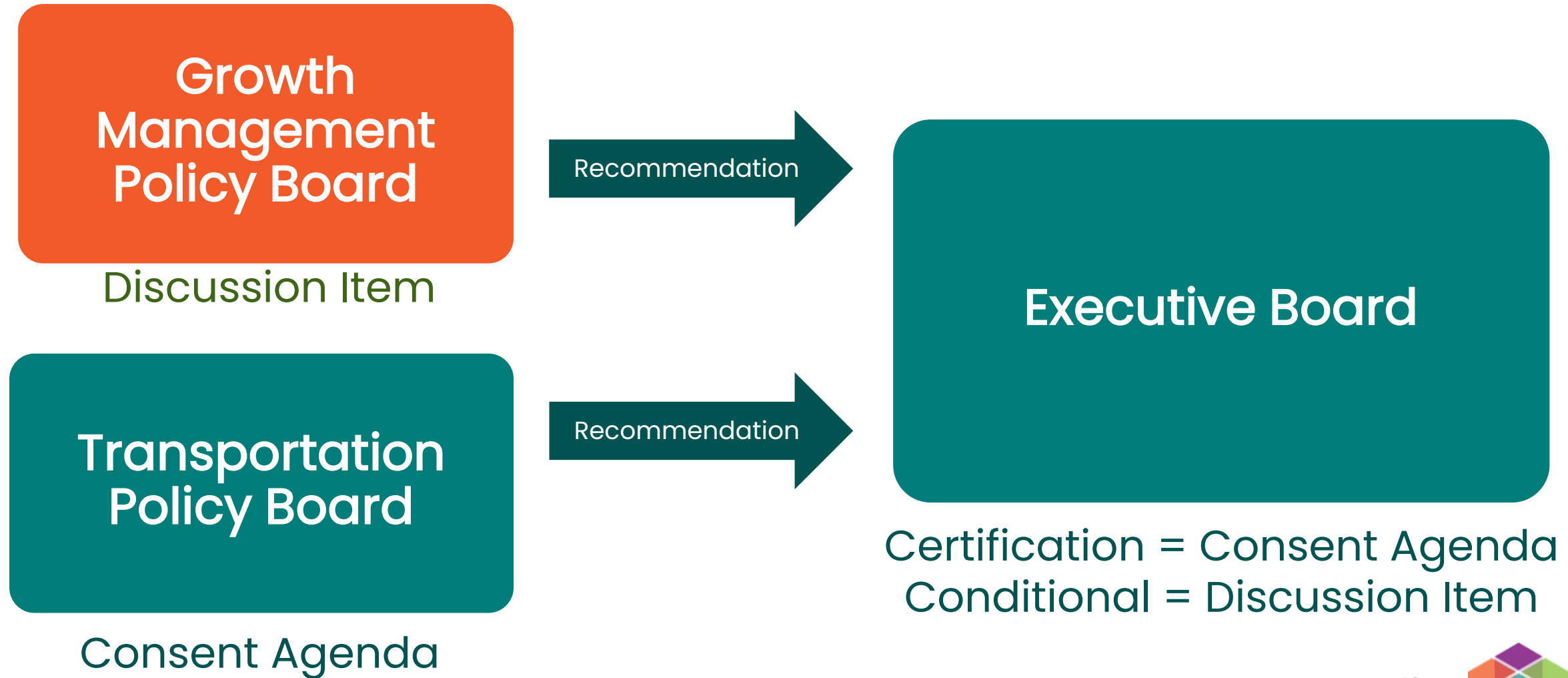
Certification Process



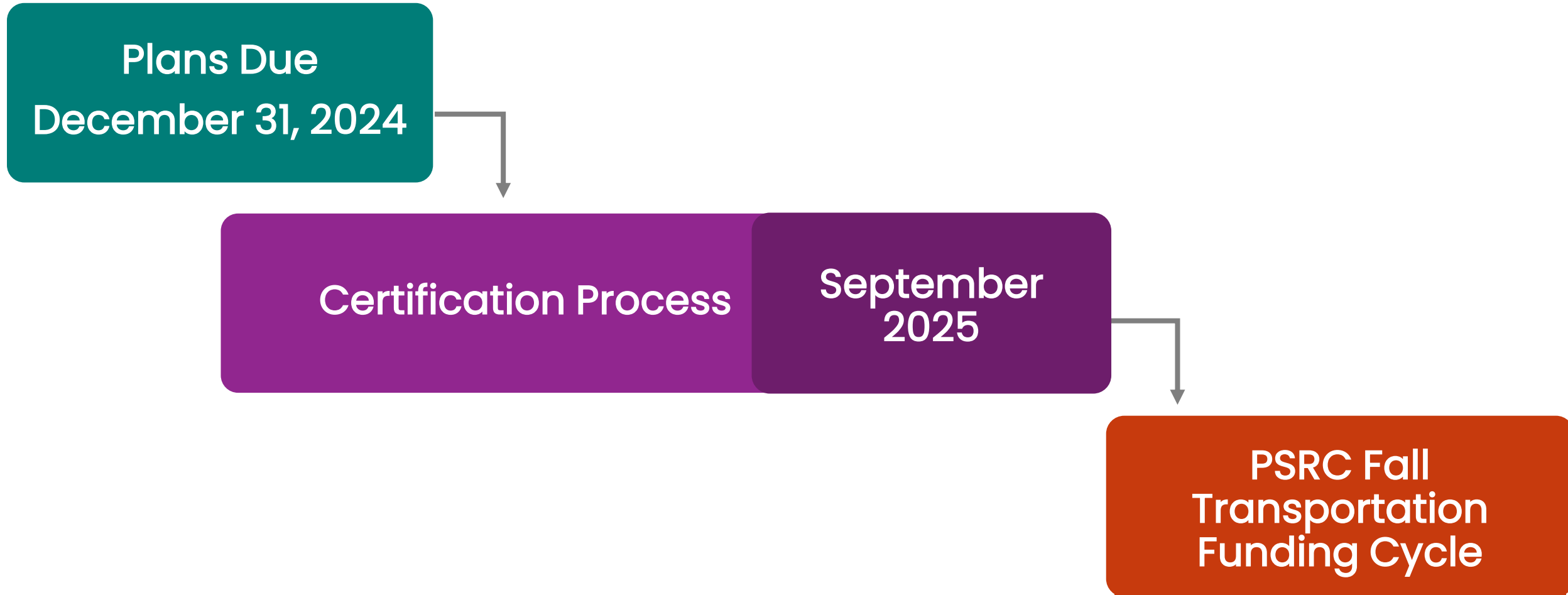
- Draft reports and PSRC staff recommendation **previewed with local staff**
- PSRC staff make **recommendations** on certification to PSRC Boards
- Executive Board certifies the transportation-related provisions of comprehensive plans conform to the **Growth Management Act** and consistent with **VISION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



Board Process for Certification



Certification Timeline



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



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

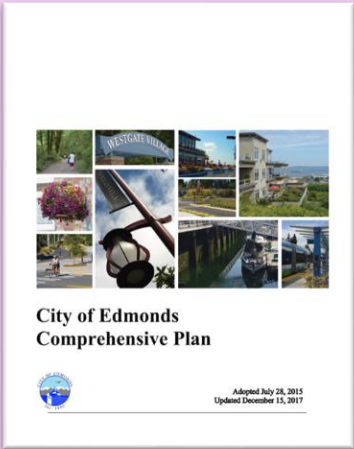
HB 1220 // Housing Requirements

- Planning for and accommodating housing at different income levels

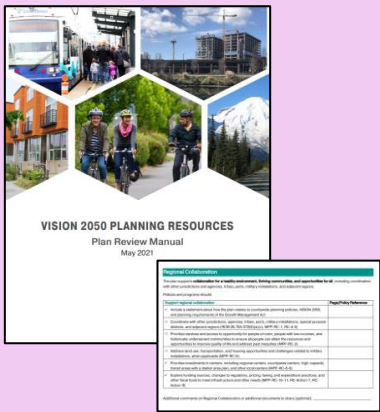
New!



Proposed Conditional Certification Process



Jurisdiction Adopts
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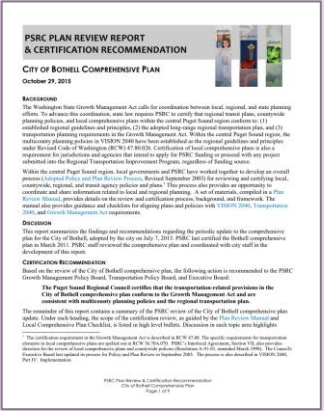


PSRC Staff Reviews
Final Plan for
Consistency with
VISION 2050

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



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Thank You!

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