

# Comprehensive Plan Review Work Plan & Approach

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Puget Sound Regional Council



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# Overview



## Today:

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

## Upcoming:

- Certifications Starting Fall 2024



# 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

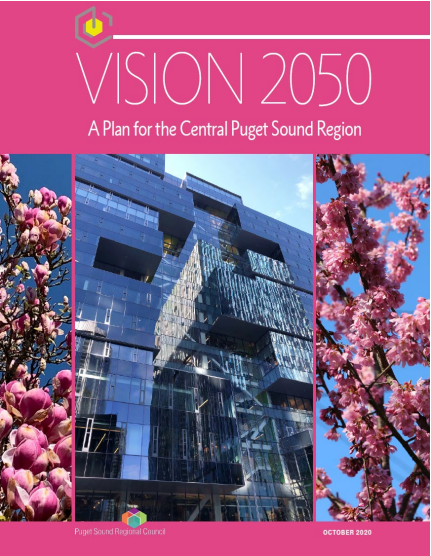
## Transportation Funding

- 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

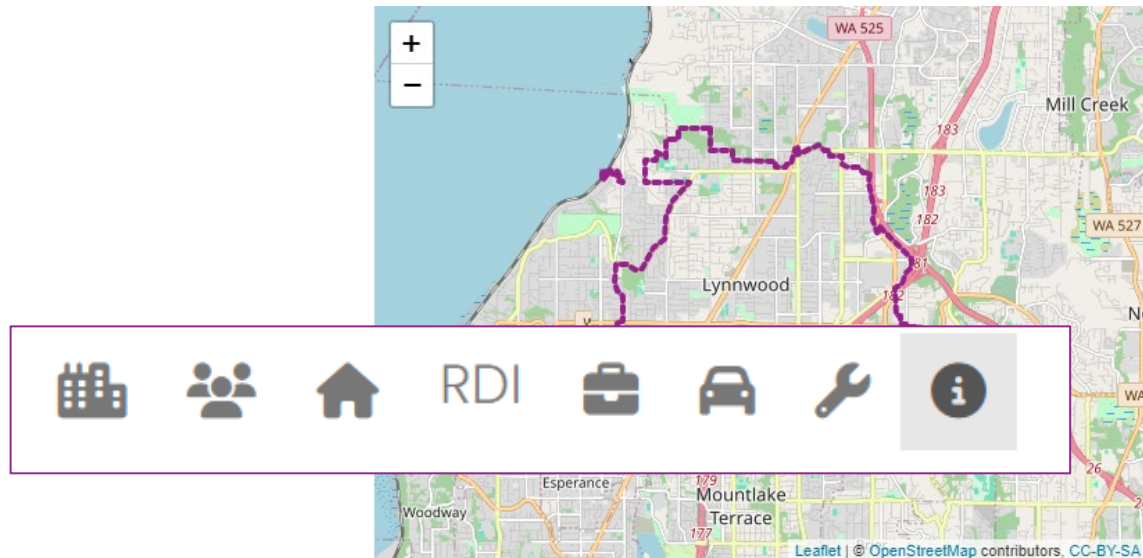


Adopted July 28, 2015  
Updated December 15, 2017



# PSRC Resources & Support

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



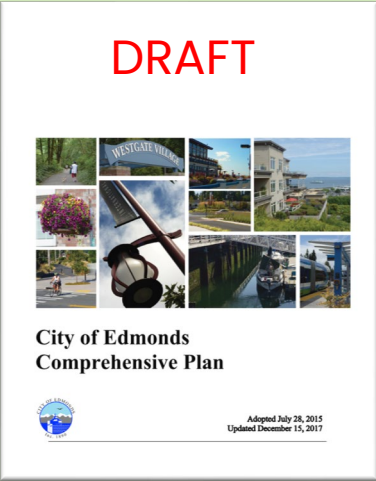




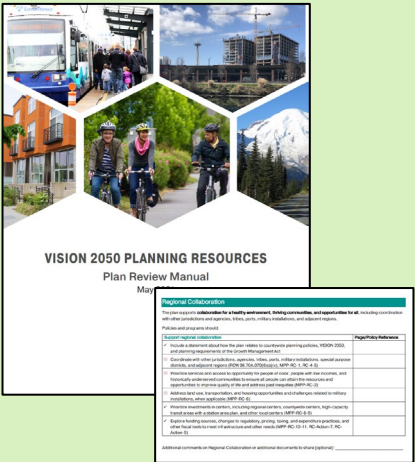
**Draft Plans**



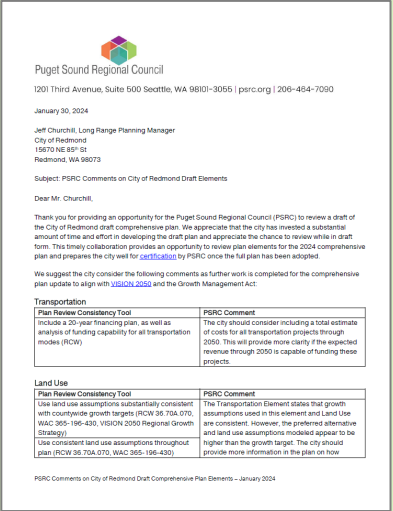
# PSRC Process for Draft Plans



Draft Plan & Consistency Tool Submitted to PSRC



PSRC Staff Reviews Draft for Consistency with VISION 2050



PSRC Staff Send Jurisdiction Comment Letter





# Draft 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





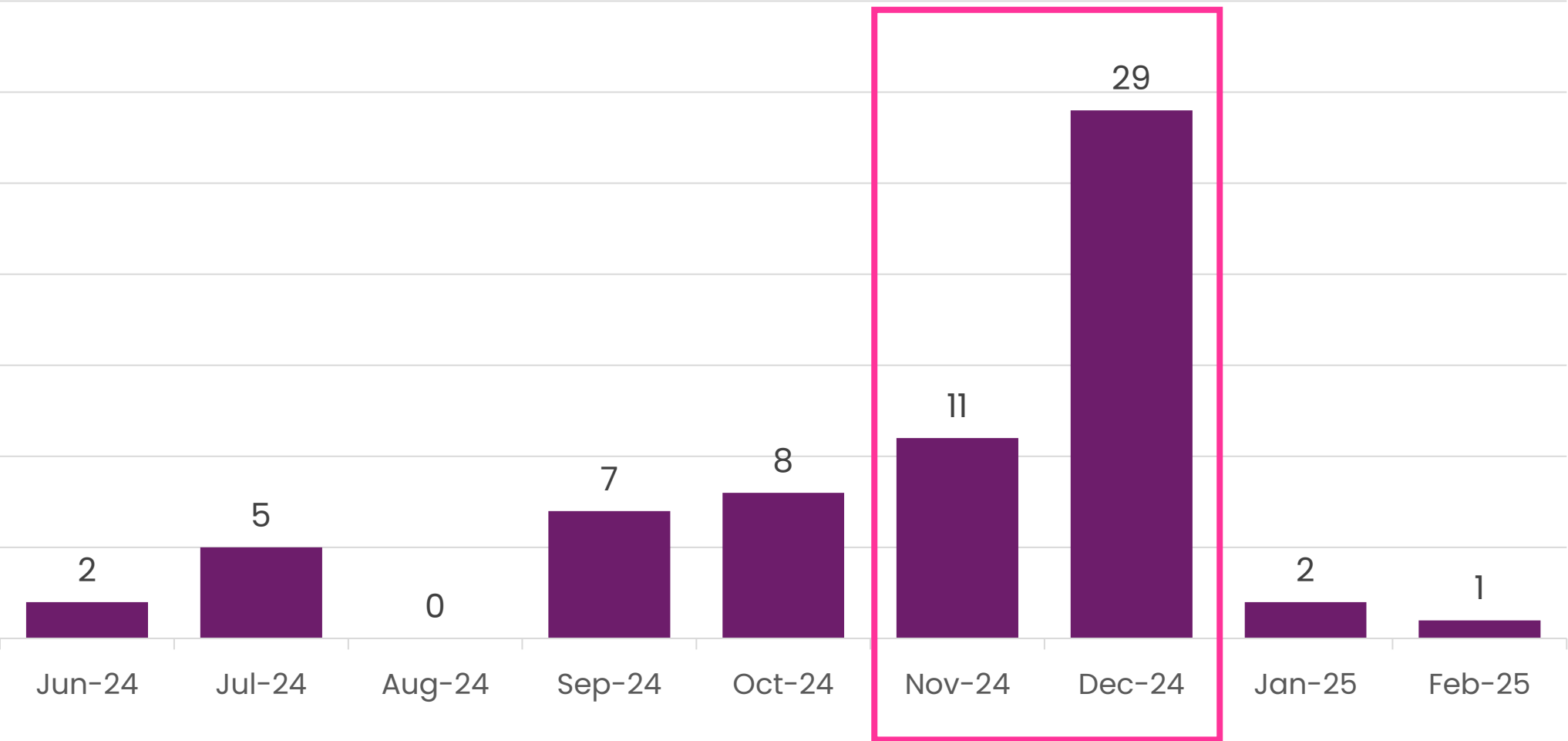
# Adopted Plans & Certification



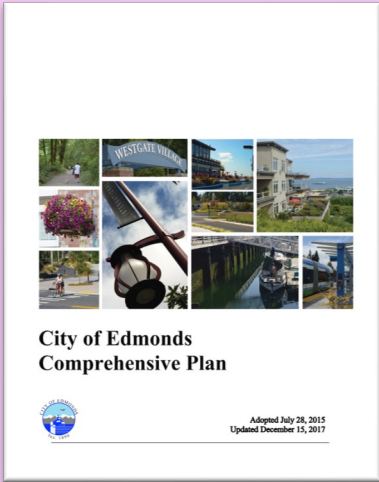


# Adopted Plans Timing

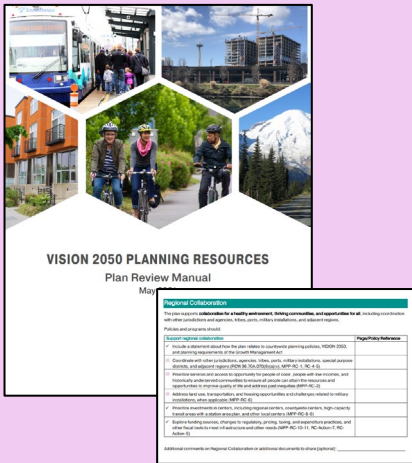
Anticipated Plan Adoption  
(as of 2/20/24)



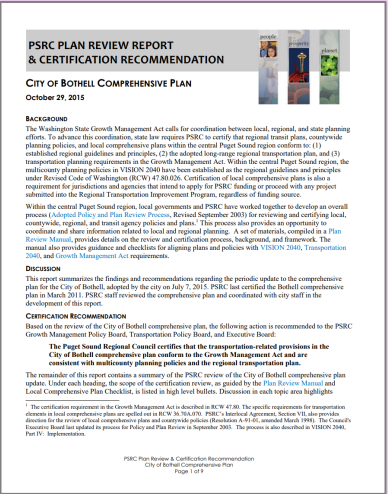
# PSRC Process – Adopted Plans



Jurisdiction Adopts  
Final Plan



PSRC Staff Reviews Final  
Plan for Consistency  
with VISION 2050

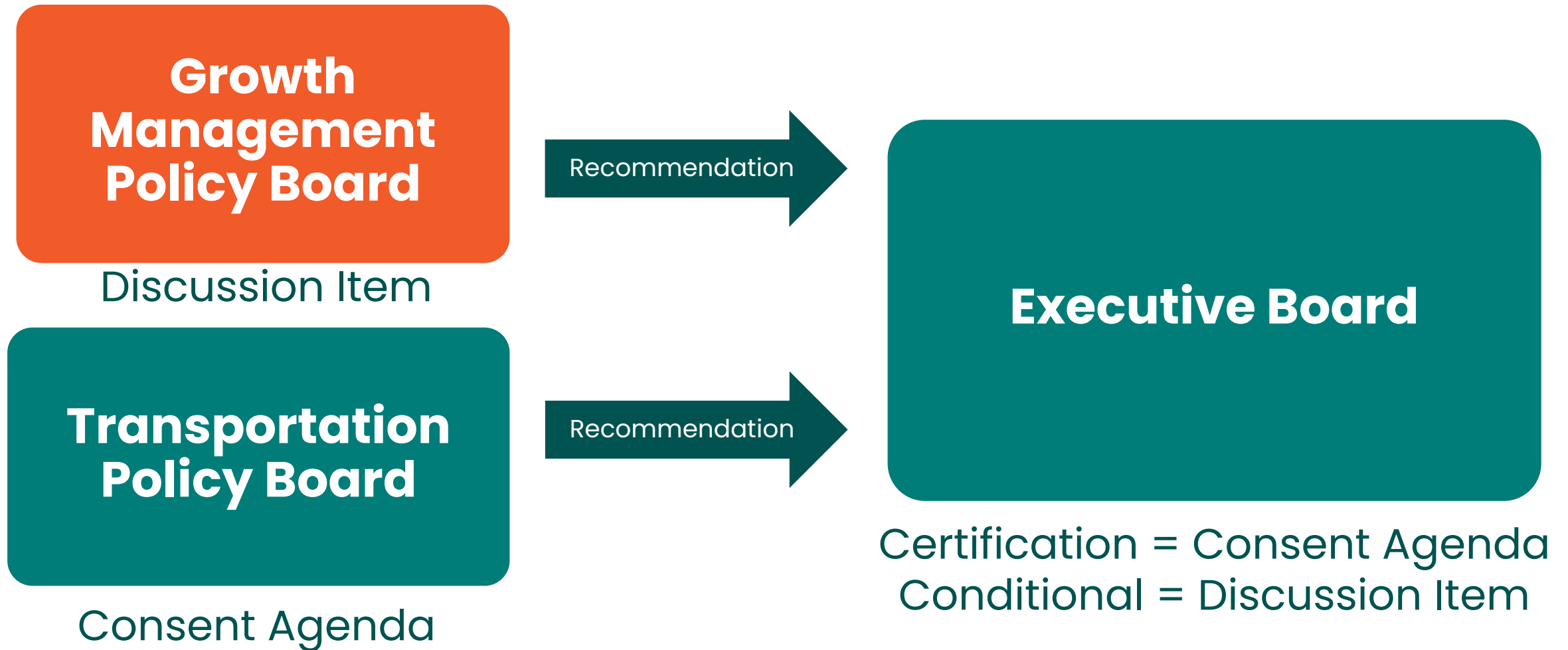


PSRC Staff Prepare  
Certification Report and  
Makes Recommendation to  
Boards





# Board Process for Certification



**Goal! Certification by September 2025**



# Possible Certification Outcomes

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





# 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?





# Thank You!

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