

Recommend Certification of the Town of Steilacoom Comprehensive Plan & Discuss PSRC Certification Process

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Overview



Today:

- Overview of PSRC Process & Status
- Recommend Certification of Steilacoom Plan
- Discuss Certification Topics





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Plan Review Status & Process

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

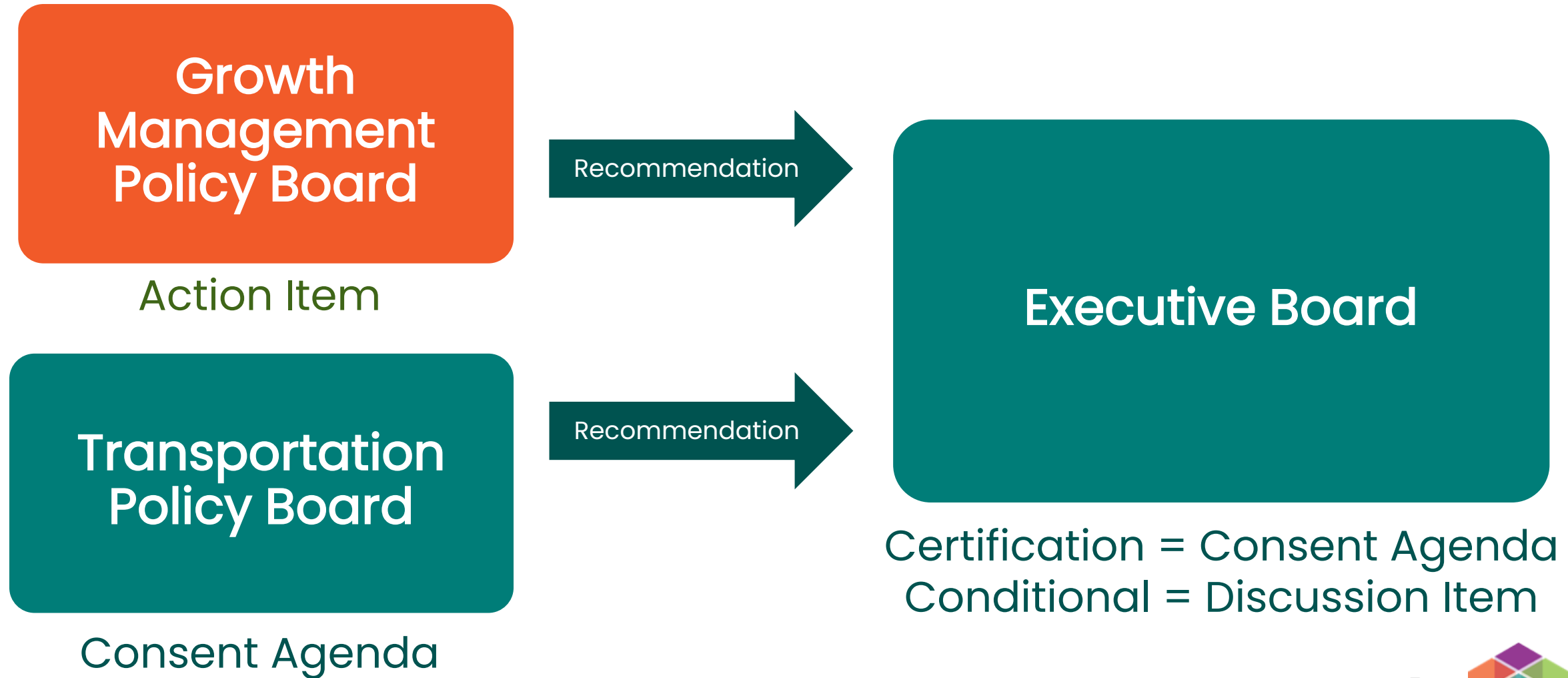
- Certification ensures state requirements for transportation planning are being met

Transportation Funding

- Certification is required for jurisdictions to be eligible for PSRC's federal transportation funding and program funds in the regional TIP



Board Process for Certification

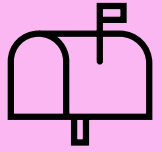


Possible Certification Outcomes

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



PSRC Plan Review Status – January 14, 2025



Drafts Received

76

86



Plans Under Review

4



Comment Letters Sent

73



Draft Plans – What We've Seen

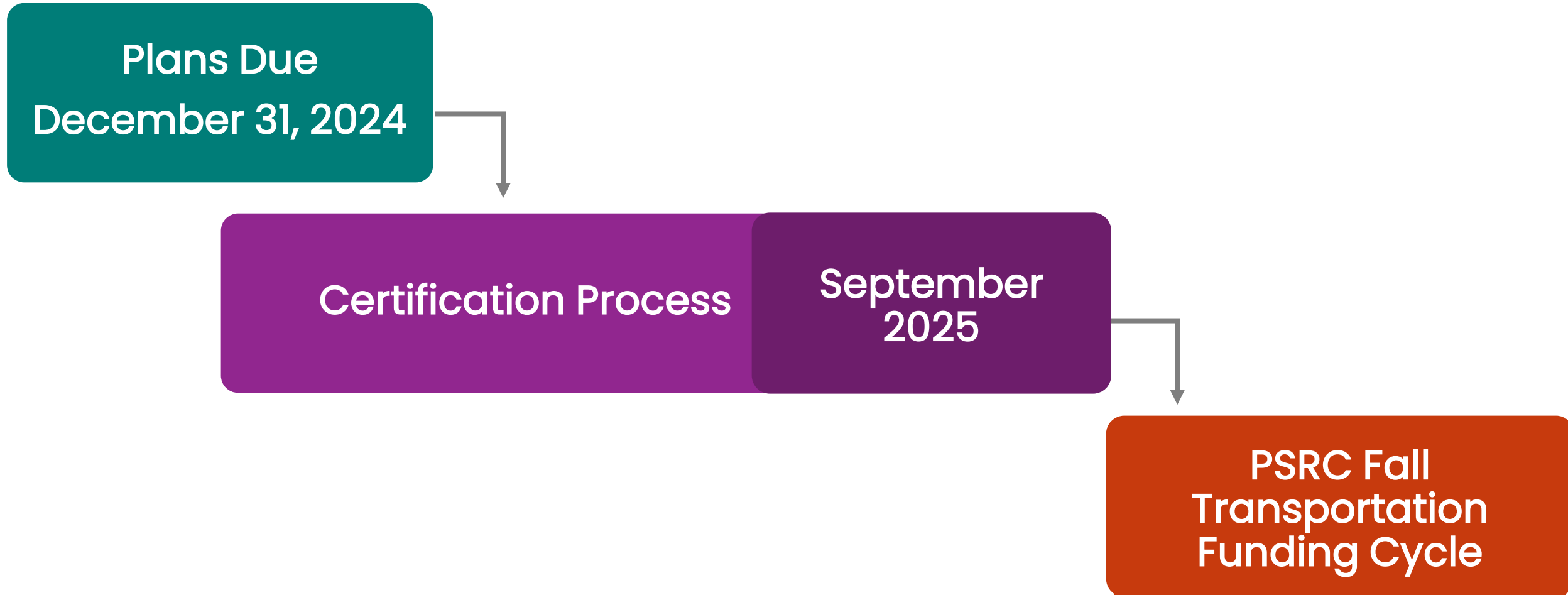
- Community engagement techniques including youth councils and community events
- Climate work ahead of HB 1181
- Addressing racially disparate impacts and barriers to affordable housing
- Rezones/upzones to accommodate housing need



Image from City of Snohomish public outreach event



Certification Timeline





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Plan Certification Action: Steilacoom

Town of Steilacoom Comprehensive Plan



STEILACOOM COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2024



Plan highlights:

- Support for inclusive, early community planning
- Thorough housing needs assessment and racially disparate impacts analysis
- Policies supportive of Steilacoom's town center
- Encourages new residential development to incorporate common open spaces, recreational areas, and sidewalks

Certification report included in GMPB packet



Staff Recommendation

Recommend the Executive Board certify that the transportation-related provisions in the Town of Steilacoom 2024 Comprehensive Plan conform to the Growth Management Act and are substantially consistent with multicounty planning policies and the Regional Transportation Plan.





Certification Topics

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
- Air quality

Consistency with Regional Transportation Plans

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

Consistency with VISION 2050 MPPs

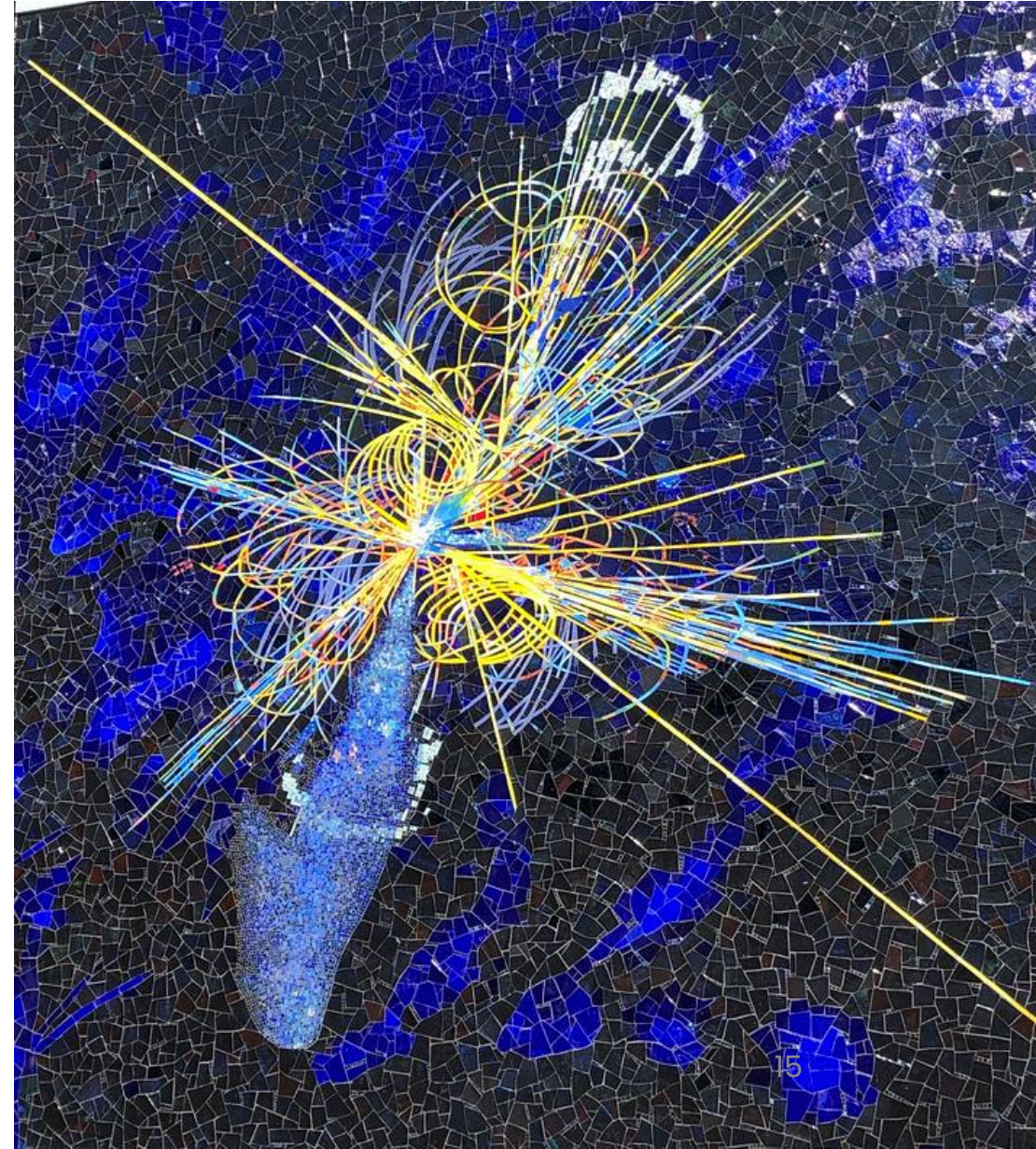
- Regional Growth Strategy
- Climate change, air quality and VMT provisions
- Equitable transit-oriented development (TOD)
- Housing supply and choices near transit and job centers



Growth Management Hearings Board

PSRC certification is a separate process from challenge to plans brought before the Growth Management Hearings Board

PSRC may choose to delay certification until the Hearings Board process is complete



Certification Topics

Certification Issues in Previous Updates

Transportation Requirements

- Project lists, bike + ped component, financing plan

Growth Targets

- Alignment with countywide growth targets
- Capacity for planned growth

For Additional Discussion

Housing Requirements / HB 1220

- Planning for and accommodating housing at all income levels



Certification Discussion: Housing Needs

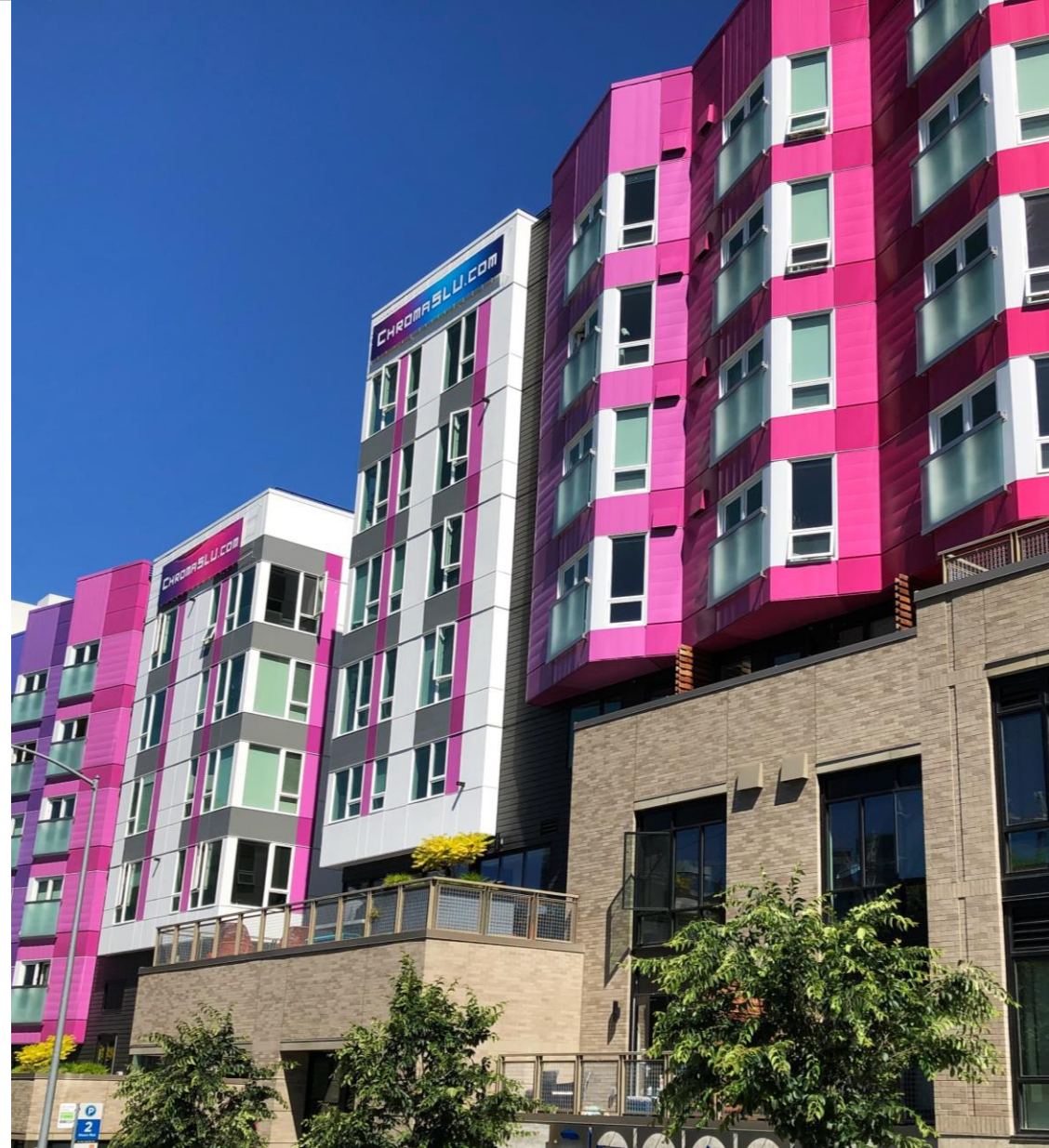
New GMA Housing Requirements:

GMA requires planning for housing for all income levels

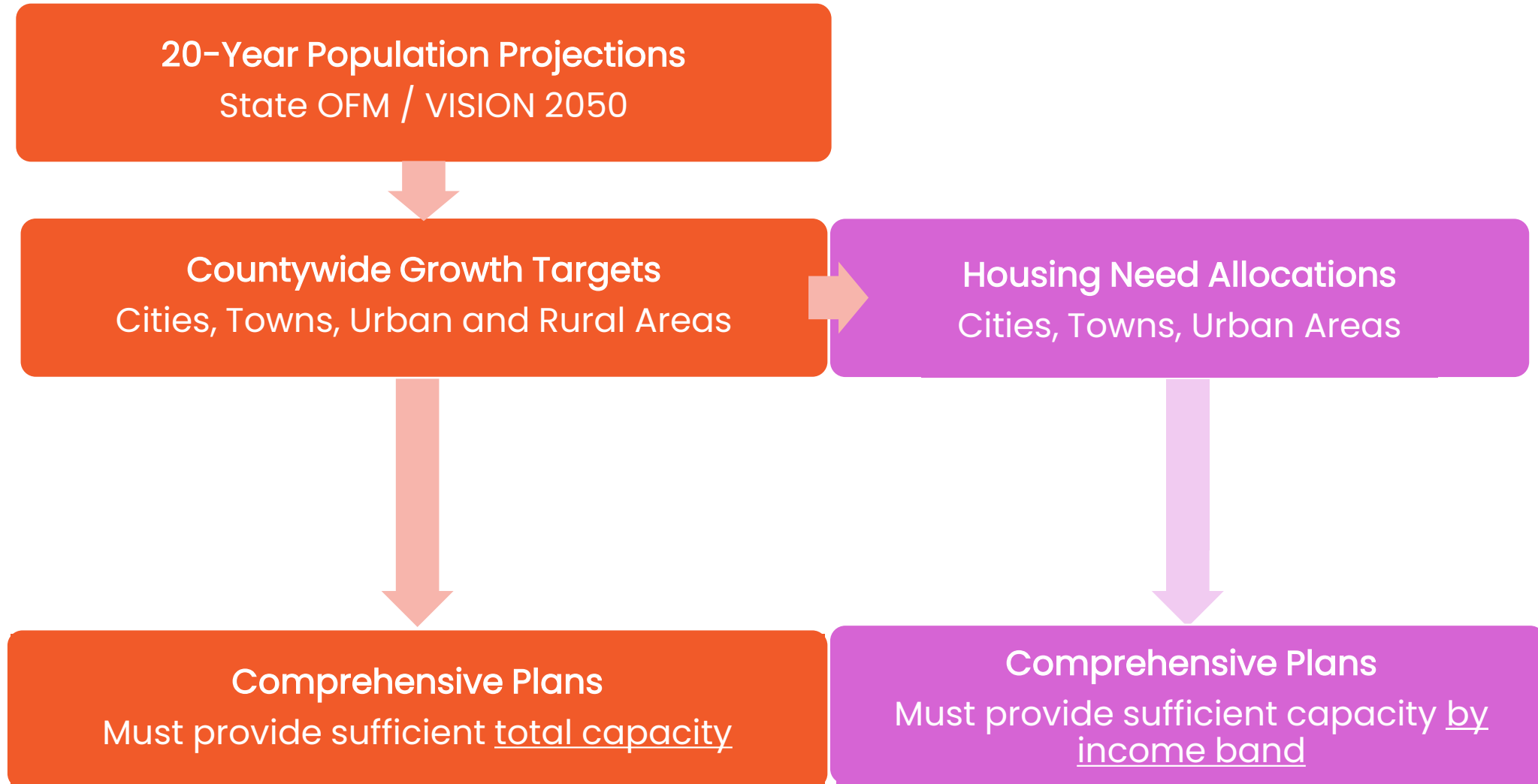
- Must show sufficient capacity

Most jurisdictions show they have housing need capacity

- Many rezoned to accommodate housing needs



Certification Discussion: Housing Needs



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Comments from draft review:

- No land capacity analysis
- Deficit in capacity for lower income housing
- Lack multifamily zoning
- Seeking feedback for staff to complete review
 - Could continue discussion about housing requirements with Regional Staff Committee



Discussion Questions

Do you have any questions or suggestions about the certification process?

Should staff continue discussion of housing requirements with Regional Staff Committee?

Are there other issues that you're concerned about?





Thank You!

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