

Growing Transit Communities In The Central Puget Sound Region

RESOLUTION

Whereas the central Puget Sound region has adopted VISION 2040, a long-range strategy to advance the ideals of our people, our prosperity and our planet by integrating land use, economic and transportation decisions in order to meet the needs of current and future generations, achieve economic prosperity with social equity, and support a healthy environment, including addressing global climate change; and

Whereas VISION 2040 includes among its goals (1) maintaining a prosperous and sustainable regional economy by supporting businesses and job creation, investing in all people, sustaining environmental quality, and creating great central places, diverse communities, and a high quality of life, and (2) focusing growth within already urbanized areas to create walkable, compact, and transit oriented communities, and (3) meeting housing needs through preservation and expansion of a range of affordable, healthy and safe housing choices; and

Whereas the voters of the central Puget Sound region have committed to a \$25 billion investment in light rail, commuter rail, bus rapid transit and local streetcar service that creates a once in a lifetime opportunity to plan for and support the growth of communities near high capacity transit; and

Whereas transit-oriented development is a land use pattern with many social, economic, and environmental benefits, including more sustainable and efficient use of urban land, support for regional and local economies, reduced combined housing and transportation costs per household, and improved access and mobility for residents; and

Whereas the Growing Transit Communities Partnership was formed as a diverse coalition of governmental and nongovernmental partners that was funded by a grant from the federal Partnership for Sustainable Communities for the express purpose of leveraging regional transit investments to create thriving and equitable transit communities around light rail and other high capacity transit stations; and

Whereas progress toward creating equitable transit communities will depend on active participation from a full range of partners over the long term, including transit agencies, businesses, non-profit organizations, as well as local jurisdictions and the Puget Sound Regional Council; and

Whereas the Growing Transit Communities Partnership has developed the Growing Transit Communities Strategy that recommends adoption of specific actions and tools by regional and local governments, by both public and private stakeholders, in order to create, grow, and enhance equitable transit communities throughout the region; and

Whereas, it is in the interest of elected officials; public agencies; leaders of and for affordable housing, communities and neighborhoods, business, education, the environment, philanthropy, finance, real estate, and transportation to cooperatively engage in the work related to the *Growing Transit Communities Strategy* for its successful completion;

Whereas, the *Growing Transit Communities Strategy* will be managed by the Puget Sound Regional Council;

Now, Therefore, this Resolution is established to acknowledge the support and need for coordinating efforts to successfully implement the *Growing Transit Communities Strategy*, and to authorize execution of the *Growing Transit Communities Compact* behalf of (name/agency);

SIGNATORIES:

The undersigned individuals hereby execute this Resolution on behalf of their respective agency and authorize a designee to sign the *Growing Transit Communities Compact*.

The _____, (name) is hereby authorized to sign and enter into the *Growing Transit Communities Compact*.

ADOPTED by the _____, Washington, and approved by its _____, on this _____ day of _____, 2013.