



October 1, 2013

Dear Partners and Interested Parties,

The Growing Transit Communities Partnership, a broad coalition of stakeholders from the public, private and nonprofit sectors, came together in 2010 to identify what will be needed to create the sustainable, equitable communities envisioned in adopted regional plans and supported by the region's commitment of nearly \$20 Billion in high-capacity transit investments. These plans and investments present a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to shape the region and ensure that transportation improvements support sustainable development and foster vibrant, healthy neighborhoods for all.

This summer, following an extensive 18-month collaborative process, the Partnership adopted the *Growing Transit Communities Strategy*. This document presents consensus approaches to how we want to develop in the region's high-capacity and high frequency transit areas, and what tools and resources we need to implement the region's adopted plans with a focus on three overarching goals:

- Attract more of the region's residential and employment growth near high-capacity transit
- Provide housing choices affordable to a full range of incomes near high-capacity transit
- Increase access to opportunity for existing and future community members in transit communities

The goals and recommendations in the *Growing Transit Communities Strategy* are wide-ranging, developed with the recognition that some approaches may work in some locations but not in others, and that each partner retains flexibility to pursue the actions most appropriate to local needs and conditions. The region's continued success will require an ongoing, dedicated partnership of a wide variety of public, private, non-profit, and community stakeholders.

We invite you to be an implementation partner by signing the *Growing Transit Communities Compact*, a regional pledge for ongoing collaboration to implement the goals and strategies of the *Growing Transit Communities Strategy*. Only with the continued involvement from a broad spectrum of public, private and nonprofit agencies and organizations can we succeed in supporting and growing thriving and equitable transit communities across our region.

We look forward to working with you in this process. For more information, please contact Ben Bakkenta, Program Manager, Puget Sound Regional Council at bbakkenta@psrc.org or 206-971-3286.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J. W. Brown".

Josh Brown, Chair, Oversight Committee
Commissioner, Kitsap County

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tony To".

Tony To, Vice-Chair, Oversight Committee
Executive Director, HomeSight