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*Dear Member of the Puget Sound Regional Council and Interested Parties:*

Enclosed is a copy of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for VISION 2040, the long-range growth management, environmental, economic, and transportation strategy for the central Puget Sound region. VISION 2040 is scheduled to be adopted by the General Assembly of the Puget Sound Regional Council on April 24, 2008.

Preparation of VISION 2040 and the Final Environmental Impact Statement has included extensive agency and public involvement. Work on VISION 2040 and its environmental review was guided by the Regional Council's Growth Management and Transportation policy boards, the Economic Development District Board of Directors, and the Regional Council's Executive Board.

The Regional Council adopts and maintains VISION 2040, which addresses the question of how and where can the region absorb growth forecasted to the year 2040 while protecting the environment and our overall quality of life. VISION 2040 contains a regional growth strategy and the region's multicounty planning policies. Together, VISION 2040 and its functional plans for transportation (*Destination 2030*) and the economy (the Regional Economic Strategy) envision a future for our region and identify the actions we need to take to get there.

The Final Environmental Impact Statement analyzes the regional growth strategy (referred to as the Preferred Growth Alternative in the environmental review), as well as four other conceptual growth alternatives, for accommodating forecasted growth. For each element of the built and natural environment, the Final Environmental Impact Statement describes existing conditions, potential environmental impacts associated with each alternative, potential measures to mitigate the impacts of the growth, and potential unavoidable adverse impacts.

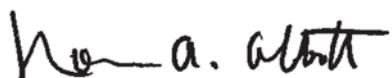
The Final Environmental Impact Statement combines the information found in the Draft and Supplement Draft Environmental Impact Statements, which were released in May 2006 and July 2007. The information in both of these drafts has been updated based on comments submitted during the two public comment periods.

In addition to the main environmental review document, there are two volumes of appendices. Volume I contains the supporting technical materials for the environmental impact statement. Volume II describes the public outreach process used to develop VISION 2040, includes all of the comment letters submitted, and includes a response to each comment within each comment letter.

The Final Environmental Impact Statement has been prepared in accordance with the State Environmental Policy Act, Revised Code of Washington 43.21C, and the adopted procedures for environmental impact statement preparation under Washington Administrative Code 197-11.

Copies of VISION 2040 and the Final Environmental Impact Statement are available through the Regional Council's Information Center at 206-464-7532, on the web at psrc.org, or through local libraries.

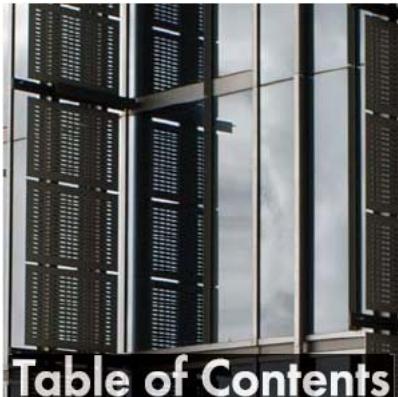
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## Fact Sheet

# Final Environmental Impact Statement for VISION 2040

## Proposed Action

*The Puget Sound Regional Council is scheduled to adopt VISION 2040, the regional long-range growth management, environmental, economic and transportation strategy for the central Puget Sound region. VISION 2040 is an update of VISION 2020, which was last revised in 1995.*

*VISION 2040 contains the region's multicounty planning policies, which are required by the Washington State Growth Management Act. VISION 2040 covers King, Kitsap, Pierce, and Snohomish counties and their respective cities and towns and provides a comprehensive regional strategy for managing growth through the year 2040.*

The VISION 2040 Final Environmental Impact Statement is being prepared in accordance with the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 43.21C and the adopted rules for EIS preparation under Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 197-11-400 to 460. VISION 2040 is a non-project action.

The Final Environmental Impact Statement presents and discusses the potential significant environmental impacts that may occur upon implementation of a Preferred Growth Alternative (referred to as the Regional Growth Strategy in VISION 2040), as well as four other conceptual growth alternatives: Growth Targets Extended (No Action), Metropolitan Cities, Larger Cities, and Smaller Cities. The Final Environmental Impact Statement describes the alternatives, evaluates environmental impacts, and describes potential mitigation measures.

The Final Environmental Impact Statement contains two volumes of appendices. Volume I includes the supporting technical materials, and Volume II describes the public outreach process, includes all of the comment letters submitted, and includes responses to each comment within the comment letters.

A Draft and Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement were prepared for public review and comment; this Final Environmental Impact Statement supersedes and replaces the two previous documents.



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## **Date of Issue of Final Environmental Impact Statement**

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## **Next Steps**

The General Assembly is scheduled to take action on the updated VISION in April 2008.

## **Related Documents**

A complete list of references for the Final Environmental Impact Statement is provided in *FEIS Appendices - Appendix I-B*. Also, see VISION 2040 for a set of references used to develop that document.

The Final Environmental Impact Statement is available in a number of formats at no cost — on a compact disk and in electronic format on PSRC's Web site. Paper copies are available for review at the offices of PSRC, 1011 Western Ave., Suite 500, Seattle, WA 98104-1035.

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