

# VISION 2050

## **Plan Review & Certification Program**

June 30, 2021



Puget Sound Regional Council



# Today's Purpose

**Provide resources to help you create local plans**  
that advance regional goals around mobility, climate  
change, housing affordability, racial equity, and more!





# Overview

- VISION 2050
- PSRC's Plan Review Program
  - Updated Plan Review Manual
  - Plan certification
  - Local planning resources
- Q & A



# We want to get to know you!



# Planning Framework




- GMA requires PSRC to review and certify **countywide planning policies** and local **comprehensive plans**
- RCW 81.104.040 requires PSRC to review **Sound Transit's long-range system plans**
- PSRC's Policy & Plan Review Process (2003) calls for review and certification of **regional center plans**
- 2017 MOU between PSRC & transit agencies calls for review of **transit plans**

The Plan Review Manual  
helps facilitates this work







# VISION 2050 is the plan for how to accommodate...

**1.5 million more people** and  
**1.1 million more jobs** by 2050





# VISION 2050

A Plan for the Central Puget Sound Region



Puget Sound Regional Council

OCTOBER 2020












## Adopted October 29, 2020





# Key Policy Themes

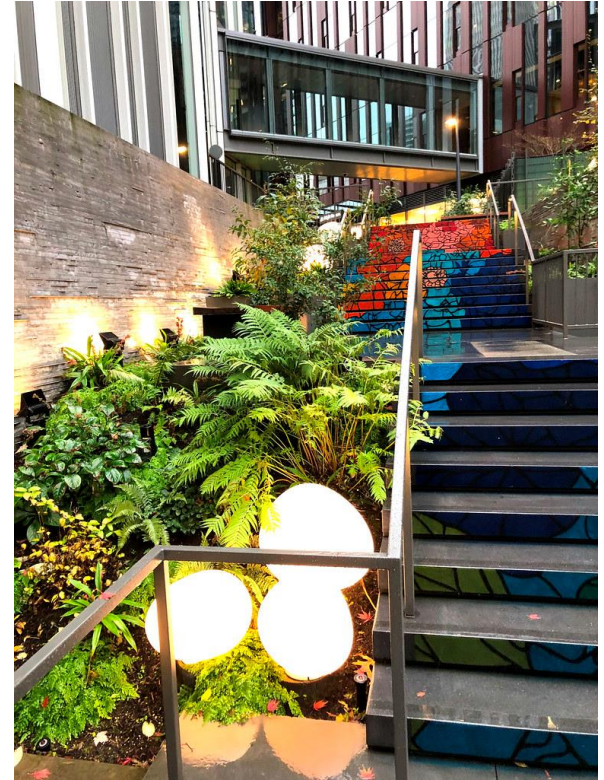
-  Increase **housing** choices and affordability
-  Provide **opportunities** for all
-  Sustain a strong **economy**
-  Significantly reduce greenhouse gas **emissions**
-  Keep the region **moving**
-  Restore the health of **Puget Sound**
-  Protect a network of **open space**
-  Growth in **centers** and near **transit**
-  Act **collaboratively** and support **local efforts**



# What's different from VISION 2040?



- Extends planning horizon to **2050**
- Updated growth strategy aims for **more growth near transit**
- New chapter on **climate change**
- Directs regional work on **housing** and **equity**
- Advocates for **sustainable funding** sources
- Increases recognition of **Native Tribes** and **military installations**





**Goals:** Overarching plan objectives



**Policies:** Multicounty principles for regional and local planning



**Actions:** Step to implement policies



**Regional Growth Strategy:** numeric strategy to plan for new growth

## Policy Sections

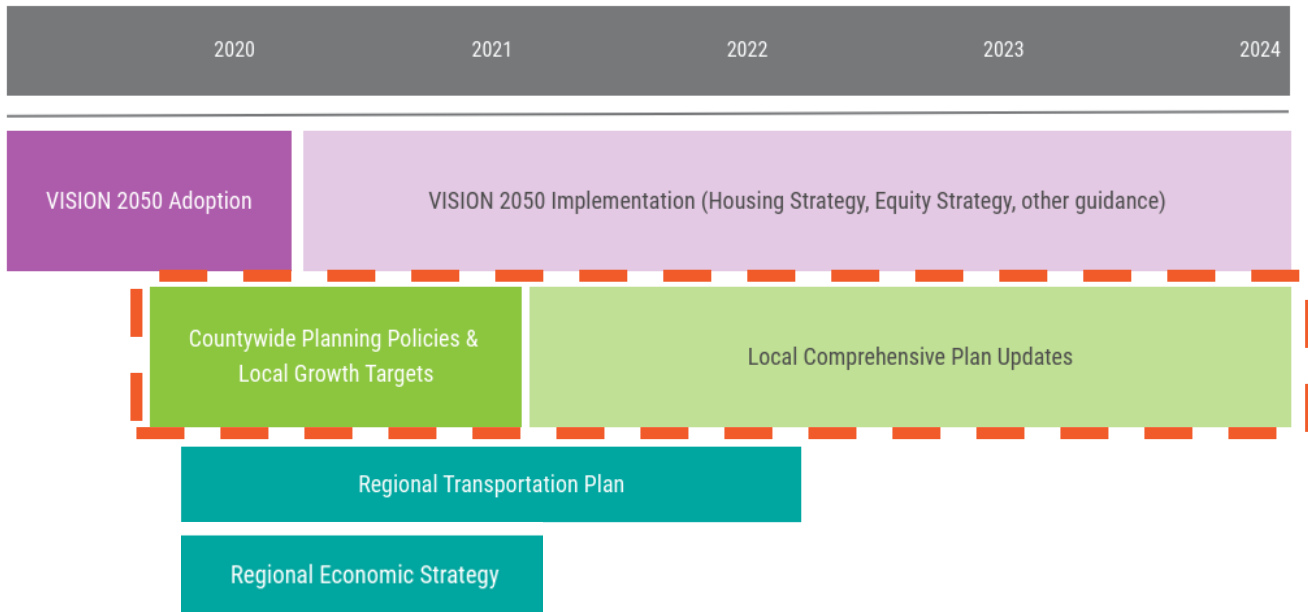
- Regional Collaboration
- Regional Growth Strategy
- Environment
- Climate Change
- Development Patterns
- Housing
- Economy
- Transportation
- Public Services





# VISION 2050

## Upcoming Planning Work



# Resources

## VISION 2040 to VISION 2050 Summary

<https://www.psrc.org/sites/default/files/v2040-v2050-overview.pdf>

## VISION 2040 to VISION 2050 Policy Crosswalk

<https://www.psrc.org/sites/default/files/vision-policy-matrix.pdf>

## Plan Review Manual + VISION 2050 Consistency Tools

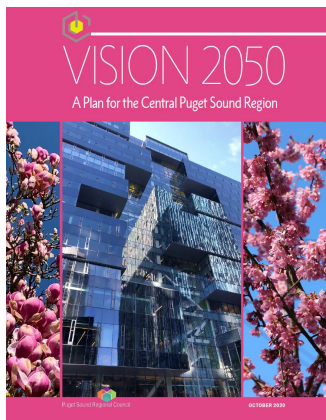
<https://www.psrc.org/our-work/plan-review>

VISION 2050 Goals, Policies, and Actions Table				Adopted October 2020
The adopted goals, policies, and actions in VISION 2040 were used as a starting point for VISION 2050. This table compiles specific revisions and rationale for changes to the multicounty planning policies in VISION 2050 and translates between the policy numbering in VISION 2040 and VISION 2050. The table is organized by policy section in the plan. Amendments made by the Growth Management Policy Board or the Executive Board in response to comments are noted in the "Type/Reason of Change" column. PSRC's General Assembly adopted VISION 2050 on October 29, 2020.				
VISION 2050 Regional Collaboration Goal, Policies, and Actions				
Goal	The region plans collaboratively for a healthy environment, thriving communities, and opportunities for all.		New goal. Prior chapter (General Policies) did not include a goal statement.	
VISION 2050 #	VISION 2040 #	Policy/Action	Type/Reason of Change	
MPP-RC-1	MPP-G-1	Coordinate planning efforts among jurisdictions, agencies, and federally recognized Indian tribes, ports, and adjacent regions, where there are common borders or related regional issues, to facilitate a common vision.	Coordination - change adds reference to adjacent regions; GMPB amended in response to comment review	
MPP-RC-2	n/a	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.	Equity - new policy focuses on advancing social equity; GMPB amended in response to comment review	
MPP-RC-3	n/a	Make reduction of health disparities and improvement of health outcomes across the region a priority when developing and carrying out regional, countywide, and local plans.	Health - new policy focuses on improving health outcomes; GMPB amended in response to comment review	
MPP-RC-4	n/a	Coordinate with tribes in regional and local planning, recognizing the mutual benefits and potential for impacts between growth occurring within and outside tribal boundaries.	Tribes - new policy emphasizes the need for coordination between local and regional agencies and tribes	
MPP-RC-5	n/a	Consult with military installations in regional and local planning, recognizing the mutual benefits and potential for impacts between growth occurring within and outside installation boundaries.	Military - new policy emphasizes the need for coordination between local and regional agencies and the military	
MPP-RC-6	n/a	Recognize the beneficial impacts of military installations as well as the land use, housing, and transportation challenges for adjacent and nearby communities.	GMPB added in response to comment review	
MPP-RC-7	MPP-DP-7, DP-10, T-12	Give funding priority - both for transportation infrastructure and for economic development - to support designated regional growth centers and manufacturing/industrial centers, consistent with the regional vision. Regional funds are prioritized to regional centers. County-level and local funding are also appropriate to prioritize to regional growth centers.	Funding - change consolidates existing funding-related policies that address funding for both regional growth centers and manufacturing/industrial centers	





# Plan Review Manual



## VISION 2050 PLANNING RESOURCES

### Plan Review Manual

May 2021

Regional Collaboration	
The plan supports <b>collaboration for a healthy environment, thriving communities, and opportunities for all</b> , 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.	
④ Coordinate with other jurisdictions, agencies, tribes, ports, military installations, special purpose districts, and adjacent regions (ROW 36.70A.070(d)(a)(vi), MPP-RC-1, RC-4-5)	
④ 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)	
④ 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

Updating the manual implements  
VISION 2050's RC-Action-1



# Most recent reviews

**2011/2012**

Last major updates to CPPs

**2015/2016**

Last round of comprehensive plan updates

**2016**

Sound Transit's most recent long-range plan adopted

**Ongoing**

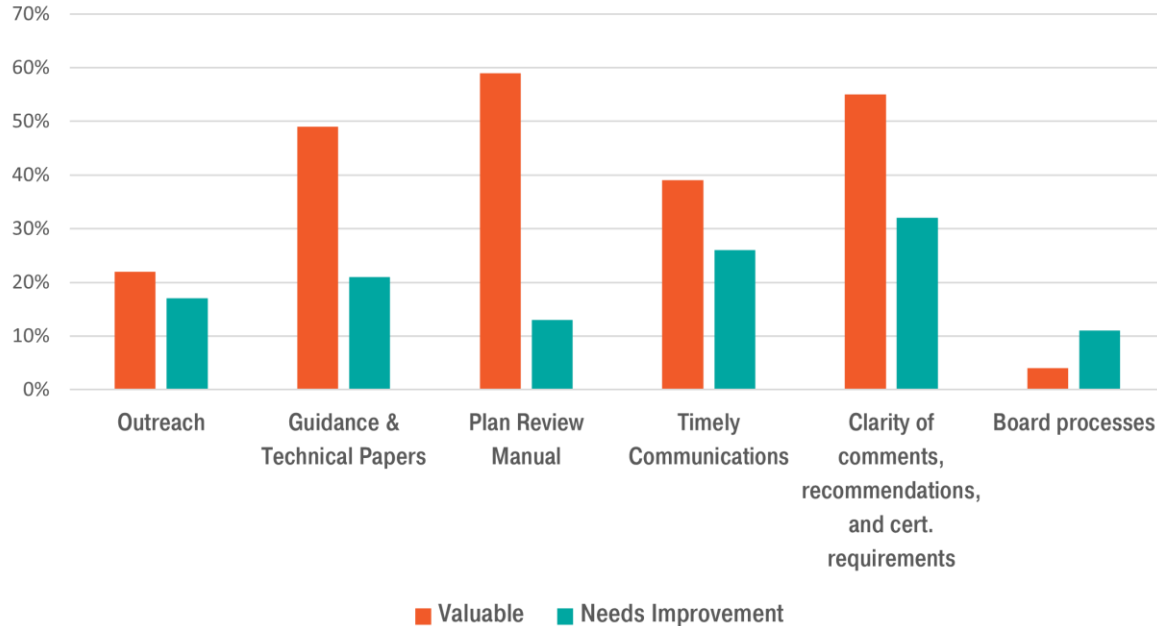
Regional center plan and other transit agencies' long-range plan updates





# Taking Stock (2016)

Plan Review Resources



## Jurisdictions...

- Found the Plan Review Manual and VISION 2040 to be helpful as plans were being updated
- Valued PSRC's comments during draft review and plan certification
- Were confused by multiple checklists and requirements
- Were unclear on plan submittal procedures

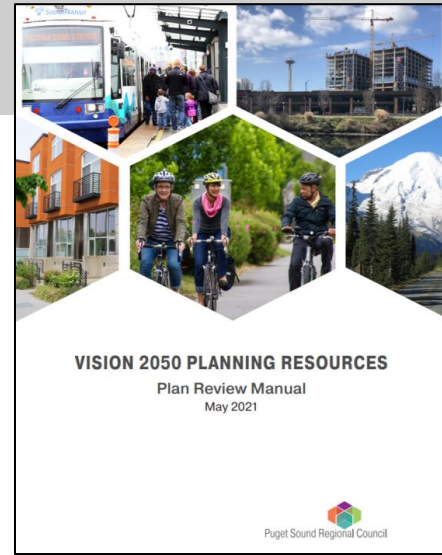


# Updating the Plan Review Manual: Contents



For each type of review:

- Legal Framework
- Policy Context
- Process
- VISION 2050 Consistency Tool



# Plan Review Process: Getting your plan certified



**Use the manual and plan tools throughout the planning process!**





# VISION 2050 Consistency Tools

## VISION Consistency Tool for Local Comprehensive Plans

Note: The tool shown here is for illustrative purposes. To fill out the tool, visit [www.psrc.org/our-work/plan-review](http://www.psrc.org/our-work/plan-review).

This tool is intended to help cities and counties integrate VISION 2050 into their local comprehensive plans. VISION 2050's multicounty planning policies serve as the adopted regional guidelines and principles required in state law to guide both regional and local planning. The tool also identifies transportation planning requirements of the Growth Management Act (GMA). The tool may be used at various times in the local planning process:

**Plan Update Scoping:** Use checklist items as guidance for scoping the extent of plan element updates. New or expanded issue areas in VISION 2050 are identified to support this process.

**Draft Plan Review:** Submit draft plans to PSRC prior to Planning Commission and Council review. Completing and submitting this tool and providing early drafts to PSRC help identify potential consistency issues early in the process.

**Certification Review:** Along with the adopted plan, the tool will assist in PSRC's review of the plan. Demonstrating inclusion of the necessary information in the checklist helps facilitate certification. *Note: The PSRC Executive Board is the final decision-making body for plan certification.*

**Regional Collaboration:** The tool provides cities and counties an opportunity to highlight supports sharing of best practices across the region and benefits jurisdictions as they

### Resources

- Regional Plans: [VISION 2050](#), [Regional Transportation Plan](#), and [Regional Economic Development Plan](#)
- [VISION 2040 to VISION 2050](#) – summary of what changed in VISION 2050
- [VISION 2050 Policy Matrix](#) – a comparison of multicounty planning policies and a comparison of local policies
- [Plan Review Manual webpage](#) – access more information about the review and certification process and other resources by policy area. See previous [certification reports](#) for areas that

## How to use the tools:

- Reference in the manual
- Fill out tools using Formsite and submit with drafts and adopted plans

Tools should be used throughout the planning process

Go-to resources for VISION 2050 and Plan Review process

Open-ended questions to highlight innovation & engagement

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✓ Include a statement about the plan's goals and planning requirements	
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Icons show new or expanded focus areas



# New or expanded focus areas from VISION 2050

- Racial equity & equitable engagement
- Housing access & affordability
- Addressing health disparities
- Station area planning
- Resident & commercial anti-displacement
- Climate change
- Transportation electrification and other emerging technologies

Look for (!)  
or  in the  
tools



# Certification Focus Areas (Comp Plans)

## GMA transportation-related requirements

- Land use assumptions and travel demand forecasts are consistent with each other and growth targets
- Service and facility needs
- Plan for transportation financing and investments
- Demand management
- Pedestrian and bicycle planning

## Consistency with Regional Transportation Plans

- Transportation project lists, including financing strategies
- Transportation modeling based on shared regional growth assumptions

## Consistency with VISION 2050 MPPs

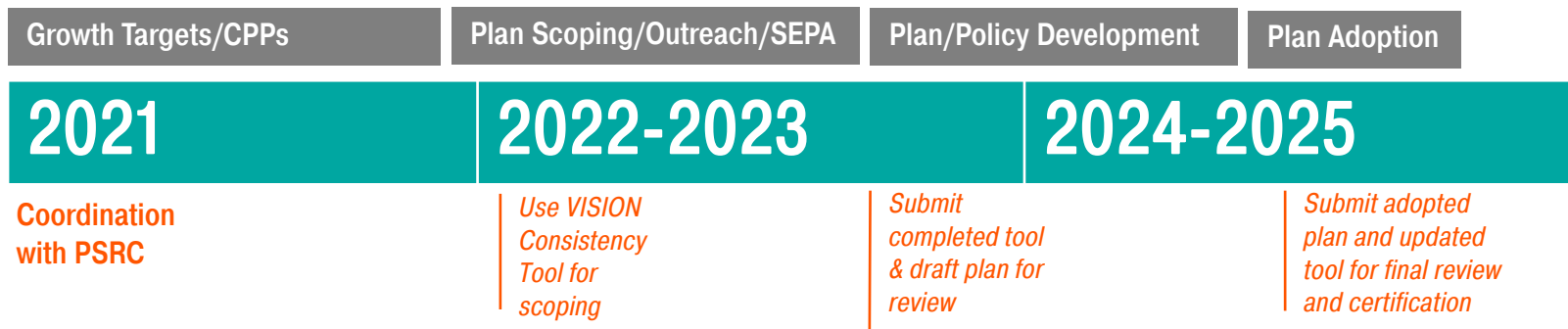
- Regional Growth Strategy
- Climate change and air quality through reduction of transportation-related GHG emissions and pollution
- Equitable transit-oriented development (TOD)
- Housing supply and choices near transit and job centers





# Plan Review Process

## Planning Process



# Using the VISION 2050 Consistency Tools



# Submitting draft plans for review helps certification

1

Fill out the  
VISION 2050  
Consistency  
Tool

2

PSRC will  
contact you  
and review  
draft within 30  
days

3

PSRC will  
identify any  
certification  
issues through  
comments

4

Consider  
suggested  
changes to  
plan prior to  
adoption





# How else can PSRC staff help early in your process?



Meet one-on-one to discuss plan scope and schedule



Present to councils, planning commissions, boards, etc.



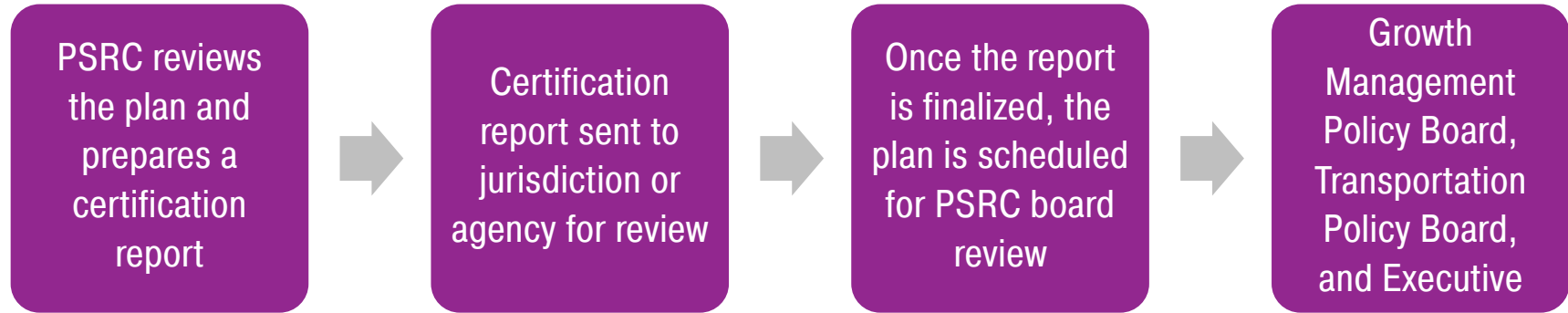
VISION 2050, consistency tools, or resources

Email us at [planreview@psrc.org](mailto:planreview@psrc.org)



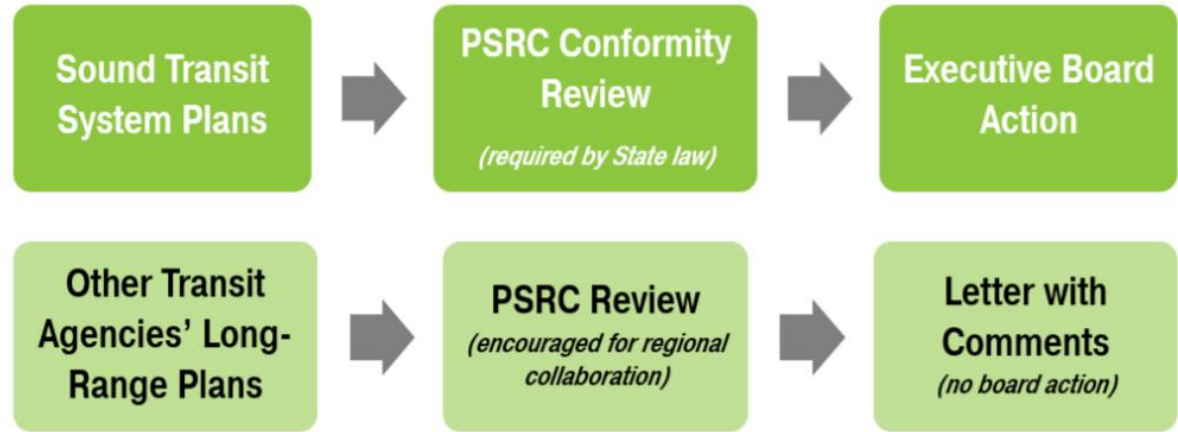
# So you've adopted a plan...

Complete the consistency tool and upload your adopted plan for PSRC to review and initiate the certification process



# For transit agencies (other than Sound Transit)

- Complete the consistency tool and upload your adopted plan for PSRC to review
- PSRC will provide comments on how the plan advances regional goals





# Possible Certification Outcomes

Certification	Conditional Certification	Not certified
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Fully consistent with VISION 2050, the Regional Transportation Plan, and state law requirements</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Meets majority of planning requirements</li><li>▪ Requires limited additional work for full conformity</li><li>▪ Includes a shared agreement and timeframe to address the remaining work items</li><li>▪ Still eligible for regional funding, provided conditions of approval are followed</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Inconsistent with VISION 2050, Regional Transportation Plan, or state law requirements</li></ul>

PSRC's Executive Board is the final decision-making body for plan certification.



# Plan Review FAQs

How does PSRC certification **relate to Growth Management Hearings Board?**

Is there an **appeal process** for certification decisions?

How does certification impact **eligibility for transportation funding?**

What do I do with **annual amendments** (outside of periodic updates)?



# NEW! Resources Webpage

## Existing Resources:

- Housing Innovations Program (HIP) refresh
- Growth Targets Guidance
- Displacement Risk & Opportunity Mapping
- Data products
- Peer Networking

## Forthcoming guidance on VISION 2050 focus areas:

- Housing Strategy
- Equity Strategy
- Economic Development Element Guide
- Transit-supportive densities
- Multimodal Concurrency
- Climate change

### VISION 2050 Planning Resources

PSRC develops guidance, research, and data products to support local planning and advance VISION 2050. Browse resources below by policy topic area.



#### Regional Plans

- > VISION 2050
- > Regional Transportation Plan
- > Regional Economic Strategy

#### Guidance by Policy Topic Area (from PSRC and partner agencies)

Regional Collaboration

Regional Growth Strategy

Environment

<https://www.psrc.org/vision-2050-planning-resources>



# What's Next?

**2022**



Survey to understand schedules and scoping for local plan updates

**2022/2023**



Workshops on specific VISION 2050 & certification focus areas

**Ongoing**



Continue hosting Peer Networking events

Releasing new resources and data products



**What planning resources are you most excited about?**





# Questions

- Questions about VISION 2050 or the Plan Review Manual?
- Questions about PSRC's plan review process?





# Thank You

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