Growth Management Policy Board Recommendation
July 23, 2020
Executive Board
Review Process

January- March
• Introduced GMPB VISION 2050 recommendation
• Identified & discussed potential Executive Board amendments
• Issued Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement

Today
• Recap of GMPB recommendation & prior review
• Review potential amendments
• New schedule for action and adoption
VISION 2050

- 2+ year process to update VISION 2040
- Extensive public outreach and engagement
- Unanimous GMPB recommendation in December 2019

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VISION 2050 Timing

Upcoming Planning Work

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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
- Leverages built and planned transit infrastructure
- Advocates for sustainable funding sources
- Increases recognition of Native Tribes and military installations
- New chapter on climate change
- Directs a regional housing strategy
- Directs a regional equity strategy and consideration of forming an equity advisory group
Regional Growth Strategy

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Amendments proposed by board members

- EX-1 - Snohomish County growth strategy allocations
- Ex-2-4 - Housing related edits and new actions
• Snohomish County proposes growth strategy allocations for Snohomish County to match the July public review draft, increasing the rural allocation (see Ex-1)

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• Both options are within the range analyzed by the SEPA document
King County Councilmember Balducci proposes several amendments related to housing (Ex–2, 3 and 4), including two new action statements:

H-Action 7

**Housing Choice:** Counties and cities will update regulations and strategies to reduce barriers to the development and preservation of moderate density housing to bridge the gap between single-family and more intensive multifamily development, consistent with the Regional Growth Strategy.

H-Action 8

**Housing Production:** Counties and cities will review and amend, where appropriate and consistent with the Regional Growth Strategy, development standards and regulations to reduce barriers to the development of housing by providing flexibility and minimizing additional costs.
COVID-19 & Racial Equity

• Should VISION 2050 be updated to acknowledge the change and uncertainty due to COVID-19 and the need to address racial equity?
COVID-19 Impacts

- Potential significant impacts to growth distribution, housing sizes and choices, work from home, transit use, many industries
- Too soon to know full extent of change
- Forecasts assume economic up/down cycles – will this be more extreme?
- PSRC is actively tracking data

Source: PSRC, ESD, NBER
COVID-19

Regional Staff Committee review in May:

• Vision, goals, policies remain on the right track

• Important to adopt this year to support upcoming local, county work

• Should add text that acknowledges impacts, uncertainty, connection between health and equity

• Continue to monitor, report data
Racial Equity

• Recent events have driven home the need to address inequities in our communities

• Equity was a key part of the VISION 2050 update
  • Action: Develop a Regional Equity Strategy

• There are opportunities to expand discussion in VISION 2050 and to recognize the current social discussions
Technical Corrections

- Identified fixes, typos
- Recommend including definitions based on GMPB recommendation
- State updated greenhouse gas emissions targets – would update text in climate change chapter
- Recommend change to industrial lands study from 2020 to 2021 due to delay
- Corrections will be incorporated into final draft at board’s direction
Amendment Recap

- Snohomish County growth strategy allocations
- Housing actions and related amendments
- COVID-19 and racial equity text amendments
  - Would review with RSC co-chairs and Executive Committee and bring back in September
- Technical corrections
- Is there any other information the board needs for its review in September?
Direction to Staff to Proceed

September 23
- Action on potential amendments
- Make recommendation to the General Assembly

October or November
- General Assembly action to adopt VISION 2050

Final version with additional formatting, photos and graphics published after General Assembly
Thank you.

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