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1	4/14/2017	Silvia Klatman, Naval Base Kitsap	Email forwarded to staff from John Powers	Goals & Strategies	<p>Clarify language on references to Naval Base Kitsap. Language quoted: "Here's the latest and greatest info on the military and DOD workforce in Kitsap: 17,000+ civilians 16,000+ military personnel (Navy, Army, Marines, Coast Guard) Several thousand contractors (unable to accurately quantify but probably 7,000 or more) PSNS&IMF currently employs 13,523 civilians</p> <p>Recommended changes to "Amazing Place": Page 57, 2nd paragraph Bremerton is home to Puget Sound Naval Shipyard & Intermediate Maintenance Facility, the largest command at Naval Base Kitsap, as well as two homeported aircraft carriers and other commands, ships and submarines.</p> <p>Page 72, 3rd paragraph, 1st sentence Replace "associated with" with "on board" Naval Base Kitsap</p> <p>Page 73, last sentence After Naval Base Kitsap, add "and tenant commands"</p> <p>Page 73, map Correct base names are: Naval Magazine Indian Island NBK-Keyport (Naval Undersea Warfare Center) NBK-Bremerton (Puget Sound Naval Shipyard & IMF) NBK-Manchester (Manchester Fuel Depot)</p> <p>Also, I think it's important somewhere in the document to highlight that the military presence in Kitsap isn't confined to just Bremerton as this piece seems to indicate. Perhaps adding verbiage about the largest military bases in Kitsap are located outside of Port Orchard and Silverdale/Poulsbo as well as in Bremerton and Keyport. Something like that."</p>	Make edits. Include language and data in appropriate strategies and economic analysis
2	4/18/2017	Carolyn Davis, CBRE	RES email	Goals & Strategies	<p>I support the initiatives already included, and in that order. "Advancing educational opportunity, improving transportation, making the region more affordable and continuing to sustain a healthy environment."</p>	No change.
3	4/18/2017	Jan Schuette, City of Arlington	RES email	Goals & Strategies	<p>The biggest challenge to Economic Development in Washington State is a skilled labor force. During my 18 years as a High School Principal I watched as we put more and more pressure on our students to attend college. My passion for Vocational Education kept my buildings from closing their Vocational programs, but many schools, especially those in Western Washington, closed their welding shops, construction programs and auto mechanics. We are now experiencing an incredible shortage of skilled labor that will impact the growth we are seeing in the state. How are we to build the projects in Connecting Washington, the housing requirements, the SeaTac project? Everett Community College stepped up and built a Manufacturing-training program that expanded after only one year. We need to serious expand our Vocational Programs in the high schools; students need to understand that they can obtain living wage jobs and that those jobs are not second-class citizens. Fifty percent of college graduates end up in debt and in jobs that don't require a degree. We need to spend money on educating our students about the needs of our state and how they can be an important part of our future.</p>	Make edits. Include EvCC as a best practice example

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4	4/19/2017	James Kebblas	RES email	Goals & Strategies	<p>I just read your vision document and am concerned you're missing a big opportunity by not highlighting creativity more. Creativity as an economic engine (not quality of life) is necessary because an unmet market opportunity is forming and increasing in Washington State.</p> <p>The times have now changed and so have the globally trade-heavy business activities in Washington. In a world thirsty for innovations that delight us, provides service, and saves lives; creativity will be our most precious and powerful resource. Regions acquire a competitive advantage when they attract and retain creative people. Creative people encourage innovation, which in turn fosters economic growth. Washington's companies will need to invest in a creative place to have the creative people, because success will depend on the ability to find diverse creative talent in a competitive global marketplace.</p> <p>The World Economic Forum's latest Future of Jobs report anticipates that, by 2020, creativity will be the third most valued skill, up from tenth place in 2015. This prediction is the result of exponentially changing global economy that makes even the deepest technical expertise become obsolete overnight.</p> <p>As the boundaries between the digital and physical worlds dissolve, so do the boundaries around industries and jobs. For example, product-companies and manufacturers now publish their own media. Media brands are growing their own technology capabilities. And infrastructure technology firms are chasing consumer-level recognition long associated only with media brands. All the while, everyone wants "content."</p> <p>To meet this new reality and the growing demand for unconventional thinkers, the PSRC needs to support and connect artists, content creators, technologies, and entrepreneurs in interrelated creative industries. You should have creativity as a cornerstone of this visions and work as a business advocate, supporting initiatives, policy, and infrastructure to position the region as the global innovator in artistic creation and distribution.</p>	Make edits. Enhance language in appropriate strategies
5	4/21/2017	John Holman	RES email	Goals & Strategies	<p>Overall it is an excellent report. However I would like to see references to Higher Education addressed with a little more emphasis.</p> <p>For instance right at the beginning : "II. Goal Sustain a High Quality of Life" K-12 education is addressed and referenced directly. I believe Community and Technical Colleges as well as Universities should be equally referenced. I can reference two facts from my own community of Auburn that exemplify my point.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green River College in partnership with local industry and businesses will design a certificated training program for that sector. Green River has used this with the Aerospace industry. The city of Auburn uses this as an Economic Development industry recruiting strategy. This definitely has a direct impact on the quality of life for our community members and creates a climate for increasing living wage jobs. • Green River College has approximately 1,700 students from foreign countries attending. It is estimated that each student spends approximately \$35,000 a year on tuition, housing, books, food and ancillary expenses. Green River College has over 700 students from mainland China alone. This represents an infusion of 24 million dollars annually into Auburn's economy from China alone. Education can be viewed as an export. <p>Thank you very much for an excellent draft report.</p>	Make edits. Include Green River College efforts as a best practice example

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6	4/13/2017, 4/14/2017, 4/21/2017	Patrick Pierce, Economic Alliance Snohomish County	Phone calls and meeting	Goals & Strategies	Suggested language additions to strategies and industry profiles, including: Strategy: Sustain an outstanding and healthy natural environment – Strengthen language tying this strategy to industries P11 – Inclusion of working lands importance to resource dependent economies Strategy: Improve the region’s transportation system – Add more language regarding transit and transportation investments already underway P15 – Inclusion of transit investments around the region Strategy: Preserve, protect, and support industrial centers, military facilities, and maritime sites – Add language regarding remediation of brownfield sites P42 – Restoration of brownfield sites as an asset for industrial development Aerospace Industry profile - Added more Snohomish county example companies P64 – Esterline from Bellevue P64 – MTorres Innovation Center in Everett Information & Communication Technology profile - Added more Snohomish county example companies P71 – Fluke from Everett Clean Technology – Added more language and examples of regional water technology companies P78 – The Center for Urban Waters in Tacoma P78 – WaterTectonics from Everett P78 – HydroBee from Seattle P78 – HaloSource from Bothell	Make edits. Enhance language in appropriate strategy
7	4/23/2017	Ted Schwarz	RES email	Goals & Strategies	I would recommend that the council advance the need for the local community and technical colleges to expand their training in these specific areas. A lot of people can earn a viable income with post secondary education in various technical fields. also we need to promote these trades among young adults that like to work with their hands. Thank you.	Make edits. Enhance language in appropriate strategies
8	4/13/17, 4/26/17	John Powers, KEDA	Meetings	Economic Analysis	Increase visibility of the economic impact of military and defense into the Economic Analysis, including more detail on the industries that benefit from Department of Defense spending. Including: TOC – Added “Economic Impact of Military & Defense” section reference P22 – In discussion of region’s locally focused industry employment (retail, hospitality, etc.) added note that these jobs are driven by the success of our primary sectors like Military & Defense P45 – Added “Economic Impact of Military & Defense” section. Pulled numbers directly from the current Washington Military Alliance online tool for revenue, jobs and wages for the region and each of the four counties. Also from this tool, referenced the industry areas that are directly supported by those contracts, as well as those industries that see secondary spending. P85 – County Data section. Included analysis from the WMA online tool for county level data. Included this information in each of the four county sections. P85 – Industry bubble chart for each of the four counties will include a bubble for uniformed military personnel in final draft	Make edits. Add detail to the Regional Industry Specialization section and the County Data section

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9	4/13/17, 4/26/17	John Powers, KEDA	Meetings	Goals & Strategies	Expand details in strategy narratives and industry profile to include more examples from Kitsap County. Including: P5 – Added reference to Military & Defense P49 – Corrected AFA reference. P56 – Added BNA to section on new airport service P66 – Added Kitsap Composites P67 - Add reference to cybersecurity activities into ICT industry profile P72 – Added reference to Maritime economic impact study and to total economic impact P75 – Adjusted percentage shares of regional base personnel at JBLM and Naval Base Kitsap. P75 – Added more detail on other Kitsap county military sites and a reference to the 13,500 PSNS civilian jobs P91 – Added reference to Kitsap Composites P96 – Added reference to CB's Nuts P101 – Added Military & Defense to list of established sector examples	Make edits. Add detail to the Strategy
10	4/28/2017	NW Seaport Alliance/Port of Seattle	Emails and discussion in meeting	Goals & Strategies	In the "Improve the regions transportation system" strategy, add the following new bullet in the What Needs to Happen section: "Recognize the importance of freight mobility within the region as integral to the intraregional circulation needs". We talk about other transportation needs this strategy, ensures freight is part of the overall equation	Add action item with Board approval. Incorporate language in appropriate strategy
11	4/28/2017	NW Seaport Alliance/Port of Seattle	Emails and discussion in meeting	Goals & Strategies	In the "Focus new growth in urban areas, regional centers, and cities" strategy, add the following new bullet in the What Needs to Happen section: "Concentrate industrial business activity within Manufacturing and Industrial Centers regionwide and appropriate industrially zoned areas"	Add action item with Board approval. Incorporate language in appropriate strategy
12	4/28/2017	NW Seaport Alliance/Port of Seattle	Emails and discussion in meeting	Goals & Strategies	In the "Preserve, protect, and support industrial centers, military facilities, and maritime sites" strategy add (for example, promote use of buffers) at the end of the first What Needs to Happen bullet so that it reads: "Support state and regional policies that protect industrial, maritime, and military lands from encroachment and incompatible land uses (for example, promote use of buffers)"	Make edits. Incorporate language in appropriate strategy
13	4/28/2017	NW Seaport Alliance/Port of Seattle	Emails and discussion in meeting	Goals & Strategies	In the "Build up and sustain ports and other infrastructure to support international trade and logistics" strategy state the importance of air cargo to the region's role as a transshipment point. Add the following bullet in the What Needs to Happen section: "Support the movement of high value air cargo." In addition, add the following two bullets to the What Needs to Happen section: " • Support the ports' efforts to stay competitive in the face of major changes in the industry in the region's continued transportation planning. • Support demand management tools such as tolling to prioritize freight movements	Make edits and action item with Board approval. Incorporate language in appropriate strategy
14	4/21/2017	King County	Emails and discussion in meeting	Goals & Strategies	King County suggested strengthening the language on climate change and its effects on our region. They also noted that its impact adversely affects disadvantaged and lower income communities	Make edits. Strengthen language in appropriate strategies
15	4/21/2017	King County	Emails and discussion in meeting	Goals & Strategies	King County notes homelessness is not discussed or address in the document and recommends both referring to the challenge and taking steps to address it	Add action item with Board approval. Incorporate language in appropriate strategy
16	4/21/2017	King County	Emails and discussion in meeting	Goals & Strategies	King County recommends talking about the tools available to preserve open space and focus development, including transfer of development rights programs	Add action item with Board approval. Incorporate language in appropriate strategy

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17	4/21/2017	King County	Emails and discussion in meeting	Goals & Strategies	In the "Focus new growth in urban areas, regional centers, and cities" strategy, add the following new bullet in the What Needs to Happen section: "Support coordination between counties and cities to move unincorporated urban areas to annexation, where feasible, or incorporation"	Make edits. Incorporate language in appropriate strategy
18	4/21/2017	King County	Emails and discussion in meeting	Goals & Strategies	There is concern that there is an overemphasis on jobs that will be available to those that do not have four-years of post secondary education. Specifically, there was concern about the sentence "However, many occupations facing workforce gaps do not require a four-year degree." King County believes "some" would be more accurate than "many."	No change.
19	5/1/2017	David Mitchell	RES email	Goals & Strategies	Under the strategy regarding higher education the call to action is not specific enough. For example some states (New York most recently), cities and regions have adopted free college (at least for the first two years) as their number one economic development strategy. This plan describes the current situation and goals but is weak on specifics. I.e. it calls to increase higher education capacity and reduce the opportunity gap, but it says nothing about how to do that.	Make edits. Enhance language in appropriate strategies