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**Board reviews public comments and discusses priorities for VISION 2050**

The Growth Management Policy Board reviewed public comments received on VISION 2050 scoping.

During the scoping period, PSRC reached out to thousands of individuals, including holding five listening sessions, to gather input from jurisdictions, other stakeholders, and members of the public on the scope of the update. The agency received more than 1,330 separate comments.

At the meeting, staff provided a presentation on key themes in the scoping comments. The board also heard a preview of results from a statistically valid survey of 2,000 residents in King, Pierce, Snohomish and Kitsap counties, measuring attitudes and opinions about growth and related issues for VISION 2050. The board will receive a full briefing on results in May after all the survey data is fully analyzed. Early results from the survey include:

- The region’s cost of living, homelessness and transportation are top dislikes of those surveyed.
- Most believe encouraging development in urban areas, near transit is best for creating more affordable housing.
- A strong majority (66%) say working together on a regional growth strategy is important or very important.

Board members broke up into small groups to discuss priorities for the VISION 2050 update that will guide the drafting of the scoping report. The growth board is anticipated to adopt a final scoping report and work plan for VISION 2050 in May.

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