Overview

• VISION 2050 Principles
• Overview of Comment Themes
• Survey Highlights
• Small Group Discussion: Plan Priorities
• Reconvene + Discuss
Project Principles

• Build on VISION 2040’s current framework and Regional Growth Strategy as the starting point for developing VISION 2050.
• Reflect the unique character and diversity of the region – demographic, culture, income, geography, and economy
• Continue an ambitious strategy for a more sustainable region
• Focus the update on those select items that will best advance the region towards VISION
• Put in motion a set of actions and roles to realize the goals of VISION 2050
• Look for opportunities to make VISION more accessible and usable
Comment Period

• 45-day comment period from February 2 – March 19, 2018
• Distributed via news release, social media, all boards and committees, 6,000+ PSRC mailing list, member and other outreach
• Letters to federally-recognized tribes
• 5 listening sessions:
  Seattle | King County | Feb 13
  Fife | Pierce County | Feb 20
  Lynnwood | Snohomish County | Feb 22
  Bremerton | Kitsap County | Feb 27
  Redmond | King County | Mar 8
• 160+ participants at Listening Sessions
VISION 2050 Scoping Listening Sessions

- King County - Redmond
- King County - Seattle
- Kitsap County - Bremerton
- Pierce County - Fife
- Snohomish County – Lynnwood
Comment Period

**Individuals (35)**
- Members of the public

**Multiple Jurisdictions/Joint Letters**
- King County Growth Management Planning Council
- Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council
- Ports of Bremerton, Everett, Seattle, Tacoma and NW Seaport Alliance
- Snohomish County Tomorrow

**Jurisdictions (23)**
- Bonney Lake
- Bremerton
- Carnation
- Des Moines
- Duvall
- Everett
- Federal Way
- Gig Harbor
- Issaquah
- Kent
- Kitsap County
- Lake Stevens
- Lakewood
- Monroe
- North Bend
- Pierce County
- Port Orchard
- Seattle
- Shoreline
- Snohomish County
- Snohomish (City)
- Snoqualmie
- Steilacoom

**Other Organizations + Agencies (23)**
- 350 Seattle
- Bethel School District
- Cascade Bicycle Club, Forterra, Futurewise, One America, Puget Sound Sage, Transportation Choices Coalition, Sierra Club
- Community Transit
- EPA Region 10
- Greater Maple Valley Unincorporated Area Council
- Master Builders Association – King and Snohomish, Pierce Counties
- Puget Sound School Coalition (2)
- Seattle Freight Advisory Board
- Seattle King County REALTORS
- Sierra Club
- Snohomish Health District
- Sound Transit
- Tacoma Pierce County Health Department
- Washington Environmental Council
- Whale & Dolphin Conservation
- WSDOT
Comment Period

• Letters from 89 commenters | 5 listening session comments
• 1,333 delineated comments

Top 5 Categories

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Comment Period

Land Use and Development Patterns comments:

- Support growth in centers & transit-served areas
- Need more complete, walkable communities outside of centers
- Need greater public acceptance of growth and density
- Acknowledge annexation challenges, support changes to law
- Equity, displacement, and inequality should be at the forefront of regional conversations
Comment Period

Regional Growth Strategy comments:

• Revise definition of some regional geographies
• Revisit the role of urban unincorporated areas
• Growth strategy should be achievable and reflect known trends
• Need accountability, consequences or incentives to implement
• Strategy should be guidance or provide local flexibility
Environment & Open Space comments:

- Climate change is a critical issue
- Plan for a healthy Puget Sound and water quality
- Emphasize connection between healthy environment and a healthy economy
- Support access to open space
- Conserve rural lands and farmland
Economy comments:

• Address jobs/housing balance
• Recognize impacts transportation system has on the economy (freight travel, commutes)
• Focus on skill development to meet needs of future job market
• Support the rural economy
Housing comments:

- **Affordability** is a regional issue:
  - Promote different *types* of housing
  - Recognize transportation *costs*
  - Cities should play a role in *providing housing options*
- **Connect housing** to services, transportation, jobs, parks & open space
- **Focus on** *placemaking* and neighborhood character
Transportation & Infrastructure comments:

- Provide travel options, increased connections to high-capacity transit
- Integrate technology changes
- Maintain the current system
- Different approaches to transportation funding
Transportation & Infrastructure (cont.)

- Information equity and access to broadband, data services & storage
- Services & infrastructure need to keep up with growth
- Funding needed for infrastructure, not just transportation
- More coordination and communication needed between service providers
Survey

• Measure residents’ attitudes and opinions about growth and related issues for VISION 2050.
• Scientifically-valid responses that reflect the diversity of the region
• Preview today – more information next month
The region’s cost of living, homelessness and transportation are top dislikes.

What do you like least about living in the central Puget Sound region? (Top Responses)

- Cost of Living: 29%
- Homelessness: 12%
- Transit/Transportation: 10%
- Political Environment: 9%
- Climate/Weather: 8%
- Safety/Crime: 6%
- Growth/Development: 5%

Responses differ significantly when comparing counties.
Most believe encouraging development in urban areas, near transit is best for creating more affordable housing.

Which of the following do you think is best for creating more affordable housing in the central Puget Sound region?

- Encouraging development in urban areas, near transit
- Encouraging development outside of urban areas, near highways
A strong majority (67%) say working together on a regional growth strategy is important or very important.

How important is it to you that governments work together and in consultation with businesses and community organizations to develop and carry out an overall, regional growth strategy for the central Puget Sound region?

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Scoping Report

- Summarize comments heard
- Defines SEPA scope
- Establish general framework/issues for update
- Discussion will help understand board priorities and upcoming work plan
Scoping Report

Fundamentals – What We Need to Do

• Extend plan to 2050
• Statutory requirement (school siting policy)
• Board commitments (Centers Framework)
• 2020 deadline

From the comments: “….it is essential that PSRC define a scope of work for the VISION update that can be completed and adopted in the spring of 2020.”
Scoping Report

Critical Policy Issues – Focus Areas

• Based on board direction
• Issues allotted more board and staff time, issue paper, additional workshops or sessions
• Focus on issues where PSRC/regional collaboration is important, adds value
Discussion Questions

What regional issues should be the focus of the update? Based on regional discussions and comments, what are the most important ones to tackle?

In the GMPB work plan, what should be the topics for extended sessions?

What would you like to accomplish with this update?
## Next Steps

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