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How Should the Region Grow?

The board discussed the strategy for managing region's growth out to the year 2050. In addition to objectives, such as containing sprawl, protecting the environment, and guiding most growth to cities and urban centers, the board talked about the need to address housing affordability, better align housing and jobs, and the need to understand and track performance. Board members also talked about the need for industrial jobs, an equitable growth pattern, and the importance of arts and culture.

A presentation with background information on the Regional Growth Strategy and preliminary concepts for revised regional geographies in the strategy was provided to support the board’s discussion. The board expressed a strong interest in adjusting the growth strategy to better address today's challenges.

Based on feedback from the discussion, PSRC staff will work with staff committees on concepts and scenarios for Regional Growth Strategy alternatives, which the growth board will dive into at its September meeting.

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VISION 2050 Scoping Report Adopted

The board adopted the VISION 2050 scoping report, which establishes a broad framework for developing VISION 2050. The report describes the scoping process, reflects comments heard, and establishes the scope of review of the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement. The report documents issues that may be discussed in the plan and environmental analysis. The adoption of the scoping report marks the formal launch of the VISION 2050 project. View the presentation.

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