MINUTES
Growth Management Policy Board
October 4, 2018
PSRC Boardroom

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Councilmember Ryan Mello, Chair.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

None

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

The board received public comments from the following:

Alex Tsimerman provided general public comments.

Dan Cardwell with Pierce County provided comments on behalf of Pierce County Councilmember Derek Young regarding the Regional Growth Strategy. Mr. Cardwell’s statement requested the board consider the revised Dispersed Urban Growth scenario staff will present at today’s meeting. He also noted that VISION 2050 isn’t just about the growth of new people, but about the quality of life of the people who already live in the region.

Hester Serebrin with Transportation Choices Coalition (TCC) provided comments on the letter TCC, Washington Environmental Council, The Wilderness Society, Futurewise, and the Housing Development Consortium submitted to the board regarding the Regional Growth Strategy. The organizations urged the board to look at data about access to opportunity as part of the decision-making process on scenarios.
DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Director of Growth Management Paul Inghram announced a copy of the letter Ms. Serebrin spoke to is available for board members as they entered the boardroom. He noted that environmental justice will be a portion of the SEPA analysis of the alternatives.

This past month, Mr. Inghram met separately with Jeff Clarke with Alderwood Water & Wastewater District and Bainbridge Island Councilmember Ron Peltier to discuss VISION 2050 and the Regional Growth Strategy. Councilmember Peltier has ideas about how to improve environmental aspects of analysis of the alternatives.

Mr. Inghram shared that Director of Transportation Planning Kelly McGourty spoke with the Regional Staff Committee about greenhouse gas emissions and climate change. The board will receive a more in-depth briefing at a future meeting. Mr. Inghram also announced that a report on the space industry was released recently.

CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approve Minutes of Growth Management Policy Board Meeting held September 6, 2018

**ACTION:** It was moved and seconded (Margeson/Johnson) to adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion passed.

VISION 2050: HOUSING

Senior Planner Laura Benjamin joined Mr. Inghram to present on VISION 2050 and housing. The board last discussed housing in VISION 2050 at the extended meeting in July. Ms. Benjamin reviewed policies and actions currently in the housing chapter in VISION 2040 and meetings where housing was discussed that have occurred since the July GMPB meeting. Ms. Benjamin reviewed the staff recommendations for the housing chapter in VISION 2050 based on review of the existing housing chapter and feedback received to date.

The board discussed focusing housing near transit, having housing available to a mix of income levels, and having a mix of types of housing available including condos and townhomes. Members noted that home ownership provides intergenerational wealth and condos and townhomes are an entry point into home ownership. The board expressed that the housing chapter updates are heading in the right direction. There is interest in further discussing accountability related to housing policies at a future meeting.

The board expressed concerns about displacement. PSRC staff is working on a displacement risk analysis and will be presenting the analysis to the board at a future meeting.
VISION 2050: Regional Growth Strategy

Principal Planner Liz Underwood-Bultmann updated the board that work has been done on the Regional Growth Strategy with the Regional Staff Committee, technical committees, and with PSRC’s data team. Staff will come back to the November 1 GMPB meeting seeking board action to select alternatives for environmental review, which will then launch the environmental analysis and inform later development of a preferred alternative.

Staff heard concerns about the Dispersed Urban Growth scenario from the board and staff-level committees. The initial version of the scenario was putting more growth into Cities & Towns and Urban Unincorporated areas than existing capacity. Staff updated the scenario to set growth allocations using information from Buildable Lands capacity. Staff also heard feedback on the Transit Focused Growth scenario, including concerns about the amount of growth to High Capacity Transit Communities. The growth allocations were increased to that regional geography for the second version of the scenario.

There was discussion with the board about merging the Forward from 2017 and Dispersed Urban Growth scenarios. The board also expressed interest in seeing more details on transportation delay in the analysis of the scenarios and seeing additional analysis in the future of equity considerations. The board also discussed having more job growth dispersed around the region.

Ms. Underwood-Bultmann discussed the goal for transit-oriented development in the Transit Focused Growth Scenario. The Regional Transit-Oriented Development Advisory Committee supported including an ambitious goal and was interested in seeing additional analysis in the future. There was discussion about having housing for all income levels in transit-oriented developments. Based on the board and committee discussion, staff will proceed with the goal of 75% population growth/75% employment growth in the scenario and as part of the package that will be provided to the board to select the alternatives.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for November 1 which will be an extended meeting and will focus on deciding the Regional Growth Strategy alternatives along with reviewing the VISION 2050 Economy and Public Services chapters.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.
GROWTH MANAGEMENT POLICY BOARD Attendance Roster – October 4, 2018

GMPB MEMBERS & ALTERNATES PRESENT
(Italicsed = alternate)
Patricia Akiyama, Master Builders Association – Business/Labor
Deputy Mayor Jay Arnold, Kirkland – Other Cities & Towns in King County
Councilmember Scott Bader, Metropolitan Center—Everett (via remote)
Mayor John Chelminiaik, Metropolitan Center—Bellevue (via remote)
Dr. Anthony Chen, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department – Community/Environment
John McClellan, Alderwood Water & Wastewater District
Councilmember Larry Gossett, King County
Councilmember Rob Johnson, Metropolitan Center—Seattle
Councilmember Hank Margeson, Redmond – Other Cities & Towns in King County
Peter Mayer, Metro Parks Tacoma – Community/Environment (via remote)
Councilmember Ryan Mello, Metropolitan Center—Tacoma
Councilmember Mike O’Brien, Metropolitan Center—Seattle
Councilmember Ron Peltier, Bainbridge Island – Other Cities & Towns in Kitsap County
Mayor Rob Putaansuu, Port Orchard – Other Cities & Towns in Kitsap County
Councilmember Terry Ryan, Snohomish County
Councilmember Jan Schuette, Arlington – Other Cities & Towns in Snohomish County
Commissioner Peter Steinbrueck, Port of Seattle – Ports
Councilmember Nancy Tosta, Burien – Other Cities & Towns in King County
Dr. Susan Turner, Kitsap Public Health District – Community/Environment (via remote)
Mayor Greg Wheeler, Metropolitan Center—Bremerton
Chris Wierzbicki, Futurewise
Commissioner Edward Wolfe, Kitsap County (via remote)

GMPB MEMBERS ABSENT (*alternate present)
Councilmember Tim Curtis, Fife – Other Cities & Towns in Pierce County
Clayton Graham, Municipal League of King County – Business/Labor
*Councilmember John Holman, Auburn – Other Cities & Towns in King County
Councilmember Jeanne Kohl-Welles, King County
Marty Kooistra, Housing Development Consortium – Seattle/King County
Mark McCaskill, WA State Department of Commerce
*Commissioner Paul McIntyre, Alderwood Water & Wastewater District
Barb Mock, Regional Staff Committee
Ian Morrison, NAIOP Commercial Real Estate Association – Business/Labor
Deputy Mayor Cynthia Pratt, Lacey – Thurston Regional Planning Council
Rob Purser, Suquamish Tribe
Edna Shim, Seattle Children’s – Business/Labor
*Bryce Yadon, Futurewise
Councilmember Derek Young, Pierce County
GUESTS AND PSRC/STAFF PRESENT
(As determined by signatures on the attendance sheet and documentation by staff.)
Ben Bakkenta, PSRC
Laura Benjamin, PSRC
Leah Bolotin, WSDOT
Dan Cardwell, Pierce County
Carolyn Downs, PSRC
Joseph Gellings, Port of Seattle
Erika Harris, PSRC
Peter Heffernan, King County DOT
Michael Hubner, City of Seattle
Paul Inghram, PSRC
Kathryn Johnson, PSRC
Ikuno Masterson, Snohomish County
Doug McIntyre, City of Bellevue
Kristin Mitchell, PSRC
Maggie Moore, PSRC
Ian Munce, City of Tacoma
Jenny Ngo, King County
Brian Parry, SCA
Marianne Seifert, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department
Hester Serebrin, Transportation Choices Coalition
Liz Underwood-Bultmann, PSRC
Claire Woodman, Parametrix