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Today's Meeting
June 6th & 13th
- Review DSEIS comments
- Preferred RGS
- Outstanding policy issues

July 11th
- Outstanding policy issues
- Finalize RGS
- Release draft plan for public comment

July-Sept. 2019
- 60-day public comment period

Fall 2019
- Review comments
- Finalize draft plan
- Recommend to Executive Board
Policy Review

• **Level 1** – additional board review
• **Level 2** – consent revisions

Regional Growth Strategy

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Key Policy Themes

- Increase **housing** choices and affordability
- Provide **opportunities** for all
- Sustain a strong **economy**
- Significantly reduce greenhouse gas **emissions**
- Keep the region **moving**
- Restore the health of **Puget Sound**
- Protect a network of **open space**
- Growth in **centers** and near **transit**
- Act **collaboratively** and support **local efforts**
Policies and actions related to the Regional Growth Strategy

- Rural growth
- Capacity
- Implementation
- Flexibility

See amendment table – is there board agreement on revised policies and actions?
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Draft Preferred Alternative

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RGS Objectives

- Maintain stable urban growth areas
- Focus new growth within the UGA
- Variety of community types, densities, and sizes
- Better balance of jobs and housing across the region
- Within UGA, focus growth in cities
- Within cities, create and support centers
- Build TOD around planned infrastructure
- Use existing infrastructure and new investments efficiently
Draft Preferred Alternative

• Accommodate most growth in Metro, Core, and High Capacity Transit Communities
• 65% of region’s population growth and 75% of employment growth in regional growth centers and near high-capacity transit
• Lower growth allocations in urban unincorporated and rural compared with long-term trends
• Better jobs-housing balance by shifting employment allocation from King County
Kitsap County

• Include both cities and associated UGAs in geography allocations (Kitsap only)

• Classify Kingston as a High Capacity Transit Community

• Increase Central Kitsap unincorporated UGA from about 5% to 6% of population growth
Pierce County

Population Request:

• DSEIS comments from Pierce County to adjust Rural and Urban Unincorporated allocations

• Data on development trends and capacity in packet

• Additional discussion needed on appropriate county shares

• Ranges show Transit Focused Growth & draft Preferred Alternative (version 1)
Population Request:

- Request from Snohomish County Tomorrow to modify Transit Focused Growth allocations for Urban Unincorporated and Rural
- Data on development trends and capacity in packet
- Recognition of countywide process
- Draft includes changes requested by Snohomish County Tomorrow
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• Preliminary review indicates better performance, less environmental impact than Stay the Course or Reset Urban Growth

• Has most benefits of Transit Focused Growth
  • Large portion of future growth continues to occur near transit and in compact, walkable communities

• Some worse outcomes compared to Transit Focused Growth from shifting growth to outlying areas

• Requests reflect trends, capacity, development
The Growth Management Policy board should:

Direct staff to prepare the draft VISION 2050 plan, with the policies and growth strategy as amended during the July 11 meeting, and release for a 60-day public review period.
Next Steps

- Staff to package draft plan materials
- Comment period: July 19 - September 16
- Outreach opportunities scheduled
- Fall 2019: review comments, make changes as needed