Draft SEIS Comments and Evaluation Measures
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Growth Management Policy Board
Key information in the development of a preferred growth alternative:

- Environmental review
- Public comments
- Supplemental information
- Board priorities

Comments and responses will be provided in Final SEIS
150 discrete comment communications

- Individuals (55%)
- Organizations (45%)
Transit Focused Growth:
• Greatest support: compact development pattern, reduction in land developed and environmental impacts, increased access to transit
• Concern over more growth in areas of higher displacement risk
• Concern that 75% growth around transit unrealistic
• Some requests for different allocations by regional geography

Stay the Course:
• Planning decisions already made based on VISION 2040 assumptions

Reset Urban Growth:
• Opposition due to increased congestion and growth in rural areas
• Some expressed it reflects more realistic growth pattern
Transportation (68 comments):

• Additional discussion of local transit, freight, first-last mile connections, aviation expansion
• Additional analysis related to autonomous vehicles, transportation network companies, e-commerce
• Support for strong integration of transit and land use planning
• Concern for increased congestion
Land use (60 comments):

- Support for reduced growth in rural areas, focused growth around transit, open space protection
- Concerns about updating land use plans and regulations
- More analysis on impacts to MICs, military installations, and community character
Planning process (49 comments):

- Requests for maintaining flexibility with growth targets, assistance from PSRC during target setting, and clarity on what consistency with VISION 2050 means
- Concern over external factors affecting growth patterns
- More public engagement suggested
Draft SEIS Comments – By Topic

Housing (46 comments):
• More affordable housing, moderate-density housing, and measures to mitigate for displacement

Environmental Justice/Social Equity (32 comments):
• Affordable housing and displacement concerns, add mitigation measures

Climate change (29 comments):
• Set ambitious greenhouse gas reductions targets
• Add more discussion of climate impacts
Economy (29 comments):
• Importance of ports, MICs, and freight on economy
• Improve distribution of jobs and jobs-housing balance

General environmental (27 comments):
• Importance of protecting environment and mitigating impacts

Public Services and Utilities (22 comments):
• Costs with different growth patterns
• Add mitigation measures
Other Categories:

- Water quality and hydrology
- Parks and recreation
- Ecosystems
- Public health
- Historic, cultural and archaeological
- Energy

- Air quality
- Visual quality
- Earth
- Contamination/hazardous materials
- Noise
- Mitigation
SEIS Evaluation Criteria

Categories:

- Climate change
- Development Patterns
- Economy
- Environment
- Equity

- Health
- Housing
- Public Services
- Transportation
Thank you

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www.psrc.org/our-work/regional-planning/vision-2050/environmental-review