

10. Information Item

a. 2021 Growth Management Policy Board Schedule

11. Next Meeting: March 4, 2021, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Major Topic for March:
Regional Housing Strategy

12. Adjourn (12:00)

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Puget Sound Regional Council

MINUTES Growth Management Policy Board January 7, 2021 Virtual Meeting

[To watch a video of the meeting and hear the discussion, go to <https://www.psrc.org/boards/watch-meetings>]

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chair Bader.

COMMUNICATIONS

No public comments received.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Bader announced updates to nonvoting seats on the board. Futurewise and Metro Parks Tacoma were reappointed to their Community/Environment positions, Master Builders Association of King and Snohomish Counties and Seattle Children's were reappointed to their Business/Labor positions, and Natural and Built Environments was newly appointed representing Business/Labor. Chair Bader welcomed all to the board.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director of Growth Management Paul Inghram announced that in December, the Executive Board heard about COVID-19 impacts on the aviation industry. The meeting is available to watch on PSRC's website.

Mr. Inghram shared that PSRC's Deputy Executive Director, Mark Gulbranson, retired at the end of 2020. Mr. Gulbranson was with PSRC for more than 40 years. During that time he saw the completion of multiple regional plans, including VISION 2020, 2040, and 2050. Mr. Inghram introduced and welcomed the new Deputy Executive Director, Nancy Buonanno Grennan. Ms. Buonanno Grennan is a UW law school alumna and has worked for King and Kitsap counties.

Mr. Inghram spoke about PSRC's Regional Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Advisory Committee. The Regional TOD Advisory Committee serves as an advisory committee to the Growth Management Policy Board to advance the region's equitable

TOD strategy. With the adoption of VISION 2050, PSRC is looking to update the structure of the committee to better align with regional TOD work and support GMPB.

Mr. Inghram asked board members if they would prefer to meet the first Thursday of August instead of the first Thursday of July in 2021. Staff will follow up with a poll to see if there is interest.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve Minutes of Growth Management Policy Board Meeting held November 19, 2020

ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Prince/Wiita) to adopt the Consent Agenda. Motion passed.

RECOMMEND CERTIFICATION OF REGIONAL CENTER SUBAREA PLANS FOR TUKWILA'S SOUTHCENTER REGIONAL GROWTH CENTER AND NORTH TUKWILA MIC

Senior Planner Andrea Harris-Long presented highlights from the Tukwila Southcenter Regional Growth Center plan and the North Tukwila MIC plan.

ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Prince/Lambert) to recommend the Executive Board certify that the Tukwila Southcenter Plan and North Tukwila Manufacturing/Industrial Center Plan address planning expectations for regional centers. Motion passed.

RECOMMEND BLACK DIAMOND CONDITIONAL CERTIFICATION EXTENSION

Senior Planner Laura Benjamin updated the board on work that the City of Black Diamond has completed on its comprehensive plan to address conditional certification requirements. The city has requested additional time to complete the work. Ms. Benjamin explained Black Diamond requested the extension due to COVID-19 and staff changes.

ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Prince/Buxton) to recommend that the Executive Board grant an extension of the conditional certification of the City of Black Diamond's comprehensive plan until June 30, 2021. Motion passed.

VISION 2050 IMPLEMENTATION: GROWTH TARGET GUIDANCE

Principal Planner Liz Underwood-Bultmann presented on the Regional Growth Strategy and the guidance that will be provided as part of VISION 2050. The objectives include to effectively implement the VISION 2050 Regional Growth Strategy, provide best practices and coordination on common methodology issues to support a more consistent approach to growth targets across the region, and to support data-informed countywide decisions about growth targets for individual jurisdictions. The Land Use

Technical Advisory Committee reviewed an annotated outline and draft guidance and the Regional Staff Committee will review materials next.

PUGET SOUND RECOVERY

Senior Planner Erika Harris presented on Puget Sound Recovery and Stormwater Parks. Ms. Harris presented major threats to the Puget Sound and the policies and actions in VISION 2050 in support of Puget Sound recovery. Ms. Harris presented the Stormwater Parks Project, which includes lessons from already built stormwater parks, regionwide GIS analysis, and technical assistance for up to four new stormwater parks.

Laura Blackmore and Stephanie Suter from Puget Sound Partnership joined to present on the partnership's State of the Sound report. Ms. Blackmore shared both the challenges and stories of recovery, including identifying culverts that are blocking salmon. Relevant action items for local jurisdictions were shared along with potential funding sources that may be available.

NEXT MEETING

Chair Bader announced the next meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2021.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

GROWTH MANAGEMENT POLICY BOARD Attendance Roster – January 7, 2021

GMPB MEMBERS & ALTERNATES PRESENT - All Attendees Remote

(Italicized = alternate)

Dave Andersen, WA State Department of Commerce
 Deputy Mayor Jay Arnold, Kirkland – Other Cities & Towns in King County
 Councilmember Scott Bader, Metropolitan Center—Everett
Councilmember Barksdale, Metropolitan Center—Bellevue
 Alex Brennan, Futurewise
 Councilmember Traci Buxton, Des Moines – Other Cities & Towns in King County
 Caia Caldwell, Master Builders Association – Business/Labor
 Commissioner Sam Cho, Port of Seattle – Ports
Deputy Mayor Claude DaCorsi, Auburn – Other Cities & Towns in King County
 Councilmember Megan Dunn, Snohomish County
Deputy Mayor Phillippa Kassover, Lake Forest Park – Other Cities & Towns in King County
 Councilmember Jeanne Kohl-Welles, King County
 Marty Kooistra, Housing Development Consortium – Seattle/King County
 Councilmember Kathy Lambert, King County
 Councilmember Andrew Lewis, Metropolitan Center—Seattle
 Peter Mayer, Metro Parks Tacoma – Community/Environment
 Robin Mayhew, Transportation Agency – WSDOT
 Commissioner Paul McIntyre, Alderwood Water & Wastewater District
Dick McKinley, Alderwood Water & Wastewater District
Robert Pantley, Natural and Built Environments – Business/Labor
 Mayor Joshua Penner, Orting – Other Cities & Towns in Pierce County
 Deputy Mayor Cynthia Pratt, Thurston Regional Planning Council
 Councilmember Ed Prince, Renton – Other Cities & Towns in King County
 Angela Rozmyn, Natural and Built Environments – Business/Labor
 Edna Shim, Seattle Children's – Business/Labor
 Councilmember Dan Strauss, Metropolitan Center—Seattle
 Mayor Greg Wheeler, Metropolitan Center – Bremerton
 Mayor Russell Wiita, Sultan – Other Cities & Towns in Snohomish County
Councilmember Ned Witting, Puyallup – Other Cities & Towns in Pierce County
 Commissioner Edward Wolfe, Kitsap County
 Councilmember Derek Young, Pierce County

GMPB MEMBERS ABSENT (*alternate present)

Councilmember Chris Beale, Metropolitan Center—Tacoma
 Dr. Anthony Chen, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department – Community/Environment
 Barb Mock, Regional Staff Committee
 Councilmember Michael Pollock, Bainbridge Island – Other Cities & Towns in Kitsap County
 Rob Purser, Suquamish Tribe
 *Mayor Lynne Robinson, Metropolitan Center—Bellevue
 Andrew Strobel, Puyallup Tribe of Indians

GUESTS AND PSRC/STAFF PRESENT - All Attendees Remote
(As determined by staff.)

Laura Benjamin, PSRC
Laura Blackmore, Puget Sound Partnership
Nancy Buonanno Grennan, PSRC
Minnie Dhaliwal, City of Tukwila
Carolyn Downs, PSRC
Erika Harris, PSRC
Andrea Harris-Long, PSRC
Paul Inghram, PSRC
Kathryn Johnson, PSRC
Thara Johnson, City of Bellevue
Piset Khuon, PSRC
Kristin Mitchell, PSRC
Stephanie Suter, Puget Sound Partnership
Liz Underwood-Bultmann, PSRC



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DISCUSSION ITEM

January 28, 2021

To: Growth Management Policy Board
From: Josh Brown, Executive Director
Subject: **Draft FY2022-2023 Biennial Budget and Work Program**

IN BRIEF

PSRC is in the process of developing the agency's FY 2022-2023 Biennial Budget and Work Program. The PSRC budget outlines transportation, economic and growth planning activities for the fiscal years 2022-23. The Regional Growth Management Planning portion of the biennial budget is included as task 100.

DISCUSSION

The PSRC Operations Committee has primary responsibility for developing the budget and work program for both PSRC and the Economic Development District (EDD). Between October and December 2020, the Operations Committee reviewed revenue and expenditure assumptions as well as PSRC's financial policies. At its January 28, 2021 meeting, the Operations Committee reviewed the full draft FY 2022-2023 Biennial Budget and Work Program. The draft PSRC biennial budget includes estimated revenues and expenditures of \$30.2 million and is available for review by members online:

[Budget | Puget Sound Regional Council \(psrc.org\)](https://psrc.org/Budget)

NEXT STEPS

The Executive Board, Transportation Policy Board, Growth Management Policy Board, Economic Development Board, and Regional Staff Committee will review the Draft Budget and Work Program and forward comments to the Operations Committee for consideration by March 12. Comments will be compiled and reviewed by the Operations

Committee on March 25 prior to the Executive Board meeting. The final budget is scheduled for approval by the Executive Board in March and adoption by the PSRC General Assembly on April 29.

For more information, please contact Diana Lauderbach at 206-802-5231 or dlauderbach@psrc.org.



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DISCUSSION ITEM

January 28, 2021

To: Growth Management Policy Board
From: Paul Inghram, Director of Growth Management
Subject: **2021 Legislative Overview**

IN BRIEF

Washington Department of Commerce staff will provide the board with an overview of growth-related bills under consideration by the Legislature this session.

DISCUSSION

The Washington State Legislature convened a regular session on Monday, January 11, 2021. Each year, the Legislature considers bills related to the Growth Management Act and local and regional planning. Commerce's Growth Management Services team tracks bills related to the Growth Management Act and will provide an overview of key topics under discussion at the February board meeting. This includes bills related to housing, climate and environmental provisions of the Growth Management Act.

Several legislative issues were identified in the VISION 2050 plan adopted by PSRC's General Assembly. PSRC coordinates with state and local governments to support work on legislative initiatives. Local governments and others may use VISION 2050 as a resource in their own legislative work.

NEXT STEPS

Staff will track relevant GMA bills and may report back to the board on any legislation related to the priorities outlined in VISION 2050. For more information, contact Dave Andersen, Washington Department of Commerce Growth Management Services, at dave.andersen@commerce.wa.gov, or Liz Underwood-Bultmann, PSRC, at lunderwood-bultmann@psrc.org.



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DISCUSSION ITEM

January 28, 2021

To: Growth Management Policy Board
From: Paul Inghram, Director of Growth Management
Subject: **School Siting Briefing Paper Findings and Next Steps**

IN BRIEF

PSRC staff are developing a briefing paper to better understand local issues and priorities for school siting. Staff will provide an overview to the board on the draft School Siting Briefing Paper, including major themes, local implementation efforts, and best practices and ask for feedback and direction on the implementation of VISION 2050 actions related to school siting (PS-Action-3 and PS-Action-4).

DISCUSSION

As the region continues to grow, new schools and classrooms will be needed to accommodate a larger school-aged population. Where and how local jurisdictions and school districts prioritize new and expanded schools affects communities and influences transportation, land use patterns, and community services. Recognizing this challenge, [VISION 2050](#) includes updated policies and actions for school siting.

School Siting in VISION 2050

The Growth Management Act calls for locating urban services in urban areas and preserving the character of rural communities (RCW 36.70A.110 (4)). Consistent with this, VISION 2050 includes three policies and two actions on the topic of school siting. The policies call for collaboration among school districts and jurisdictions to site and design schools (MPP-PS-26), locating schools serving urban populations within the urban growth area (MPP-PS-27), and locating schools serving rural populations in neighboring cities and towns (MPP-PS-28). The actions call for PSRC to initiate discussions with the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) on

modernizing school siting standards (PS-Action-3) and to research best practices to help develop a regional approach to school siting (PS-Action-4).

Draft Briefing Paper

PSRC staff have been developing a briefing paper to capture the range of local and regional challenges, perspectives, legal context, and best practices related to school siting. The briefing paper is informed by conversations with planners and others involved in school siting decisions from the local to the state level and is intended to help direct efforts to implement PS-Action-3 and PS-Action-4. Themes from the draft briefing paper include:

- **Improved coordination leads to better outcomes** – From cities and counties to school districts, several government entities are involved in school siting decisions, each with different priorities. Few policies and laws require local governments and school districts to work together on school siting decisions. Taking advantage of the expertise and knowledge of both local governments and school districts through collaborative decision-making can lead to better outcomes for schools and their communities in the long term.
- **Siting decisions impact transportation choices** – Students who live within one mile of a school are three to five times more likely to walk or bike, but students today travel farther to school on average than in previous decades. Locating schools closer to where students live increases active transportation and shortens travel distances, in turn reducing traffic congestion, air pollution, and transportation costs for school districts and families.
- **Schools in urban areas may be expensive and challenging to build initially but have lower costs in the long term** – The Regional Growth Strategy calls for substantial growth to occur within urban centers. This enables the region to accommodate anticipated growth while minimizing impacts to transportation and the environment and is a core component of VISION 2050. With growth in centers, there will also be an increased need for schools in or near center locations. A consequence of this strategy is that it becomes difficult to find inexpensive land for major public facilities in these areas. However, locating schools in urban areas can lead to lower costs and greater community benefits in the long term.

Questions for the Board

- Are there aspects of school siting not covered by the presentation that would be helpful to address in preparation for future discussions?
- How does your community coordinate with school districts on school siting decisions?
- Does your community face challenges finding sites for new schools? How can PSRC be helpful to local efforts?

NEXT STEPS

Staff are finalizing the briefing paper and will consider feedback heard here and at the Regional Staff Committee meeting on January 21. PSRC will also seek feedback and direction from the Regional Staff Committee and Growth Management Policy Board during the next steps for PS-Action-3 and PS-Action-4 in spring/summer 2021.

For more information, contact Ben Kahn, Assistant Planner, 206-464-6172, bkahn@psrc.org.



Puget Sound Regional Council

DISCUSSION ITEM

January 28, 2021

To: Growth Management Policy Board
From: Paul Inghram, Director of Growth Management
Subject: **VISION 2050 Implementation**

IN BRIEF

With VISION 2050 adopted in October, the focus of PSRC's planning staff is on implementation actions identified in the plan. Staff will provide an overview of implementation actions to the Growth Management Policy Board and seek board direction related to this year's work.

DISCUSSION

[VISION 2050](#) is the region's 30-year plan that provides goals and policies and a Regional Growth Strategy. It builds on VISION 2040's goals to promote coordination between jurisdictions to achieve greater prosperity, protection and restoration of the environment, and efficient use of infrastructure and services.

VISION 2050's goals and policies provide a foundation for regional plans and funding and help coordinate local comprehensive plans and decision making. VISION 2050 has goals and policies that guide land use, transportation, housing, environment and other policy areas. With the development of VISION 2050, the board significantly updated many of these policy areas and put an increased emphasis on addressing housing access and affordability, climate change, restoration of Puget Sound, and social equity. VISION 2050 also includes greater recognition of the role of military installations and Tribal nations in the region.

The Regional Growth Strategy provides numeric growth numbers that guide target setting and local land use planning to better align growth patterns with infrastructure investments and lower environmental impacts. The Regional Growth Strategy uses a

classification of types of cities and urban areas based upon size, the location of designated regional growth centers, and access to transit.

The adoption of VISION 2050 was the first step in the periodic Growth Management cycle to update local comprehensive plans. Following the adoption of VISION 2050, countywide planning groups are now working to set local growth targets for the year 2044 and to update countywide planning policies. Cities and counties are anticipated to begin their local planning processes in 2022 to meet the state deadline of local plan updates in 2024.

PSRC Work Program

Each chapter in VISION 2050 identifies regional and local actions that will implement its goals and policies. With VISION 2050 adopted, PSRC is now focusing on implementation through regional actions and supporting cities and counties with local efforts.

Housing – The Growth Management Policy Board identified housing access and affordability as a critical issue for the region and directed regional work to proceed prior to VISION 2050 being adopted. VISION 2050 directs development of a Regional Housing Strategy to identify housing needs and a range of strategies to better address the need for housing types, locations, and affordability, and to aid local implementation of complex housing programs. Early work on the Regional Housing Strategy was reviewed with the board in the fall of 2020 and will continue through 2021.

Target Setting and Countywide Planning Policy Guidance – Key to implementing VISION 2050 is translating the Regional Growth Strategy and the goals and policies of VISION 2050 to locally appropriate growth targets and updated countywide planning policies (CPPs). The countywide planning groups in each county have begun the process of evaluating current CPPs and doing the initial work to establish growth targets, including buildable lands analysis. As presented at the January board meeting, PSRC is preparing a guidance paper that addresses questions about the process and helps ensure coordination among all four counties.

Plan Review Materials – At the end of each planning cycle, local plans are reviewed by PSRC for certification. PSRC is updating the Plan Review Manual to be consistent with VISION 2050 and to improve the plan review process. During the prior cycle, the board directed staff to provide clearer information earlier in the process to improve the likelihood of certification success and reduce the need for conditional approvals. PSRC is working to update the reporting tools so that they are not used just for reviewing completed plans, but also to aid the scoping and update process. A working group of local planners is assisting PSRC staff in the Plan Review Manual update. The board will be brief on the updated manual in April.

Puget Sound Restoration – While VISION 2040 and local plans adopted policies to protect and restore the environment, Puget Sound remains in critical condition.

VISION 2050 established new policies to improve water quality and protect sensitive areas and directs PSRC to coordinate with the Puget Sound Partnership, the state agency leading recovery efforts. The board was introduced to the work of the Puget Sound Partnership in January and will hear periodic updates about PSRC's stormwater parks project throughout the year.

Regional Equity Strategy – 2020 saw profound discussions and actions regarding racial and social equity in our communities across the country. VISION 2050 identified equity as an important regional issue and recognized that the goals of economic prosperity and improved quality of life must include everyone. VISION 2050 directs development of a Regional Equity Strategy and consideration of forming an equity advisory committee. An exploratory group, AHEAD, was formed in fall 2020 and will make recommendations regarding a potential standing equity committee to the Executive Board. PSRC is actively looking to include equity in all of its work.

School Siting – Schools are important community assets. As the region grows, there will be an increased need for new and expanded schools, especially near concentration of growth such as regional growth centers. VISION 2050 recognizes the value of schools in the community and the need for coordination between local governments and school districts. PSRC is developing a school siting briefing paper that outlines challenges with siting new schools and best practices for integrating new school into urban areas. The board will hear about this briefing paper at its February meeting.

Regional Transportation Plan and Transportation Funding – PSRC is required to update the Regional Transportation Plan every four years. The Regional Transportation Plan is a functional plan that supports the implementation of VISION 2050, much like a transportation master plan might be supportive of a local comprehensive plan. PSRC's Transportation Policy Board launched the update of the current plan in 2020 with an anticipated adoption in 2022. PSRC will update the plan to be consistent with VISION 2050 and to extend the planning horizon to 2050. VISION 2050 policies are also an impetus for reviewing and updating criteria for selecting projects to receive PSRC's transportation funding. The Project Selection Committee will begin review of the funding criteria in early 2021.

Regional Economic Strategy – Amazing Place is the region's economic development strategy that coordinates the efforts of local and regional economic development groups, local jurisdictions, businesses, and others to help promote the region as a major competitor in several industries. The Regional Economic Strategy is coordinated with VISION 2050 so that issues critical to businesses, such as housing, equity, and transportation, are addressed at the regional and local levels. The Regional Economic Strategy is being updated by the Puget Sound Economic Development District Board and is anticipated to be adopted at the end of 2021.

Industrial Lands – Industrial lands, including ports, rail terminals, and manufacturing lands, are critical to the region’s economy and thousands of jobs. VISION 2050 seeks to maintain the region’s industrial lands and support designated manufacturing/industrial centers. PSRC’s 2015 Industrial Lands Analysis provides an inventory of industrial lands and overview of industrial employment trends and challenges. With changes to manufacturing and distribution industries, VISION 2050 directs PSRC to update the industrial lands analysis and to engage stakeholders to review policies related to industrial employment and land use trends.

Board Discussion Questions

- How can PSRC best work to implement VISION 2050 at the regional level? What are the highest priorities for board engagement?
- How can PSRC best support the work of cities, counties, and countywide planning groups as they begin the next series of plan updates?

NEXT STEPS

PSRC staff will engage with the Regional Staff Committee on VISION 2050 implementation efforts and will provide regular updates to the Growth Management Policy Board on progress.

For more information, contact Paul Inghram, Director of Growth Management, at PInghram@psrc.org.

Attachments:

A - VISION 2050 Actions

VISION 2050 Actions

Each policy chapter in [VISION 2050](#) contains implementations actions for PSRC and local governments that contribute to achieving the regional vision. The actions have been compiled here for quick reference. Read more about VISION 2050 [here](#).

Regional Collaboration

RC-Action-1 Plan Updates: PSRC will support efforts to update countywide planning policies, local comprehensive plans, and infrastructure and utility plans, including providing updated plan review and certification guidance.

RC-Action-2 Monitoring Program: PSRC will track the implementation of VISION 2050 through monitoring and periodic evaluation.

RC-Action-3 Regional Equity Strategy: PSRC, in coordination with member governments and community stakeholders, will develop and implement a regional equity strategy intended to make equity central to PSRC's work and to support the 2024 local comprehensive plan updates. The strategy could include components such as:

- Creating and maintaining tools and resources, including data and outreach, to better understand how regional and local policies and actions affect our region's residents, specifically as they relate to people of color and people with low incomes.
- Developing strategies and best practices for centering equity in regional and local planning work, including inclusive community engagement, monitoring, and actions to achieve equitable development outcomes and mitigate displacement of vulnerable communities.
- Identifying implementation steps, including how to measure outcomes.
- Identifying mechanisms to prioritize access to funding to address inequities.
- Developing a plan and committing resources for an equity advisory group that can help provide feedback on and help implement the Regional Equity Strategy.
- Developing and adopting an equity impact tool for evaluating PSRC decisions and community engagement.

RC-Action-4 Outreach: PSRC will develop an outreach program for VISION 2050 that is designed to communicate the goals and policies of VISION 2050 to member jurisdictions, regional stakeholders, the business community, and the public. This work program will have the following objectives:

- Build awareness of VISION 2050 among local jurisdictions in advance of the development of local comprehensive plans.
- Raise awareness of PSRC and the desired outcomes of VISION 2050 to residents across the region.

- Collaborate with residents who are historically underrepresented in the planning process to ensure all voices are heard in regional planning.

RC-Action-5 Project Selection Criteria: Incorporate criteria into regional infrastructure evaluation processes that would allow for the inclusion and funding of transportation projects, identified in a completed local or regional transportation study, that relate to and potentially benefit access to military installations and surrounding jurisdictions. Funding for such projects will be consistent with the goals and policies of VISION 2050, including support for regional centers and progress toward greenhouse gas emissions reductions targets.

RC-Action-6 Project Support for Puget Sound Recovery: PSRC will develop a methodology within the regional transportation funding process that would support projects that contribute to the recovery of the health of Puget Sound and its watersheds.

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RC-Action-7 Funding Sources: PSRC, together with its member jurisdictions, will investigate existing and new funding sources for infrastructure, services, economic development, military-community compatibility, natural resource planning, and open space, to assist local governments with the implementation of VISION 2050. Explore options to develop incentives and innovative funding mechanisms, particularly in centers and transit station areas. Provide technical assistance to help local jurisdictions use existing and new funding sources.

RC-Action-8 Communicate VISION 2050 to State Agencies and the Legislature: PSRC, together with its member jurisdictions, will relay the goals and objectives of VISION 2050 to state agencies and the Legislature, in order to promote changes in state law and funding to best advance VISION 2050.

RC-Action-9 Fiscal Sustainability: PSRC, together with its member jurisdictions, will advocate to the state Legislature about the needs for counties (including unincorporated areas), cities, and other public agencies and service providers to remain fiscally sustainable and the fiscal challenges facing local governments, public agencies and service providers related to accommodating growth, maintaining aging infrastructure, and the annexation of urban areas.

Regional Growth Strategy

RGS-Action-1 Urban Growth Area: PSRC will report on urban growth area changes, annexation activity, and countywide coordination practices in each county.

RGS-Action-2 Track and Evaluate Growth: PSRC will study, track, and evaluate growth and development occurring in the central Puget Sound region and in high-capacity transit station areas in terms of meeting the goals and objectives of the Regional Growth Strategy.

RGS-Action-3 Growth Targets: PSRC, together with its member jurisdictions, will provide guidance and participate with countywide processes that set or modify local housing and employment targets. This effort will include consideration of the timing of Regional Growth Strategy implementation in relation to anticipated completion of regional transit investments and corresponding market

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responses. PSRC will also provide guidance on growth targets for designated regional centers and improving jobs-housing balance, and coordinate with member jurisdictions regarding buildable lands reporting.

RGS-Action-4 Rural Growth: PSRC, together with its members and stakeholders, will explore and implement, as feasible, opportunities for local, regional and state-wide conservation programs to reduce development pressure in rural and resource areas to conserve valuable open space areas:

- Establishing a regional structure for Transfer and Purchase of Development Rights and open space markets.
- Publishing a toolkit of open space conservation and other rural protection strategies.
- Working to facilitate city and urban development consistent with VISION 2050 that reduces rural development pressure.

RGS-Action-5 Regional Conservation Fund: PSRC, in collaboration with its members and other partners, will explore and support the establishment of regional funding sources to acquire conservation easements in rural areas.

RGS-Action-6 Outreach: PSRC will work with members to address ways the region can help communities understand and support increased growth within the urban growth area. VISION 2050's success is dependent on cities and counties welcoming new growth.

Local Actions

RGS-Action-7 Regional Growth Strategy: As counties and cities update their comprehensive plans in 2024 to accommodate growth targets and implement the Regional Growth Strategy, support the implementation of a full range of strategies, including zoning and development standards, incentives, infrastructure investments, housing tools, and economic development, to achieve a development pattern that aligns with VISION 2050 and to reduce rural growth rates over time and focus growth in cities.

RGS-Action-8 Plan for Jobs-Housing Balance: Countywide planning groups will consider data on jobs-housing balance, especially recent and projected employment growth within Metropolitan and Core cities, to set housing growth targets that substantially improve jobs-housing balance consistent with the Regional Growth Strategy. Metropolitan and Core cities experiencing high job growth will take measures to provide additional housing capacity for a range of housing types and affordability levels to meet the needs of those workers as well as the needs of existing residents who may be at risk of displacement.

RGS-Action-9 Growth Targets: Countywide planning groups will work to develop processes to reconcile any discrepancies between city and county adopted targets contained in local comprehensive plans.

Environment

En-Action-1 Open Space Planning: PSRC will work with member jurisdictions, resource agencies, tribes, military installations and service branches, and interest groups to implement conservation, restoration, stewardship, and other recommendations in the Regional Open Space Conservation Plan. PSRC will review and comment on alignment with the Regional Open Space Conservation Plan during the comprehensive plan certification process. On a periodic basis, evaluate and update the plan.

En-Action-2 Watershed Planning Support: PSRC and the Puget Sound Partnership will coordinate to support watershed planning to inform land use, transportation, and stormwater planning and projects that improve the health of Puget Sound.

En-Action-3 Watershed Planning: Counties and cities, together with other jurisdictions in the watershed, will continue to participate in watershed planning to integrate land use, transportation, stormwater, and related disciplines across the watershed to improve the health of Puget Sound. Include planning for culvert removal and work with tribal, federal, state, and local governments in planning, funding, and implementation to ensure the effective and efficient use of funds to restore salmon habitat.

Local Action

En-Action-4 Local Open Space Planning: In the next periodic update to the comprehensive plan, counties and cities will create goals and policies that address local open space conservation and access needs as identified in the Regional Open Space Conservation Plan, prioritizing areas with higher racial and social inequities and rural and resource land facing development pressure. Counties and cities should work together to develop a long-term funding strategy and action plan to accelerate open space protection and enhancement.

Climate Change

CC-Action-1 Greenhouse Gas Strategy: PSRC will work with local governments and other key agencies and stakeholders to advance the development and implementation of the region's Greenhouse Gas Strategy to equitably achieve meaningful reductions of emissions toward achievement of the region's greenhouse gas reduction goals. The strategy will:

- Build on the Four-Part Strategy in the Regional Transportation Plan
- Address emissions from transportation, land use and development, and other sources of greenhouse gases
- Promote effective actions to reduce greenhouse gases, such as vehicle miles traveled (VMT) reduction, conversion to renewable energy systems in transportation and the built environment (e.g. electrification), and reduction in embedded carbon in new infrastructure and development
- Explore options for PSRC to further emission reductions in the aviation sector
- Be guided by principles of racial equity
- Include a measurement framework to inform the evaluation of transportation investments and local comprehensive plans

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- Develop guidance and provide technical assistance to local jurisdictions to implement climate change strategies, including a guidebook of best practice policies and actions

Regular evaluation and monitoring will occur, at least every four years, as part of the development of the Regional Transportation Plan, with reports to PSRC policy boards.

CC-Action 2 Resilience and Climate Preparedness: PSRC will engage in regional resilience planning and climate preparedness, including development of a regional inventory of climate hazards, assistance to member organizations, and continued research and coordination with partners such as the Puget Sound Climate Preparedness Collaborative and tribes. Climate resilience actions will focus on equitable outcomes, particularly for historically marginalized communities, at greater risk and with fewer resources.

Local Actions

CC-Action-3 Policies and Actions to Address Climate Change: Cities and counties will incorporate emissions reduction policies and actions that contribute meaningfully toward regional greenhouse gas emission goals, along with equitable climate resiliency measures, in their comprehensive planning. Strategies include land uses that reduce vehicle miles traveled and promote transit, biking, and walking consistent with the Regional Growth Strategy, developing and implementing climate friendly building codes, investments in multimodal transportation choices, and steps to encourage a transition to cleaner transportation and energy systems.

CC-Action-4 Resilience: Cities and counties will update land use plans for climate adaptation and resilience. Critical areas will be updated based on climate impacts from sea level rise, flooding, wildfire hazards, urban heat, and other hazards. The comprehensive plans will identify mitigation measures addressing these hazards including multimodal emergency and evacuation routes and prioritizing mitigation of climate impacts on highly impacted communities and vulnerable populations.

Development Patterns

DP-Action-1 Implement the Regional Centers Framework: PSRC will study and evaluate existing regional growth centers and manufacturing/industrial centers to assess their designation, distribution, interrelationships, characteristics, transportation efficiency, performance, and social equity. PSRC, together with its member jurisdictions and countywide planning bodies, will work to establish a common network of countywide centers.

DP-Action-2 Industrial Lands: PSRC will update its inventory of industrial lands, evaluate supply and demand for industrial land across all industry sectors, research trends for industrial uses as technology and markets evolve, and identify strategies to preserve, protect, and enhance industrial lands, jobs, and businesses in the region in coordination with jurisdictions' efforts to support their industrial land base. In 2021, PSRC will convene a working group to review policy related to preserving industrial lands and employment.

DP-Action-3 Transit-Oriented Development: PSRC, together with its member jurisdictions, will support member jurisdiction in the implementation of the Growing Transit Communities Strategy and compact,

equitable development around high-capacity transit station areas. This action will include highlighting and promoting tools used to support equitable development in high-capacity transit station areas.

DP-Action-4 Densities in Transit Station Areas: PSRC will work in collaboration with transit agencies and local government to develop guidance for transit-supportive densities in different types of high-capacity transit station areas.

DP-Action-5 Concurrency Best Practices: PSRC will continue to develop guidance on innovative approaches to multimodal level-of-service standards and regional and local implementation strategies for local multimodal concurrency. PSRC, in coordination with member jurisdictions and WSDOT, will identify approaches in which local concurrency programs fully address growth targets, service needs, and level-of-service standards for state highways. PSRC will communicate to the Legislature the need for state highways to be addressed in local concurrency programs.

DP-Action-6 Coordinated Planning in Unincorporated Urban Areas: PSRC will support communication with the state Legislature regarding necessary changes to state laws that hinder progress towards annexation and incorporation and opportunities for state and local incentives, organize forums to highlight annexation, incorporation, and joint planning best practices, and provide other resources that address the barriers to joint planning, annexation, and incorporation.

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DP-Action-7 Identification and Clean-Up of Underused Lands: Local governments, in cooperation with state and/or federal regulatory agencies, will develop strategies for cleaning up brownfield and contaminated sites. Local jurisdictions should identify underused lands (such as environmentally contaminated land and surplus public lands) for future redevelopment or reuse.

DP-Action-8 Center Plans and Station Area Plans: Each city or county with a designated regional center and/or light rail transit station area will develop a subarea plan for the designated regional growth center, station area(s), and/or manufacturing/industrial center. Cities and counties will plan for other forms of high-capacity transit stations, such as bus rapid transit and commuter rail, and countywide and local centers, through local comprehensive plans, subarea plans, neighborhood plans, or other planning tools. Jurisdictions may consider grouping station areas that are located in close proximity.

DP-Action-9 Mode Split Goals for Centers: Each city with a designated regional growth center and/or manufacturing/industrial center will establish mode split goals for these centers and identify strategies to encourage transportation demand management and alternatives to driving alone.

Housing

H-Action-1 Regional Housing Strategy: PSRC, together with its member jurisdictions, state agencies, housing interest groups, housing professionals, advocacy and community groups, and other stakeholders will develop a comprehensive regional housing strategy to support the 2024 local comprehensive plan update. The housing strategy will provide the framework for regional housing assistance (see H-Action-2, below) and shall include the following components:

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- In the near term, a regional housing needs assessment to identify current and future housing needs to support the regional vision and to make significant progress towards jobs/housing balance and quantify the need for affordable housing that will eliminate cost burden and racial disproportionality in cost burden for all economic segments of the population, including those earning at or below 80 percent of Area Median Income throughout the region. This will provide necessary structure and focus to regional affordable housing discussions
- Strategies and best practices to promote and accelerate: housing supply, the preservation and expansion of market rate and subsidized affordable housing, housing in centers and in proximity to transit, jobs-housing balance, and the development of moderate-density housing options
- Coordination with other regional and local housing efforts

H-Action-2 Regional Housing Assistance: PSRC, in coordination with subregional, county, and local housing efforts, will assist implementation of regional housing policy and local jurisdiction and agency work. Assistance shall include the following components:

- Guidance for developing local housing targets (including affordable housing targets), model housing policies, and best housing practices
- Technical assistance, including new and strengthened tools, to support local jurisdictions in developing effective housing strategies, action plans, and programs
- Collection and analysis of regional housing data, including types and uses of housing and effectiveness of zoning, regulations, and incentives to achieve desired outcomes
- Technical assistance in support of effective local actions to address displacement, including data on displacement risk and a toolbox of local policies and actions

H-Action-3 State Support and Coordination: PSRC will monitor and support as appropriate members' efforts to seek new funding and legislative support for housing; and will coordinate with state agencies to implement regional housing policy.

Local Actions

H-Action-4 Local Housing Needs: Counties and cities will conduct a housing needs analysis and evaluate the effectiveness of local housing policies and strategies to achieve housing targets and affordability goals to support updates to local comprehensive plans. Analysis of housing opportunities with access to jobs and transportation options will aid review of total household costs.

H-Action-5 Affordable Housing Incentives: As counties and cities plan for and create additional housing capacity consistent with the Regional Growth Strategy, evaluate and adopt techniques such as inclusionary or incentive zoning to provide affordability.

H-Action-6 Displacement: Metropolitan Cities, Core Cities, and High Capacity Transit Communities will develop and implement strategies to address displacement in conjunction with the populations identified of being at risk of displacement including residents and neighborhood-based small business owners.

H-Action-7 Housing Choice: Counties and cities will update regulations and strategies to reduce barriers to the development and preservation of moderate density housing to address the need for

housing between single-family and more intensive multifamily development, consistent with the Regional Growth Strategy.

H-Action-8 Housing Production: Counties and cities will review and amend, where appropriate and consistent with the Regional Growth Strategy, development standards and regulations to reduce barriers to the development of housing by providing flexibility and minimizing additional costs.

Economy

Ec-Action-1 Regional Economic Strategy: PSRC and the Economic Development District will coordinate economic development efforts to strengthen the region's industries, economic foundations and to implement the Regional Economic Strategy. Update the Regional Economic Strategy periodically.

Ec-Action-2 Regional Support for Local Government Economic Development Planning: PSRC will support county and local jurisdictions through technical assistance and economic data with special emphasis on smaller jurisdictions, in their efforts to development economic development elements as part of their expected 2024 comprehensive plan updates to support the Regional Growth Strategy. PSRC will also provide guidance on local planning to address commercial displacement.

Ec-Action-3 Regional Economic Data: PSRC and the Economic Development District, in collaboration with county economic development councils and other partners, will maintain regional economic data and develop regionwide and subarea forecasts.

Ec-Action-4 Job Growth Distribution: Identify regional roles in achieving the desired allocation of new jobs as reflected in the Regional Growth Strategy.

Local Action

Ec-Action-5 Economic Development Elements: Cities and counties will update (or adopt) their economic development element – tailored to meet the jurisdiction's unique needs and leveraging public investments – as specified in the Growth Management Act, when conducting the expected 2024 comprehensive plan update.

Transportation

T-Action-1 Regional Transportation Plan: PSRC will update the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) to be consistent with federal and state requirements and the goals and policies of VISION 2050. The RTP will incorporate the Regional Growth Strategy and plan for a sustainable multimodal transportation system for 2050. The plan will identify how the system will be maintained and efficiently operated, with strategic capacity investments, to provide safe and equitable access to housing, jobs, and other opportunities, as well as improved mobility for freight and goods delivery. Specific elements of the RTP include the Coordinated Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan and continued updates to the regional integrated transit network (including high capacity transit, local transit, auto and passenger ferries), the Active Transportation Plan, regional freight network, aviation planning and other important system components.

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T-Action-2 Funding: PSRC, together with its member jurisdictions, will advocate for new funding tools to address the gap in local funding identified in the Regional Transportation Plan.

T-Action-3 Transportation Technology and Changing Mobility: PSRC will continue to conduct research and analysis on the potential impacts from emerging technologies and changes in mobility patterns, including ongoing improvements to PSRC modeling and analytical tools. PSRC will build relationships among a diverse set of stakeholders and facilitate discussions to assist member organizations to become prepared for these changes in transportation mobility and to address consequences to and from local decision making. Outcomes could include guidance, best practices and future policies.

T-Action-4 Electric Vehicles: PSRC will work with partner agencies on regional collaboration to support electric vehicles and associated infrastructure issues. PSRC will engage with partners on distribution of best practices for local governments.

T-Action-5 Changing Technology: PSRC will conduct research and analysis on the potential impacts from emerging technologies which impact housing, land use, job distribution, or other applicable topics. PSRC will serve as a resource to assist local jurisdictions in preparing for these changes.

T-Action-6 Freight Mobility: PSRC will continue to conduct research, data collection and analysis of the growth and impacts of freight and goods movement and delivery, including updating baseline inventories and identification of mobility and other issues. PSRC will continue collaboration with stakeholders to address key freight issues as part of the next RTP update.

T-Action-7 Climate: PSRC will continue to monitor and advance the implementation of the adopted Four-Part Greenhouse Gas Strategy - or future versions thereof - to achieve meaningful reductions of emissions throughout the region from transportation and land use. This will include ongoing collaboration with a variety of partners on each element, for example regional coordination on electric vehicle infrastructure, roadway pricing, transit-oriented development and others. This will also include continued development of regional analyses and research of additional options for reducing emissions.

T-Action-8 Aviation Capacity: PSRC will continue to conduct research and analysis of the region's aviation system to assess future capacity needs, issues, challenges, and community impacts to help ensure that the system can accommodate future growth while minimizing community impacts, including historically marginalized communities, and to set the stage for future planning efforts. PSRC will work in cooperation with the state, which will play a lead role in addressing future aviation capacity needs.

Local Action

T-Action-9 VISION 2050 Implementation: Counties and cities, with guidance and assistance from PSRC, will update local plans to support implementation of the Regional Transportation Plan and address the Regional Growth Strategy, including addressing changes related to technology, freight and delivery, and the needs of all users.

Public Services

PS-Action-1 Utility and Service District Planning: PSRC will work with electrical utilities, water providers, special purpose districts, and other utilities to facilitate coordinated efforts to develop long-range plans that comply with the Growth Management Act and implement VISION 2050.

PS-Action-2 Facilities Siting and Design: PSRC will facilitate cooperative efforts with special purpose districts and local jurisdictions to site and design facilities that enhance local communities in accordance with growth management goals and VISION 2050.

PS-Action-3 School Siting: PSRC will initiate and support discussions with the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to facilitate updates that modernize school siting standards, especially those related to site area requirements. Updates should work to align school siting standards with the goals of the Growth Management Act and facilitate school districts' ability to better meet urban capacity needs.

PS-Action-4 Regional Support for School Siting Best Practices: PSRC will research and develop guidance on innovative methods to update regulations and local plans to develop a regional approach to school siting and to assist local jurisdictions and school districts in siting new schools in urbanized areas.

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Communication: 2021 Growth Management Policy Board Schedule (Information Item)

Meetings held at regular time from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

As the need arises, the Transportation Policy Board and the Growth Management Policy Board meet in joint session to coordinate activities and make decisions/recommendations.

Meeting dates & times are subject to change. If a meeting is changed or cancelled, members & alternates will be notified.

Updated meeting dates are also listed on PSRC's website at <https://www.psrc.org/board/growth-management-policy-board>