

VISION 2050 - DRAFT Regional Growth Strategy Chapter

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The matrix below includes potential policies in an updated Regional Growth Strategy chapter. The proposed approach is to move relevant policies from the Development Patterns chapter to highlight the relationship to the Regional Growth Strategy. Potential revisions, shown in legislative format, that represent draft changes based on feedback from the GMPB, RSC, and other stakeholders. The proposed revisions include a select set of new policies and actions and strengthen existing language to guide planning consistent with the Regional Growth Strategy. Numbered policies refer to existing policies in VISION 2040, while lettered policies refer to new policies. Most potential policies in this chapter were previously reviewed with the Development Patterns chapter.

A complete draft of the VISION 2050 Regional Growth Strategy chapter, including the preferred growth alternative, will be available for review in summer 2019. Staff will continue to work with the GMPB, RSC, and other stakeholders to further refine the draft updates to the Regional Growth Strategy chapter prior to adoption of VISION 2050 in 2020.

Policy	Text	Type of Change	Reason for Proposed Update	Additional Notes
Goal	<u>The region will focus growth within already urbanized areas, designated centers and near transit stations to best support the regional vision. Rural and resource lands will continue to be permanent and vital parts of the region.</u>	New goal	Prior chapter did not include a goal statement	
MPP-RGS-A	<u>Implement the Regional Growth Strategy through regional policies and programs, countywide planning policies and growth targets, and local plans.</u>	New policy	Regional Growth Strategy - address role and implementation; RSC recommended reference to countywide policies	
MPP-RGS-B	<u>Attract x% of the region's residential and y% of the region's employment growth to high capacity transit station areas to realize the multiple public benefits of compact growth around high-capacity transit investments. As jurisdictions plan for growth targets, focus development near high capacity transit to achieve the regional goal.</u>	New policy	Regional Growth Strategy - draft policy pending Preferred Alternative discussion.	Formerly MPP-DP-B (<i>previously reviewed</i>)
MPP-RGS-C	<u>Encourage growth in designated countywide centers.</u>	New policy	Regional Centers Framework - encourage growth in countywide centers	
MPP-RGS-1	Provide a regional framework for the designation and adjustment of the urban growth area to ensure <u>Ensure long-term stability and sustainability of the urban growth area consistent with the regional vision.</u>	Substantive change	Board and Regional Staff Committee direction on revised UGA policy and action.	Formerly MPP-DP-1 (<i>previously reviewed</i>)
MPP-RGS-2	Encourage efficient use of urban land by maximizing <u>Encourage efficient use of urban land by optimizing the development potential of existing urban lands and increasing density in the urban growth area in locations consistent with the Regional Growth Strategy such as advancing development that achieves zoned density.</u>	Substantive change	Regional Growth Strategy - address comments on urban density. In response to comments that high densities aren't appropriate in all urban locations, RSC recommended changing to "optimizing."	Formerly MPP-DP-2 (<i>previously reviewed</i>)

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MPP-RGS-3	Use consistent countywide targeting processes for allocating population and employment growth consistent with the regional vision, including establishing: (a) local employment targets, (b) local housing targets based on population projections, and (c) local housing and employment growth <u>growth</u> targets for each designated regional growth center <u>and manufacturing/industrial center</u> .	Minor change	Regional Centers Framework - clarify existing expectations for MIC targets. Action 3 directs PSRC to develop guidance for updating targets.	Formerly MPP-DP-3 (<i>previously reviewed</i>)
MPP-RGS-4	Accommodate the region's growth first and foremost in the urban growth area. Ensure that development in rural areas is consistent with the regional vision.	No change		Formerly MPP-DP-4 (<i>previously reviewed</i>)
MPP-RGS-5	Focus a significant share of population and employment growth in designated regional growth centers.	No change		Formerly MPP-DP-5 (<i>previously reviewed</i>)
MPP-RGS-6	Focus a significant share of employment growth in designated regional manufacturing/industrial centers.	No change		Formerly MPP-DP-8 (<i>previously reviewed</i>)
MPP-RGS-7	Direct commercial, retail, and community services that serve rural residents into neighboring cities and existing activity areas to prevent the conversion of rural land into commercial uses.	No change		Formerly MPP-DP-16 (<i>previously reviewed</i>)

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RGS-Action-1 (Regional)	<u>Urban Growth Area: The Puget Sound Regional Council will report on urban growth area changes, annexation activity, and countywide coordination practices in each county.</u>	New action	Urban Growth Area and Annexation - Updated companion MPP-DP-1.	Formerly DP-Action-1 (<i>previously reviewed</i>)
RGS-Action-2 (Regional)	<u>Track and Evaluate Growth: The Puget Sound Regional Council 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.</u>	New action	Growing Transit Communities - Increase emphasis on transit station areas.	Formerly DP-Action-2 (<i>previously reviewed</i>)

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RGS-Action-3 (Regional)	<u>Growth Targets: The Puget Sound Regional Council, together with its member jurisdictions, will provide guidance and participate with countywide processes that set local housing and employment targets. PSRC will also provide guidance on growth targets for designated regional centers and coordinate with member jurisdictions regarding buildable lands reporting.</u>	New action	Regional Growth Strategy implementation. Opportunity to provide appropriate guidance regarding consistency.	Formerly DP-Action-3 (<i>previously reviewed</i>); added note re: buildable lands coordination per RSC