Overview

- Draft VISION 2050 comments
- Technical work
- Board follow-up items
  - Regional Growth Strategy
  - Jobs/housing balance
  - Climate change
  - Fiscal sustainability
  - Countywide issues
Schedule

- **Sept 26** – Compilation of comments provided with meeting packet
- **Today** – Seek guidance on key topics
- **Oct 24** – Distribution of policy/comment matrix
- **Nov 4** – Board members to identify amendments
- **Nov 7** – Extended GMPB meeting
VISION 2050

July-Sept. 2019
✓ 60-day public comment period
✓ Public hearing

Oct. 2019
✓ Review key board and countywide issues

Nov. 2019
✓ Review comment matrix and package of amendments

Dec. 2019
✓ Finalize draft plan
✓ Recommend to Executive Board
Comment Overview

• About 590 commenters*
  • 464 individuals, 3 tribes, 38 jurisdictions and 47 orgs/agencies
  • About 1,600 individual comments

• Common themes & countywide comments:
  • Climate change,
  • Equity/environmental justice
  • Regional Growth Strategy / protection of rural areas
  • Housing access & affordability
  • Aviation impacts & airport planning
  • Tribes
  • Military
  • Fiscal challenges / implementation
Response to Public Comments
- Major changes requested, seeking board direction
- Minor recommended text or policy changes revisions
- Statements, other no action comments

Board-Identified Amendments
- Board-initiated
- Sponsored by board members

Regional Growth Strategy
- Finalize preferred alternative
Technical Work

- Continued modeling work to refine product and consider scenarios
Model Refinements

• Adjust ‘developer lever’ – improvement to measures of land development and impervious surfaces
• Growth in regional growth centers – improve consistency between alternatives

Light Rail Attraction

• Within Transit Focused alternative, distribution of growth near light rail vs other types of transit
• Hold counties constant
• Increased growth near light rail reduces delay, increases boardings

Will document model refinements in Final SEIS
Issue Review

- Regional Growth Strategy
- Jobs/housing balance
- Climate change
- Countywide comments
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 & near HCT

Lower growth allocations in urban unincorporated and rural compared with long-term trends

Better jobs-housing balance by shifting employment allocation from King County
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- **Increased** growth in mid- to large-size cities with regional growth centers and high-capacity transit
- **Decreased** growth in Rural areas
- **Decreased** growth in Urban unincorporated areas and smaller cities, especially at the urban edge
- **Increased** jobs-housing balance in the region

Population - Region

- **Metropolitan Cities**: 36% (2000-2017), 36% (2010-2017)
- **Core Cities**: 29% (2000-2017), 29% (2010-2017)
- **HCT Communities**: 23% (2000-2017), 21% (2010-2017)
- **Cities and Towns**: 6% (2000-2017), 6% (2010-2017)
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- **Increased** jobs-housing balance in the region.
Regional Growth Strategy

Summary of comments:

• Support for Transit Focused Growth and growth near transit infrastructure

• Support for encouraging growth in urban areas & protection of rural lands
  • Questions/concerns regarding growth allocation to rural Snohomish County
  • Concerns about growth in Black Diamond
Does the Committee have additional guidance on how to help the Board develop a final allocation for the Regional Growth Strategy?
Jobs/Housing Balance

• Importance of where people live and work for mobility, quality of life, environmental outcomes
• Relationship to income, housing needs, and affordability

Draft VISION 2050:
• 5% shift of employment allocation from King County
• Achieves improved balance over 2017 or Stay the Course
• Policies on jobs-housing balance, actions to provide guidance on growth targets
Jobs/Housing Balance

Several comment letters, including revisions requested by the Pierce County Regional Council:

• Housing Policy MPP-H-1: Plan for housing supply, forms, and densities to meet the region’s current and projected needs consistent with the Regional Growth Strategy and to advance job-housing balance to the maximum extent feasible.

• Housing Policy MPP-H-6: Develop and provide a range of housing choices for workers at all income levels throughout the region in a manner that promotes accessibility to jobs and provides opportunities to live in proximity to work. High concentrations of jobs are located in manufacturing/industrial centers; careful consideration for protection of industrial land must be given when considering housing in proximity to a Manufacturing Industrial Center (MIC).
Jobs/Housing Balance

Additional options to expand focus:

• Shift additional population growth to King County

• Guidance for setting growth targets to achieve housing supply or subarea jobs/housing balance

• Minimums for housing development in high-capacity transit stations
Does the Committee have guidance on how the Board might further jobs-housing balance in VISION 2050?
Summary of comments:

- Received over 300 comments that support strong action on climate change
- Supportive of the Climate chapter and Four-Part Strategy
- Many seek setting goal for eliminating GHG emissions by 2030 or 2050
- Comments provide a range of suggestions; e.g., the City of Burien recommends goal to read:
  - *Goal: The region substantially reduces emissions of greenhouse gases that contribute to climate change in accordance with the goals of the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (50% below 1990 levels by 2030 and 80% below 1990 levels by 2050) and prepares for climate change impacts.*
Draft VISION 2050:

- Includes new Climate Change chapter
- Policies strengthened, e.g.:
  - *MPP-CC-1* – Advance state, regional, and local actions that substantially reduce greenhouse gas emissions in support of state, regional, and local emission reduction goals, including targets adopted by the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency
- Regional Growth Strategy allocates majority of growth to locations near transit
- Actions support ongoing work and coordination:
  - Continued implementation of Four-Part Greenhouse Gas Strategy
  - Review with 4-year updates of Regional Transportation Plan
  - Engage in regional resilience planning
Does the Committee have additional guidance on how the Board may amend the draft Climate Change chapter?
Countywide/Other Issues

• Fiscal Sustainability
• Military installations
• UGA flexibility
• Airports

Does the Committee have any additional guidance on how to present these potential amendments to the Board?
Several members express concern about the fiscal challenge of responding to growth and maintaining current infrastructure

- New SCA proposals: PSRC, together with its member jurisdictions, will advocate for sustainable local funding sources to support the infrastructure and planning necessary to implement VISION 2050.

- New King County proposal: PSRC, together with its member jurisdictions, will inform 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.

Draft VISION 2050 also includes policy MPP-RC-10 and RC-Action-5 to explore funding for services and infrastructure
Military Installations

Pierce County Regional Council requests additional policies and actions regarding military installations:

- Policy MML-1: Recognize that military installations can have beneficial economic impacts but can also result in land use, housing, and transportation challenges for adjacent and nearby communities.

- Policy MML-2: While the region does not fund infrastructure improvements within Major Military Installations (MMI’s), it should assist proximate communities to address the challenges associated with MMI’s through planning and infrastructure development.

- MML-Action-1: PSRC will support and assist communities proximate to MMI’s to meet their GMA obligations to plan for impacts associated with military installations.

- MML-Action-2: PSRC will incorporate information, based on a completed local transportation study, how a project benefits transportation to and from a military installation into decision criteria for infrastructure funding allocations.

- MML-Action-3: PSRC will coordinate with other agencies and NGOs regarding state level advocacy efforts for state and federal funding and policy support for military-community compatibility.
UGA Flexibility

Snohomish County Tomorrow requests “UGA boundary flexibility to allow for changing population distribution…”

Existing requirements on UGA changes: Growth Management Act, CPPs, and county plans include requirements on urban growth area expansions

Draft VISION 2050 policy provides flexibility, while supporting stability of urban growth area:
  - **MPP-RGS-5** Ensure the long-term stability and sustainability of the urban growth area consistent with the regional vision.
Many comments received from members and individuals about aviation impacts

- Ask for integrating airport planning into VISION 2050
- Seek to address environmental justice of disproportionate impacts to some communities
Next Steps

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Thank you.

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