Today’s Meeting

- VISION 2050 & Plan Review Process
- Manual Update Project Approach
Plan Review Process

- GMA requires PSRC to review and certify local comprehensive plans, countywide planning policies, and regional transit plans for conformity with:
  - Regional guidelines and principles (MPPs)
  - Regional Transportation Plan
  - GMA transportation-related requirements

- PSRC also certifies subarea plans for regional centers

1995
First plans certified
Plan Review Process

• 2003 – PSRC adopted a revised Policy & Plan Review Process
  • Reporting tools
  • Reference appendices
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.
VISION 2050 Policy Changes

- Climate change
- Housing
- Displacement (residential and commercial)
- Racial equity
- Health in planning
- Regional collaboration, especially with Tribes, military partners, and others
- Jobs/housing balance
Upcoming Planning Work

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Plan Review Manual Update

Project Scoping

• 2016 Taking Stock → assessed VISION 2040 implementation and plan review/certification process

• VISION 2050 plan development → policy discussions informed potential changes to plan review materials
Taking Stock Findings

Plan Review Resources

- Outreach to member jurisdictions
- Guidance papers and technical assistance
- Plan Review Manual
- Timely communications
- Clarity of comments, recommendations, and certification requirements
- Board processes
- Other

# Respondents

- Valuable
- Needs Improvement
Project Guiding Principles

• Advance the Growth Management Act and VISION 2050
• Support meaningful local planning that implements VISION 2050 and leads to certification
• Maintain a consistent and transparent plan review process for jurisdictions
• Streamline and clarify, where possible, the review/certification process for PSRC staff and boards
Project Outcomes/Deliverables

- Streamlining the manual narrative
- Updating reporting tools
- Revamping the Plan Review Manual webpage
- Developing an ongoing outreach strategy, to be implemented over the next few years

Are we on the right track?
Approach & Timeline

Spring/Summer 2020
- Project scoping and preparation of draft materials

Fall 2020
- Working group meets to review work plan items

Winter 2020/2021
- Manual + supporting materials finalized and shared with boards and committees

2021-ongoing
- Outreach to share materials and resources
**Staff-Level Working Group**

**WHO**
10-12 staff members from counties and cities + Commerce and WSDOT representatives

**WHAT**
Provide feedback on manual changes, reporting tool design and content, and what resources and outreach are most needed

**WHEN**
4-5 virtual meetings between October 2020 and January 2021

Any volunteers?
Next Steps

- Staff will incorporate RSC’s feedback into the project scope of work
  - Send additional feedback or questions to Andrea Harris-Long at AHarris-Long@psrc.org by Monday, Sept. 14.

- October RSC meeting – review draft scope of work

- October GMPB meeting – briefing on project scope of work
Thank you.

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