

Public Participation Plan Update

Equity Advisory Committee

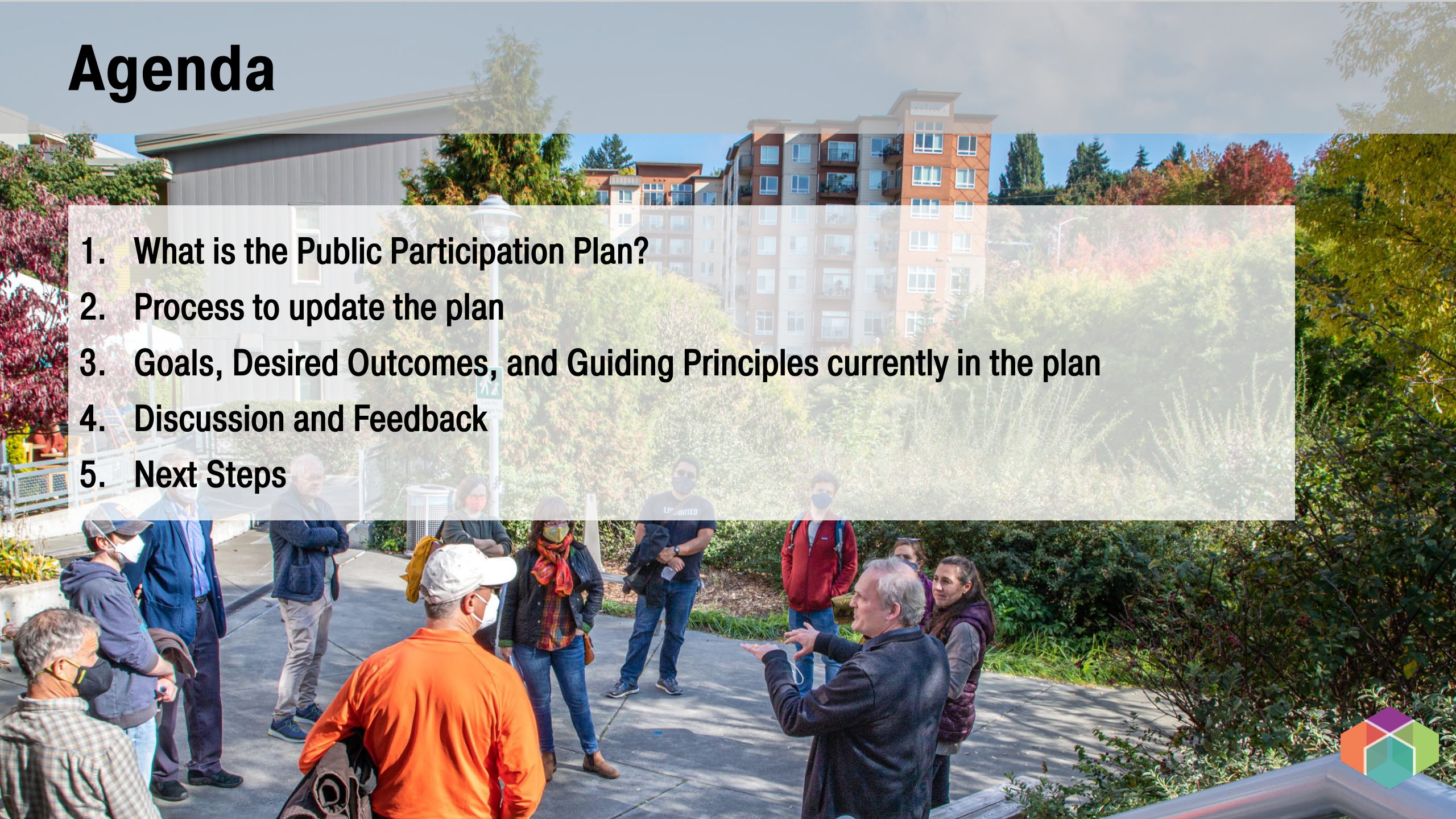
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Agenda

1. **What is the Public Participation Plan?**
2. **Process to update the plan**
3. **Goals, Desired Outcomes, and Guiding Principles currently in the plan**
4. **Discussion and Feedback**
5. **Next Steps**



Questions for the Equity Advisory Committee

- What edits should be made to the goals, desired outcomes, and guiding principles to better incorporate equity?
- Are there outstanding questions on how the Public Participation Plan is used?



What is the Public Participation Plan

- The plan establishes consistent procedures to ensure people have reasonable opportunities to be involved in the regional planning process.
- The plan provide examples of the types of tools and techniques PSRC may use to communicate with the public.
- PSRC completes this plan to satisfy federal requirements.
- Detailed outreach activities are part of each planning process, like Regional Transportation Plan.

Update Process

- **PSRC staff began the process last month, a major update is planned, only minor changes have been made since 2012**
- **We will provide a general frame to federal partners later this month**
- **Today, we want your input on the goals, desired outcomes, and guiding principles and how to better incorporate equity into them**
- **We will share the draft of the entire updated plan with EAC by early 2023, prior to 45-day public comment period**
- **Plan will be completed and by Spring 2023**

Goals of the Public Participation Plan

- **Articulate how the agency approaches public engagement.**
- **Ensure early, continuous, and broad public notification about and participation in major actions and decisions by PSRC.**
- **Receive meaningful public input to inform the decision-making process.**

Desired outcomes

- **Receive public input on PSRC's activities and decisions.**
- **Share information with a broad cross-section of the public.**
- **Ensure notification and participation of all populations, including people of color, low-income, people with disabilities and special needs groups, such as older people, and people with limited English proficiency or veterans.**
- **Increase overall awareness of regional planning activities.**
- **Ensure planning decisions incorporate the concerns, needs, and visions of the region.**

Guiding Principles

- No major public policy decision is reached or large project implemented without significantly affecting someone.
- Strong solutions are developed through collaboration.
- Even if a project or policy decision is sensible and beneficial, it must be arrived at through appropriate engagement to be acceptable.
- People are much more willing to live with a decision that affects different interests unequally if the decision-making process is open, objective and considers all viewpoints.

Guiding Principles

- **Effective public notification and participation takes time, effort, and resources, yet is essential to sound decision-making.**
- **Early involvement of stakeholders improves information and direction for regional planning decisions.**
- **Using a variety of public outreach techniques and providing information in multiple formats will help involve a wider audience of interested parties.**

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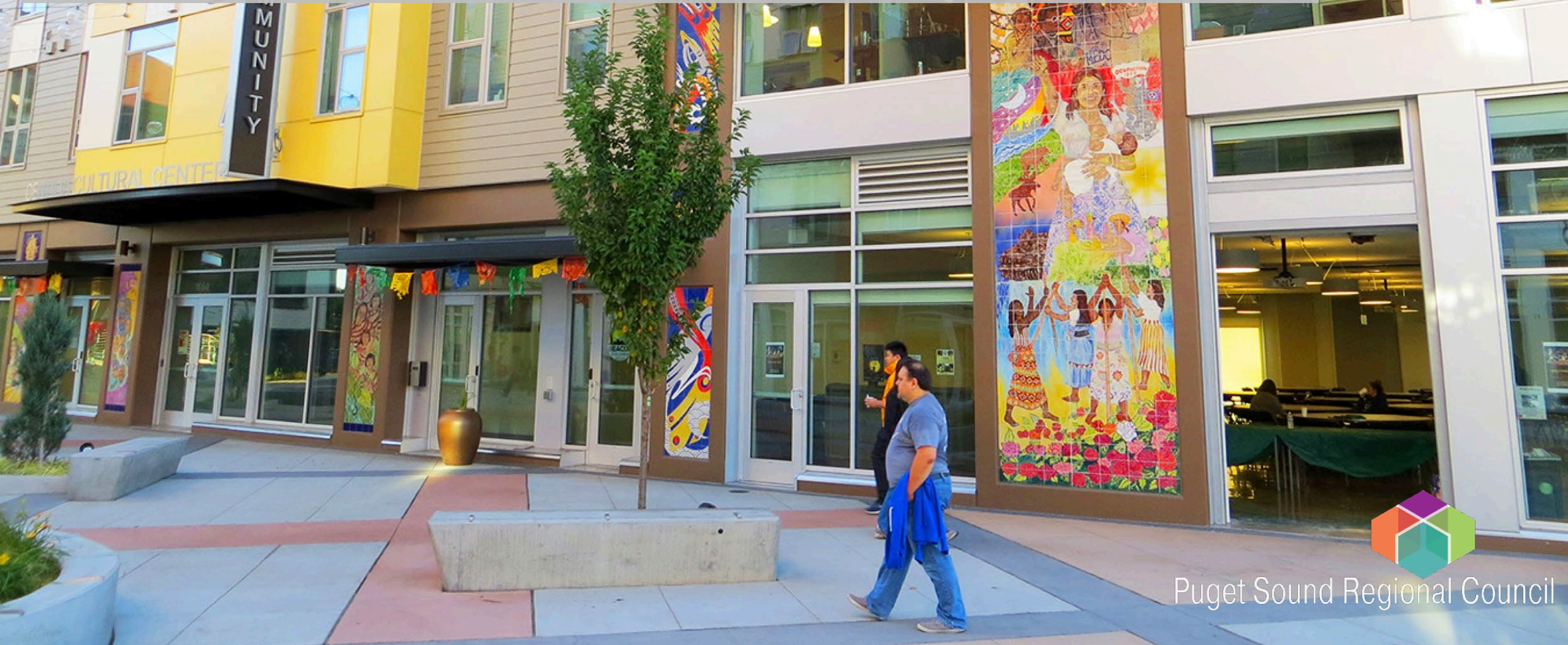
Next Steps

- Revise goals, desired outcomes and guiding principles based on EAC feedback.
- Begin development of updated Plan.
 - Roughly seven-month timeline, including public comment period.
- Share draft with EAC in early 2023.
- Finalize after feedback and public comment period.



Thank you

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