

VISION 2050

Implementing VISION 2050 Progress Report & Regional Trends

Growth Management Policy Board
September 1, 2022



Puget Sound Regional Council

VISION 2050

- Adopted in October 2020
- Regional plan for 5.8 million people
- Guide for a healthy environment, thriving communities, and strong economy



VISION 2050
A Plan for the Central Puget Sound Region

Mobility

Environment

Climate

Jobs

Equity

Housing

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VISION 2050 works to...



Increase **housing** choices and affordability



Provide **opportunities** for all



Sustain a strong **economy**



Significantly reduce greenhouse gas **emissions**



Keep the region **moving**



Restore the health of **Puget Sound**



Protect a network of **open space**



Growth in **centers** and near **transit**



Act **collaboratively** and support **local efforts**



Is VISION 2050 Working?

Expectation compared to VISION 2040....



Land Development



Transit ridership



Greenhouse gas emissions



Average daily drive time



Less land converted - Amount of land converted to new development is substantially less than other alternatives



Greater transit ridership - Transit ridership increases compared to alternatives



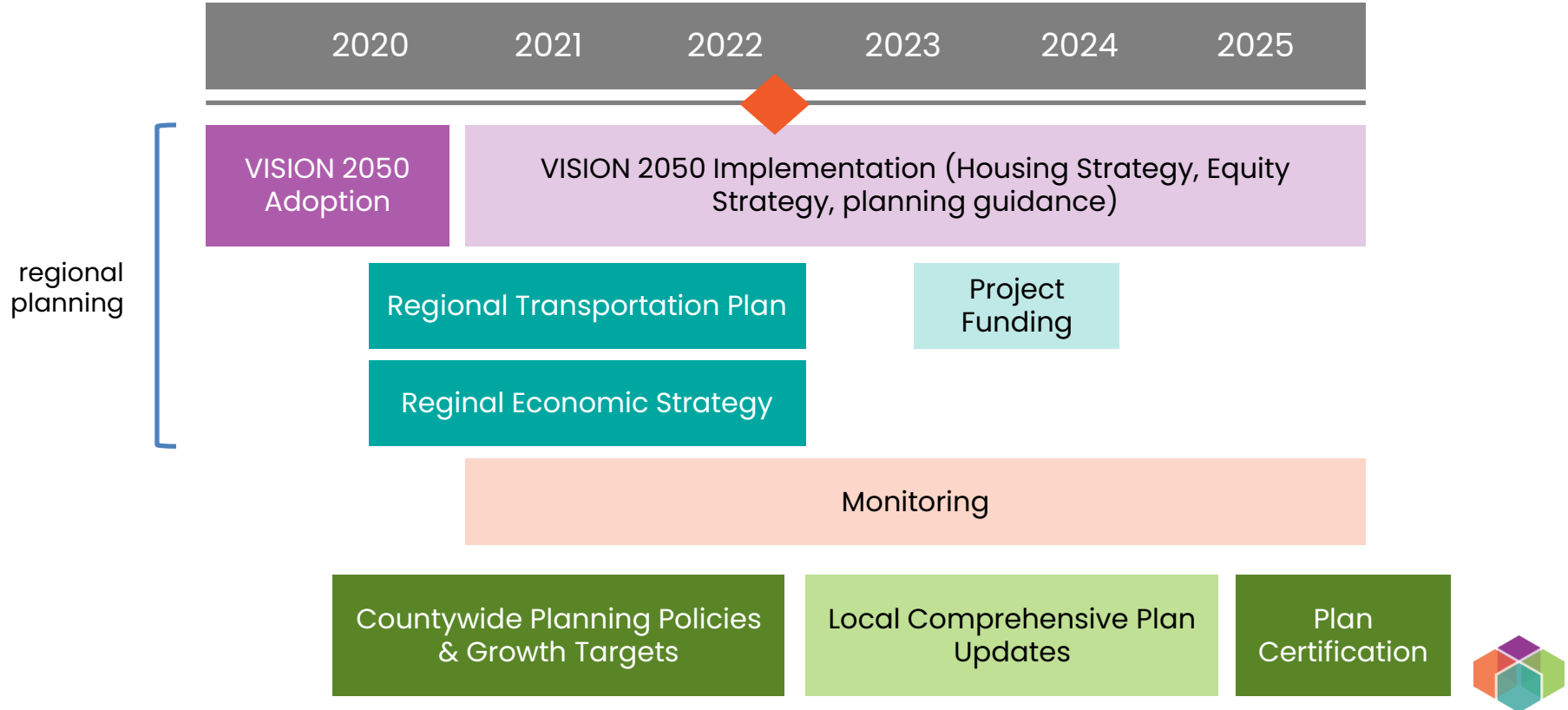
Greenhouse gas emissions reduced – Emissions, compared to 2014 baseline, decrease more than alternatives



Better drive times – Average drive time, compared to 2014 baseline, is a greater reduction than alternatives



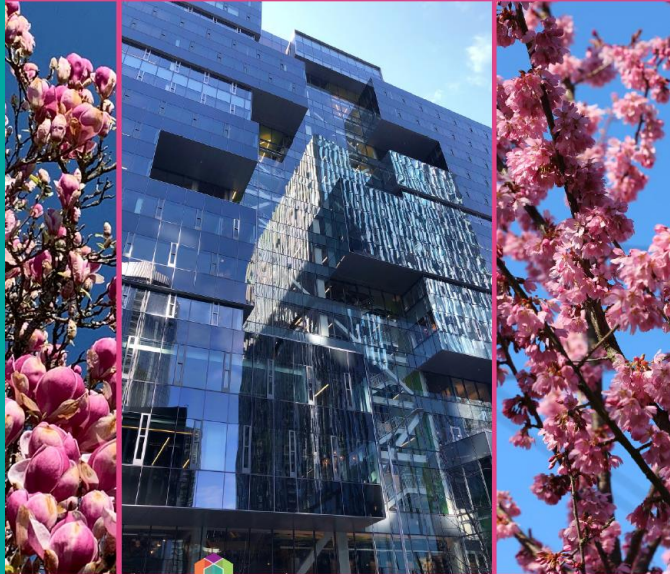
Regional & Local Planning





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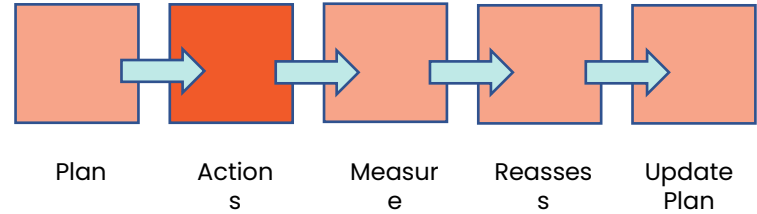
Implementing VISION 2050

VISION 2050 is the long-range plan for the central Puget Sound region. It works to implement the state Growth Management Act and provides guidance for local plans.



This Progress Report identifies state, regional, and local work that has been completed and is in progress to implement the actions in VISION 2050. VISION 2050 looks to a planning horizon of the year 2050 although many of its implementation actions are anticipated to be completed by about 2030 when an update to the plan will be developed.

VISION 2050 is implemented primarily through a series of regional and local actions.



PSRC is continually tracking data and measures that help determine if VISION 2050 goals are being met. This Progress Report focuses on actions. Future steps will measure outcomes and, ultimately, PSRC will assess how to update VISION 2050 to respond to changes.

Regional Collaboration

Goal: The region plans collaboratively for a healthy environment, thriving communities, and opportunities for all.

Regional Actions/Objectives



Support countywide and local plan updates

Partially complete



Monitoring program

Continuing



Outreach

Continuing



Regional Equity Strategy Work Program

Significant Progress

- Support for countywide planning policies
- Established Equity Advisory Committee
- Joint board sessions on equity
- Development of a Regional Equity Strategy by early 2023
- Tribal engagement guidance released



State Actions

- Grants for local plan updates
- HB 1220 racially disparate impacts review


Local Actions


- Countywide planning policies updated
- Updated countywide project selection criteria
- Local equity strategies


Regional Growth Strategy


Goal: The region accommodates growth in urban areas, focused in designated centers and near transit stations...

Regional Actions/Objectives

 Track and evaluate growth, UGA
Monitoring

 Implement RGS through targets
Significant progress

 65%/75% regional growth in centers/HCT
Monitoring

 Conservation program/funding
Significant progress

- Released growth target guidance; engaged with target setting process
- Conservation toolkit released
- Exploring regional effort for Transfer of Development Rights




Local Actions


- Counties have largely completed or adopted growth targets
- Plan update scoping

Environment

Goal: The region... protects and restores natural systems, conserves habitat, improves water quality, and reduces air pollutants...

Regional Actions/Objectives

 Open Space Plan implementation
Completed 6/2022

 Watershed planning & support
Partial

- Stormwater parks assistance for 6 communities
- Stormwater parks guidance coming this fall
- Ongoing coordination with Puget Sound Partnership
- Ongoing coordination with Environmental Resource Agencies



State Actions

- Puget Sound Partnership Action Agenda and Funding
- DNR urban and community forestry funding and assistance
- WSDOT stormwater retrofit
- Recreation and Conservation Office Planning for Recreation Access grants




Local Actions

- Tree protection and enhancement
- Stormwater retrofit planning and projects
- Fish passage barrier removals
- Habitat enhancement projects

Climate

Goal: Reduce GHG emissions... to 50% below 1990 levels by 2030 and 80% below 1990 levels by 2050 and prepare for climate change impacts.

Regional Actions/Objectives

-  Greenhouse gas strategy
Updated with RTP in 2022
-  Local guidance & assistance
In process
-  Evaluation & monitoring
Ongoing

- Updated 4-Part Greenhouse Gas Strategy with Regional Transportation Plan
- Climate and Resilience Webinar held in August
- Draft climate and resilience guidance released
- Puget Sound Regional Emissions Analysis project, including wedge analysis, by end of year
- Collaborative partnerships with PSCAA, including REV Collaborative



State & Federal Actions

- State Climate Element guide coming in 2023
- WA State 2020–2021 legislation: Climate Commitment Act, Clean Fuel Standard, ZEV standards, others
- Federal legislation: Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, Inflation Reduction Act, Executive Orders and others

Development Patterns

Goal: The region creates healthy, walkable, compact, and equitable transit-oriented communities...

Regional Actions/Objectives

-  Implement the Regional Centers Framework
In process
-  Industrial lands analysis
In process
-  Planning for Transit Oriented Development
Ongoing
-  Concurrency best practices
In process
-  Unincorporated urban areas
Limited work

- Monitoring and guiding centers work
- Industrial lands analysis in development
- Ongoing work of the Regional Transit-Oriented Development Committee, including TOD event
- TOD guidance to be release this summer






Local Actions

- Center subarea plans – Canyon Park, Lakewood
- New Kirkland Regional Growth Center subarea planning
- Plan update scoping

Housing

Goal: The region preserves, improves, and expands housing stock to provide a range of affordable, accessible, healthy, and safe choices to every resident. Fair & equal access for all people.

- ### Regional Actions
-  Regional Housing Strategy
Adopted 2/2022
 -  Local assistance
In process
 -  State support & coordination
In process
- Implementing Regional Housing Strategy
 - Collaboration with Commerce, MRSC, and county-level housing agencies
 - Housing webinar scheduled for October
 - Update to housing element guidance paper to be released this fall




- ### State Actions
- HB 1220 amendment to GMA
 - Housing planning assistance grants
 - Middle housing planning grants


- ### Local Actions
- Housing action plans
 - Housing strategies
 - Plan update scoping
 - *More on local actions in November*

Economy

Goal: The region has a prospering and sustainable regional economy by supporting business & job creation, investing in people, sustaining environmental quality, and creating great central places...

Regional Actions

 Regional Economic Strategy
Adopted 12/2021

 Local support
On going

 Data & job distribution
In process

- Updated the Regional Economic Strategy
- Recovery and resiliency planning
- Economic element guidance released
- Economic development webinar scheduled for September 7
- Analysis on telework trends



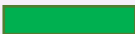



Local Actions

- Plan update scoping

Transportation

Goal: A sustainable, equitable, affordable, safe, and efficient multimodal transportation system; supports the Regional Growth Strategy and promotes economic, environmental, and health vitality.

Regional Actions

-  Regional Transportation Plan
Adopted 5/2022
-  Transportation funding
Updated in 2022
-  Changing technology
In process
-  Aviation capacity
Completed

- Regional Aviation Baseline Study completed in 2021
- Policy Framework for Federal Funds updated in 2022
- 2022 Regional Transportation Plan adopted
- RTP implementation underway
- Transportation planning webinar & guidance scheduled for October



State & Federal Actions

- \$16.9B Move Ahead Washington transportation package
- Federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law – funding for bridges, active transportation, climate, transit, freight, safety and more

Public Services

Goal: Support development with adequate public facilities and services in a timely, coordinated, efficient, and cost-effective manner...

Regional Actions/Objectives

 Utility & service district planning

Limited work

 School/facility siting & design

Completed briefing paper

- Initial school siting briefing paper completed in 2021
- Ongoing coordination with state Roadmap project, including role of districts in planning



Local Actions

- Updated countywide planning policies regarding utility and school coordination
- Plan update scoping

What is Next?

- Expectations for the near future
 - Shifting from regional plans to **support for local plans**
 - Continuing to advance regional priorities – **housing, equity, centers**
- Future work
 - State & legislative support
 - Utilities & special districts
 - Annexation

Question for the Board

- Is the implementation of VISION 2050 on the right track?



Thank you.

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