



# Guidance for Transportation Projects

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Puget Sound Regional Council

# Overview



- **VISION 2050 and Local Comprehensive Plans**
- **Outcomes for transportation projects**
- **Sample projects & achieving outcomes**



# Local Plans & VISION 2050



## Upcoming Planning Work



# PSRC Guidance and Resources



## Available Now:

- [Conservation Toolkit](#)
- [Growth Target Guidance](#)
- [Economic Development Element Guide](#)
- [Tribal Coordination](#)
- [Community Data Profiles](#)
- [Equitable Engagement](#)
- [Climate Change Guidance](#) (draft)
- [TOD + Centers Guidance](#) (draft)

## Upcoming this Fall:

- Growth Outreach Toolkit
- Housing Guidance
- Equity Planning Resources
- Land Use Vision Forecast
- Multimodal Concurrency [update]

### VISION 2050 Planning Resources

PSRC develops guidance, research, and data products to support local planning and advance VISION 2050. Browse resources below by policy topic area.



#### Regional Plans

- > [VISION 2050](#)
- > [Regional Transportation Plan](#)
- > [Regional Economic Strategy](#)

#### Guidance by Policy Topic Area (from PSRC and partner agencies)

<a href="#">Regional Collaboration and Equity</a>	>
<a href="#">Regional Growth Strategy</a>	>
<a href="#">Environment</a>	>
<a href="#">Climate Change</a>	>
<a href="#">Development Patterns: Centers and Transit-Focused Growth</a>	>

## [VISION 2050 Planning Resources](#)

## [Comprehensive Plans Certification Reports](#)

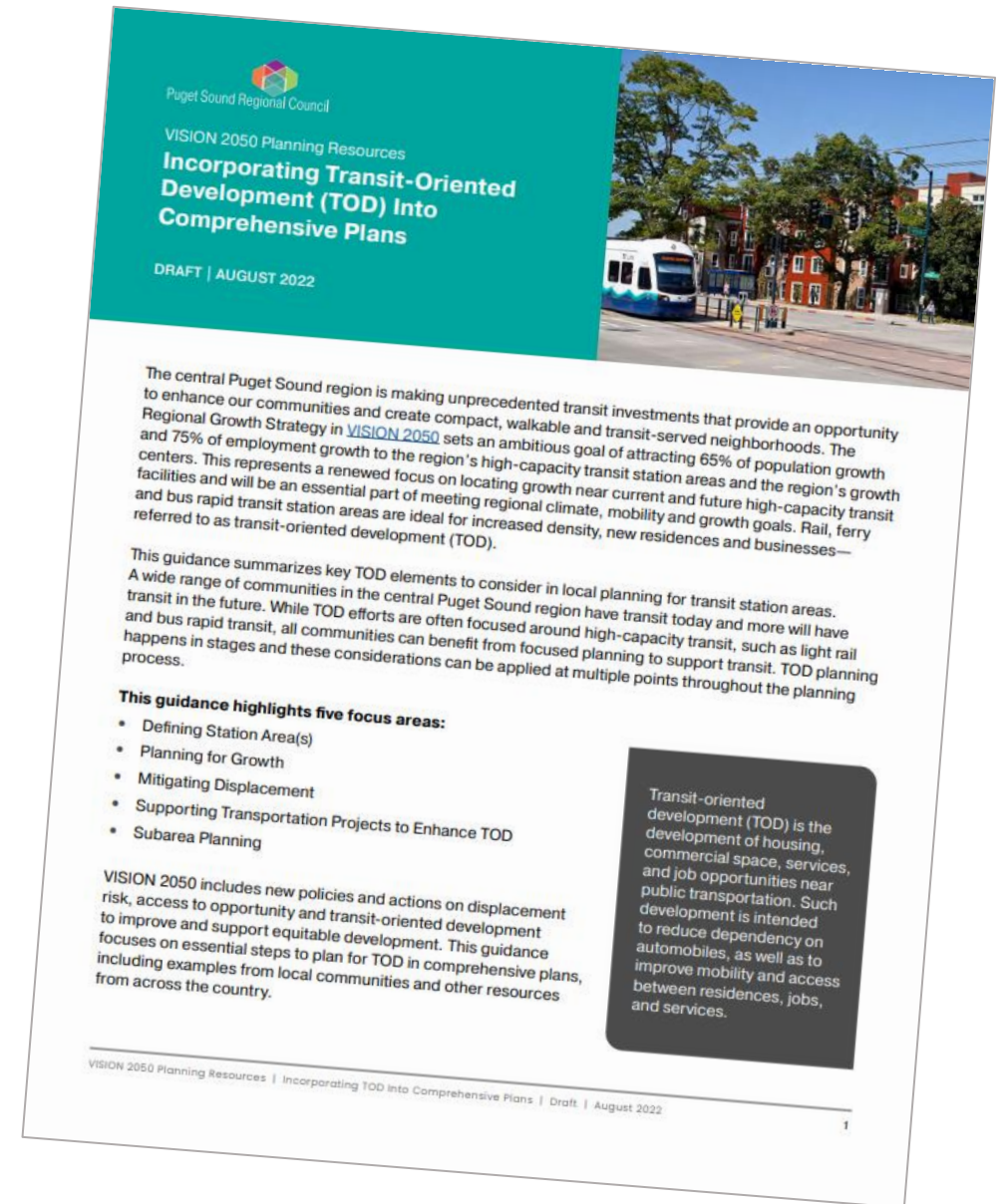
# PSRC TOD Guidance



Draft document currently available online

Includes 5 Focus Areas:

- Defining Station Area(s)
- Planning for Growth
- Mitigating Displacement
- Supporting Transportation Projects to Enhance TOD
- Subarea Planning





## Guidance for Supporting Growth in Centers and Transit Station Areas

### Introduction & Guidance Purpose

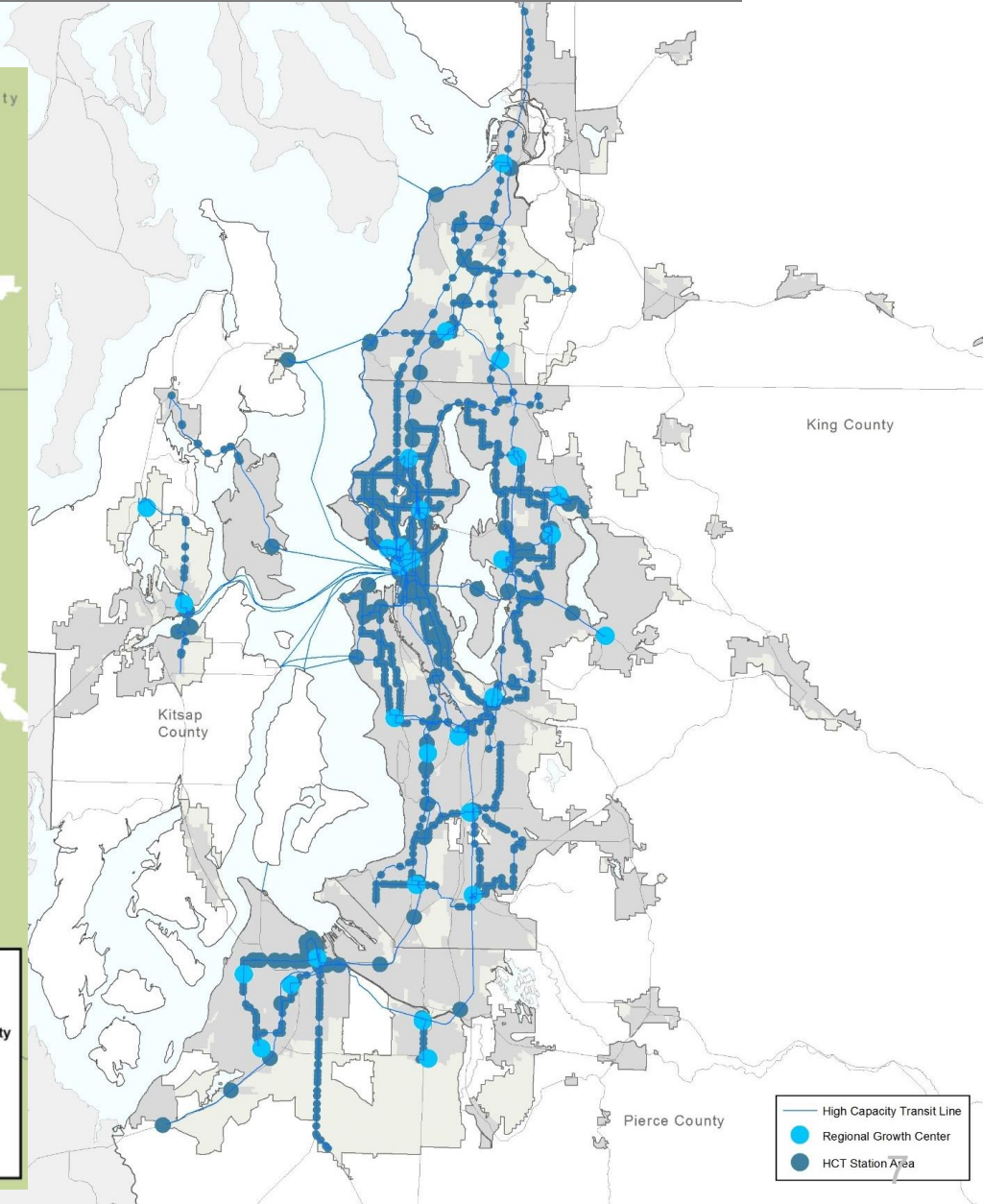
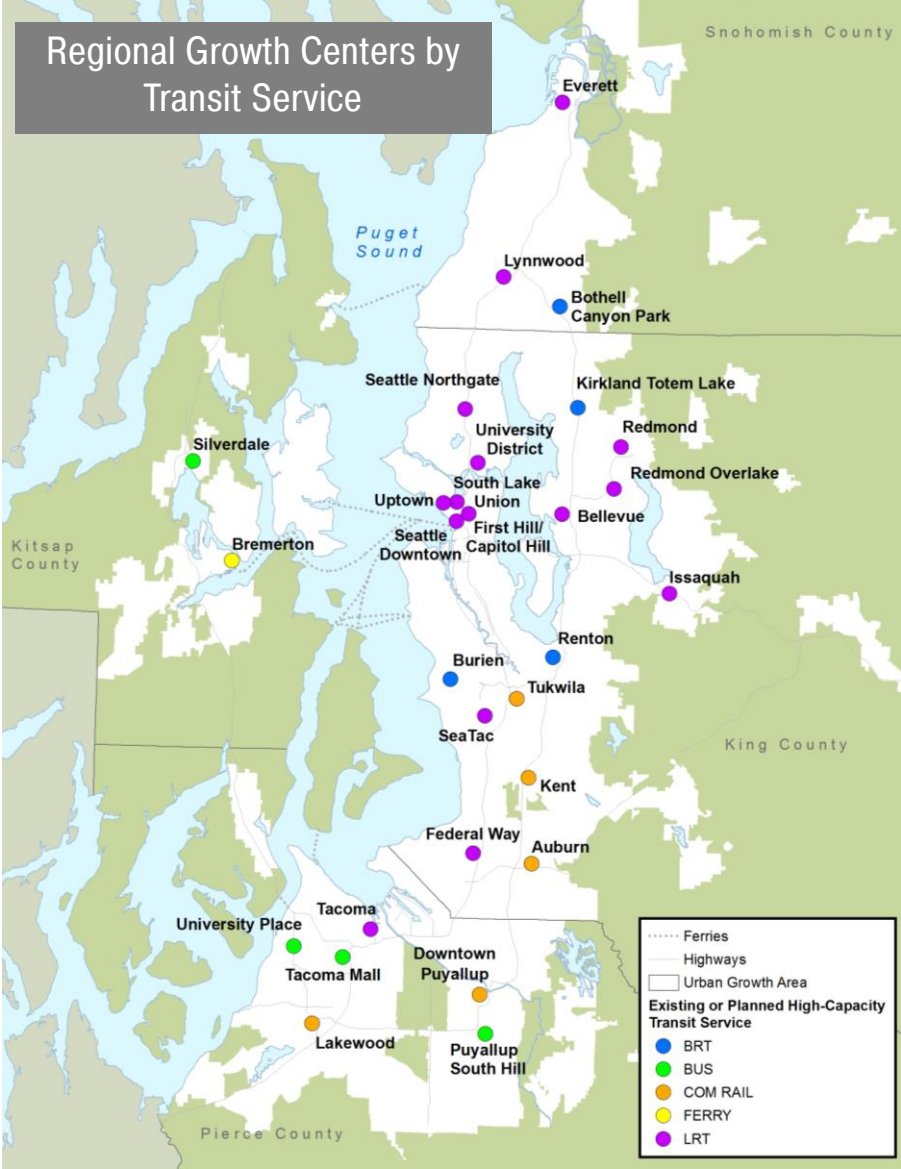
- Audience and use for local comprehensive plans
- Policy context – Regional Plans & Growth Strategy

### Desired Outcomes of Transportation Projects

### Project Profiles

# Centers & TOD

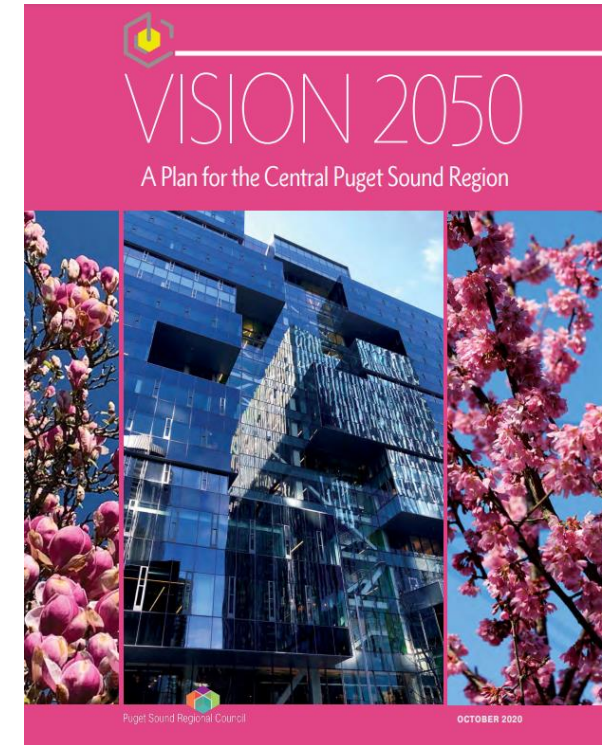
65% of population growth and 75% of employment growth goal for regional growth centers and high capacity transit station areas





## VISION 2050

- Prioritizes regional and local transportation investments to centers (MPP-RC-7, MPP-RC-8)
- Prioritizes regional funding to transportation investments that advance the development of housing in centers (MPP-RC-9)
- Emphasizes transportation investments that provide and encourage SOV alternatives in and near centers (MPP-T-12)
- Calls for the design of transportation investments to support centers and station areas (MPP-T-19)





# Draft Project Outcomes



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# Is this the right set of outcomes?



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## Existing Conditions & Project Location

### Questions for the Committee:

- How best could this project support growth in the center?
- What features would help with this?

### Asking you to think from the point of view of...

- Planner, housing developer, etc.
- A resident of the center
- Friend or neighbor with different mobility

# Sample Project: Breaking Up a Superblock



## Existing Conditions:

- Large block size from previous retail and parking lots
- Surrounding streets are wide & busy

**Location:** In regional growth center and station area

## How best could this project support growth in the center?

- Pleasant environment for pedestrians
- Allows new businesses to open along the street
- Provides opportunities for new development that may not have existed

## What features could be included in the new street?

- Sidewalks! Landscaping, pedestrian lighting
- Minimal traffic lanes and a slow street
- On street parking

# Sample Project: Bike and Ped Trail



## Existing Conditions:

- Few existing bicycle paths
- Multiple trails end at center
- Few parks in center

**Location:** In regional growth center, connects to other trail systems

How best could this project support growth in the center?

What features could this trail include?



# Sample Project: New Park and Ride



## Existing Conditions:

- Surrounding highways are congested
- Center is growing
- Existing park & ride is over capacity

**Location:** In regional growth center, adjacent to transit center

How best could this project support growth in the center?

What features could be included in and around this structure?

# Sample Project: Roadway Improvements



## Existing Conditions:

- Major corridor serving the center
- Heavily congested
- Lacks continuous sidewalks, bike lanes, transit amenities

Location: Leading to a center

How best could this project support growth in the center?

What features could be included to support the center?

# Sample Project: Connecting Roadway



## Existing Conditions:

- Current freight traffic and commuters use existing routes through congested areas
- No direct route between centers

**Location:** Connecting two centers

How best could this project support growth in the centers?

What features could be included to support the centers?

# Next Steps for Guidance Document



## Happening Now

RTODC input and PSRC document development

## Late 2022

Draft review by RTODC members

Draft released for use and review

## Early 2023

Guidance document finalized



Thank you!

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