



# Equity Planning Resources for Comprehensive Plans

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Puget Sound Regional Council

# Overview

- Equity in VISION 2050
- Approach to Equity Planning Guidance
- Questions/Discussion



# Equity in VISION 2050

- Expanded focus in plan
- Actions and policies across all chapters
- Equity analysis included in environmental review
- Displacement risk mapping
- New GMA housing requirements



# Regional Equity Strategy



## Capacity Building

Learning Opportunities  
Prioritizing Equity  
Inclusive Procurement  
Hiring and Retention



## Data and Research

Equity Analyses  
Equity Tracker  
Legacy of Structural Racism  
Data & Analysis



## Community Engagement

Equity Advisory Committee  
Anti-Displacement Orgs Support  
Equitable Engagement Guidance



## Best Practices

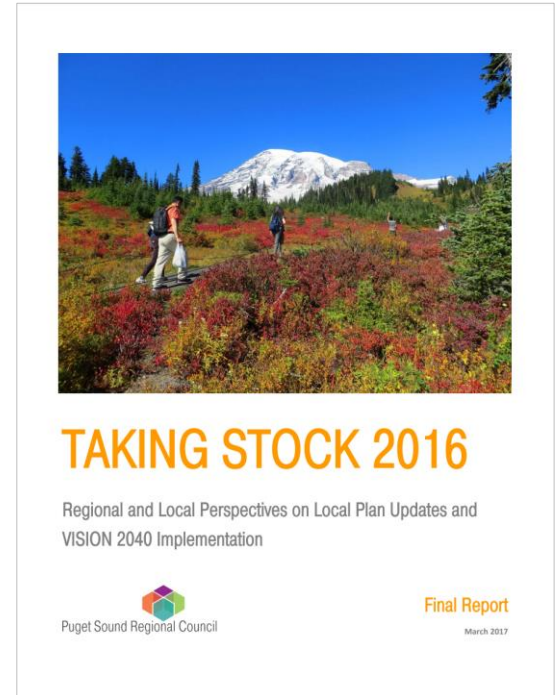
Racial Equity Impact Assessment  
Equity Planning Guidance



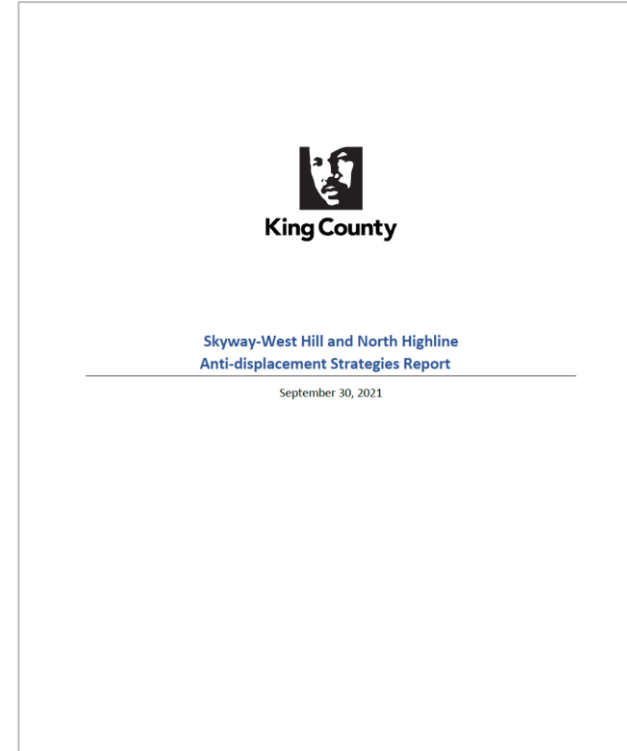
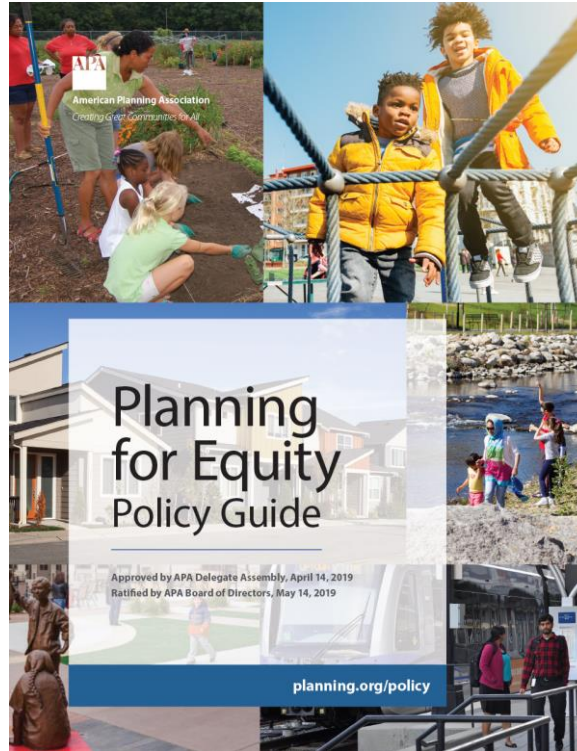
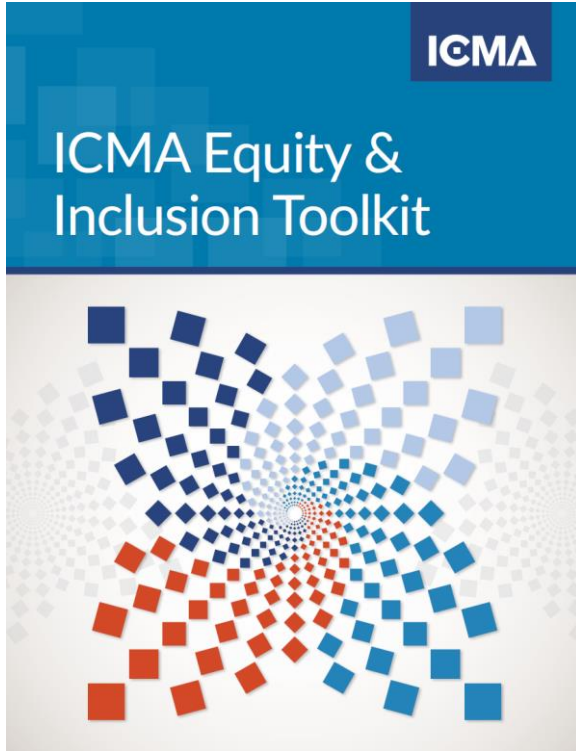
# 2015/16 Assessment

Jurisdictions have begun to recognize need to address equity in plans and policies

- Need to go beyond standard practices to assess equity impacts
- Lack clear mandates
- Relatively little guidance, best practices, and tools
- Consequently, equity is often a secondary consideration



# Existing Resources



# VISION 2050 Consistency Tools

Tools should be used throughout the planning process

### VISION Consistency Tool for Local Comprehensive Plans

Note: The tool shown here is for illustrative purposes. To fill out the tool, visit [www.psrc.org/our-work/plan-review](http://www.psrc.org/our-work/plan-review).

This tool is intended to help cities and counties integrate VISION 2050 into their local comprehensive plans. VISION 2050's multicounty planning policies serve as the adopted regional guidelines and principles required in state law to guide both regional and local planning. The tool also identifies transportation planning requirements of the Growth Management Act (GMA). The tool may be used at various times in the local planning process:

- Plan Update Scoping:** Use checklist items as guidance for scoping the extent of plan element updates. New or expanded issue areas in VISION 2050 are identified to support this process.
- Draft Plan Review:** Submit draft plans to PSRC prior to Planning Commission and Council review. Completing and submitting this tool and providing early drafts to PSRC help identify potential consistency issues early in the process.
- Certification Review:** Along with the adopted plan, the tool will assist in PSRC's review of the plan. Demonstrating inclusion of the necessary information in the checklist helps facilitate certification. *Note: The PSRC Executive Board is the final decision-making body for plan certification.*
- Regional Collaboration:** The tool provides cities and counties an opportunity to highlight supports sharing of best practices across the region and benefits jurisdictions as they

#### Resources

- Regional Plans: [VISION 2050](#), [Regional Transportation Plan](#), and [Regional Economic Development Plan](#)
- [VISION 2040 to VISION 2050](#) – summary of what changed in VISION 2050
- [VISION 2050 Policy Matrix](#) – a comparison of multicounty planning policies and a comparison of local policies to VISION 2050
- [Plan Review Manual webpage](#) – access more information about the review and certification process and other resources by policy area. See previous [certification reports](#) for areas that have been reviewed.

### Regional Collaboration

The plan supports **collaboration for a healthy environment, thriving communities, and opportunities for all**, including coordination with other jurisdictions and agencies, tribes, ports, military installations, and adjacent regions.

Policies and programs should:

Support regional collaboration	Page/Policy Reference
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Include a statement about regional collaboration and planning requirements</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊗ Coordinate with other jurisdictions, agencies, tribes, ports, military installations, special purpose districts, and adjacent regions (RCW 36.70A.070(6)(a)(v), MPP-RC-1, RC-4-5)</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊗ Prioritize services and access to opportunity for people of color, people with low incomes, and historically underserved communities to ensure all people can attain the resources and opportunities to improve quality of life and address past inequities (MPP-RC-2)</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊗ Address land use, transportation, and housing opportunities and challenges related to military installations, when applicable (MPP-RC-6)</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Prioritize investments in centers, including regional centers, countywide centers, high-capacity transit areas with a station area plan, and other local centers (MPP-RC-8-9)</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Explore funding sources, changes to regulatory, pricing, taxing, and expenditure practices, and other fiscal tools to meet infrastructure and other needs (MPP-RC-10-11, RC-Action-7, RC-Action-9)</li> </ul>	

Additional comments on Regional Collaboration or additional documents to share [optional]: \_\_\_\_\_



# Equity Advisory Committee Feedback

- Importance of community representation and hearing from people often excluded from the planning process
- Resources to make it straightforward to center equity in planning, and the value of best practices and case studies.
- Equity beyond comprehensive planning, including transit planning





# Equity Planning Guidance by VISION Policy Area

## Regional Collaboration

- Prioritize access to opportunity to address past inequities

## Environment, Climate Change

- Prioritize reduction of impacts to vulnerable populations

## Growth + Development Patterns

- Inclusive engagement
- Health disparities

## Housing

- Residential displacement

## Economy

- Commercial displacement, barriers for economically disadvantaged communities

## Transportation

- Mobility choices, racial and social equity as a core objective

## Public Services

- Equitable access to services



## Policy by chapter - Equity-related items from the comp plan checklist

- Background
- Highlight external planning resources
- Local examples
- Relevant data resources

**Highlight other interesting planning work, especially outside the region**



# Questions

The background image shows a high-angle view of a boat's deck. A large, rectangular fishing net is spread out on the deck, which is marked with yellow safety lines. A person is standing on the deck near the net. The boat is moving through blue water, with white wake visible. The overall scene is bright and sunny.

- Do you know of existing resources or examples we should include? Is your community focused on equity in the next plan update?
- Do you have any feedback on this suggested approach to the Equity Planning Resources?

# Next Steps

## Phase I: Equity Planning Guidance for Comprehensive Plans

- Finalize and share draft resources for comment
- Publication by end of 2022
- November 7 Passport to 2044 webinar

## Phase II: Additional Planning Resources

- Identify focus areas and timeline for additional guidance



# Thank You

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