

# Comprehensive Plan Outreach & Support

Regional Staff Committee

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# Overview

- Plan Review Process
- 2022 Outreach & Next Steps
- Discussion



# PSRC's Plan Review Process

2021



Plan review manual & consistency tool

June plan review webinar

2022



Plan review survey

Passport to 2044

2023

Passport to 2044

Outreach & meetings with local staff

The 2023 section is highlighted with an orange border.

Ongoing



Peer Networking events

Releasing new resources and data products

Quarterly newsletter



# Plan Review Process for Local Staff

1

## Plan Visioning/ Scoping Stage

- a. Review VISION 2050 and applicable Consistency Tool
- b. Schedule a one-on-one consultation with PSRC staff
- c. Review previous certification reports

2

## Plan/Policy Development

- a. Review policy-specific resources from PSRC
- b. Provide draft plans or policies to PSRC, with completed VISION 2050 Consistency Tool, for review/comment

3

## Review/Adoption Process

- a. Complete or update the VISION 2050 Consistency Tool and submit to PSRC along with the adopted plan or policies
- b. Work with PSRC to prepare certification report
- c. PSRC's boards review and certify



# PASSPORT TO 2044

Comprehensive Plan  
Workshop Series





# Passport to 2044 Series



[Comprehensive Planning](#)

[Climate](#)

[Economic Development](#)

[Transportation](#)

[Housing \(1\)](#)

[Equity \(1\)](#)

[Tribal Coordination](#)

[Critical Areas](#)

[TOD and Centers](#)

**Housing Need & Capacity**

**Elected Officials**



# 2022 Review of Passport to 2044



Over 1,000 live  
webinar  
attendees

80%

Representation  
from cities and  
counties



International  
participation!



34  
Guest Speakers



# Passport to 2044 in 2023



## Elected Officials and Planning Commissioners

- May lunchtime event, recorded
- Highlights key issues
- Panel of elected officials sharing their experience

## Other Events?

- We want to hear from you!
- Opportunities to connect with other planners, deep dives on new topics





# PSRC Guidance and Resources

## Available Now:

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

## Upcoming:

- Transportation Guidance
- Growth Outreach Toolkit
- Equity Planning Resources
- Land Use Vision Forecast

### 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](#)

[Previous Certification Reports](#)



# Element Guides

## Housing Element Guide

- Provides guidance for developing effective housing elements
- Addresses housing choices and affordability

## Climate Change and Resilience Guidance

- Provides information on emission reduction and resilience activities



# Guidance Documents

## Equitable Engagement

- Includes strategies, resources and considerations
- Focuses on techniques for reaching historically impacted communities

## Coordination with Tribes

- Provides guidance on conducting meaningful consultation with Tribes
- Includes best practices from the region

**Puget Sound Regional Council**  
VISION 2050 Planning Resources  
**Equitable Engagement for Comprehensive Plans**  
JULY 2022

The Growth Management Act establishes a baseline for public participation as a component of the planning process. However, many traditional methods and approaches do not facilitate effective engagement with historically impacted communities.

Traditional outreach methods, such as online open houses, public hearings, and online surveys, often only reach a subset of community members. These community members are typically those who are already familiar with the local planning process and have the time to stay up to date with what is happening. As a result, many planning processes fail to adequately consider the perspectives of marginalized communities most impacted by planning decisions. This can lead to additional burdens on impacted communities, exacerbating disparities in the region.

VISION 2050 calls for PSRC to develop a regional equity strategy with tools, resources and strategies for centering equity, including best practices for ensuring equitable engagement. This guide considers new strategies and practices to build a foundation for comprehensive planning efforts.

This guide includes four recommendations for conducting equitable engagement: 1) identify the most impacted, 2) develop public engagement goals and objectives, 3) remove barriers to engagement. Each of these considerations carries out engagement, and questions to consider. This guide provides resources linked throughout the document page to support these strategies.

VISION 2050 Planning Resources | Equitable Engagement for Comprehensive Plans

**Puget Sound Regional Council**  
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**Coordination with Tribes in Comprehensive Planning**

**Tribes of the Salish Sea**

The central Puget Sound region is a part of a larger area that has been the traditional aboriginal territory of the Coast Salish peoples. The Coast Salish Tribes have lived here since time immemorial and while each Tribe is unique, all share in having a deep historical connection and legacy of respect for the land and natural resources. These sovereign Tribal Nations enrich the region through environmental stewardship, cultural heritage, and economic development, and collaborate with local governments to shape the region's future.

Under treaties signed with the United States in the 1850s, many Tribes in the region ceded most of the state of Washington, but in exchange reserved fishing and hunting rights including off-reservation rights to fish in all usual and accustomed fishing grounds and the right to hunt and gather on open and unclaimed lands.

PSRC recognizes and respects the full sovereignty of each Tribe and its traditional lands located within the jurisdictional boundaries of PSRC members. By law, Tribal sovereignty must be observed and protected. As sovereign nations, each Tribe has its own form of government, constitution or charter, laws, and planning processes.

VISION 2050 aligns with the principles of government-to-government relationships stated in the Washington Centennial Accord of 1989, and in the Washington State administrative rule (May 2019) governing prior and informed consent and consultation for any policy, plans, projects, programs, or actions that directly and tangibly affect Indian Tribes' sovereignty and treaty rights.

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# Quarterly Newsletter

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Comprehensive  
Planning  
Newsletter @  
<http://eepurl.com/hQnYmj>



Welcome to PSRC's comprehensive planning newsletter, highlighting information on resources for local plan updates and the plan review process!

Please forward this newsletter on to others who may be interested. *You can unsubscribe at any time from this list by clicking "unsubscribe" at the bottom of this email.*

Contact Maggie Moore at [mmoore@psrc.org](mailto:mmoore@psrc.org) with suggestions, questions, or comments.

## Passport to 2044 – Periodic Update Workshop on June 15

PSRC, the Washington State Department of Commerce, and MRSC are hosting an online workshop on June 15 from 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. on comprehensive plan updates. The workshop will officially kick-off the 2024 class of plan updates! We will cover what's new in the Growth Management Act and VISION 2050 and explore the planning issues communities are most interested in. Attendees will also have an opportunity to connect with other staff working on comprehensive plans throughout the region.

Check out the [save the date](#) and share it with others.

## What's New in GMA

The 2022 Washington Legislative Session adjourned in March with some changes in the local comprehensive planning process. Below are a couple key bills from the session. Check out the Washington State Department of Commerce's recap in their [April newsletter](#).



# Discussion

What should be emphasized in our session with elected officials and planning commissioners?

Are planning directors the best source for helping us connect to these groups?

What do you want to see from the Passport session in 2023?

Are there other opportunities for PSRC outreach?





# Thank You

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