

Comprehensive Planning & Plan Review Support

Growth Management Policy Board

June 1, 2023



Puget Sound Regional Council

Overview

- 2023 Plan Review Outreach
 - Direct engagement
 - Passport to 2044
- New Guidance & Resources
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Countywide Planning Policies



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

Ongoing

Peer Networking events

Releasing new resources and data products

Quarterly newsletter



PASSPORT TO 2044

Comprehensive Plan
Workshop Series





Passport to 2044 Series



[Comprehensive Planning](#)

[Climate](#)

[Economic Development](#)

[Transportation](#)

[Housing & Racially-Disparate Impacts](#)

[Equity \(1\)](#)

[Tribal Coordination](#)

[Critical Areas](#)

[TOD and Centers](#)

[Housing Need & Capacity](#)

[Elected Officials](#)



Passport to 2044 Highlights



About 1,500 live
webinar
attendees

80%

Representation
from cities and
counties



About 1,100
YouTube views



42
Guest Speakers



Passport to 2044 in 2023



Elected Officials and Planning Commissioners

- May 18 lunchtime event, recorded
- Highlights key issues
- Panel of elected officials sharing their experience

[NEW] Legislative Session Wrap-Up and Comprehensive Planning

- Wednesday, June 28 from 1:30 – 3:00 pm
- Session with Commerce on the legislative session, implications for comprehensive plans

Recent survey on future Passport to 2044 events

- Most interest in legislative wrap-up
- Considering future sessions, ways for jurisdictional staff to connect



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](#)

NEW

- [Transportation Element Guidance](#)
- [Equity Planning Resources for Comprehensive Plans](#)
- [Stormwater Guidance](#)
- [Housing Opportunities by Place](#)
- [LUV-it Land Use 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)

Regional Collaboration and Equity	>
Regional Growth Strategy	>
Environment	>
Climate Change	>
Development Patterns: Centers and Transit-Focused Growth	>

[VISION 2050 Planning Resources](#)

[Previous Certification Reports](#)



Draft Guidance Available

Transportation Element Guide

- Provides guidance for developing effective transportation elements
- Minor updates to acknowledge HB 1181


Equity Planning Resources for Comprehensive Plans

- Component of the Regional Equity Strategy
- Includes policy and data resources, local examples



Frequently Asked Questions

PSRC Plan Review and Comprehensive Plans
Frequently Asked Questions
Last updated May 2023



This document compiles frequently asked questions on PSRC's plan review process and local comprehensive planning. Questions were identified from surveys of jurisdictional staff, outreach discussions, and the kick-off event for the [Passport to 2044 workshop series](#). More information is available on the [Plan Review website](#), or please feel free to reach out directly to PSRC staff at plareview@psrc.org with any questions. More questions may be added to this document over time. Washington State Department of Commerce has [their own FAQ on the periodic update](#).

Jump to topic:


- o [Plan Review, Certification, and the Plan Update Process](#)
- o [Growth Targets, Capacity, and Housing](#)
- o [Conditional Certification](#)
- o [Other Comprehensive Planning Policy Topics](#)

Plan Review and Certification

What are PSRC's review standards and what planning resources are available?
PSRC works with local governments to ensure that planning is coordinated and meets regional and state requirements. This includes review for consistency with the multicounty planning policies (MPPs) in [VISION 2050](#), the transportation components of the Growth Management Act, and the [Regional Transportation Plan](#). While PSRC will review and provide comments on a jurisdiction's entire comprehensive plan, the focus areas for certification include policy areas with a nexus with transportation planning. PSRC's [Plan Review Manual](#) provides information about the process, certification standards, and consistency tools for different types of plans. The process is also summarized in a June 2021 webinar—the [slides](#) and [recording](#) are available online.

PSRC has published several planning guides and data resources to help complete the update. These are available on PSRC's [Planning Resources page](#); and more will be added through 2023. [Washington State Department of Commerce](#) and [MPSRC](#) also provide many resources for plan updates and about the Washington Growth Management Act (GMA).

What's new in VISION 2050 and GMA since plans were last updated?
VISION 2050, the countywide planning policies, and countywide adopted growth targets have all been updated since the 2015/16 plans. PSRC has a [short overview](#) and [detailed matrix](#) of the policy changes

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Plan Review & Certification FAQ | Updated May 2023

- o Developed Frequently Asked Questions from webinar questions, discussions with staff
- o Continually updated – most recent version from May 2023



Frequently Asked Questions

Question

When does PSRC review comprehensive plans?



Response

Staff review and comment on draft plans

Final review and certification after adoption



Frequently Asked Questions

Question

What are the consequences for not completing an update?



Response

Eligibility for state funds if plan is not completed

Eligibility for PSRC's federal funds if plan is not certified

Potential Hearings Board challenge



Frequently Asked Questions

Questions

What are some of the best practices for successful plan certification?



Responses

Use consistency tool throughout the process

Provide drafts to PSRC before adoption

Ask questions & communicate with staff



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Questions

How does new legislation impact the comprehensive plan?



Responses

Passport to 2044 event on June 28

Most changes to development regulations; some changes to future comprehensive plan updates



Frequently Asked Questions

Questions

Residential capacity and growth targets



Responses

Jurisdictions should plan for their growth target but may provide excess capacity for growth



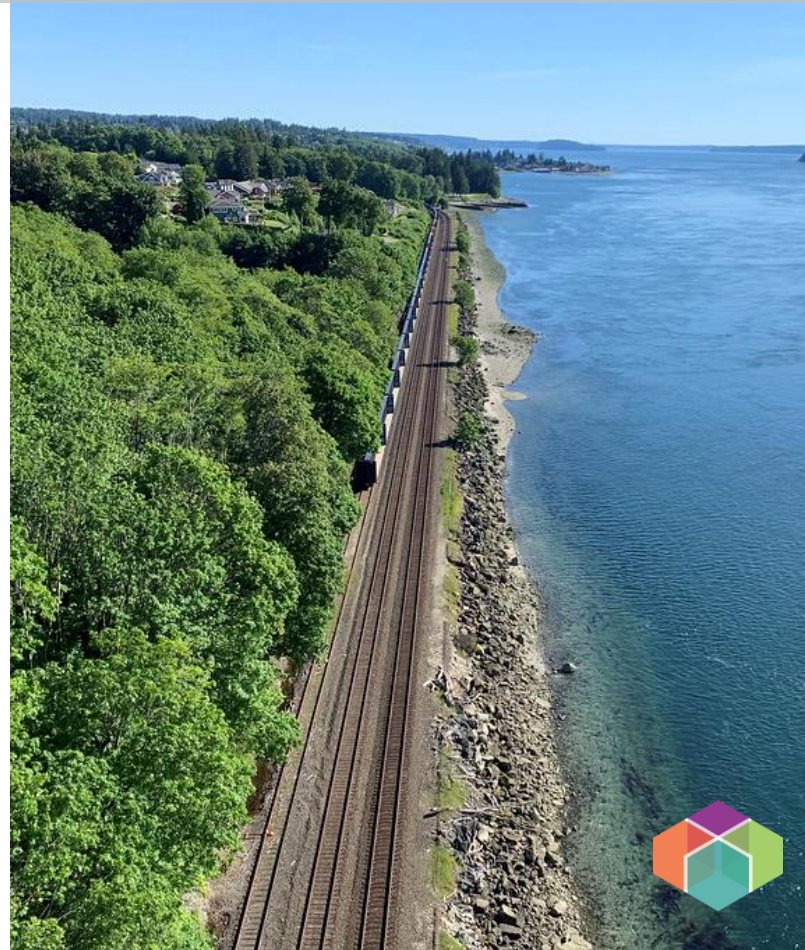
Countywide Planning Policies

Certification of 2021-22 Countywide Planning Policy updates underway

Themes:

- Countywide centers
- Equity
- Climate change
- Tribal coordination

Continuing countywide work to allocate housing by income band under HB 1220



Thank You

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