

# Coordination on Comprehensive Plan Updates

Transportation Operators Committee

June 28, 2023



Puget Sound Regional Council

# Overview

- PSRC Comprehensive Plan Support & Certification
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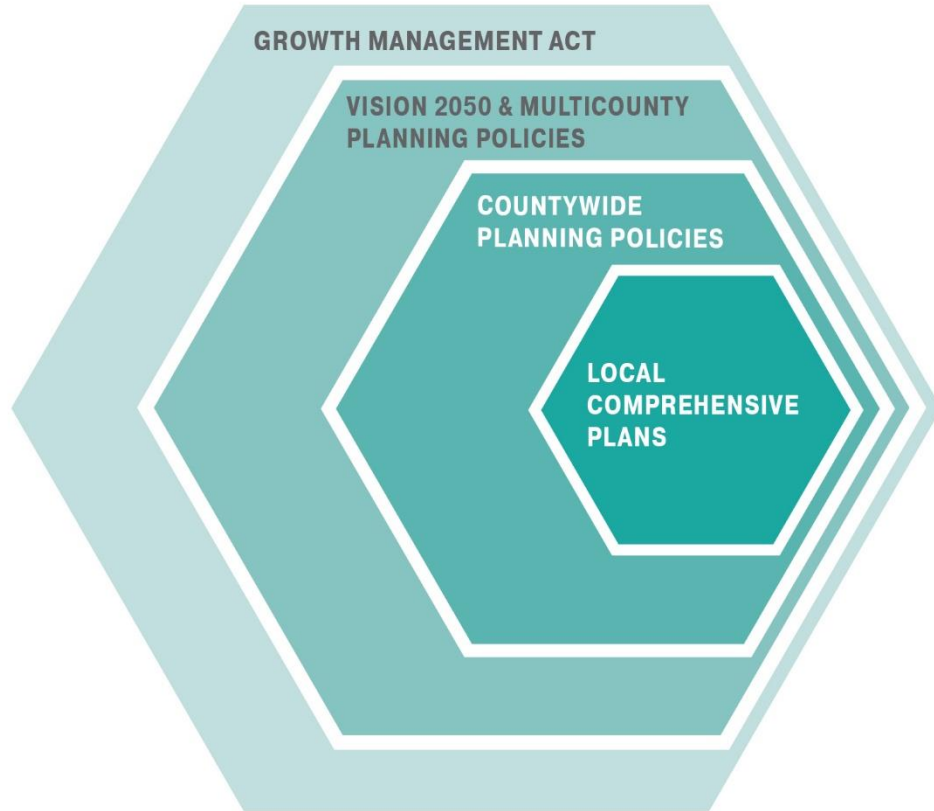


# Why is PSRC's plan review important?

- **Advances regional policy goals** set forth in VISION 2050
- Helps **coordinate individual plans** to work collectively
- Encourages **best practices** in local planning
- **Required by state law** (CPPs, comp plans, transit plans) or **regional policy** (regional centers)
- Comprehensive plan certification is required to be eligible for PSRC's federal **transportation funding**



# Planning Framework

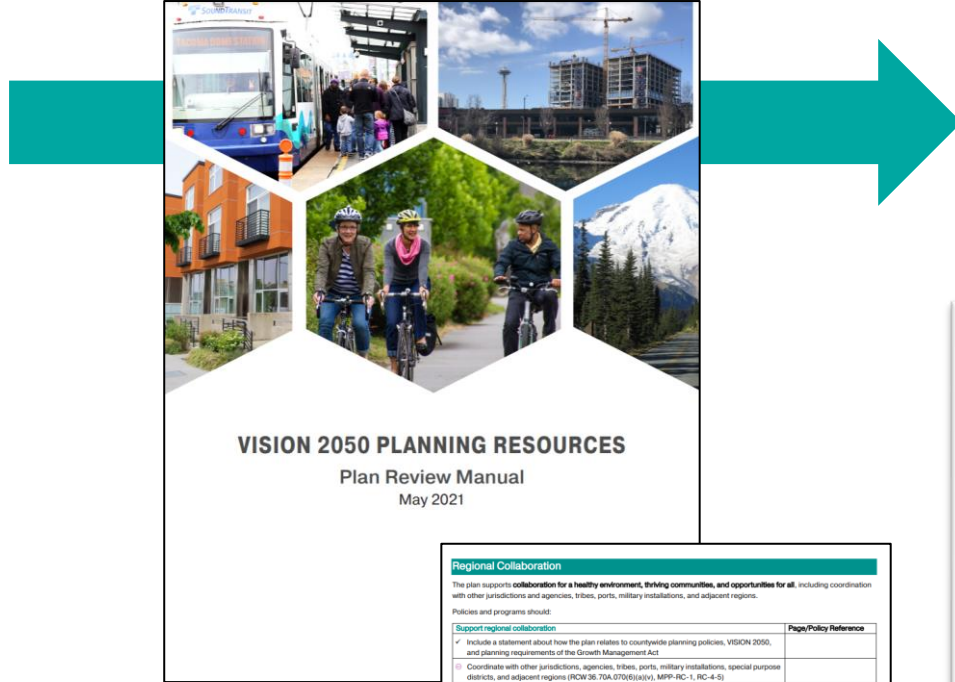
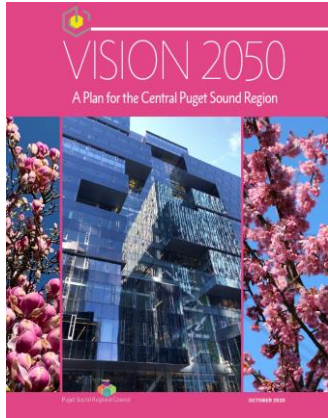


- State law requires PSRC to review and certify **countywide planning policies** and local **comprehensive plans**
- RCW 81.104.040 requires PSRC to review **Sound Transit's long-range system plans**
- PSRC's Policy & Plan Review Process (2003) calls for review and certification of **regional center plans**
- 2017 MOU between PSRC & transit agencies calls for review of **transit plans**

The Plan Review Manual  
helps facilitates this work



# Plan Review Manual



## VISION 2050 PLANNING RESOURCES Plan Review Manual May 2021

Regional Collaboration	
<p>The plan supports <b>collaboration for a healthy environment, thriving communities, and opportunities for all</b>, including coordination with other jurisdictions and agencies, tribes, ports, military installations, and adjacent regions.</p> <p>Policies and programs should:</p>	
Support regional collaboration	Page/Policy Reference
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Include a statement about how the plan relates to countywide planning policies, VISION 2050, and planning requirements of the Growth Management Act.</li> <li>② Coordinate with other jurisdictions, agencies, tribes, ports, military installations, special purpose districts, and adjacent regions (ROW 36.70A.0706(a)(iv), MPP-RC-1, RC-4-5)</li> <li>② 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> <li>② Address land use, transportation, and housing opportunities and challenges related to military installations, when applicable (MPP-RC-6)</li> <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-9)</li> <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>	
<p>Additional comments on Regional Collaboration or additional documents to share (optional): _____</p>	

### 2012 King County Countywide Planning Policies

With amendments ratified by June 25, 2016



### City of Edmonds Comprehensive Plan

Adopted July 28, 2015  
Updated December 15, 2017

Updating the manual  
implements VISION 2050's  
RC-Action-1





## 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



# 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



# Certification Focus Areas (Comp Plans)



## GMA transportation-related requirements

- Consistent land use assumptions and travel demand forecasts
- Service and facility needs
- Plan for transportation financing and projects
- Demand management
- Pedestrian and bicycle planning

## Consistency with Regional Transportation Plans

- Transportation project lists and financing
- Transportation modeling based on shared regional growth assumptions

## Consistency with VISION 2050 MPPs

- Regional Growth Strategy
- Climate change, air quality and VMT provisions
- Equitable transit-oriented development (TOD)
- Housing supply and choices near transit and job centers





# Possible Certification Outcomes

Certification	Conditional Certification	Not certified
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Fully consistent with VISION 2050, the Regional Transportation Plan, and state law requirements</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Meets majority of planning requirements</li><li>▪ Requires limited additional work for full conformity</li><li>▪ Still eligible for regional funding, provided conditions of approval are followed</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Inconsistent with VISION 2050, Regional Transportation Plan, or state law requirements</li><li>▪ Did not submit for certification review</li></ul>

PSRC's Executive Board is the final decision-making body for plan certification.



# PASSPORT TO 2044

Comprehensive Plan  
Workshop Series



# 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)

<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](#)

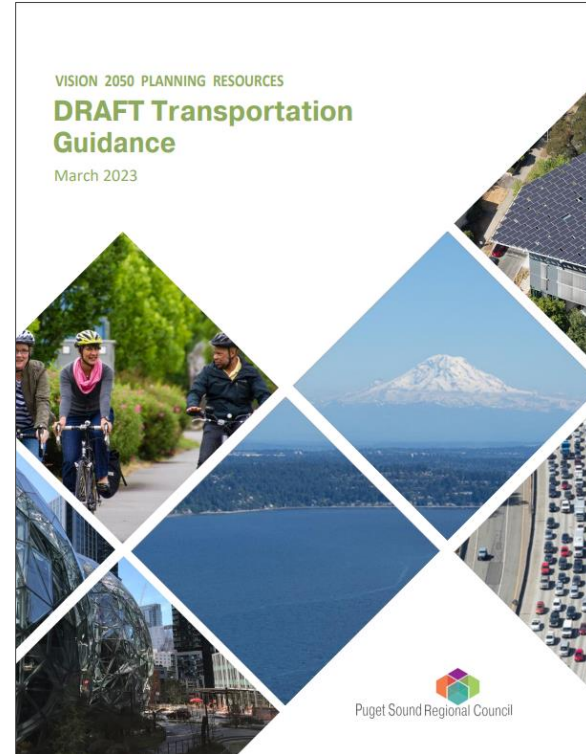
## [Previous Certification Reports](#)



# Draft Transportation Guidance

## Transportation Element Guide

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





## Community Profiles

**Puget Sound Regional Council**

Select your Community:  
Bellevue

Select American Community Survey Data:  
2016-2020 ACS Data

Population: 146,100  
 People of Color: 52.3%  
 Median Age: 37.6 years  
 People with a Disability: 8.4%  
 Median HH Income: \$129,500  
 HH Size: 2.48 people per household  
 Home Ownership: 53%  
 Unemployment Rate: 3.5%  
 Travel Time to Work: 24.3 minutes

**Regional Definitions:**  
 Regional Geography: Metropolitan Cities  
 Airport Affected Community: No

[Download Data Profiles in Excel Format](#)

Transportation Improvement Program | **Regional Transportation Plan**

Larger scale regional investments planned through 2050 are included in the RTP on the Regional Capacity Projects list.

Regional Capacity Projects are those projects adding capacity to the regional system above a pre-determined threshold, and include roadway, transit, bicycle/pedestrian and other project types. Projects meeting this threshold must be approved on the list before proceeding towards funding and implementation. Projects that are below this threshold are considered programmatic in the plan and are able to pursue funding and implementation with no further actions.

As part of the update, projects are requested to be either in the financially constrained plan or in the Unprogrammed portion of the plan.

Search:

ID	Sponsor	Type	Title	Improve	Completion	Status	Cost
2523	Sound Transit	Regional Transit	Link LRT Extension from downtown Seattle to Redmond (Overlake)	Transit/Ferry	2023	Approved	\$3,757,887,730
2529	Sound Transit	Regional Transit	Link LRT extension to South Kirkland and Issaquah	Transit/Ferry	2040	Candidate	\$2,382,637,661
4040	King County	Counties	Eastlink (East Side Rail Corridor Trail)	Bike/Ped	2030	Candidate	\$149,652,770
4061	Kirkland	Cities	Cross Kirkland Corridor	Multimodal	2037	Approved	\$68,815,166
4315	WSDOT	State	I-405 Corridor SR 169 to SR 160 Widening and Interchange Improvements	General Purpose Capacity	2030	Candidate	\$1,071,969,525

## RTP Visualization Tool

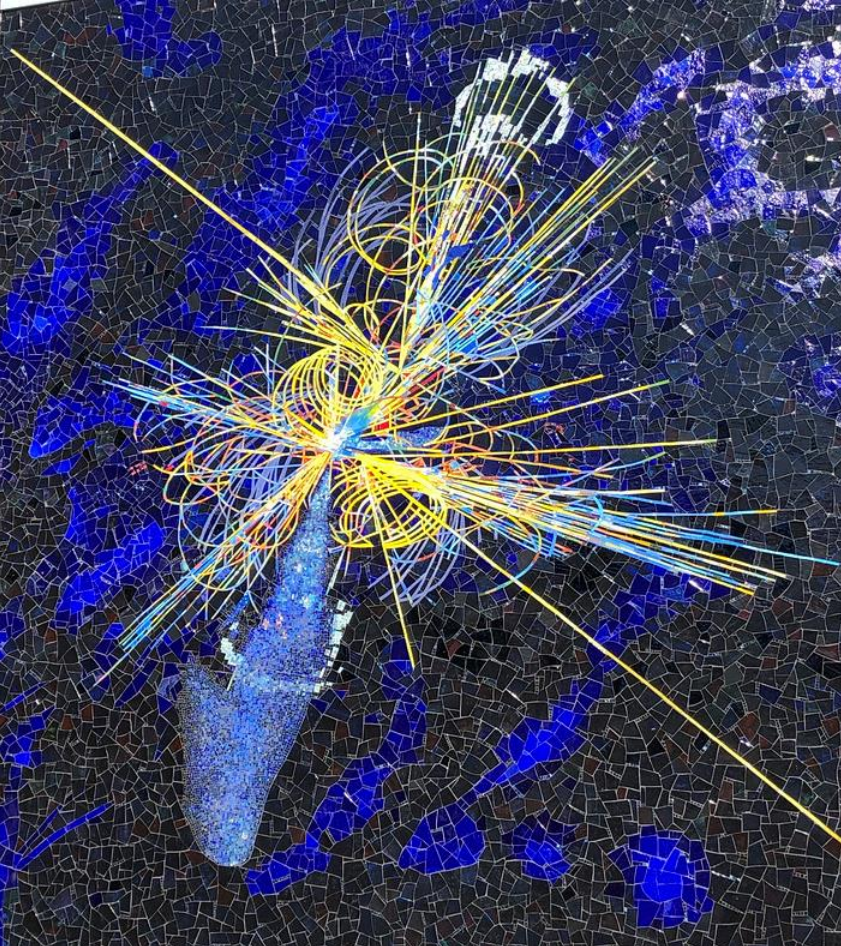
Existing Conditions | Future Conditions | User Guide

- RTS Signal Information (Select 1 Signal Feature to Display at a Time)
- Public Transportation
- Freight Access
- Congestion Roadways
- Bridges
- Fish Passage Barriers
- Pedestrian Facilities on Arterials
- Bicycle Facilities on Arterials
- Bicycle Facility Types
  - Regional Shared Use Paths (Separate B2W)
- Transit Agency Service Areas
- Transportation Demand Management
- Level of Service Standard
- Roadways
- Arterials / Land Use (Expand to Select)
- Demographic/Contextual Layers (Expand to Select)

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# HB 1181 – Climate & GMA



**GMA goals:** Requires VISION 2050 and Regional Transportation Plan to address climate and resilience

## **New Transportation Element Requirements due by 2029**

- Incorporated Americans with Disabilities Act planning
- Complete nonmotorized inventory
- Multimodal level of service standards
- Impacts to state facilities
- Multimodal or demand management options in concurrency

**PSRC certification after 2029 updates**



# Discussion

How are you engaging with cities and counties on transit issues in the 2024 comprehensive plan updates?

What did you learn in working with jurisdictions during the last comprehensive plan update process?

How can PSRC support coordination between cities/counties and transit agencies?

# Thank You

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