

Regional Centers Monitoring Scope of Work

Regional Staff Committee

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Puget Sound Regional Council



Today's Meeting

- Familiarity with scope of work for next three years
- Provide feedback before GMPB provides direction to proceed at February meeting



Overview

- **Regional Centers & Framework**
- **What We've Heard**
- **Scope of Work**
- **Discussion**



Regional Centers



Regional Centers

Key part of VISION 2050 & the Regional Growth Strategy



Guide regional growth allocations



Protects rural and natural resource areas



Advance local planning



Priority areas for PSRC's federal transportation funding



Inform transit service planning



Regional Centers Profiles & Industrial Lands



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Regional Growth Centers

Manufacturing & Industrial Centers

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Centers

Resources

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VISION 2050

Planning Resources



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Select Center:

Tacoma Downtown

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Summary Statistics

	Land Area (acres)	1378
	Designation Year	1995
	Center Type	Metro
	Population	16,050
	Housing Units	9,380
	Total Employment	35,970
	Activity Units per Acre	38
	Jobs per Resident	2.2

Description:

The Downtown Tacoma regional growth center includes a wide variety of commercial, industrial, residential, institutional and civic uses. Downtown Tacoma includes several city, county, and state government offices, as well as hospitals, schools, retail, restaurants, and cultural opportunities. Downtown Tacoma includes a large number of small blocks, creating a fine-grained street network that is easily accessible to pedestrians as well as by public transit and car. The center is served by Tacoma Link, Amtrak, Sounder, and bus and borders I-5 to the south.



2018 Regional Centers Framework

The framework....

- Establishes criteria and planning expectations for regional centers
- Ensures consistency for designation of centers
- Addresses requirements of new centers and redesignation of existing centers
- 2024/2025 Designate new centers and redesignate existing centers



What We've Heard



Board and Committee Outreach



2024: Updates to Growth Management Policy Board and Committees

What We've Heard – Background & Purpose

Incorporated into Scope

- Clearly state work of upcoming work and redesignation process
- Provide opportunity to consider future changes to the framework (e.g., updated planning goals, densities)

What We've Heard – Systems Monitoring Report

Incorporated into Scope

- Data to Include: housing affordability, walkability, urban form consideration, transit service to neighboring centers, displacement, public health, mode share, transportation project funding, countywide centers

Included in Other PSRC Work or Outside of Scope

- Industrial lands
- Worker job locations and data set updates
- Transportation impacts to passthrough communities near centers



What We've Heard – Individual Centers

Incorporated into Scope

- Examine trend lines
- Provide opportunity for jurisdiction to provide additional context and steps taken locally
- Identification of critical infrastructure and cultural institutions
- Clarified timeline and expectations for local governments

Outside of Scope

- Criteria outside of current framework requirements: tenure, demographic information, public lands availability

Note: may be in online centers profiles or system report

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Scope of Work

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In Packet



Centers Monitoring & Redesignation

Outcomes for Monitoring & Redesignation

- Evaluate the success of regional centers
- Consider the designation applications for new regional centers
- Confirm designation of existing centers with a clear redesignation process



Discussion Questions

Does the draft scope of work adequately cover needed steps for successful centers monitoring and redesignation?

Is there any additional information that may be needed for successful monitoring of the system of centers?



Scope of Work Timeline

2024

- Scope of work
- Systems monitoring data collection & reporting

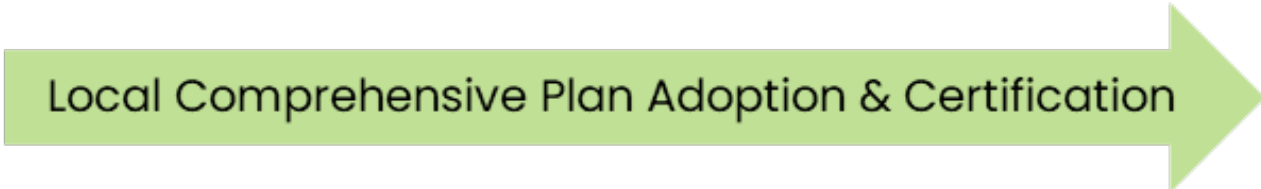
2025

- Applications & designation for new centers
- Criteria reports & redesignation of existing centers

2026

- Systems monitoring refresh
- Recommendations for Regional Center Framework update

Local Comprehensive Plan Adoption & Certification



Systems Monitoring Report

2024: Initial system report on how the regional system of center is achieving desired outcomes

2026: Update to reflect comprehensive plan updates, growth targets, and revised capacity

Systems Report Data Categories



Growth



Mobility



Housing



Environment



Social Equity &
Opportunity



Economic
Development



Public Health



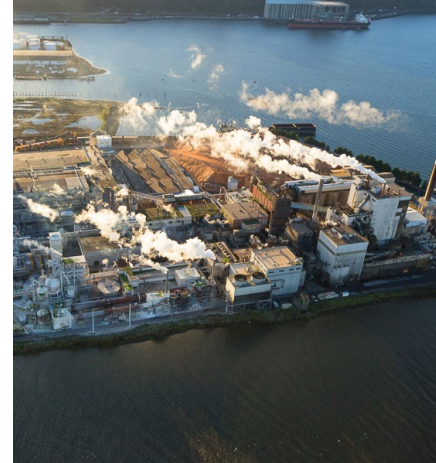
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New Center Application & Designation

2025: Call for applications, PSRC staff recommendations & centers designation

Key Question: Should any new regional centers be designated?

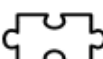







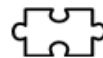







Individual Center Criteria Reports & Redesignation

2025: PSRC staff draft reports for individual centers and review with local jurisdictions

GMPB evaluates existing centers and Executive Board acts on redesignation

Overview of Criteria Reports Data

Manufacturing/ Industrial Center	
Key Ingredients	
Existing industrial jobs	
Planning for growth	
Freight infrastructure	
Concentration of industrial land	
Strategies to preserve industrial land	

Growth Center	
Key Ingredients	
Existing jobs + housing	
Planning for growth	
Mix of uses (existing + planned)	
Quality transit service	
Walkable size + shape	
Potential to grow	
Destination	



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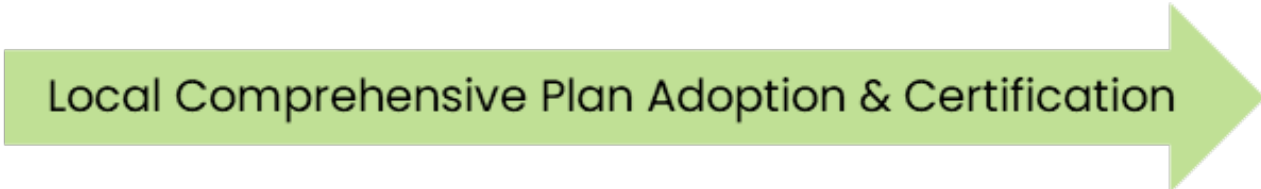
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Thank You!

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