

# Regional Centers Monitoring Scope of Work

Growth Management Policy Board

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Puget Sound Regional Council





# Today's Meeting

- Familiarity with scope of work for next three years
- Provide feedback and direction to proceed on work





# 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



Regional Growth Centers

Manufacturing & Industrial Centers

## Regional Growth Centers

Centers

### Resources

Centers

VISION 2050

Planning Resources

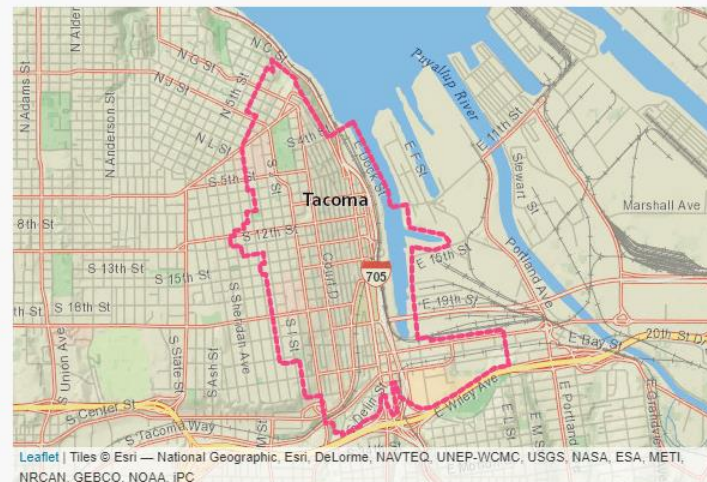


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Tacoma Downtown

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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





# Scope of Work

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# 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?**

**Does the board agree PSRC staff should proceed on the scope of work for regional centers monitoring and redesignation?**





# 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



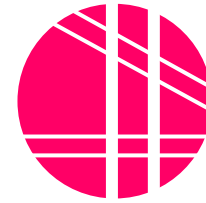
Social Equity & Opportunity



Economic Development



Public Health



Urban Form

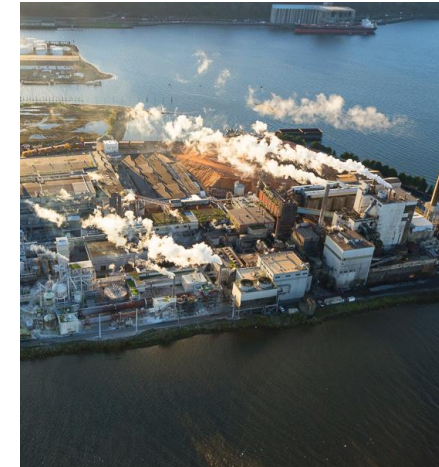




# ***New Center Application & Designation***

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

**Key Question:** Should any new regional centers be designated?



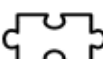







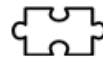







# Individual Center Criteria Reports & Redesignation

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/<br>Industrial Center    |    |
| <b>Key Ingredients</b>                 |   |
| Existing industrial jobs               |    |
| Planning for growth                    |  |
| Freight infrastructure                 |  |
| Concentration of industrial land       |  |
| Strategies to preserve industrial land |  |

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





# 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)
- Include role of centers and potential updates if redesignated from regional center to countywide center



# ***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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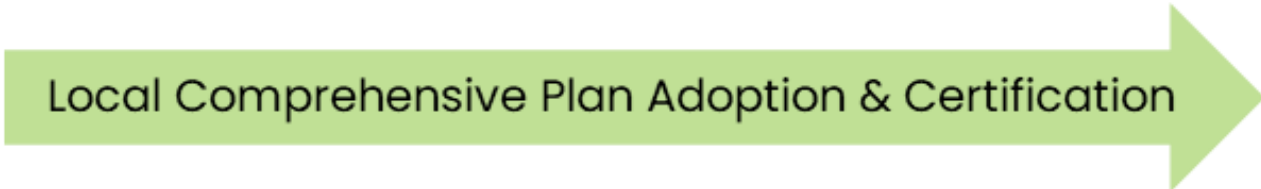
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# Thank You!

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