

PSRC Comprehensive Plan Review Overview

Equity Advisory Committee | May 2, 2024



Puget Sound Regional Council



We are leaders in the region to realize equity for all. Diversity, racial equity and inclusion are integrated into how we carry out all our work.

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Overview



April Equity Advisory Committee:

- VISION 2050 Overview

Today:

- Comprehensive Plan Basics
- PSRC Review Process
- Q&A



Committee Questions

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- How can PSRC elevate local comprehensive planning efforts on equity to the Committee and/or at the regional level?
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Comprehensive Plans – Basics

- Plans updated every 10 years, **next due Dec 31, 2024**
- Plan elements include background, data and analysis, forward-looking goals and policies
- **Public participation required** under the Growth Management Act
- State may provide comments but doesn't formally approve plans



Comprehensive Plans – Policy Objectives

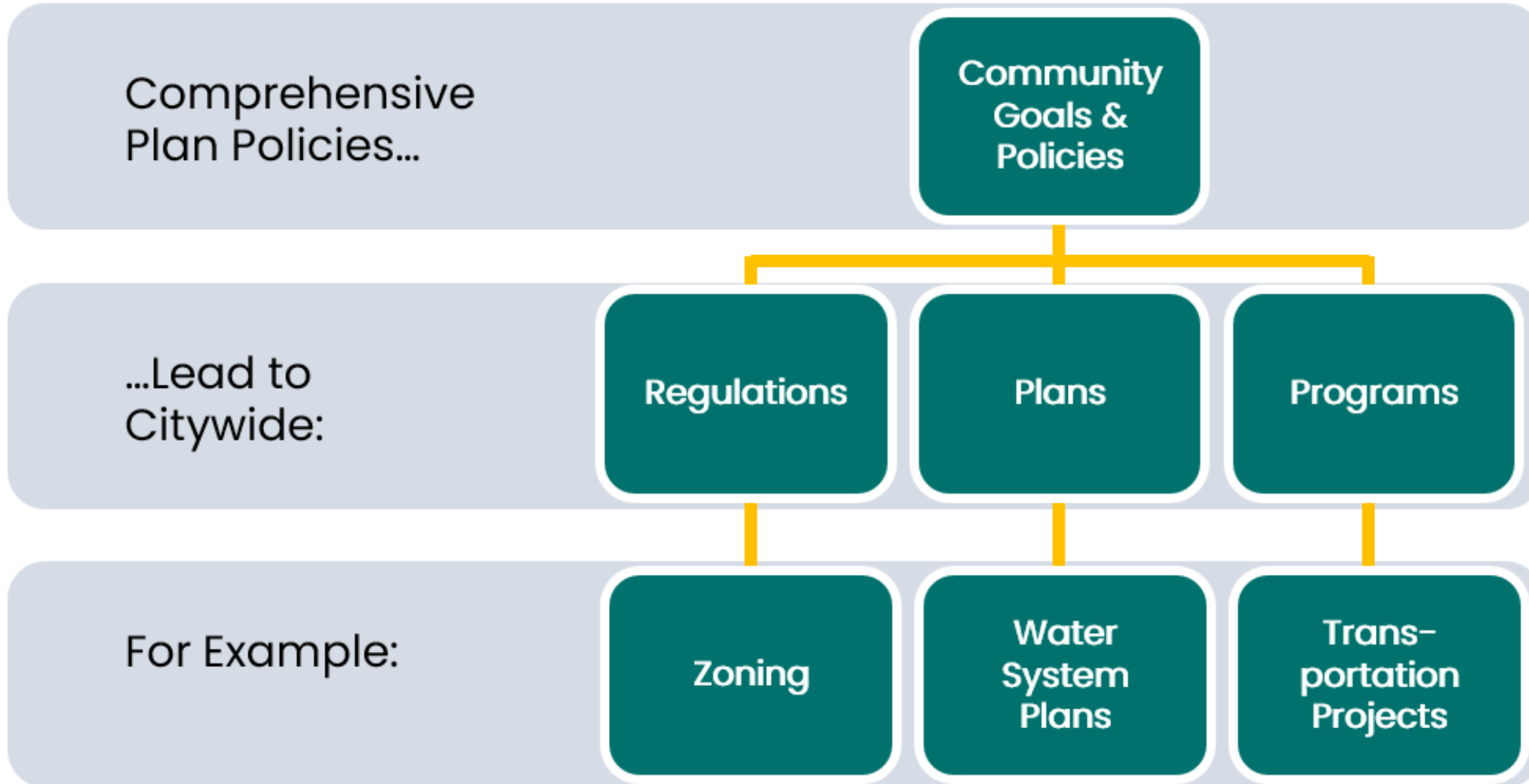
- Create meaningful, community-driven vision for local communities
- Forward-looking plan for growth
- Collectively plan to address interconnected regional issues, like mobility, climate, housing affordability, and equity



Illustration by Natalie Dupilla for City of Burien Open House/BERK – April 2023



Comprehensive Planning



Comprehensive Plans – Elements

Comprehensive plan: a 20-year plan with long-term goals, policies, and actions that guide decisions

Required elements

- Land Use
- Housing
- Capital Facilities
- Utilities
- Transportation
- Rural (counties only)
- Ports (where applicable)
- Climate Change (by 2029)

Optional (but common our region)

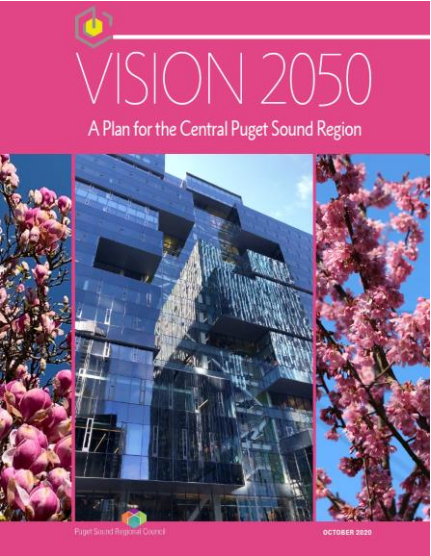
- Environment & Sustainability
- Economic Development
- Parks & Recreation
- Human Services





Plan Review

Plan Review Manual

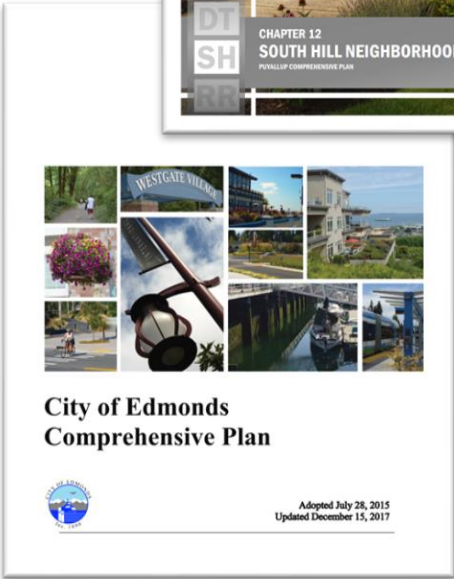
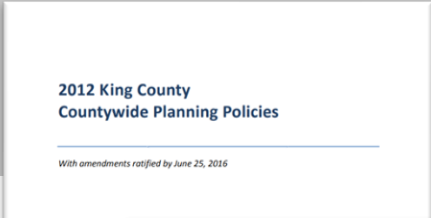


VISION 2050 PLANNING RESOURCES

Plan Review Manual

May 2021

Regional Collaboration	
The plan supports collaboration for a healthy environment, thriving communities, and opportunities for all , including coordination with other jurisdictions and agencies, tribes, ports, military installations, and adjacent regions.	
Policies and programs should:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Include a statement about how the plan relates to countywide planning policies, VISION 2050, and planning requirements of the Growth Management Act ✎ Coordinate with other jurisdictions, agencies, tribes, ports, military installations, special purpose districts, and adjacent regions (RCW 36.70A.070(6)(a)(v), MPP-RC-1, RC-4-5) ✎ 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) ✎ Address land use, transportation, and housing opportunities and challenges related to military installations, when applicable (MPP-RC-6) ✓ Prioritize investments in centers, including regional centers, countywide centers, high-capacity transit areas with a station area plan, and other local centers (MPP-RC-8-9) ✓ 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) 	Page/Policy Reference
Additional comments on Regional Collaboration or additional documents to share [optional]: _____	



Why Certification?

Regional Collaboration

- Challenges such as housing affordability, congestion, and racial disparities require regional coordination
- Supports local jurisdictions to address regional issues

Requirements in State Law

- Certification ensures state requirements for transportation planning are being met

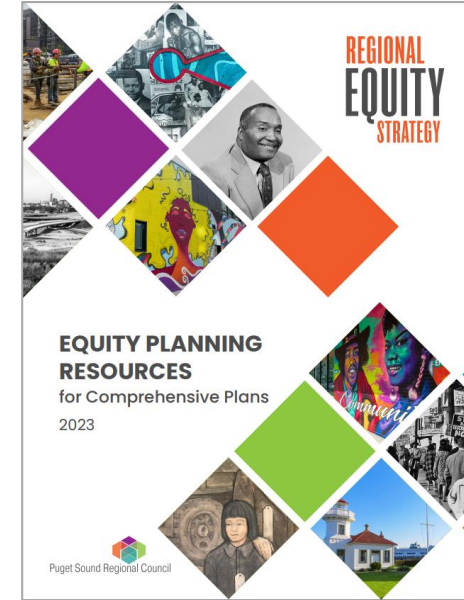
Transportation Funding

- Certification is required for jurisdictions to be eligible for PSRC's federal transportation funding



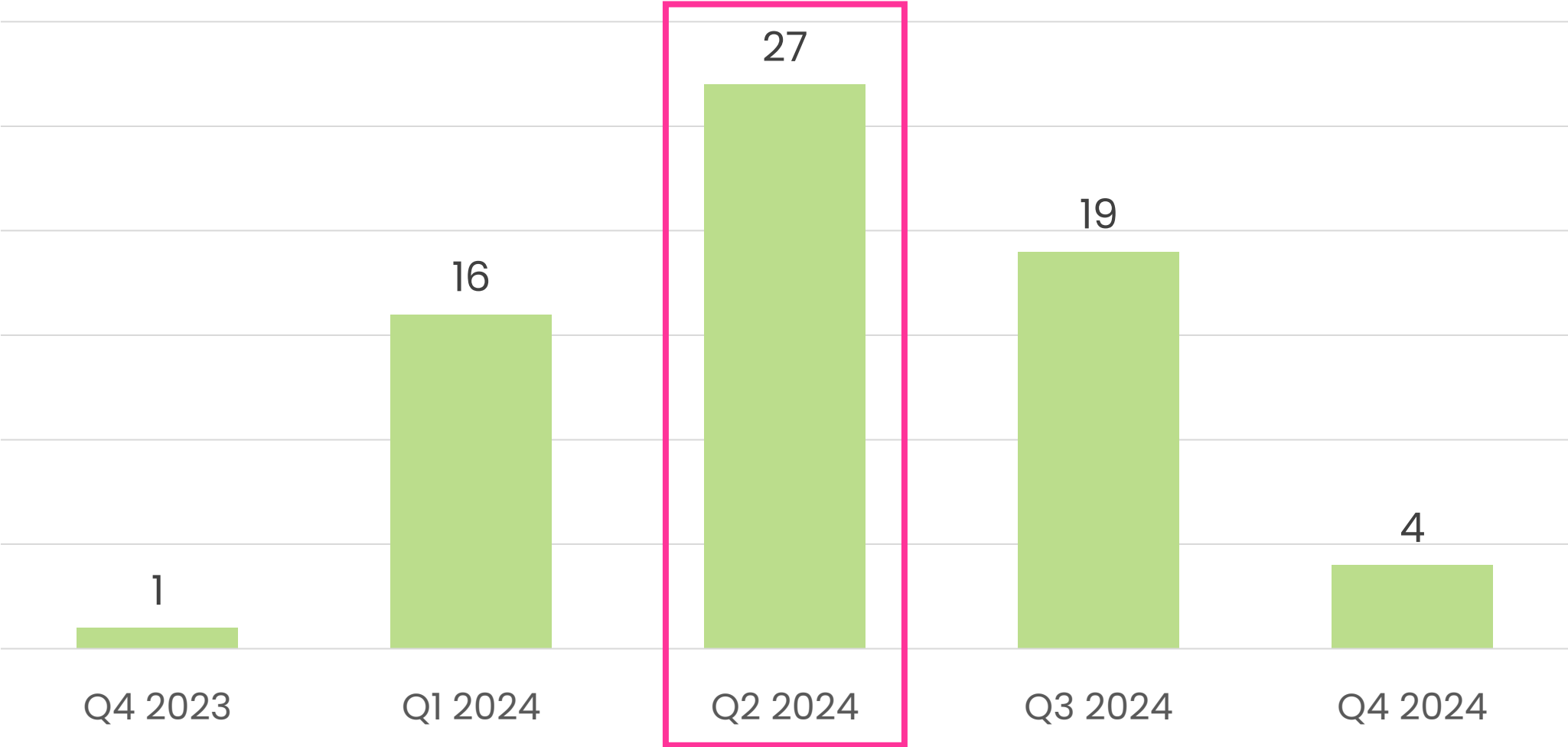
PSRC Comprehensive Plan Resources

- Guidance on incorporating equity into local plans
 - [Equity Planning Resources](#)
 - [Equitable Engagement Guide](#)
 - [Racial Equity Impact Assessment](#)
- Mapping and data
 - [Displacement Risk](#)
 - [Opportunity Mapping](#)
 - [Racially Disparate Impacts + Housing](#)
- Passport to 2044: Two equity webinars



Draft Plan Review Timing

Draft Plan Timing for PSRC Review
(as of 2/20/24)



Draft Plans – What We've Seen So Far

- Community engagement techniques including youth councils and community events
- Incorporating data on environmental health outcomes and disparities
- Addressing racially disparate impacts and barriers to affordable housing
- Rezones/upzones to accommodate housing need



Image from City of Snohomish public outreach event



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Thank You!

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Periodic Update Schedule



2029 updates for central Puget Sound counties:

- Climate-related updates due
- Implementation progress report

2024 Due December 31st **2025** Due June 30th **2026** Due June 30th **2027** Due June 30th

★ Starred counties are partially planning under the Growth Management Act

