

# PSRC Comprehensive Plan Review Overview

Regional Staff Committee | May 16, 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



## Today:

- PSRC Review Process for Drafts & Adopted Plans
- Discussion & Next Steps
- June discussion with GMPB



# Discussion Questions

Is this a reasonable approach for plan review and the certification process with the boards? Do you have any other feedback?

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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



# ***PSRC & Plan 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**

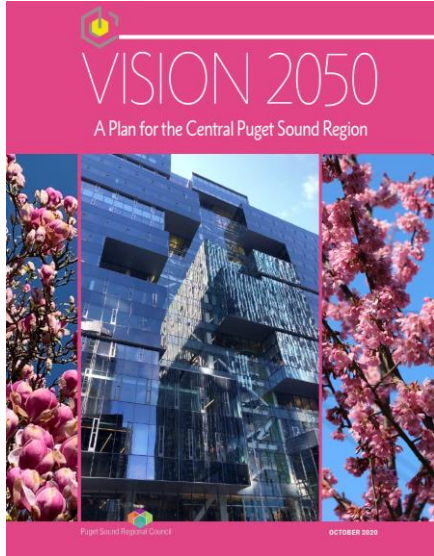
- Certification ensures state requirements for transportation planning are being met

## **Transportation Funding**

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



# 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:

Support regional collaboration	Page/Policy Reference
✓ 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)	

Additional comments on Regional Collaboration or additional documents to share [optional]: \_\_\_\_\_

### 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



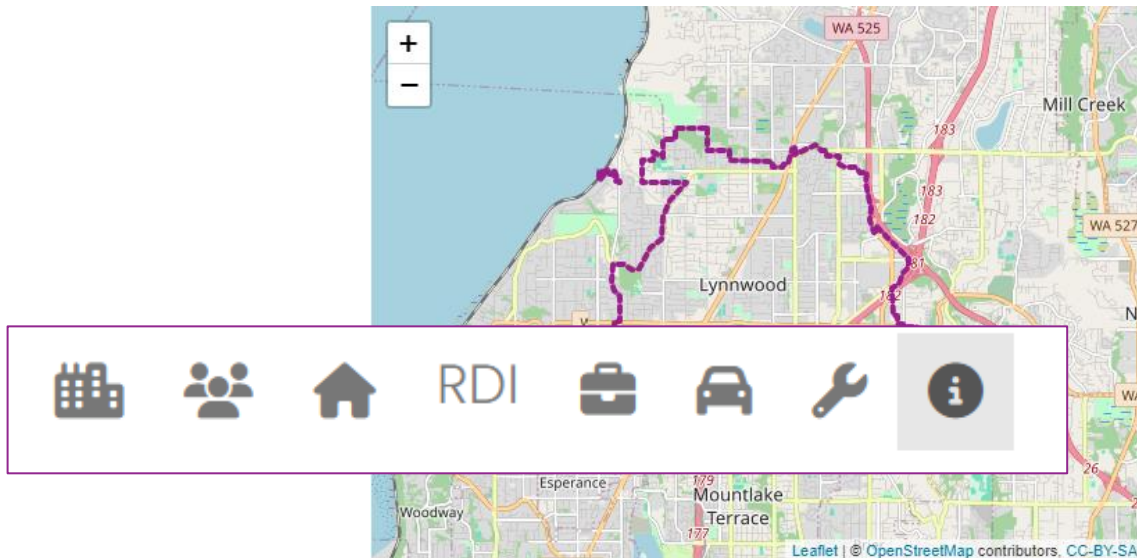
# ***New or Expanded Review Areas***

- **Racial equity** & equitable engagement
- **Housing** access & affordability
- Addressing **health** disparities
- **Station area** planning
- Resident & commercial **anti-displacement**
- **Climate change**
- Transportation **electrification** and other emerging technologies



# PSRC Resources & Support

- Guidance documents and data resources
- Passport to 2044 Webinar Series
- Meetings & surveys with local jurisdictions

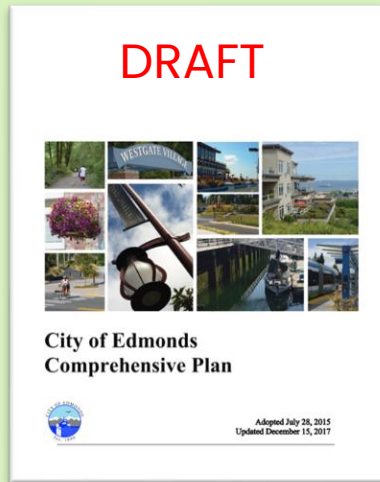




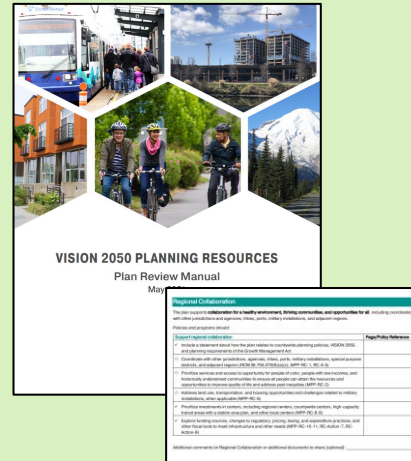


**Draft Plans**

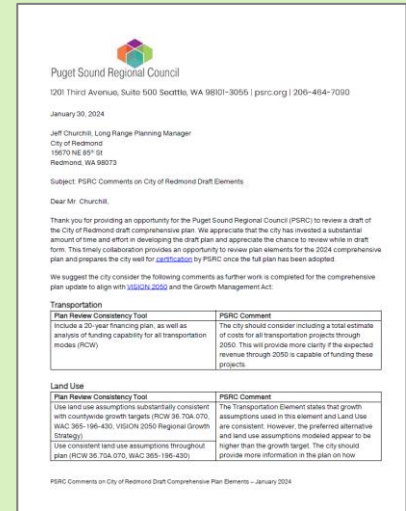
# PSRC Process for Draft Plans



Draft Plan & Consistency Tool Submitted to PSRC



PSRC Staff Reviews Draft for Consistency with VISION 2050

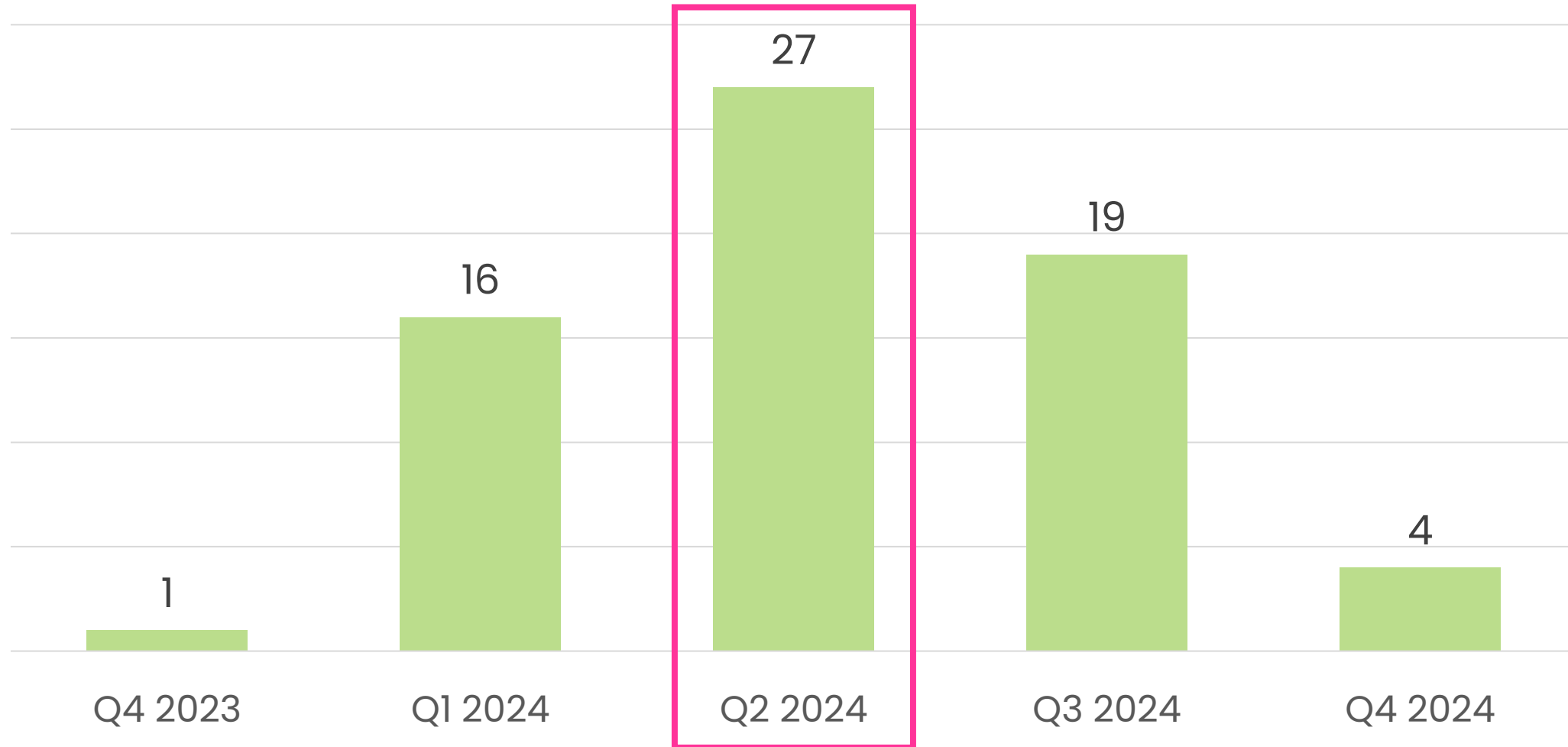


PSRC Staff Send Jurisdiction Comment Letter



# Draft Plan Review Timing

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



# Draft Plans – What We’ve Seen So Far

## Equity and Community Engagement

- 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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## Areas of Focus

- Transportation requirements
- Growth targets & alignment with CPPs
- Housing elements & new state requirements
- Climate work ahead of HB 1181

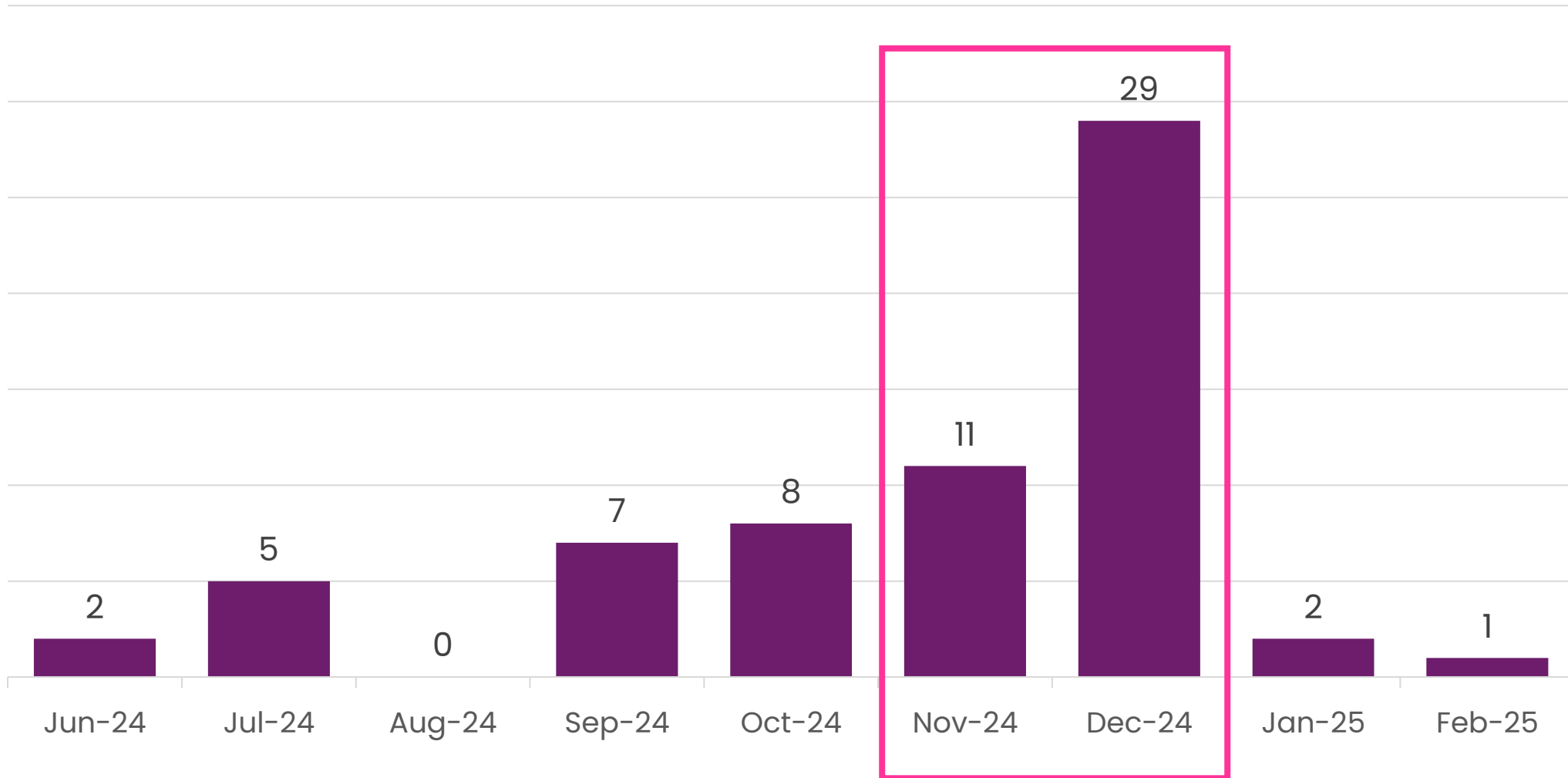


# Adopted Plans & Certification

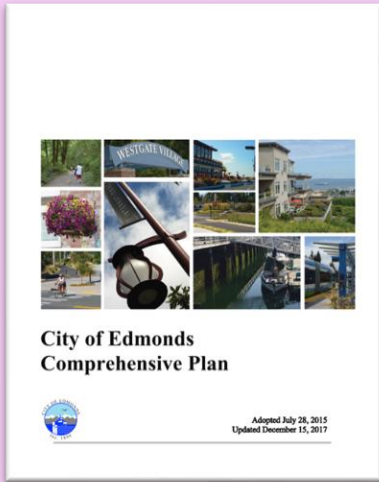


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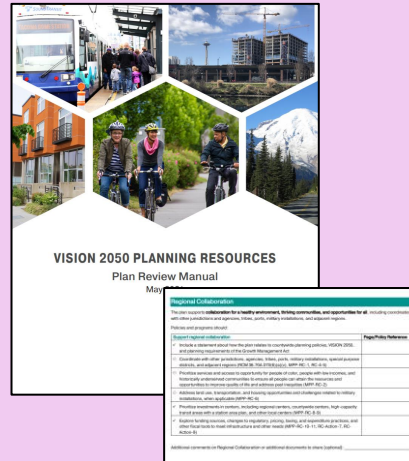
Anticipated Plan Adoption  
(as of 2/20/24)



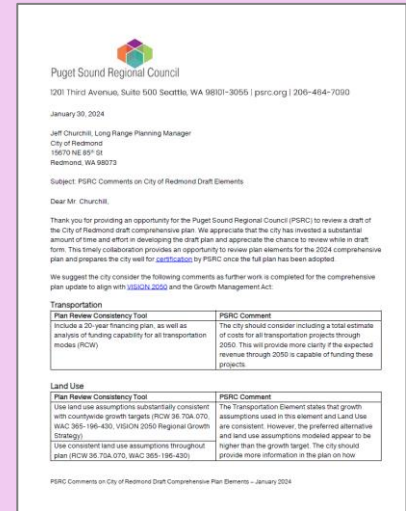
# PSRC Process – Adopted Plans



Jurisdiction Adopts  
Final Plan



PSRC Staff Reviews  
Final Plan for  
Consistency with  
VISION 2050

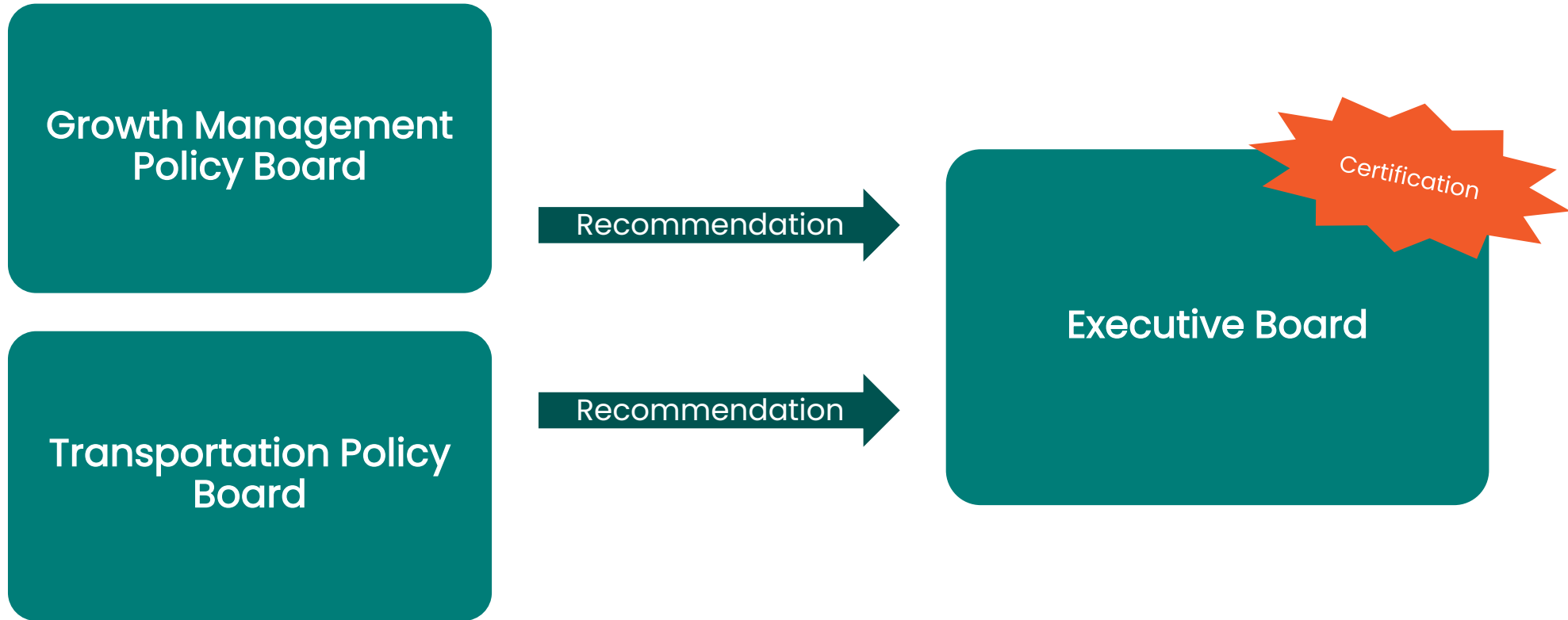


PSRC Staff Prepare Certification  
Report and Make  
Recommendation to Boards





# Board Process for Certification



# Certification Process



- PSRC staff make **recommendations** on certification to PSRC Boards
- Executive Board certifies the transportation-related provisions of comprehensive plans conform to the **Growth Management Act** and consistent with **VISION 2050** and the **Regional Transportation Plan**
- Certification completed by **September 2025** for fall funding competitions



# Possible Certification Outcomes

Certification	Conditional Certification	Not certified
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>Fully consistent</b> with VISION 2050, the Regional Transportation Plan, and state law requirements</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>Meets majority of planning requirements</b></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>▪ <b>Inconsistent</b> with VISION 2050, Regional Transportation Plan, or state law requirements</li><li>▪ <b>Did not submit</b> for certification review</li></ul>

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



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# Thank You!

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