

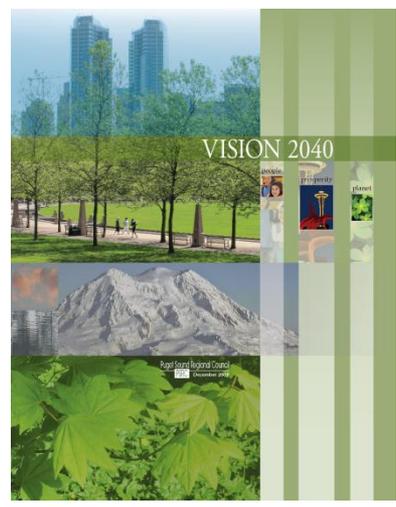
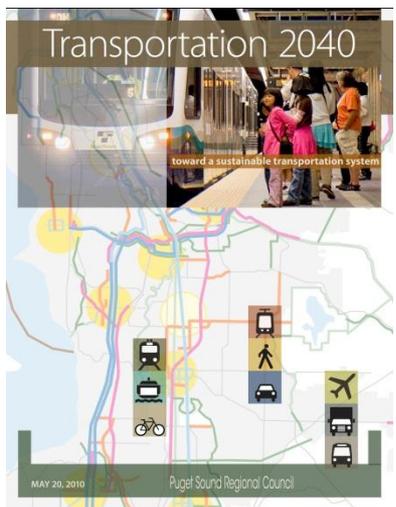


# Growing Transit Communities Partnership

Transportation Commission

*July 31, 2013*

# Integrated Plan for Sustainable Development



# Transportation 2040



## Aggressive Transit Program

- \$100+ billion in transit investments
- \$15+ billion light rail, commuter rail, BRT
- Double local transit service
- 300,000 people
- 500,000 jobs



# Growing Transit Communities

## Implementation of VISION 2040

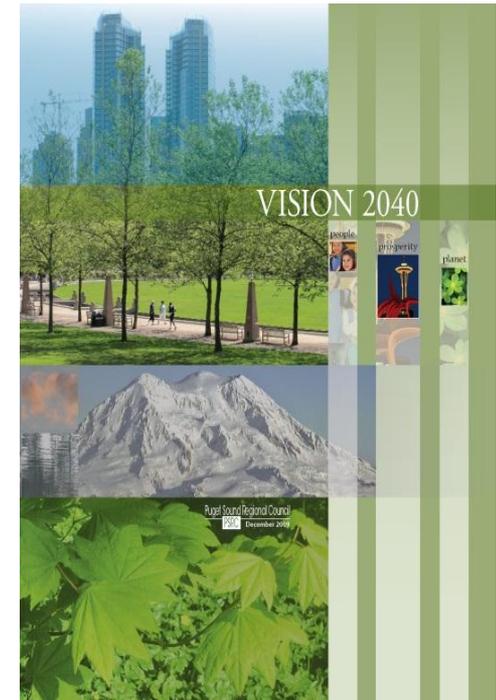
### Regional initiative housed at the PSRC

\$5 million federal grant

Partnership for Sustainable Communities

- ✓ U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- ✓ U. S. Department of Transportation
- ✓ U. S. Environmental Protection Agency

**Coalition to promote thriving and equitable transit communities**



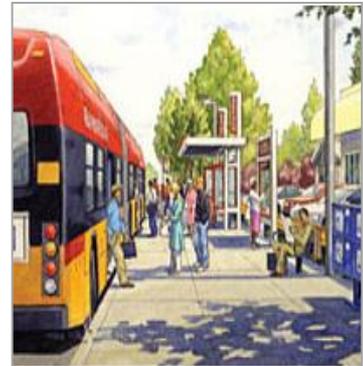
# Growing Transit Communities: *Why Now?*

**\$15+ Billion transit investments**

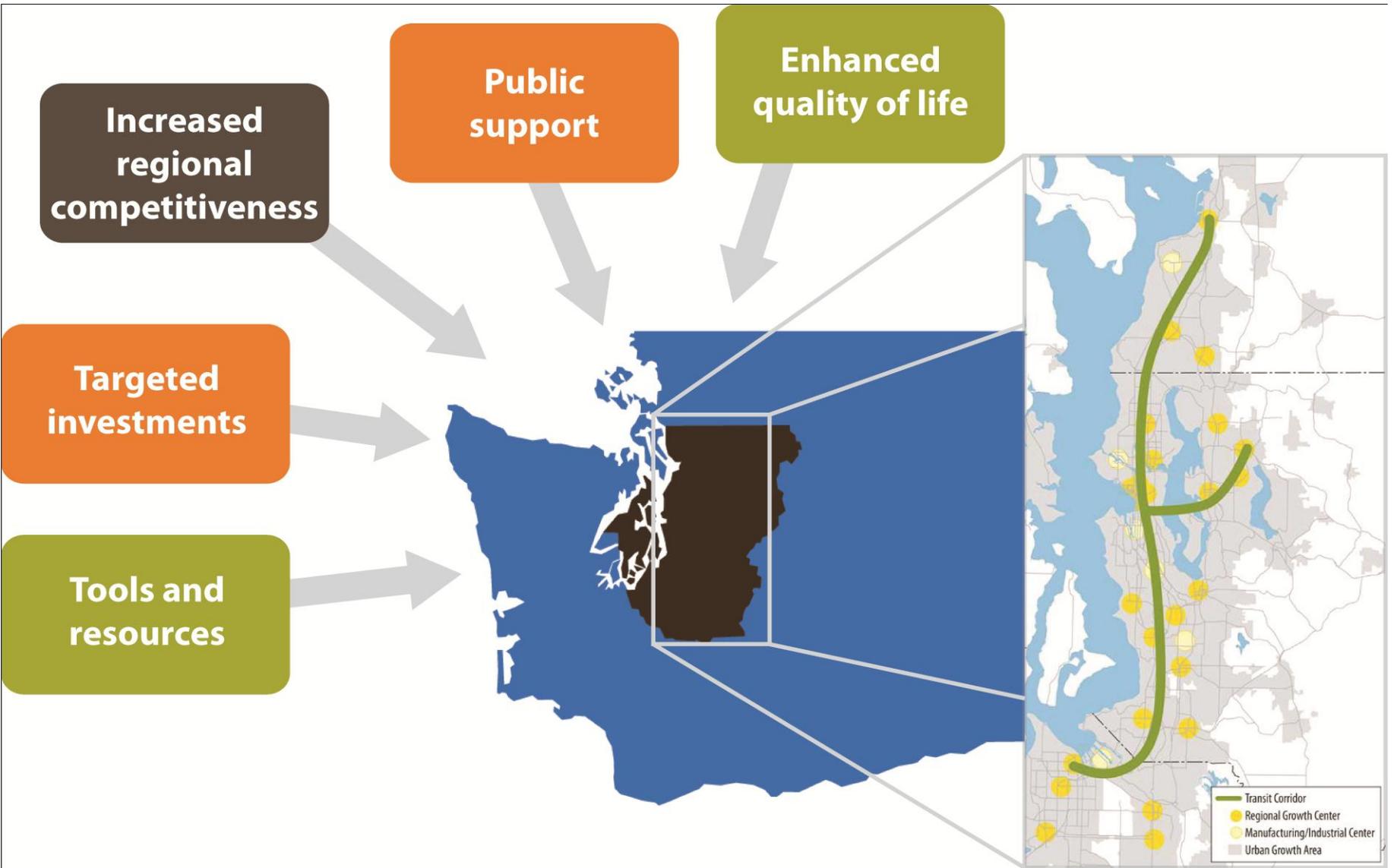
**Regional and local plan updates and implementation**

**Growing interest and support for equitable transit communities**

**Once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to support great communities for people to live and work**



# Why a Regional TOD Strategy?



# Work Program — 2011-2013

## Corridor-based Planning

- Attract growth near transit
- Provide housing choices
- Improve access to opportunity

## Regional Equity Network

- Building capacity and engagement
- Regional coalition, local grants

## Affordable Housing Strategy

- Financial tools, data, best practices

## Demonstration Projects

- Tacoma, Northgate, Bel-Red

# Corridor-Based Planning

**3 High-capacity transit corridors—north, east, south**

**Diverse stakeholder task forces**

**18-month planning process**

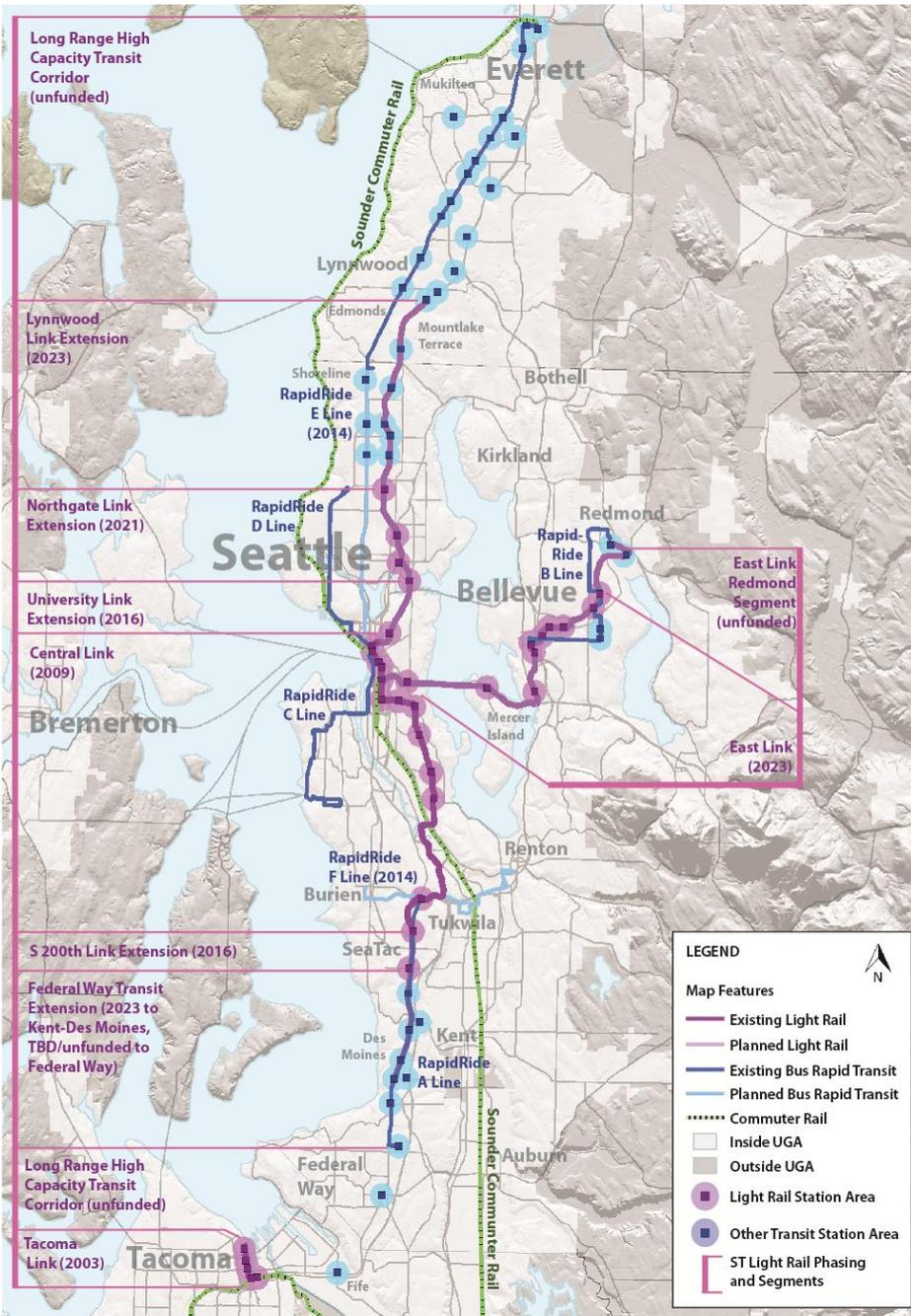
- ✓ Analyzed existing conditions
- ✓ Recommended strategies and actions



# Study Area Geography

## 74 study areas in 16 cities:

- Current and future light rail station areas
- Select RapidRide and Swift BRT station areas
- Other major transit nodes



# Growing Transit Communities Strategy



**The Growing Transit Communities Strategy**  
Public Review Draft, May 2013

**Growing Transit Communities**

**Puget Sound Regional Council**  
PSRC

# Toolkit of Strategies and Actions



1. Continuing regional program
2. Partnerships and collaboration
3. Community and stakeholder engagement
4. Build community capacity
5. Evaluation and monitoring



6. Station area plans
7. Efficient use of land
8. Transit system design
9. Innovative Parking Tools
10. Infrastructure and public realm investments



11. Housing needs assessment
12. Preservation and replacement
13. Housing investments in transit communities
14. TOD property acquisition fund
15. Value capture financing
16. Surplus public lands
17. Incentives
18. Fair housing



19. Community needs assessment
20. Environment and public health
21. Economic vitality and opportunity
22. Mobility
23. Education
24. Neighborhood safety

# Roles for Different Partners



# Benefits

## Stronger plans

- Regional framework for TOD
- Local adoption of best practices in station areas

## New resources and targeted investments

- Station area plan implementation grants
- Local infrastructure financing
- Financing options for affordable housing

## More and better tools

- Regional guidance and technical assistance
- Clearinghouse for local innovations

## Regional coalition for transit communities

- Effective advocacy for state/federal support



# Positioning the Region for Success

## GTC Consortium Members:

- 4 counties
- 4 transit agencies
- 17 cities and towns
- 60+ community partners

## Comments on Draft Strategy:

- 56 letters
- 450+ comments

## Federal Agencies Recognize:

- GTC Strategy Positions  
Region for Success





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