Central Puget Sound Region

- 4 million people
- 4 counties: King, Pierce, Snohomish, and Kitsap
- 82 cities and towns
- Urban and rural
- 6,300 square miles
- 1,000 square miles in urban growth areas
Planning in Washington State

Adopted in 1990; requires fast-growing cities and counties to develop a comprehensive plan to manage their population growth.

PSRC as the regional planning organization

Counties and cities work together to set population & employment growth targets and policies to guide growth.

Local jurisdictions prepare plans that must be consistent with multicounty & countywide policies.

PSRC certifies countywide planning policies and local plans.
REGIONAL POLICY DIRECTION

VISION 2050
- Multicounty Planning Policies -
- Regional Growth Strategy -

DETAILED FUNCTIONAL IMPLEMENTATION PLANS

Regional Transportation Plan
- Metropolitan Transportation Plan -

Regional Economic Strategy
- Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy -
Multimodal Highway Expansions
Tech Building Boom
Regional 2050 Growth Forecast

- The region is projected to grow by about **1.6 million people** by 2050
- The region is projected to add about **1.1 million jobs** by 2050

Source: PSRC, 2018 Regional Macroeconomic Forecast
• A strong economy and a healthy environment
• Preserve waters, farms, recreation and resource lands
• Urban Growth Area and centers strategy
• Local actions to achieve regional VISION
Data and Research

Public opinion survey

Alternatives modelling

Research topics:
- Annexation
- Equity
- Health
- Housing
- Regional Growth Strategy
- Climate Change
- Technology
- Freight
- Displacement Risk Mapping
- Opportunity Mapping
Engagement

Draft Plan Outreach

- 17,000+ social media reach
- 10,000 board, committee members, & interested parties reached by email
- 300 mail notices to interested parties
- 200+ media contacts
- 30+ copies of draft plan distributed to libraries
Youth Engagement

• Met with six local youth committees (Arlington, Bellevue, Edmonds, Issaquah, Mukilteo, and Tacoma)

• Heard from over 100 students
Key Policy Themes

- Increase **housing** choices and affordability
- Provide **opportunities** for all
- Sustain a strong **economy**
- Significantly reduce greenhouse gas **emissions**
- Keep the region **moving**
- Restore the health of **Puget Sound**
- Protect a network of **open space**
- Growth in **centers** and near **transit**
- Act **collaboratively** and support **local efforts**
Regional Growth Strategy

- Most growth in Metro, Core, and High Capacity Transit Communities

- **65%** of region’s population growth and **75%** of employment growth in regional growth centers & near HCT

- Lower growth allocations in urban unincorporated and rural compared with long-term trends

- Better jobs-housing balance by shifting employment allocation from King County
Regional Growth Strategy

- **Increased** growth in mid- to large-size cities with regional growth centers and high-capacity transit
- **Decreased** growth in Rural areas
- **Decreased** growth in unincorporated areas without transit and smaller cities
- **Increased** jobs-housing balance in the region

### Population Growth - Draft Preferred Alternative

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<td><strong>TOTAL GROWTH</strong></td>
<td><strong>36% - 637,000</strong></td>
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Leveraging the Region’s Investments

Nearly 30 new miles of light rail in the next 4.5 years
• **2021** - Northgate, Roosevelt and the U District.
• **2023** - the Blue Line to the Redmond Technology Center, 10 new stations
• **2024** another 9 stations: Federal Way, Shoreline, Redmond, Mountlake Terrace, Lynnwood, and Kent/Des Moines

Plus regional BRT systems, freeway expansions, fast ferries & 60+ more miles of light rail
Regional Growth Strategy

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Performance of VISION 2050

Compared to Stay the Course

- **Land Development**
  - Less land converted - Amount of land converted to new development is substantially less than STC or RUG alternatives

- **Transit ridership**
  - Greater transit ridership - Transit ridership increases compared to STC and RUG

- **Greenhouse gas emissions**
  - Greenhouse gas emissions reduced – Emissions, compared to 2014 baseline, decrease more than STC and RUG alternatives

- **Average daily drive time**
  - Better drive times – Average drive time, compared to 2014 baseline, is a greater reduction than STC and RUG alternatives

*Full analysis provided in Draft SEIS and Final SEIS*
Adopted October 29, 2020
# Implementation

## Upcoming Planning Work

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