

February 22, 2016

**COUNCIL SUMMARY BACKGROUND BRIEF:
PUGET SOUND REGIONAL COUNCIL (PSRC)
*February 2016***

GROWTH MANAGEMENT POLICY BOARD (GMPB)

At its February 4, 2016 meeting, the GMPB:

- Recommended certification of comprehensive plans for Everett, Lake Forest Park, Mill Creek, Monroe, Seattle, Snohomish County, Tacoma, University Place and Woodinville. All of the plans were reviewed and found to be consistent with multicounty planning policies in *VISION 2040* and the regional transportation plan, and in conformance with the transportation planning requirements in the Growth Management Act.
- Received a briefing on the application for regional designation of the Sumner-Pacific manufacturing/industrial center. PSRC staff reviewed the application and found that the proposed center meets the minimum eligibility criteria to be considered for designation as a regional manufacturing/industrial center. Staff from Sumner and Pacific described current conditions in the proposed center and plans for the future in a presentation to the Board. A recommendation on center designation is scheduled for the March meeting of the GMPB.
- Heard an update on the Regional Centers Framework project. This project is evaluating the existing regional centers framework and will recommend changes to recognize both regional and subregional centers using consistent designation criteria and procedures. The project is wrapping up its research phase, which will produce a background paper evaluating existing centers and a market study. In April and May, the GMPB will hold special work sessions to consider the findings and to provide recommendations directing changes to the Centers Framework.
- In other business, the GMPB reviewed presentations on:
 - Growth in the Puget Sound region
 - The GMPB work program for 2016

The next meeting of the GMPB is scheduled for Thursday, March 3.

TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD (TPB)

At its February 11 meeting, the TPB:

- Received a briefing on the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, which secures federal highway and transit program funding for the next five years. Washington State expects to receive almost \$3.6 billion in Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funds, starting with \$687 million in 2016 and growing each year to \$750 million by 2020. The Governor's office announced that in this short session of the state Legislature, state transportation budgets will use an old policy

for allocating FAST Act funds, 66% to the state, and 34% to locals. The Governor's office will convene a group this spring to consider new approaches and guide next steps. This will be an important conversation for Bellevue and other cities in the region to participate in.

- Recommended certification of comprehensive plans for Everett, Lake Forest Park, Mill Creek, Monroe, Seattle, Snohomish County, Tacoma, University Place and Woodinville.
- In other business, the TPB reviewed presentations on:
 - Transit Integration plans in Downtown Seattle.
 - Growth in the Puget Sound Region.

The next meeting of the TPB is scheduled for Thursday, March 10.