

**COUNCIL SUMMARY BACKGROUND BRIEF:  
PUGET SOUND REGIONAL COUNCIL (PSRC)  
*April 2017***

**GROWTH MANAGEMENT POLICY BOARD (GMPB)**

At its April 6 meeting, the GMPB:

- **Recommended that the Executive Board certify the comprehensive plan updates for Bainbridge Island and Brier.** The Board reviewed the plans and found that they conform to the Growth Management Act and are consistent with regional plans and policies.
- **Recommended that Executive Board fully certify the comprehensive plan updates, as clarified by supporting resolutions, for Covington, Gig Harbor, North Bend, and Snoqualmie.** Previously, these cities had produced plans with growth beyond adopted targets. The plans had been conditionally certified last year, which retained the cities' eligibility for federal transportation funds pending full certification. City Councils in North Bend, Snoqualmie, Gig Harbor and Covington have now passed resolutions required for full certification. The Board unanimously recommended full certification for the four plans.
- **Received a briefing on the update to the Transportation 2040** plan now underway. The update will ensure the plan meets mandates and reflects changes in the region since the last plan adoption in 2014. The updated plan will showcase investments, focus on remaining funding gaps, address new planning requirements, and prepare the region for technology and other changes. Much of the update work will be guided through the Transportation Policy Board; however, there could be implications for the subsequent update of VISION 2040 so it is important that the Growth Management Policy Board receive periodic updates on this work.
- **Discussed the Regional Centers Framework Update** and established a schedule for review and development of the framework. Staff summarized outreach and comments to date. PSRC is working with its members and other partners to evaluate the regional centers framework and recommend changes to support growth in centers. Next month the GMPB will have an extended work session focused on regional growth center recommendations and military facilities. The discussion on the remainder of the issues and recommendations is anticipated to continue through the fall with a recommendation going to the Executive Board at the end of 2017.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 4.

**TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD (TPB)**

At its April 13 meeting, the TPB:

- **Recommended Certification of the Comprehensive Plan Updates for cities of Bainbridge Island, Brier, Covington, Gig Harbor, North Bend and Snoqualmie.** The plans have been reviewed in accordance with the adopted PSRC plan review process and were found to be consistent

with multicounty planning policies, the regional transportation plan and the Growth Management Act for transportation planning. The cities of Covington, Gig Harbor, North Bend, and Snoqualmie, which had been conditionally certified previously, adopted local resolutions related to maintaining planning efforts consistent to the Regional Growth Strategy to comply with the PSRC comprehensive planning requirements.

- **Received a briefing on Transportation 2040 Regional Capacity Projects.** Transportation 2040 contains a variety of investments that preserve and maintain the regional transportation system, improve the system's efficiency and expand the system with strategic capacity. These investments incorporate various modes of travel, such as vehicle, transit, bicycle and pedestrian, and on a wide range of facilities. For larger scale projects, thresholds have been established for each type of investment. Projects above these thresholds are required to be explicitly identified on the Regional Capacity Projects list and are subject to additional review and approval by the PSRC's Boards. PSRC staff is currently reviewing approximately 450 projects that were submitted.
- **Received a briefing on Transportation 2040 Performance Measures.** The PSRC staff briefed the TPB on the Regional Outcome Framework. The framework evolved from the already existing prioritization process developed by the TPB to reflect additional board priorities. The Regional Outcome Framework carries forth the regional priorities as established under VISION 2040 through all stages of transportation planning. At the April meeting, PSRC staff provided an overview of the measures and how this framework will incorporate new federal performance-based requirements, as well as how they align with regional priorities. The required framework categories include: Air Quality and Climate Change; Freight; Multi-Modal; Safety; Travel; Maintenance and Preservation. Additional framework categories were added to reflect Puget Sound Region-specific priorities and include: Health Equity; Puget Sound Land and Water; Social Equity and Access to Opportunity; Support for Centers. Further framework refinement will continue over the next year as federal rules are finalized.
- **Board Engagement Session on Transportation 2040 Health & Social Equity Performance Measures.** The TPB was briefed by PSRC staff and Simran Noor, Vice President of Policy and Programs at the Center for Social Inclusion. They presented examples of how equity considerations can be incorporated in transportation planning. The TPB divided into two groups to engage in a discussion about defining what health and equity means for the regional transportation planning process and the PSRC's role. During the report out, TPB members emphasized the importance of an authentic civic engagement process and the need to create evaluation tools that focus on the region's shared outcomes. At the next TPB meeting PSRC staff will propose a set of measures and next steps to include in a draft plan due in December.

The next meeting of the TPB is scheduled for May 11.