



Puget Sound Regional Council

Regional Planning Update

November 29, 2018

**Sound Transit
Citizen Oversight Panel**



Today

- Growth Trends
- Regional Planning Framework
- Relationship to Sound Transit

Central Puget Sound Region



- 4.1 million people
- 2.2 million jobs
- 4 counties
- 82 cities and towns
- Urban and rural
- 6400 square miles
- 1000 square miles urbanized



Puget Sound Regional Council



What we do

- Planning: growth, economy, transportation
- Federal transportation funds (\$260 million/year)
- Regional data and forecasts
- Forum for regional issues

Our members

- Cities, Counties, Ports, Transit
- State Agencies and Tribal Governments



Executive Dave Somers
Snohomish County - President



Executive Bruce Dammeier
Pierce County - Vice President



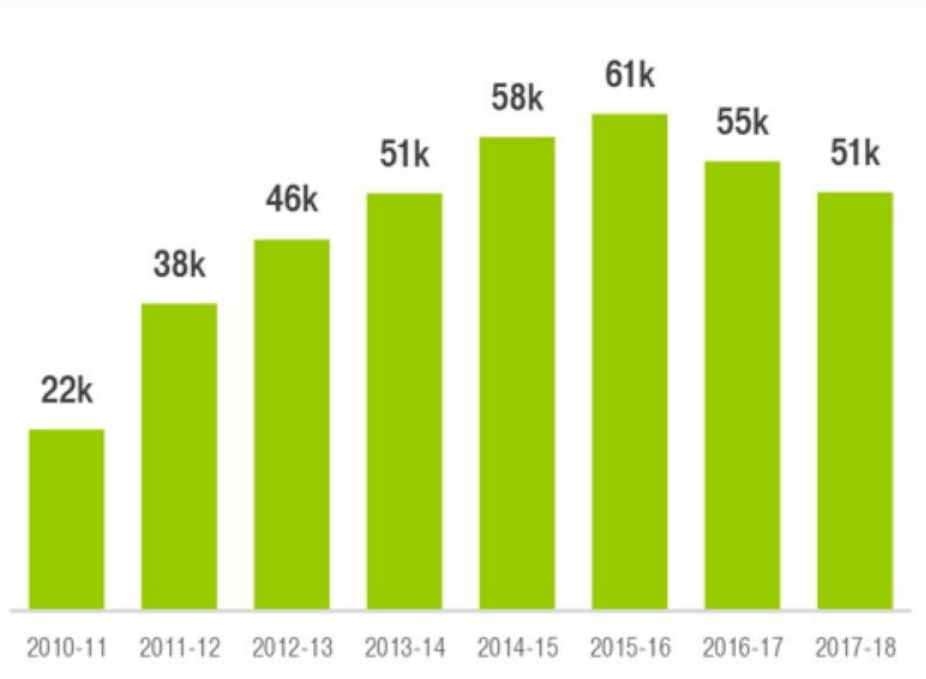


Growth Trends

Robust regional economy



Annual Employment Change, 2010-2018



51,000 wage & salary jobs added to region last year (2.5% increase)

381,000 jobs added to region since 2010 (22% increase)

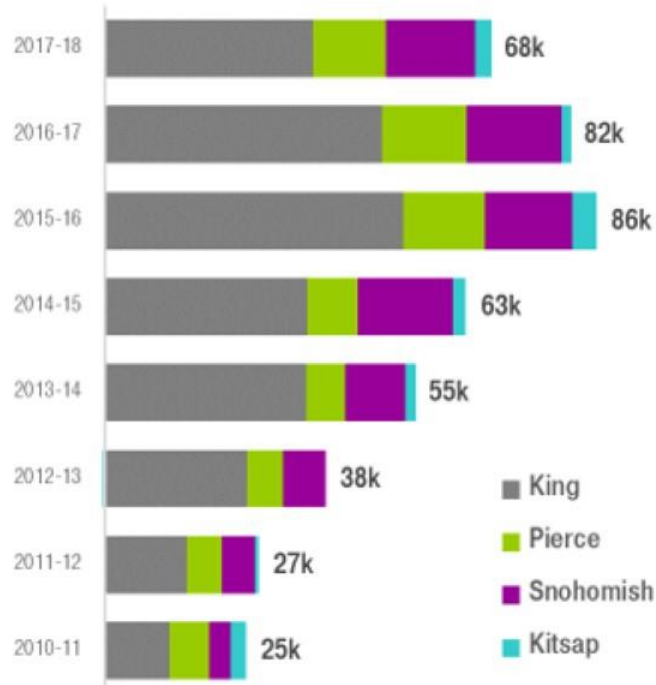
King and Snohomish counties have accounted for **85%** of job growth since 2010

Unemployment has dropped to **3.8%**

Population surging



Annual Population Change in the Central Puget Sound 2010-2018



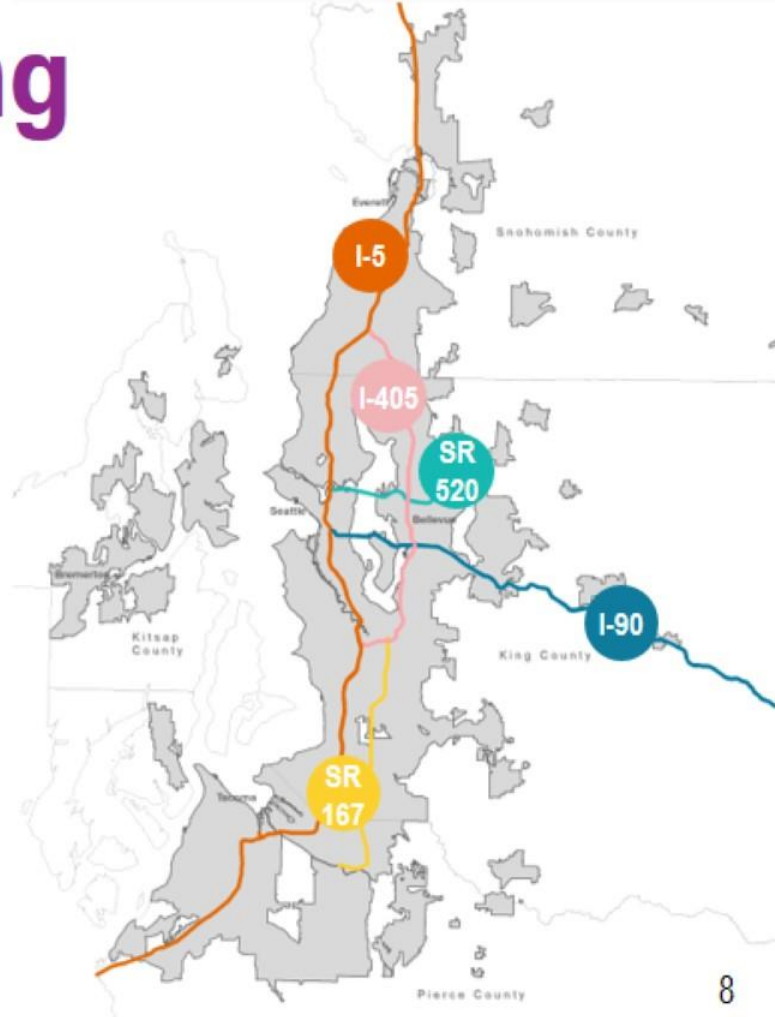
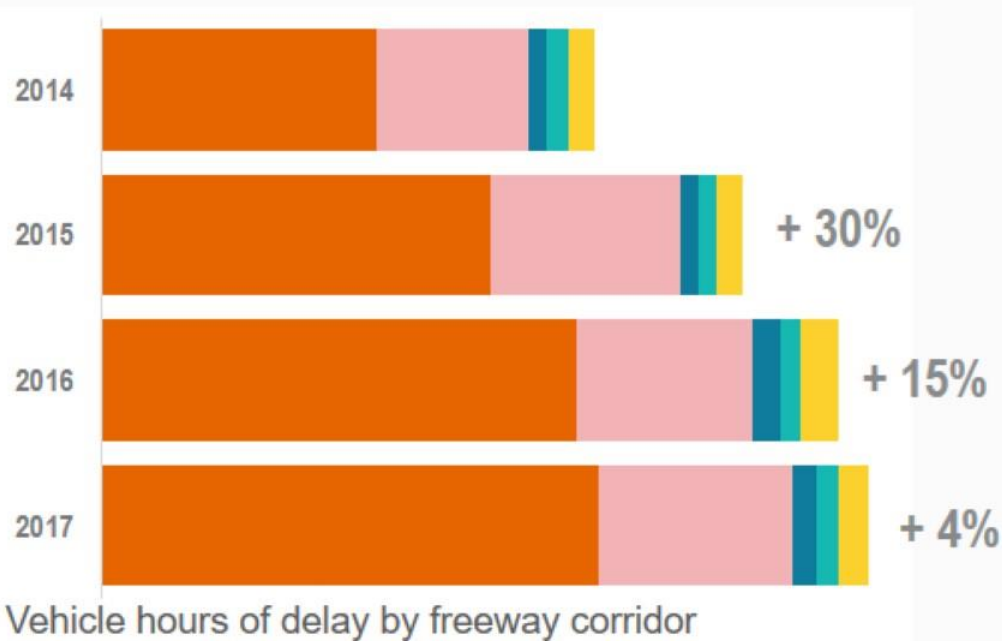
Regional population of **4.1 million**

68,000 increase in last year, **444,000 increase** since 2010

Robust growth over last 4-5 years; two years with annual increase of **80,000+**

Travel times increasing

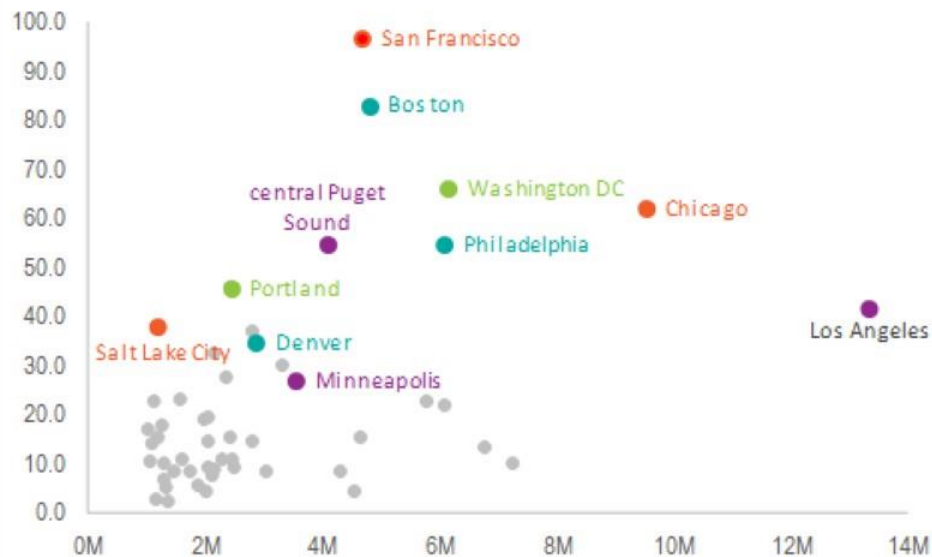
Delay increased **95%** between 2010-2015



Transit use increasing



Annual Transit Boardings per Capita



Source: National Transit Database Monthly Adjusted Release, December 2017

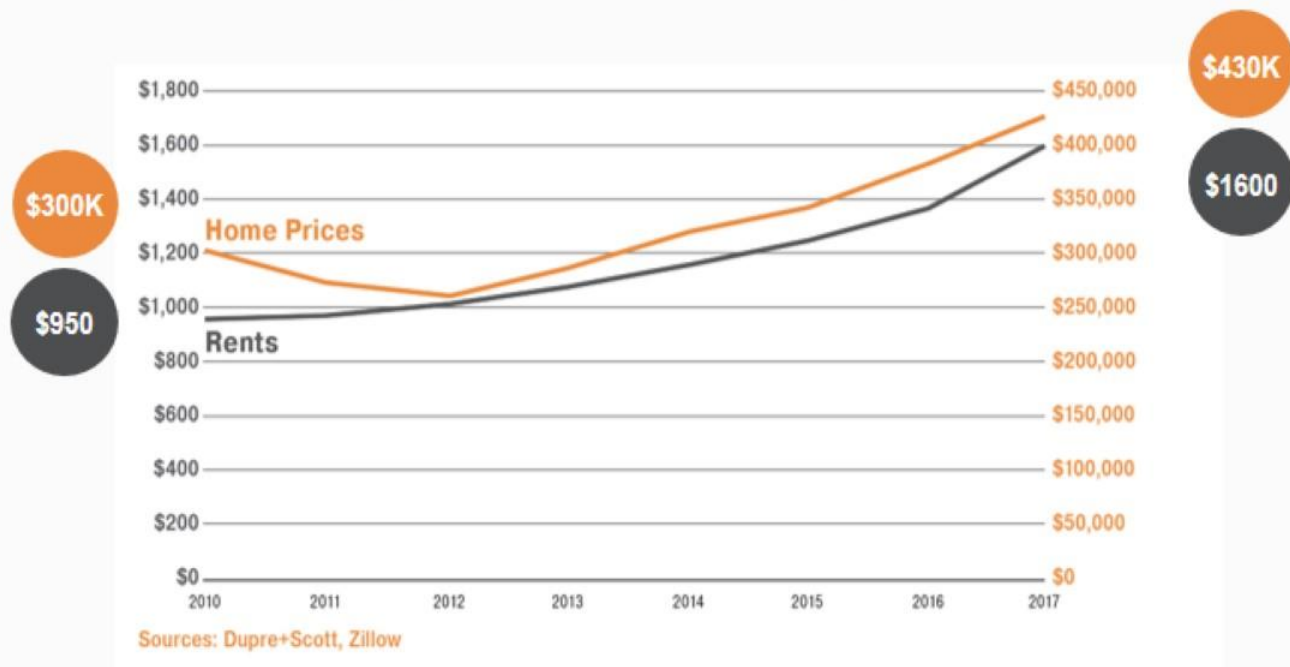


- In 2017, 6th highest transit boardings per capita in nation
- All cities above region have legacy heavy rail systems

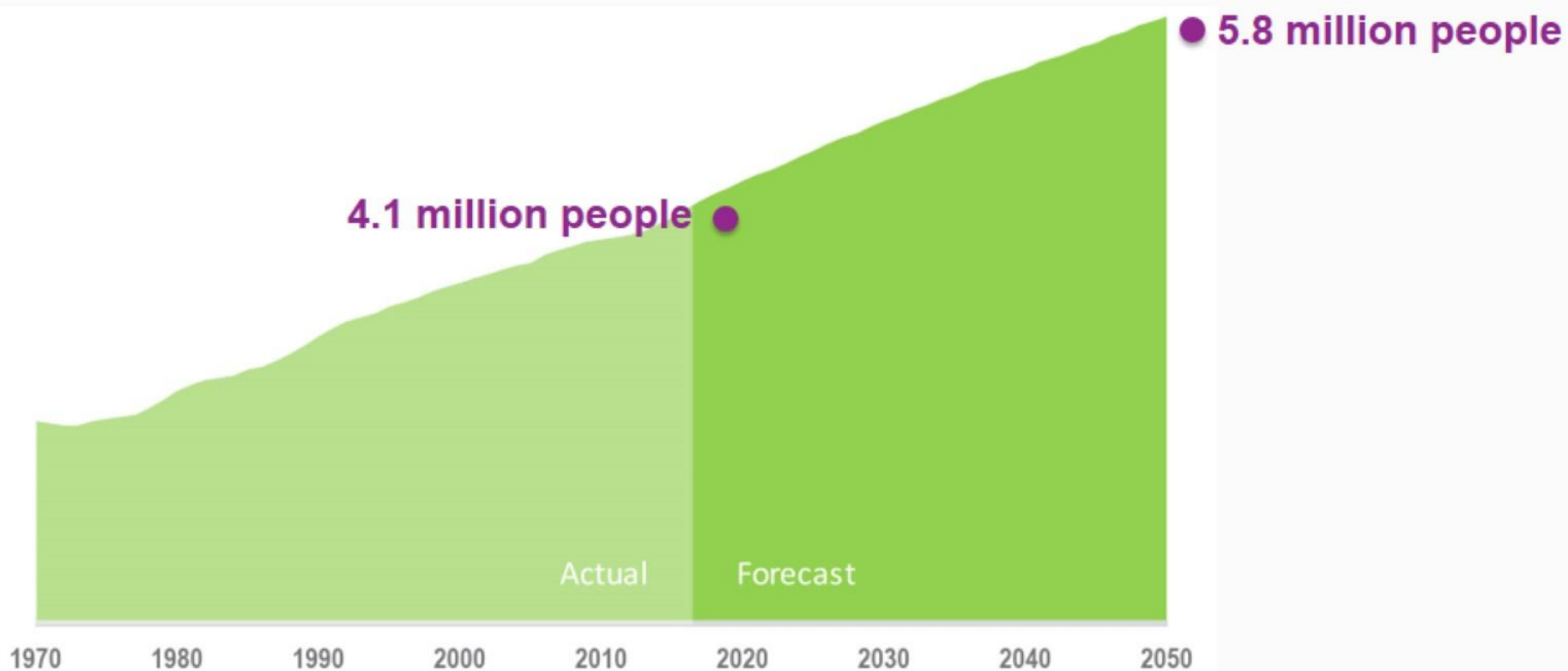
A crisis in affordability



Roughly 60% increase in home prices and apartment rents in past 5 years



2050 population forecast





Who will be living here?

In 2050, the region's residents will be:

Older



18% of the region's population will be over the age of 65 by 2050, up from 14% today.

More diverse



Between 2000 and 2016, 81% of the region's population growth was people of color.

In smaller households

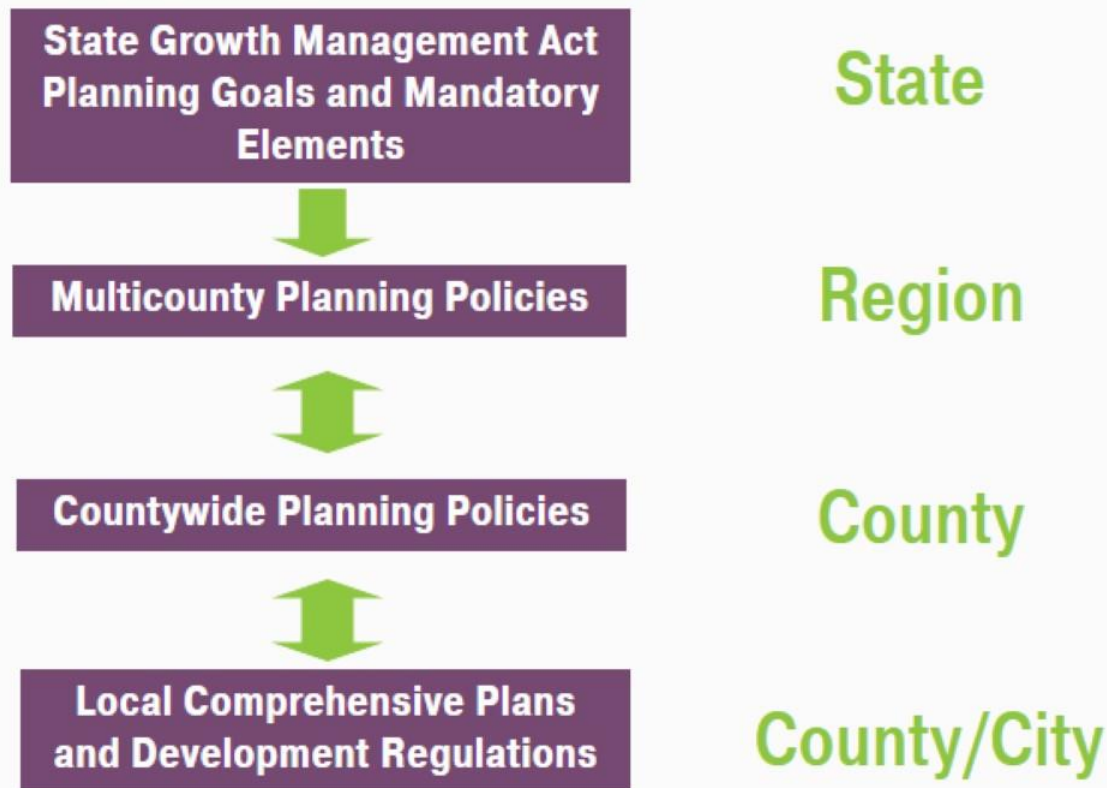


In 2050 there will be 2.36 people per household on average, down from 2.50 today.



Planning Framework

GMA planning framework



Integrated plan for sustainable development



VISION 2040



- Regional Growth Strategy
- Healthy environment
- Economic opportunity
- Urban Growth Area, Centers
- Fast, frequent transportation
- Housing for all

Regional planning policies



Common framework for planning

- Certification of local plans, countywide policies, transit plans
- Guidance for local growth targets

Direction for regional plans

- Regional Transportation Plan
- Regional Economic Strategy





Regional centers



29 Regional Growth Centers

- **2.6% of urban growth area** (26 mi²)
- **5% of population** (260,000)
- **30% of jobs** (500,000)

9 Manufacturing Industrial Centers

- **4% of region's land area** (41 mi²)
- **0.3% of population** (11,000)
- **9.5% of jobs** (160,000)



Relationship to High Capacity Transit

Regional Transportation Plan

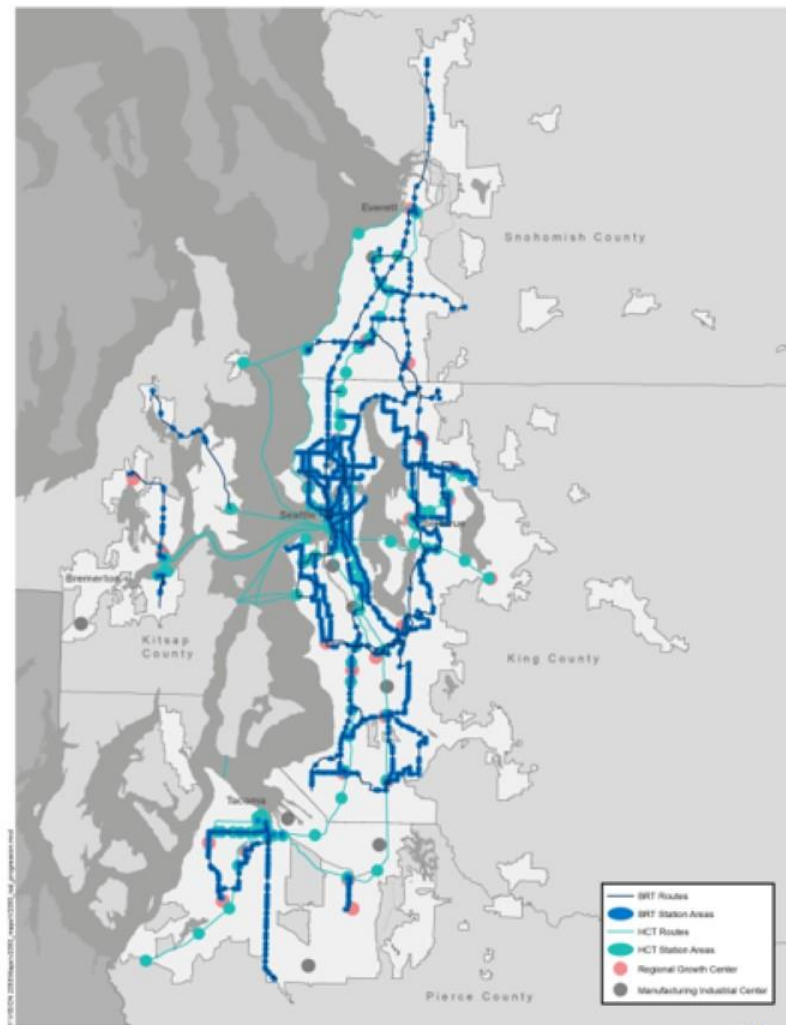
- Strategy for mobility and choice
- Meets all state and federal requirements
- \$197 Billion
- Integrated Regional Transit Network
- Get ahead on key issues: environment, innovation & technology, finance, performance measurement



Regional Transit System

By 2041...

- 5 light rail lines
 - 116 miles
 - 80+ stations
- Commuter Rail expansion
- 42 BRT routes in key corridors
- Auto and Fast Ferries





How are we doing?

Farms & forests



Regionally, 96% of permitted housing units are in cities and urban areas, helping keep our working lands working

Up from 72% in 1990

Strong growth in regional centers

Since 2010, 33% of jobs, 15% housing going into regional growth centers - just 3% of urban land area



Regional infrastructure investments



SR 99 Viaduct Replacement



SR 520 Bridge Replacement

Community Transit Swift Bus



WSDOT I-5 & SR 16



Kitsap Transit Fast Ferry



Sound Transit Link



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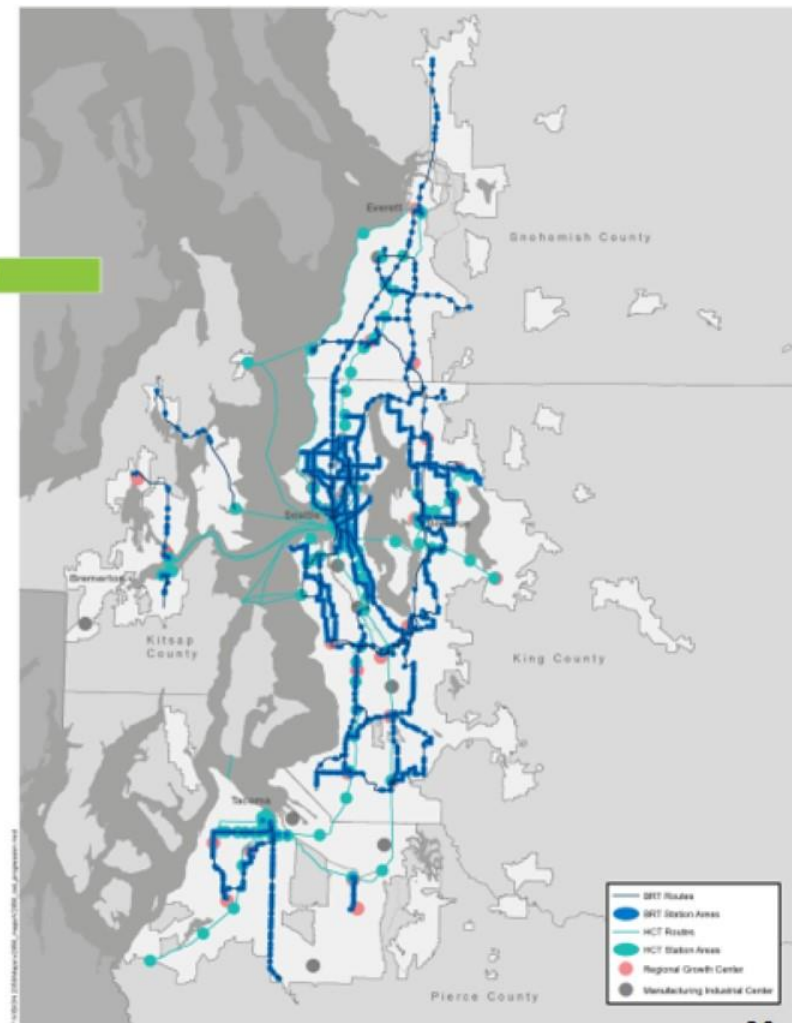
VISION 2050 Work Program



Extend horizon to 2050

Account for change since 2008

**Prepare for updates to
Regional Transportation Plan
and Local GMA plans**



VISION 2050

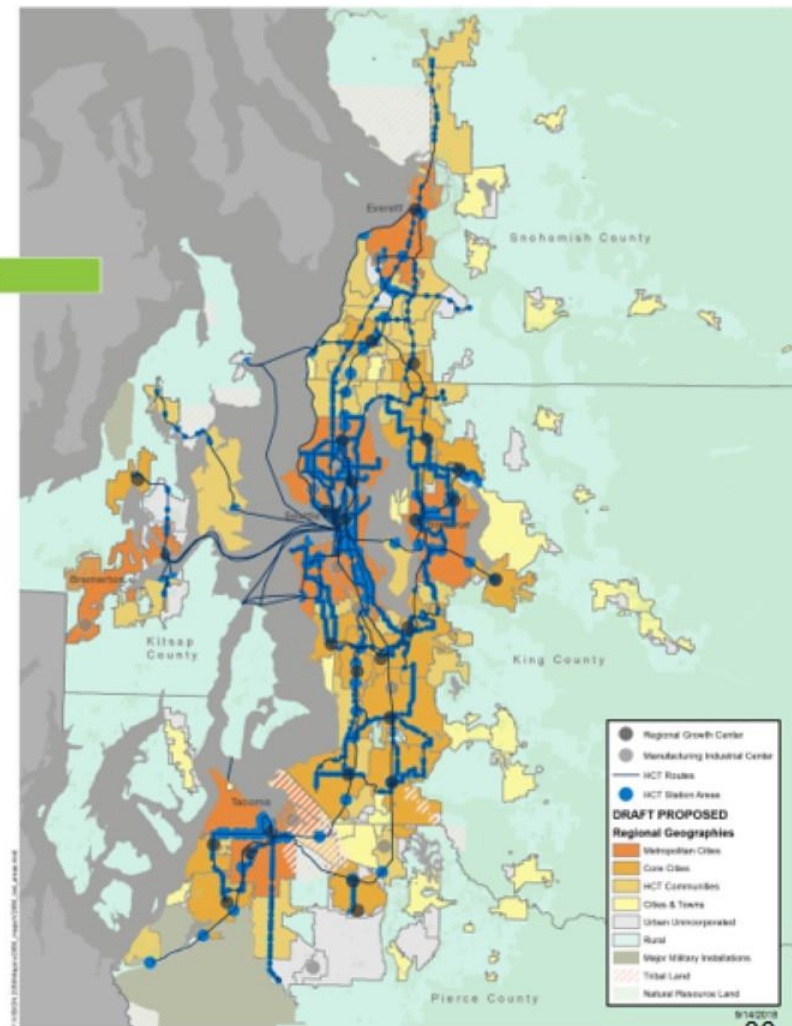
VISION 2050 Work Program



- Early work
- Scoping, research, planning
- SEPA review, draft plan
- Adoption

Transit Focused Growth Alternative:

- 75% population growth
- 75% employment growth



Takeaways

Historic levels of regional growth and change

Public largely supportive – yet growing concerns

Regional & local plans in place and being implemented

Real issues: housing, mobility, equity, environment

Updating plans: adjust and refine policies & strategies

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Thank you.

