OTREC Research Forum

PSRC and the Central Puget Sound Region

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What We Do

- Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC): MPO, COG
- Regional Growth, Economic and Transportation Planning
- Federal transportation funds to priority projects
- Regional data and forecasts
- Forum for regional issues
- Prosperity Partnership
Who We Represent

Our Region

• 4 Counties
• 82 Cities and Towns
• Urban & Rural

Our Members

• Cities, Counties, Ports and Transit
• State Agencies and Tribal Governments
Regional Profile

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Our Region is Growing

Regional Growth Estimates
In millions

Population: 5 million
Jobs: 3.1 million

By 2040, region forecast to increase 36% in population, 51% in jobs
PSRC Governance Structure

General Assembly
Votes on major regional decisions, approves budget, elects new officers

Executive Board
Carries out delegated powers and responsibilities between meetings of the Executive Board

Transportation Policy Board
Makes recommendations on key transportation issues

Growth Management Policy Board
Makes recommendations on key growth management issues

Economic Development District Board
Regional economic development planning and collaboration with private and public sector agencies

• Formed by Interlocal Agreement
• MPO Designation by Governor
• Board Representatives Appointed by Members
VISION 2040 – MPPs & Growth Strategy

• Regional growth, environmental, economic and transportation policies
• Guides regional plans, local comprehensive plans
• Defined UGA, compact communities and centers
• Minimize incompatible rural development
• More transportation choices, decreased reliance on SOV
• Sustainable, healthy environment
• Social equity
Implement VISION 2040
- Regional Growth Strategy
- Centers

Environment
- 4-Part Climate Change Strategy
- Puget Sound water quality

Mobility
- Regional economic vitality
- Mobility for people and goods movement

Sustainable Funding
- New sources of revenue
- Reliable, predictable, sufficient
Regional Economic Strategy

Economic Foundations
- Technology Commercialization
- New & Small Business Support
- Education
- Tax Structure
- Transportation
- Social Capital

Industry Clusters
- Aerospace
- Clean Technology
- Information Technology
- Life Sciences
- Logistics & International Trade
- Military
- Tourism/ Visitors
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