

Sent: Friday, February 19, 2016 3:45 PM

Subject: Certification of City of Bellevue 2015 Comprehensive Plan

Dear Mayor Stokes,

On December 3, 2015, the Puget Sound Regional Council's Executive Board acted to certify the City of Bellevue Comprehensive Plan. This certification action, pursuant to the adopted [PSRC Policy and Plan Review Process](#), recognizes that the transportation-related provisions of the plan meet certification requirements, including conformity with Growth Management Act requirements for transportation planning and consistency with the multicounty planning policies in [VISION 2040](#) and the region's long range transportation plan, [Transportation 2040](#). We have appreciated working with your staff through this process and congratulate the city on this important accomplishment.

The Growth Management Act emphasizes coordinated planning to make progress towards our shared goals and VISION 2040 has been adopted to provide an integrated and collaborative approach. This regional framework relies on local implementation for its success, and the City of Bellevue Comprehensive Plan goes a long way towards advancing many of the provisions in VISION 2040.

PSRC has prepared a [certification and consistency report](#) (attached) that contains a summary of PSRC's review of the City of Bellevue Comprehensive Plan. PSRC staff coordinated with city staff in the development of the report. The report describes the scope of the certification review as guided by the [Plan Review Manual](#) and [Local Comprehensive Plan Checklist](#), highlights exemplary provisions of the plan, and identifies areas where future work is needed to more fully address VISION 2040, Transportation 2040, or Growth Management Act planning requirements. We congratulate the city on the notable aspects of the plan highlighted in the report, and look forward to working with the city at the earliest opportunity to address comments in the report calling for additional work.

Thank you for working with us through the plan review and certification process. Additional resources and information are available online at psrc.org/growth/planreview, and PSRC staff are available to provide assistance and review future plan updates as they are being developed. If you or your staff have questions or need additional information regarding the review of local plans or the certification process, please contact Liz Underwood-Bultmann at lunderwood-bultmann@psrc.org, phone (206) 464-6174.

Josh

Josh Brown, Executive Director
Puget Sound Regional Council
