

# Comprehensive Plan update – 2024-2044

## Initial briefing

April 6, 2021



# Presentation objectives

- Planning Commission is briefed on the Comprehensive Plan update purpose and project timelines
- Planning Commission is briefed on work currently taking place at Snohomish County Tomorrow (SCT)
- Planning Commission receives an overview of the connection between SCT work and the City Comprehensive Plan
- Briefing provides a foundation for future discussions



# Project background – GMA requirements

- Growth Management Act (GMA) requires updating comprehensive plan every 8 years
- Two primary purposes:
  - Ensure Plan and regulations comply with GMA
  - Plan for additional population and employment capacity
- Update will extend planning horizon from 2035 to 2044
- Due no later than June 30, 2024

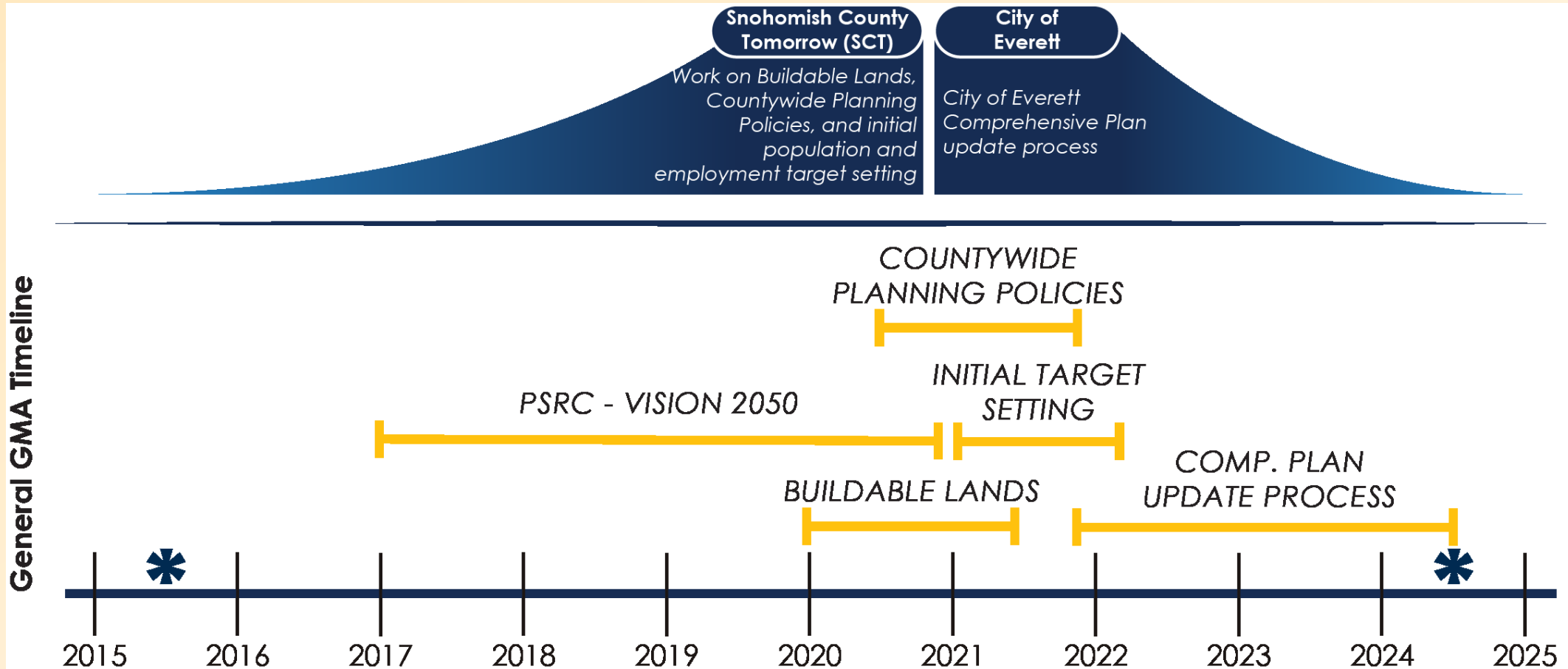


# Long ramp up

- Years of work leading to Comprehensive Plan update
- Informs and provides side bars for planning at the City
- Work includes:
  - PSRC Vision 2050
  - Buildable Lands report
  - Countywide Planning Policies
  - Initial Growth and Employment Target setting



# Schedule and task overview



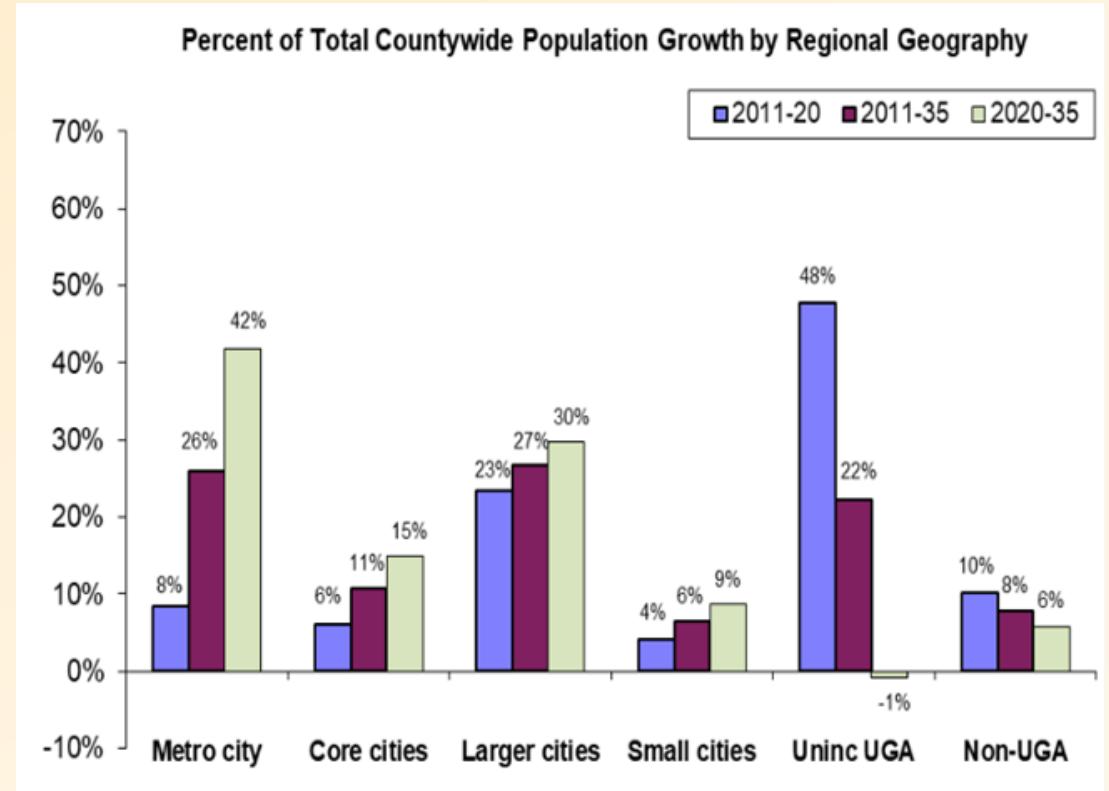
\* Comprehensive Plan update deadlines

Note: ESHB 2342 was passed during the 2020 Legislative Session. It extended the time period between required updates from eight to nine years for this cycle.



# Buildable Lands report

- Looks back at current Comprehensive Plan
- Compares growth assumptions with actual growth that has occurred
- When required, take actions to reduce the differences
- Report to be issued by June 30<sup>th</sup>



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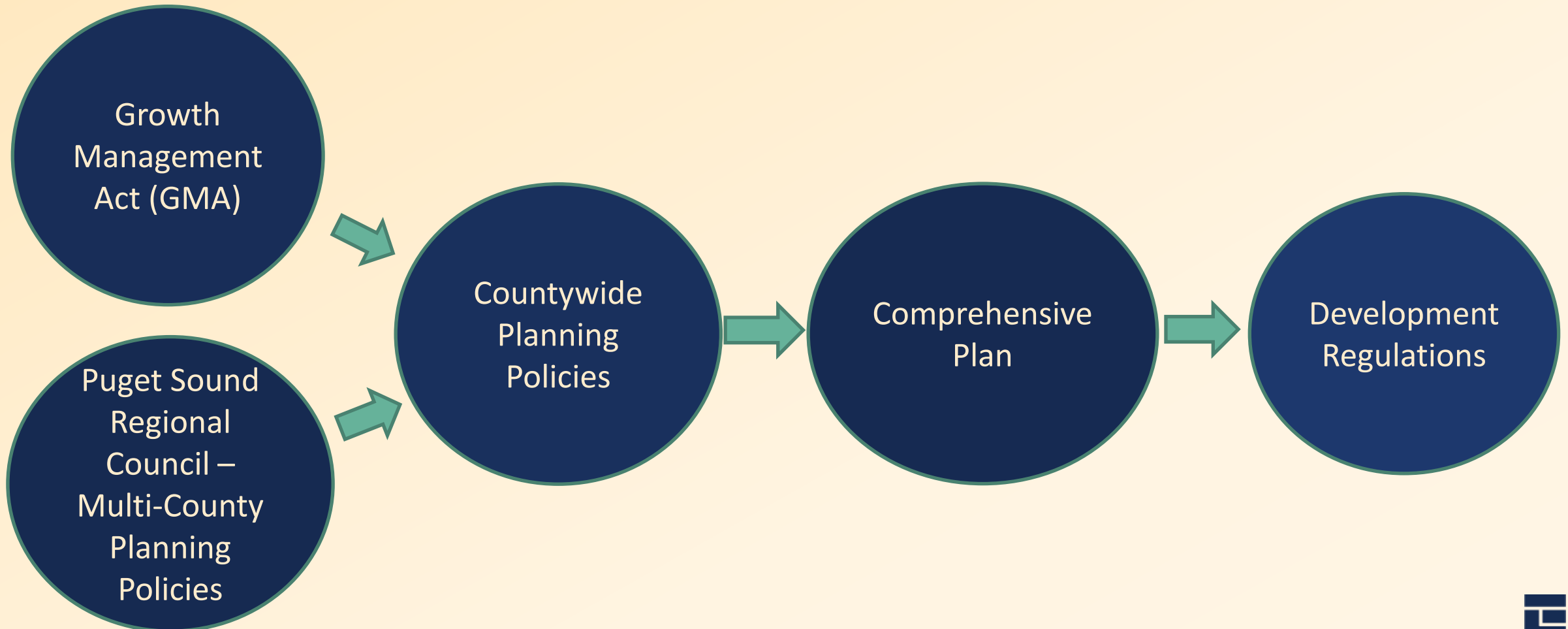


# What Are Countywide Planning Policies?

- Implement the GMA and PSRC Vision 2050
- Ensure coordination and consistency between comprehensive plans
- Includes chapters on topics such as housing, coordination for growth in Urban Growth Areas, Economic Development Environment and Climate change
- Includes new topics such as equity, climate change, and displacement
- CPPs required to be updated by December 31, 2021



# HOW POLICY INTERSECTS WITH ACTION





# Initial Growth Targets

- Initial target work sets a foundation but does not lock the City in
- Work to balance consistency with Vision 2050 and City goals
- What Vision 2050 anticipates from City
  - Plan for 20% of the total population growth
  - Plan for a percentage of the growth allocated to High Capacity Transit (HCT) Communities (50% of the county total)
  - HCT communities include several jurisdictions



# Initial Employment Targets

- What Vision 2050 anticipates from City
  - Plan for 39% of the total employment growth
  - Plan for a percentage of the employment allocated to High Capacity Transit (HCT) Communities (30% of the county total)
  - HCT communities include several jurisdictions



# City Comprehensive Plan update

- Kicking off later this year but information from Buildable Lands, Countywide Planning Policy update, and target setting necessary
- Project will involve multiple departments (planning, public works, parks, economic development)
- Key issues include planning for substantial new growth, implementing new regional policies (equity, displacement, climate change), and having a robust public participation process



# City Comprehensive Plan update (cont.)

- Planning staff working to develop a Comprehensive Plan update schedule
- Continued briefing will take place with Planning Commission



**QUESTIONS?**

