

# Integrating VISION, DESTINATION, PROSPERITY

## Updating VISION 2020

Nearly two decades ago we came together and rolled up our sleeves to create VISION 2020, a new growth management, economic, and transportation strategy. We chose to focus new growth into urban areas and into vibrant urban centers, to keep our rural areas rural, develop a better transportation system, and make wiser use of our resources and our tax dollars. VISION 2020 has provided a valuable framework under which local governments and citizens have worked together to develop common goals, coordinate and plan growth, and more wisely manage our resources.

We've made dramatic progress in some areas, and have been challenged in others. It's time to build on what we've learned, respond to new challenges, and lay out our VISION for the next 40 years.

The elected leaders of the Puget Sound Regional Council, with the help of involved business and community interests, have begun the work to update our regional VISION. The work will include the evaluation of how our region can accommodate the dramatic growth we expect by the year 2040. It will also include an update of the VISION's multicounty planning policies. This will provide an opportunity to make sure that the region's adopted economic policies help implement the recent work of the Prosperity Partnership and the new Regional Economic Strategy. We'll take a fresh look at the region's transportation policies that will shape *Destination 2030*, the region's long-range transportation plan, when it is updated in 2008. And we'll develop new regional policies for the environment, the region's development pattern, and how we provide public services and facilities, all to ensure that the region's cities, towns, and counties have the tools they need to sustain and improve quality of life in the region.

## Updating DESTINATION 2030

*Destination 2030* was developed in 2001 as the more detailed regional transportation plan to support and expand upon the VISION. It builds on VISION 2020's policies and lays out a program for addressing transportation problems by: investing in more roads and more transit service, better traffic management, and improved linkages between land use and transportation. As an action plan, *Destination 2030* is updated regularly to reflect changing needs and resources. Over time, VISION 2020 transportation policies will evolve to reflect lessons learned through *Destination 2030*.

## Prosperity Partnership's Regional Economic Strategy

The Prosperity Partnership is a coalition of over 150 business, labor and governmental organizations dedicated to developing and implementing a regional economic strategy for the Puget Sound region. On September 27, 2005, the Economic Development District Board unanimously adopted the Prosperity Partnership's regional economic strategy. It also unanimously approved the 18 First Year Action Items, along with who is doing what, by when, to implement the strategy in 2005-2006. The strategy focuses on the export-oriented industry clusters that power our regional economy, and the foundations upon which our clusters and the entire economy sit.