Military Facilities and Regional Planning

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Overview

Today’s Presentation

- **Background** on military facilities in central Puget Sound region
- **Integration** of facilities in regional planning
- **Military Position Statement**
Background – Regional Plans

What’s missing from this picture?
Military Facilities and Regional Planning

Background – Regional Plans

Major Military Bases & Facilities

Joint Base Lewis-McChord

Naval Base Kitsap
- Bangor
- Keyport
- Bremerton

Puget Sound Naval Shipyard

Naval Station Everett

National Guard Camp Murray
# Military in the Central Puget Sound

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- Background
- Integration
- Statement
Regional Centers

29 Regional Growth Centers

8 Regional Manufacturing/Industrial Centers
Request of PSRC

South Sound Military & Communities Partnership

- Recognize facilities in PSRC planning
  - Assistance with BRAC
  - Fuller inclusion in regional forums
- Support projects in host communities
  - To address impacts
  - To create better access to facilities
- Recognize as regional employment centers

Background
Integration
Statement
Integration

**Economic Development**
- Highly integrated
- RES Industry Sector, in Annual Action Items
- Direct engagement in formation of Sector Association

**Transportation**
- Very limited integration
- Shown on T2040 maps, trip generators in models
- Some base access projects in project list

**Growth Management**
- Very limited integration
- Text and a Multicounty Planning Policy on encroachment
- Shown on VISION 2040 maps
Stakeholder Interviews

Interviews with host jurisdictions and economic development organizations

- Tacoma / Pierce County Chamber
- City of Seattle
- South Sound Military Partnership / City of Lakewood
- City of Everett
- Kitsap County
- Economic Alliance of Snohomish County
- Kitsap Economic Development Alliance
- Washington Department of Commerce
- City of Bremerton

Boards and committees provide opportunity for a broader discussion
Stakeholder Interviews

**No Action**
- Different than local governments
- No control or expectations about future growth
- Can already partner on planning and projects

**Defer to VISION 2040 Update (2018 timeframe)**
- Make major decision in comprehensive fashion
- Wait until GMA plans and Joint Studies are complete

**Recognize equivalent to MIC**
- Major economic drivers in all four counties
- Addresses strategic issue, enhances partnerships
- Supports host communities with limited impacts on regional processes
Stakeholder Interviews

No Action
- Almost no support
- Facilities are too important, local impacts too significant
- Need to protect sector through supportive public actions

Defer to VISION 2040 Update (2018 timeframe)
- Not optimal, with little rationale expressed for waiting
- Might be detrimental if a BRAC process occurs

Recognize equivalent to Industrial Centers
- Nearly all strongly supported this option
- Recognition that a one-size-fits-all approach may not work
Position Statement

Policy discussion at Boards & Committees:

• Military is important to the region's economy
• No local control over use, growth, or possible closure of these facilities
• Need to better understand travel patterns related to military facilities
• Must be clear on their needs and on what recognizing military facilities means
• Divergent opinions on timing
In recognition of their importance in the central Puget Sound region, the Puget Sound Regional Council recognizes military facilities as regionally significant employment areas. PSRC will reflect military facilities in regional planning as follows:

- **Centers** – Consider the role and inclusion of military facilities as part of the tiered centers framework.

- **Data** – Improve coordination and use of data related to military facilities in regional planning work.

- **Regional Economic Strategy** – Continue to include the military employment cluster in updates to the RES (2017), and support military employment in the region through the Washington Military Alliance.
Position Statement

• **Transportation 2040** – Ensure that transportation projects needed to improve access to military facilities are identified and considered in the plan (2018).

• **Maps** – Continue to include military facilities on regional planning maps and in plan elements.

• **PSRC Project Selection** – The project selection task force should consider reflecting military bases as locally defined centers to compete in the county-wide funding competitions for the 2016 project selection process.
On The Horizon

• **Joint Land Use Studies**
  – Underway at both Joint Base Lewis McChord and Naval Base Kitsap

• **Future BRAC Processes (?)**

• **Regional Plan Updates**
  – Regional Economic Strategy (2017)
  – Transportation 2040 (2018)
  – VISION 2040 (2020)

• **Regional Centers Framework Update**
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