



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**



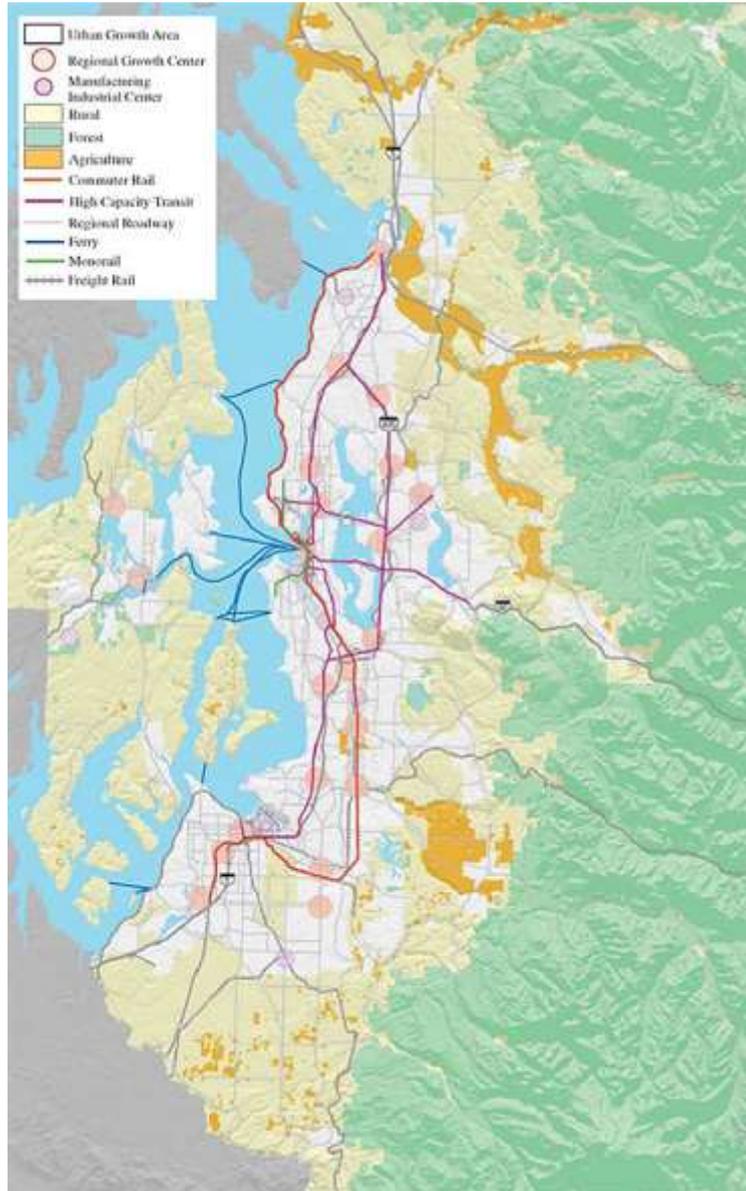
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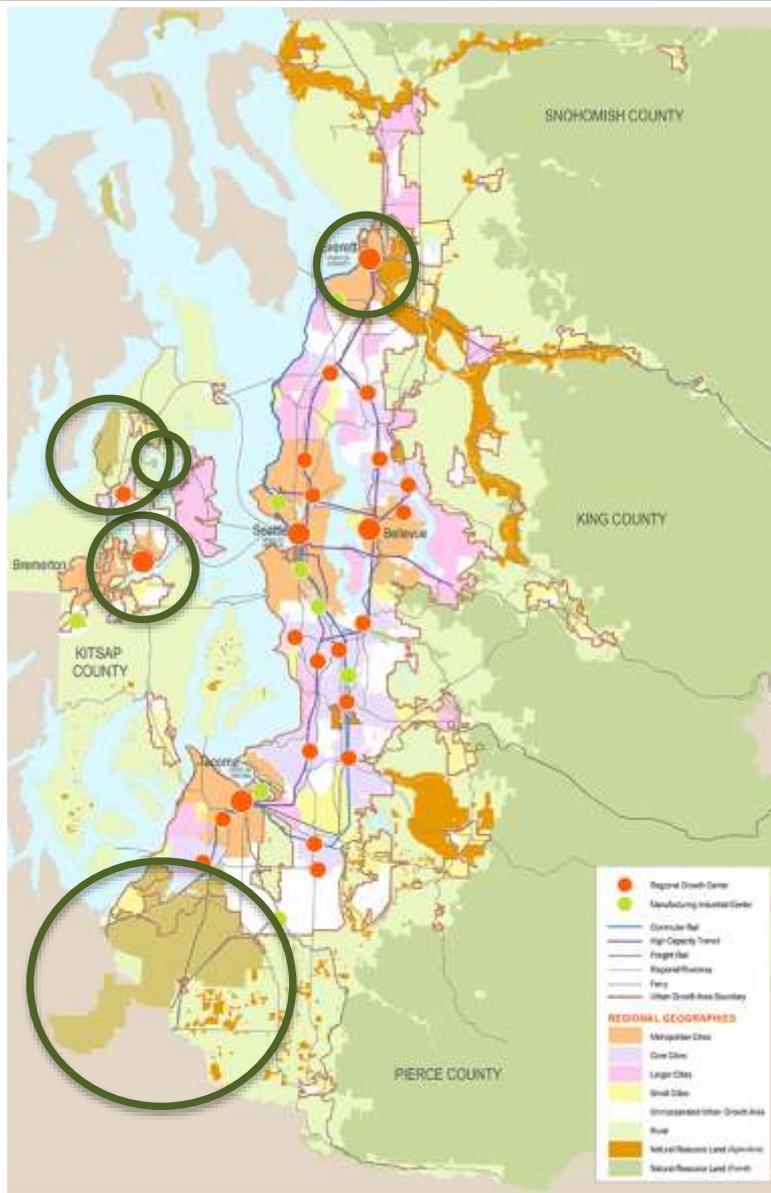
What's missing from this picture?

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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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	Joint Base Lewis McChord	Naval Base Kitsap	Naval Station Everett	National Guard Camp Murray
Total	118,300	36,700	5,800 Direct jobs	8,770
Military Population	46,800	13,500	11,000 Countywide	8,400
Civilian Workforce	16,300	13,700		330
Family Members	55,200	9,500		
Acreage	414,000	11,200	5,111	295



Regional Centers

Regional Growth Centers and Manufacturing/Industrial Centers



29 Regional Growth Centers

8 Regional Manufacturing/Industrial Centers



Designation Procedures for New Regional Growth and Manufacturing Industrial Centers

Adopted by the Puget Sound Regional Council Executive Board
September 22, 2011

THE ISSUE

VISION 2040 directs PSRC to provide a regional framework for designating and evaluating regional growth and manufacturing industrial centers. The Designation Procedures provide the Growth Management Policy Board and Executive Board with a tool to review and act on the designation of new proposed centers. Regional designation is made at the discretion of the Executive Board after considering the recommendation of the Growth Management Policy Board.

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Request of PSRC

South Sound Military & Communities Partnership

- Recognize military facilities as regional employment centers
 - Assist in regional planning
 - Fuller regional forums
 - Communities
 - Facilities
- Support partnership
 - To add
 - To create
- Recognize as regional employment centers



Recognizing Military Facilities in PSRC's Regional Planning

IN BRIEF

PSRC President Pat McCarthy (Pierce County Executive) requested that the Growth Management Policy Board consider whether military facilities should be regionally recognized as employment centers in the VISION 2040 and Transportation 2040 frameworks. The Growth Management Policy Board directed staff to move forward with assessing the issue and developing potential options for Board consideration.

This paper addresses the request by: (A) providing background information on military facilities in the region, (B) describing how these facilities are currently included in each of the three major regional planning programs at PSRC – economic, land use, and transportation, (C) identifying some broad options and summarizing results of stakeholder interviews related to these three options, and (D) providing recommendations for Growth Management Policy Board discussion.

SUMMARY

Military facilities are addressed in multiple ways in the economic development work of the PSRC; however, they are not included to any significant extent in the land use and transportation components. Given their economic impacts, and impacts on transportation facilities and land use in nearby areas, there are benefits from recognizing military facilities in PSRC's planning. And, while military facilities operate under different laws and statutes than local governments, significant coordination is occurring in these communities under the requirements of the Growth Management Act.

Potential options range from no change from current status, recognizing military facilities similar to regional manufacturing-industrial centers or similar to countywide centers, or deferring this issue until the full update of VISION 2040, which is scheduled in the

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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

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Stakeholder Interviews

Interviews with host jurisdictions and economic development organizations

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

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

Rationale for
More Integration

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



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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.



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- **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.



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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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