

# Skagit County – Planning Commission

## Preliminary Population and Employment Projections

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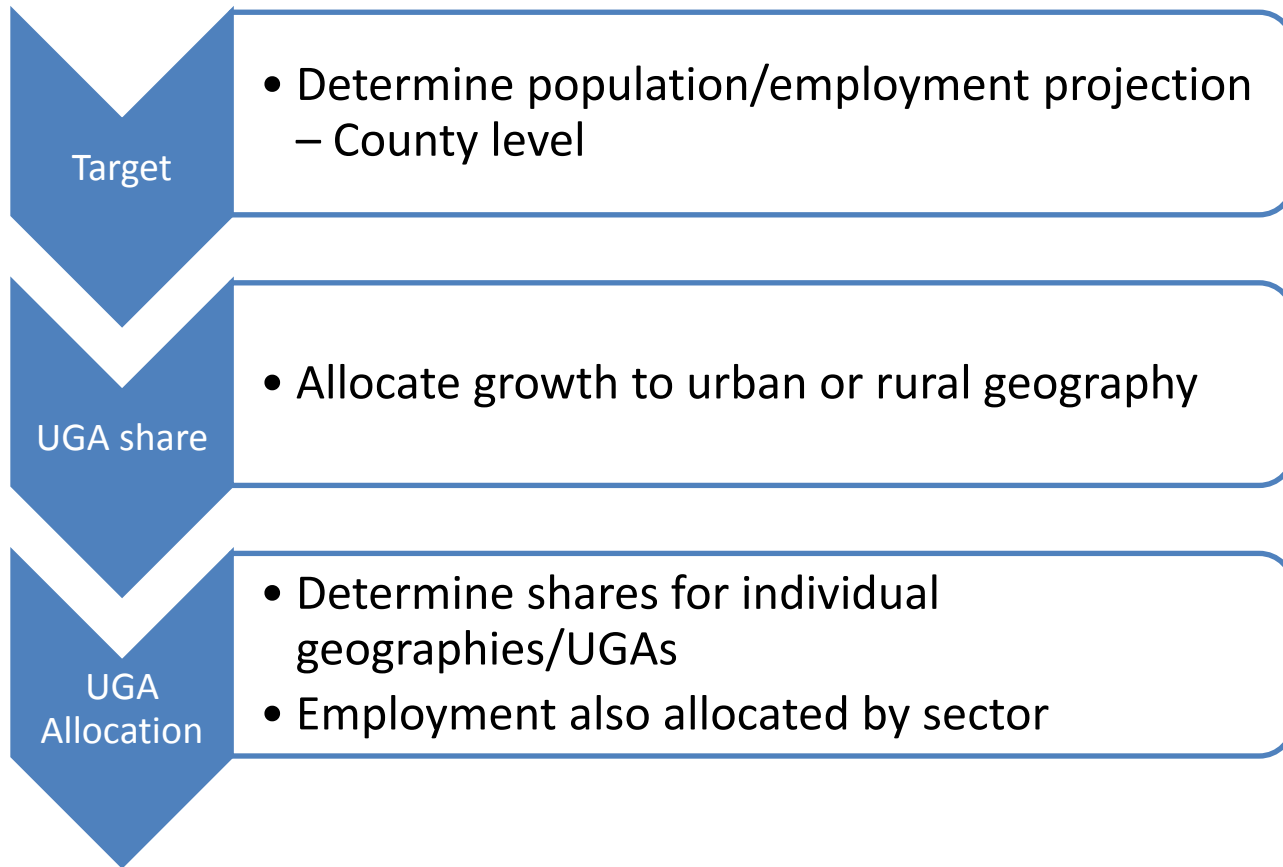
# Today's Presentation

- Population and Employment trends and projections
- Relationship to Regional Transportation Plan
- Relationship to GMA Planning and Allocation Targets

# Background/Context

- Regional Transportation Plans are required to be consistent with countywide planning policies and with local comprehensive plans (RCW 47.80.023)
- GMA requires the transportation element of local comp plan to include a forecast of traffic for at least ten years (RCW 36.70A.070)
- GMA requires the County and Cities/Towns to include areas and densities sufficient to permit the urban growth that is projected. OFM provides a range of population growth at the county level. (RCW36.70A.110)

# Population/Employment Allocation Process

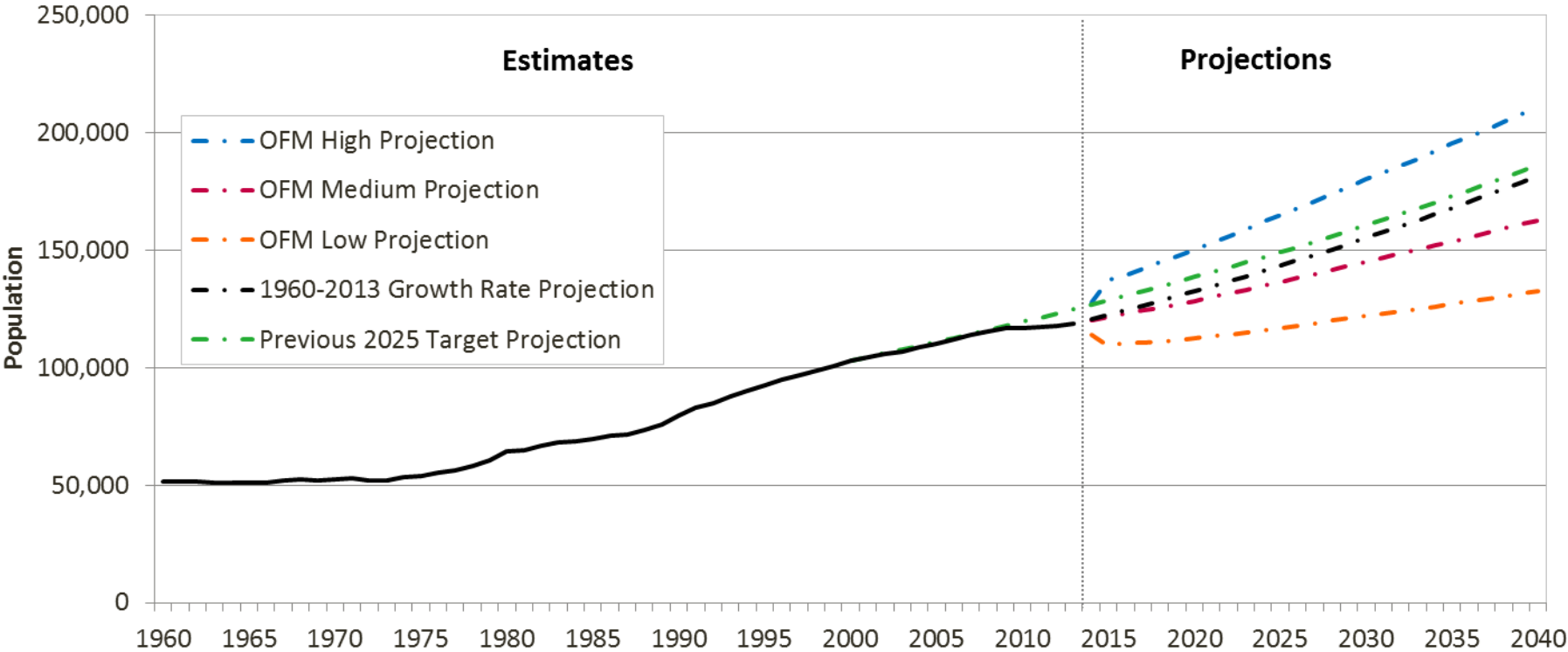


# Population and Employment Forecasts

- Population and Employment Forecasts are required for transportation and GMA planning
- GMA requires using Office of Financial Management (OFM) population forecast - Countywide
- Employment comes from someplace else
- Both Population and Employment have to be allocated to areas- City/UGA/Rural
- Forecasts for travel demand model have to be allocated to Traffic Analysis Zones (TAZs)

# Population Growth

## Skagit County Population, 1960-2040



Source: Office of Financial Management, historical Data and May 2012 projections.

# Population Growth Projections

## Population Growth Projections, 2025 and 2036

2010 Skagit County Population: 116,901

	Projected Population		Population Growth	
	2025	2036	2010-2025	2010-2036
OFM Low Projection	116,918	128,123	17	11,222
OFM Medium Projection	136,410	155,451	19,509	38,550
OFM High Projection	164,858	198,189	47,957	81,288
1960-2013 Growth Rate Projection	143,350	170,549	26,449	53,648
Previous 2025 Target Projection	149,080	175,434	32,179	58,533

Source: Office of Financial Management, May 2012; Skagit County.

6,371 Difference between Current 2025 and Proposed 2036 Target

# Population Growth Rates

## Skagit County Population Growth Rates, 1970-2040

	Skagit County			Washington State	
	Growth in Previous 10 yrs			10-year Avg Annual	
	Population	Avg Annual Pop Growth	Avg Annual Growth Rate	Population	Growth Rate
<b>Historical Data</b>					
1970	52,381	103	0.2%	3,413,250	1.8%
1980	64,138	1,176	2.0%	4,132,353	1.9%
1990	79,545	1,541	2.2%	4,866,663	1.6%
2000	102,979	2,343	2.6%	5,894,143	1.9%
2010	116,901	1,392	1.3%	6,724,540	1.3%
<b>OFM Projections</b>					
<b>Low Projection</b>					
2020	112,268	-463	-0.4%	6,650,247	-0.1%
2030	121,918	965	0.8%	7,014,757	0.5%
2040	132,558	1,064	0.8%	7,291,723	0.4%
<b>Medium Projection</b>					
2020	128,249	1,135	0.9%	7,411,977	1.0%
2030	144,953	1,670	1.2%	8,154,193	1.0%
2040	162,738	1,779	1.2%	8,790,981	0.8%
<b>High Projection</b>					
2020	150,196	3,330	2.5%	8,323,502	2.2%
2030	179,930	2,973	1.8%	9,545,795	1.4%
2040	210,828	3,090	1.6%	10,676,166	1.1%

Growth projected to be much slower

Source: Office of Financial Management, May 2012.



# Current (2025) GMA Growth Allocations

UGA	Countywide Planning Policy - Urban Growth	
	Residential Population (Total)	Commercial/Industrial Land Allocations (New Arces)
Anacortes	18,300	558
Burlington	12,000	242
Concrete	1,350	28
Hamilton	450	60
La Conner	950	2
Lyman	550	0
Mount Vernon	47,900	959
Sedro-Woolley	15,000	278
Bayview	5,600	750
Swinomish	3,650	0
<b>Urban Total</b>	<b>105,750</b>	<b>2,877</b>
Rural	43,330	NA
<b>Total County</b>	<b>149,080</b>	

Source: Skagit County – Countywide Planning Policies October 10, 2007

# Summary of Draft 2036 Growth Allocations

## Planner Committee Discussion Draft

- OFM Medium Countywide Growth Projection = 155,451
  - Total Population Growth (2015 to 2036) = 35,751
    - Urban (80%) = 28,601
    - Rural (20%) = 7,150
- Total Countywide Employment = 67,762
  - Total Employment Growth (2015 to 2036) = 16,000
    - Urban (92%) = 14,719
    - Rural (8%) = 1,281

# Draft 2036 Population Allocations

## Planner Committee Recommendation

Population Allocation								
UGA/Area	2012 Population	2012-2015 Growth	2015-2036 Growth (Used in GMA Plan)	2015 to 2036 Percent of Growth	Total Growth 2012-2036	Total 2036 Population	Previous 2025 Total Population	Change from Previous Allocation
Anacortes	16,090	308	5,895	16.5%	6,203	22,293	18,300	3,993
Burlington	10,393	71	3,808	10.7%	3,879	14,271	12,000	2,271
Mount Vernon	33,935	1,034	12,434	34.8%	13,468	47,403	47,900	-497
Sedro-Woolley	12,431	83	4,555	12.7%	4,638	17,069	15,000	2,069
Concrete	873	0	320	0.9%	320	1,193	1,350	-157
Hamilton	310	3	114	0.3%	117	428	450	-22
La Conner	898	-1	329	0.9%	328	1,226	950	276
Lyman	441	2	162	0.5%	164	605	550	55
Bayview Ridge	1,812	-2	72	0.2%	70	1,882	5,600	-3,718
Swinomish	2,489	15	912	2.6%	927	3,417	3,650	-233
Rural	38,277	238	7,150	20.0%	7,388	45,665	43,330	2,335
<b>Total</b>	<b>117,950</b>	<b>1,750</b>	<b>35,751</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>37,501</b>	<b>155,451</b>	<b>149,080</b>	<b>6,371</b>

# Draft 2036 Employment Allocations

Planner Committee Recommended

UGA/Area	2012 Employment	2012 to 2015 Growth	2015-2036 Growth (Used in GMA Plan)	2015 to 2036 Percent of Growth	Total Growth 2012-2036	Total 2036 Employment
Anacortes	8,166	238	2,076	13.0%	2,314	10,480
Burlington	9,467	429	3,516	22.0%	3,945	13,412
Mount Vernon	16,024	479	4,785	29.9%	5,264	21,288
Sedro-Woolley	4,594	158	1,572	9.8%	1,730	6,324
Concrete	347	11	109	0.7%	120	467
Hamilton	214	8	66	0.4%	74	288
La Conner	1,053	38	329	2.1%	367	1,420
Lyman	28	1	9	0.1%	10	38
Bayview Ridge	1,434	222	1,799	11.2%	2,021	3,455
Swinomish	925	32	290	1.8%	322	1,247
Rural	7,749	147	1,447	9.0%	1,594	9,343
<b>Total</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>1,763</b>	<b>15,998</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>17,761</b>	<b>67,761</b>

# Key Countywide Questions/Issues

To preserve the quality of life that we all enjoy here in Skagit County, thoughtful consideration is needed when determining growth allocations. This is an opportunity to express our county's vision through our decisions on growth and how we accommodate it.

- What do we want our county to look like now and in the future?
- How does that view influence the growth allocations –
  - Growth amounts in the Cities/Towns, Urban/Rural split?
  - Economic growth types and amount of Jobs?

# Revised Process

## Planners Committee Considering a Revised Allocation Process:

1. Establish Initial Growth Allocations – GMASC April to June
2. Reconciliation of Allocations – 2016
3. Monitoring – Ongoing likely annual reports
4. Target Adjustments – If needed

## Supporting Components:

1. Consistent Land Capacity Methodology – part of GMA plan development
2. Monitoring Report with defined methods
3. UGA Expansion Policies and Procedures

# Next Steps

- Planners Committee Recommendation to Growth Management Act Steering Committee (GMASC) on Initial Population and Employment Allocations for GMA Planning purposes – July
- SCOG Completes updated Travel Demand Model using new forecasts – July