

WHAT NEEDS TO BE REVIEWED AND POTENTIALLY UPDATED?

- Comprehensive Plan
- Development Regulations
- Critical Areas Ordinance
- Resource Lands
- Urban Growth Areas

WHAT REQUIRES A CHANGE TO COMP PLAN OR CODE?

- Statutory changes
- Updated population and employment data
- Other changes in relevant facts and local conditions
- Other changes at jurisdiction's discretion

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

Subject to modification

Update deadline June 2016

Preliminary GMASC population and employment projections and allocations	June 2014
BCC approves County update scope of work	June 2014
PDS develops proposal, analysis, and documentation	July 2014 – March 2015
County releases proposal and SEPA analysis	March 2015
Public review and comment	March – June 2015
Planning Commission hearings and deliberations	June – September 2015
Board of County Commissioner adoption	December 2015 – March 2016

RECOMMENDED PROCESS GOALS

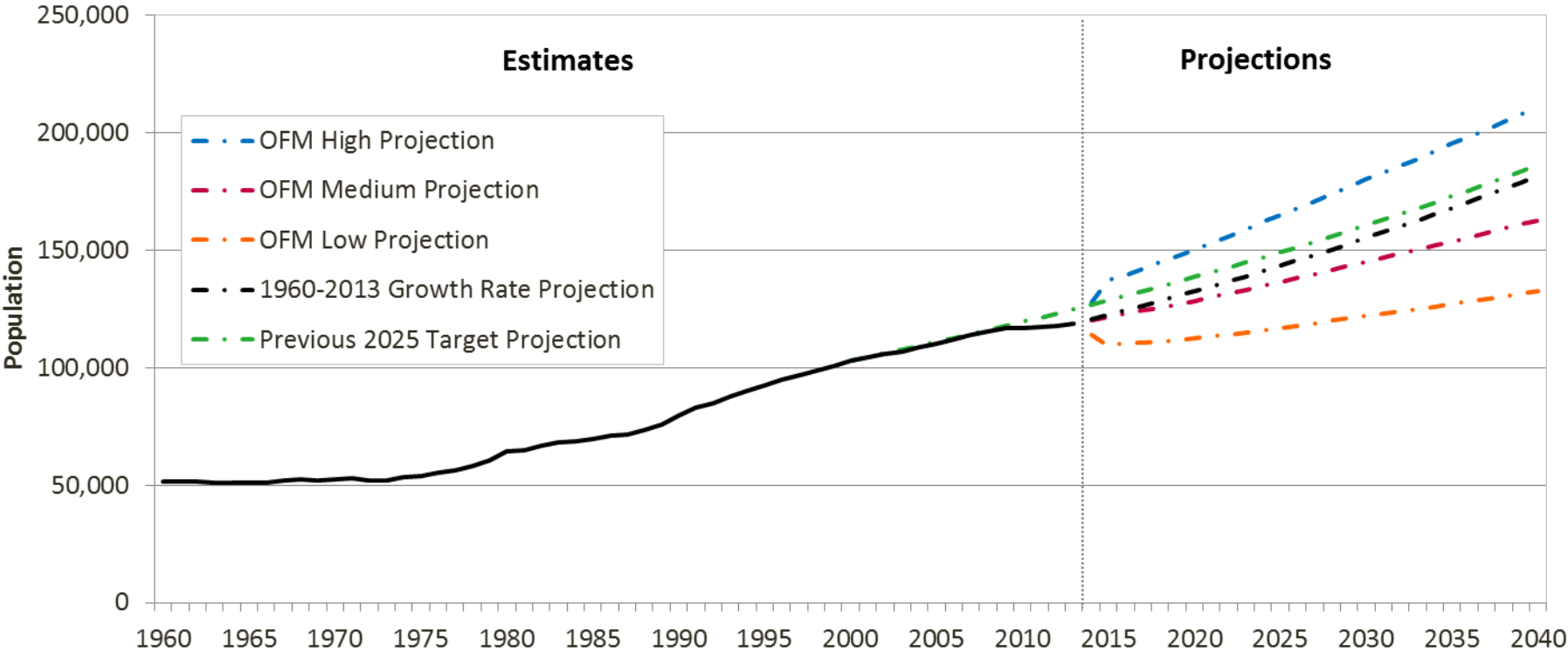
- Use Planning Commission as 2016 Update Advisory Committee
- Keep scope narrow
- Focus only on what needs to be done
- Provide adequate time for public input
- Finish on time

MAJOR COMP PLAN UPDATES

- Update population and employment projections
 - Incorporate into Countywide Planning Policies
- Urban growth area reviews
- Possible tweaks to UGA modification criteria

Population Growth

Skagit County Population, 1960-2040



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

Population to Employment Ratios

COMPARISONS TO WASHINGTON STATE

		Estimate	Projections			
		2010	2020	2030	2036	2040
Washington State	Population	6,724,540	7,411,977	8,154,193	8,546,278	8,790,981
	Total Employed	3,166,880	3,456,200	3,657,100	3,803,476	3,904,300
	Population-Employment Ratio	2.12	2.14	2.23	2.25	2.25
Skagit County	Population	116,901	128,249	144,953	155,451	162,738
	Total Employment	49,898	54,202	58,922	62,704	65,507
	Population-Employment Ratio	2.34	2.37	2.46	2.48	2.48

Source: OFM Long-term Forecast of the Washington Labor Force, March 2013; Employment Security Department, 2013; BERK, 2013

- Total employment can be estimated by assuming reasonable changes in the population-employment ratio.

Population to Employment Ratios

COMPARISONS TO OTHER COUNTIES

County	Population-Employment Ratio	
	2000	2010
Skagit	NA	2.34
King	1.38	1.63
Kitsap	2.44	2.58
Pierce	2.45	2.50
Snohomish	2.49	2.66

Source: Puget Sound Regional Council Land Use Baseline, 2013; BERK, 2013

- King County has the lowest ratio. Skagit County is second, followed by Pierce, Kitsap, and Snohomish.

Population to Employment Ratios

SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS

2036 Population(OFM Medium Projection):	155,451			
		Low	Medium	High
Assumed Population-Employment Ratio	2.23	2.23	2.48	2.73
Estimated 2036 Employment	69,671	69,671	62,704	57,003

Source: OFM Long-term Forecast of the Washington Labor Force, March 2013; BERK, 2013

- A ten percent higher or lower sensitivity analysis on the population-employment ratio shows the effect on total employment projections.

MAJOR COMP PLAN UPDATES

- Housing Element
- Transportation Element
- Note adoption of UGA Open Space Plan
- Urban planning approaches that increase physical activity (new GMA requirement)
- Incorporate themes or recommendations from Envision Skagit?

MAJOR DEVELOPMENT REGULATION UPDATES

- Allow electric vehicle infrastructure in most zones
- Review to determine if CAO is up-to-date, incorporates Best Available Science
- Review processes to ensure early and continuous public participation
- Review procedures to assure proposed actions do not result in unconstitutional taking of private property

Skagit County Population Projections

