



# PSRC and Regional Planning

## Transportation, Growth & Economic Development

Maricopa Association of Governments  
Transportation Ambassador Program  
Regional Meeting June 29, 2010



# Who We Represent

## OVERVIEW

### Our Region

- 4 Counties  
King, Kitsap,  
Pierce, Snohomish
- 82 Cities  
and Towns
- Urban & Rural



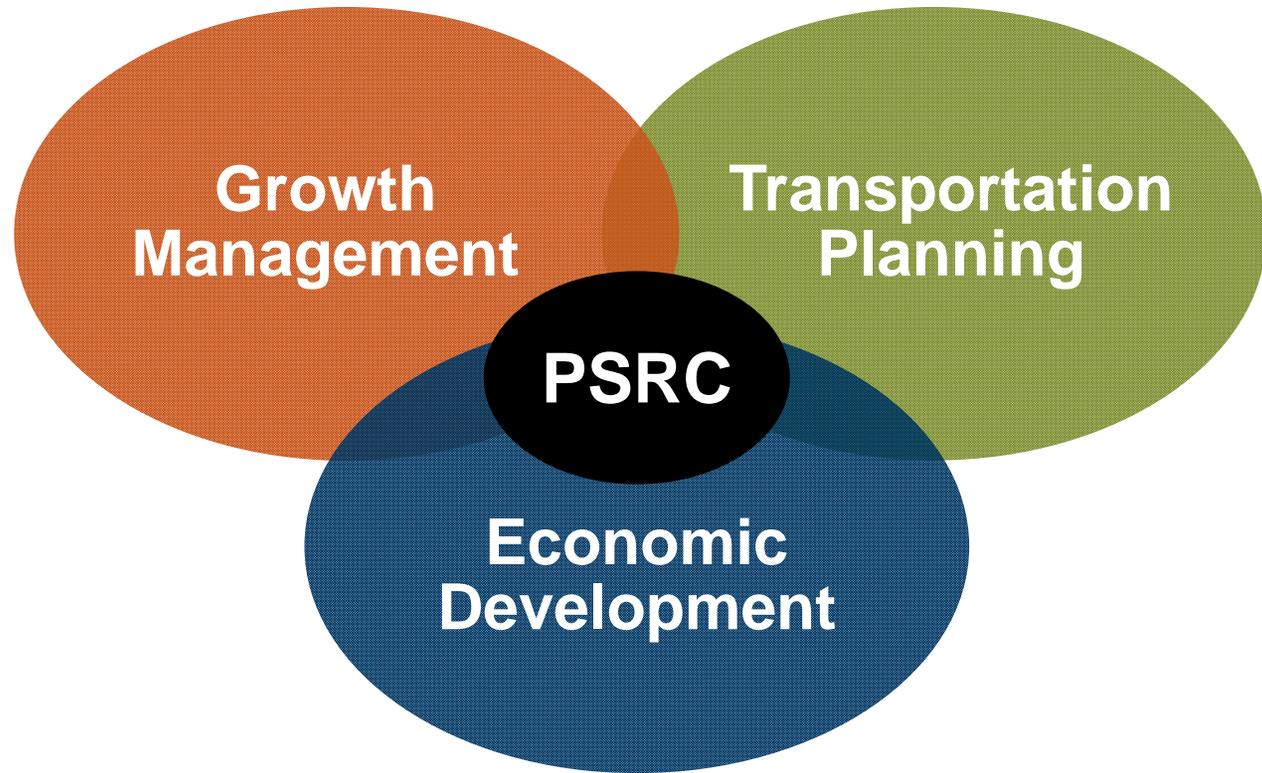
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### Our Members

- Cities, Counties, Ports and Transit
- State Agencies and Tribal Governments

# PSRC's Mission

To play a key regional role in keeping central Puget Sound thriving as we grow



OVERVIEW

GROWTH  
MANAGEMENT

TRANSPORTATION

FUNDING

PROSPERITY  
PARTNERSHIP

# What PSRC Does

## OVERVIEW

## GROWTH MANAGEMENT

## TRANSPORTATION

## FUNDING

## PROSPERITY PARTNERSHIP

- Regional Growth, Economic and Transportation Planning
- Federal transportation funds to priority projects
- Regional data and forecasts
- Forum for regional issues
- Prosperity Partnership

## Regional Transportation Planning



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- PSRC recently completed a major update to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) to 2040
- Full EIS
- Coordinated Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan

# Growing, Aging, Changing



## We are growing.

Our population will increase from **3.5** million people to **5** million by 2040 and our workforce will grow from **2** to **3** million jobs.



## We are aging and changing.

**65 +** population will reach **17%** of the total by 2040—**double** in number compared to today. Our region must accommodate the transportation, housing, and human health needs of our elders and those with special needs.



# Projects and Programs

## TRANSPORTATION

### Planning

- State highways, HOV, ferries, rail, freight
- Regional highways and transit, aviation, freight
- Local streets, roads, and transit
- Bicycle and pedestrian facilities
- Operations and system management
- Travel demand strategies



# Main Transportation Factors

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Planning

## Sustainable Funding

- New sources of revenue
- Reliable, predictable, sufficient

## Environment

- Climate change
- Puget Sound water quality
- Public Health

## Congestion and Mobility

- Regional economic vitality
- Mobility for **people** and goods movement

# Regional Transportation Planning



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**Congestion & Mobility**

VISION 2040 – the Foundation for Transportation 2040  
Sustainable Growth and Economic Development

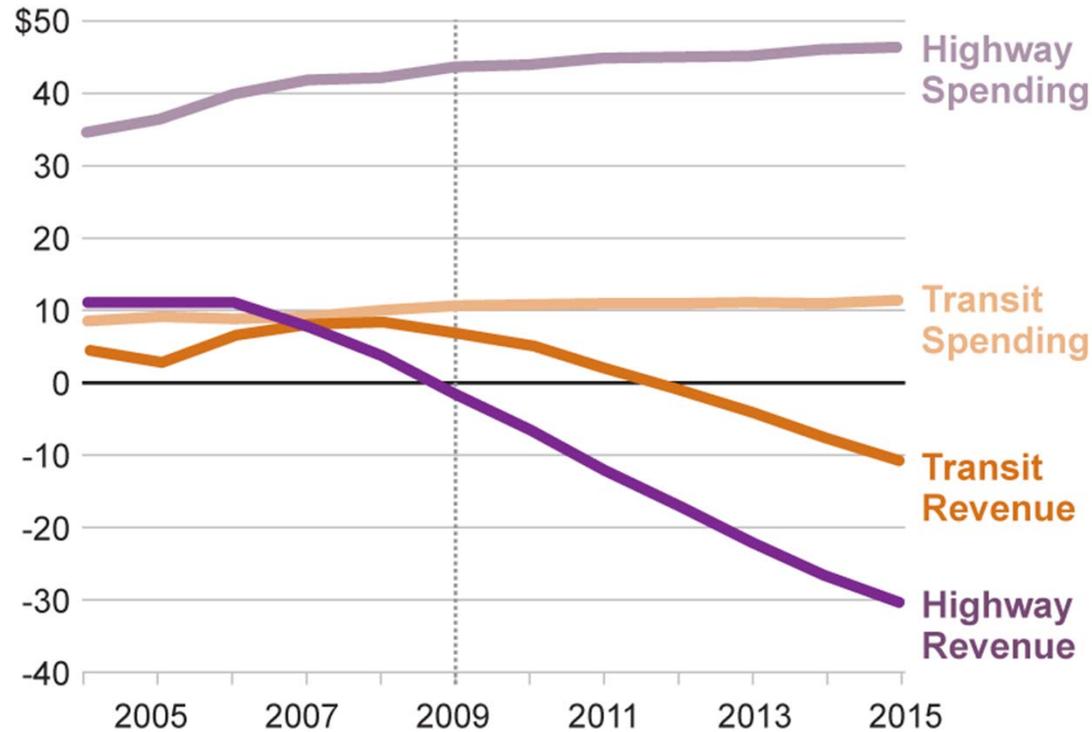
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## Federal Transportation Funding\*

In billions of dollars



\* Figures do not account for The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA).

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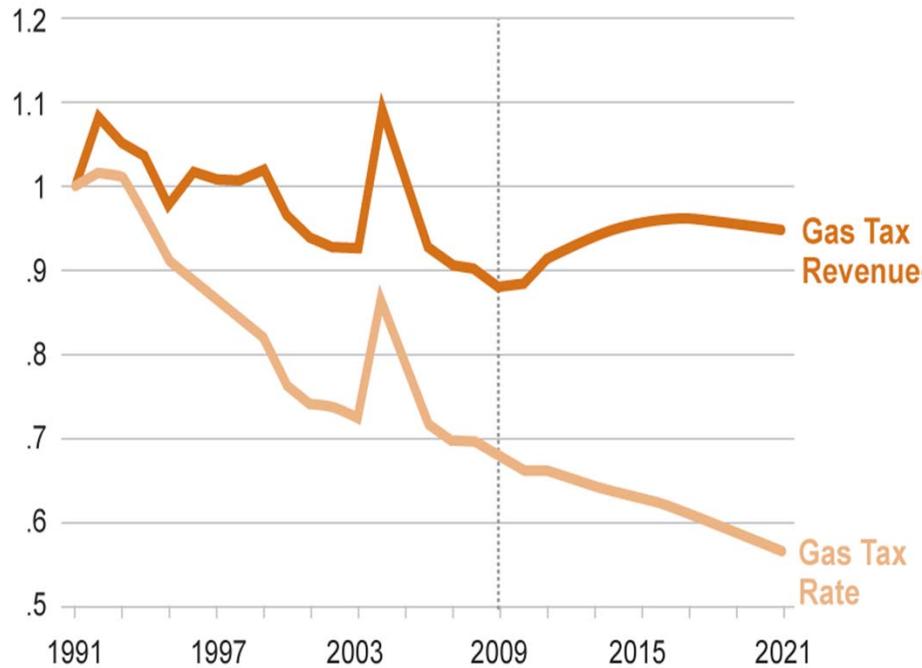


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## State Gas Tax Growth Rates

In 1991 dollars



**Even with recent increases, the purchasing power of the State Gas Tax has declined since 1991**

## Key aspects in recent Plan updates



### TRANSPORTATION

Inclusion of those  
with special  
transportation  
needs

- Policy framework
- Integrated evaluation
- Coordinated outreach
- Implementation and funding

# VISION 2040—Policy Framework

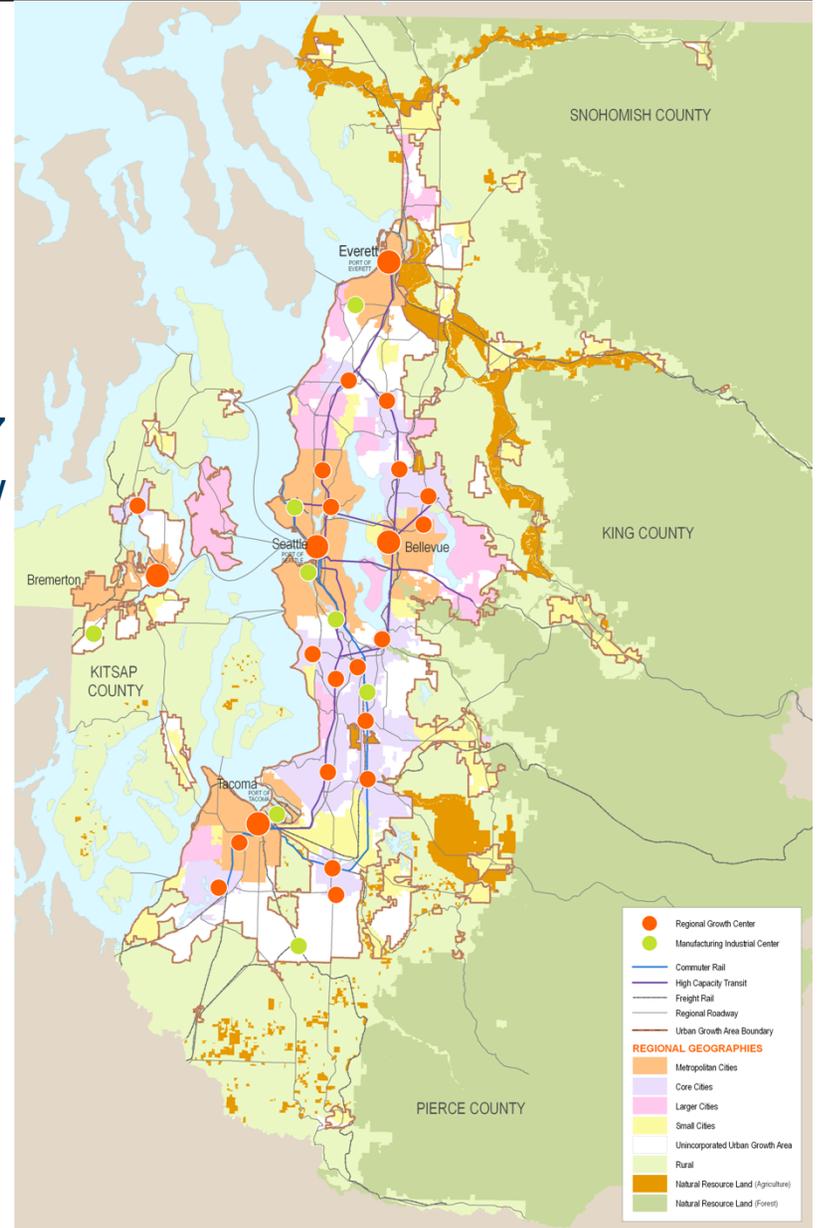


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*people, prosperity, planet*

regional strategy for  
accommodating the additional 1.7  
million people and 1.2 million new  
jobs expected to be in the region  
by the year 2040

signals that our regional leaders  
use an approach that takes into  
account social, cultural,  
economic, and environmental  
benefits when making decisions



# Multicounty Planning Policies



VISION 2040

Policy Framework

**MPP-T-22** Implement transportation programs and projects in ways that prevent or minimize negative impacts to low income, minority, and special needs populations.

**MPP T-25** Ensure mobility choices for people with special transportation needs, including persons with disabilities, the elderly, the young, and low-income populations.

**Coordinated Plan goals and objectives**

# Integrated Evaluation



EVALUATION

- **Environmental Review** assesses alternatives based on environmental impacts. **Included Environmental Justice analysis.**
- **Policy Analysis** assures the alternatives are consistent with VISION 2040 and meet regional goals and policies. **Specific policies for Special Needs Populations.**
- **Technical Analysis** evaluates the alternatives using quantitative methods including a benefit-cost analysis. **Equity, Health, and Quality of Life.**

## Outreach—who, how, and why?

Numerous outreach meetings, news, web, updated graphics...

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over 475 presentations were made  
to groups around the region

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Environmental Justice and Special Needs  
Populations outreach in two phases.  
Hosted Tribal Transportation Planning  
Organization meeting at PSRC.

What we heard and how we  
addressed in the Plans.

COORDINATED  
OUTREACH

Varied Methods

Extensive

Focused

# Implementation and monitoring

- Special Needs chapter in T2040  
Transit Typology (core, community connector, specialized)
- Complete Streets
- Funding in proportion to estimated growth in Special Needs populations
- Detailed data and analysis—demographics, Cost-Benefit Tool, Land Use
- SMART Corridors (revised Congestion Management Program approach)

**Safe and Sustainable** For our communities, finance, environment, economy

**Multimodal** Provide transportation that offer competitive mode choices

**Accessible** Provide mobility to all people, as well as maximizing existing facilities to support multiple modes of transportation

**Reliable, Resilient** The movement of people and goods is crucial to our ever growing economy

**Technology** We must make the most of our system

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Implementation



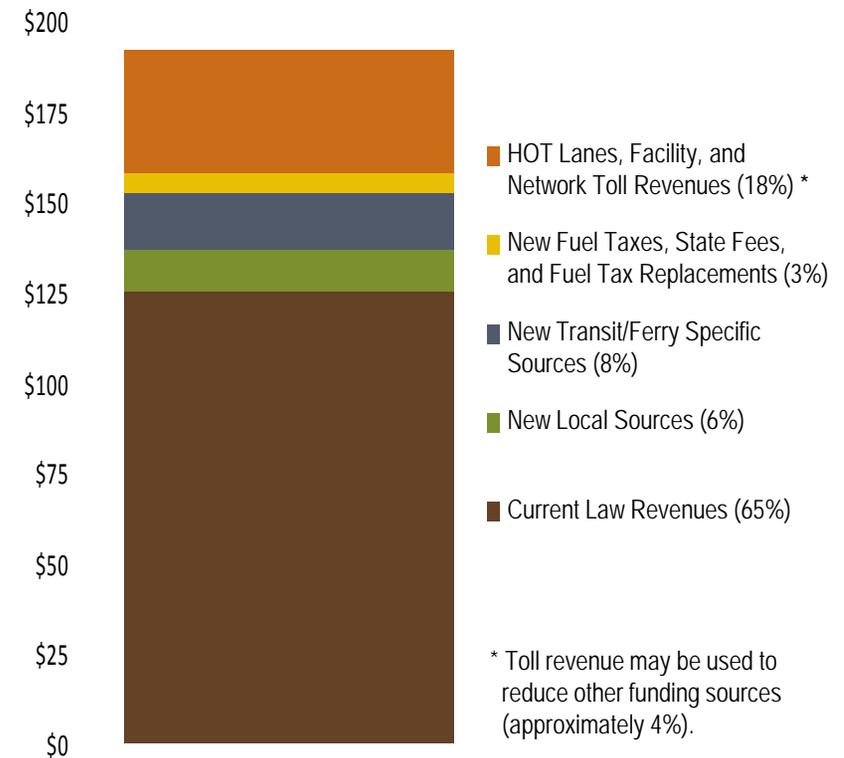
## TRANSPORTATION Funding

# Sustainable and Fair Funding for Transportation

## The plan develops a Sustainable Funding Strategy.

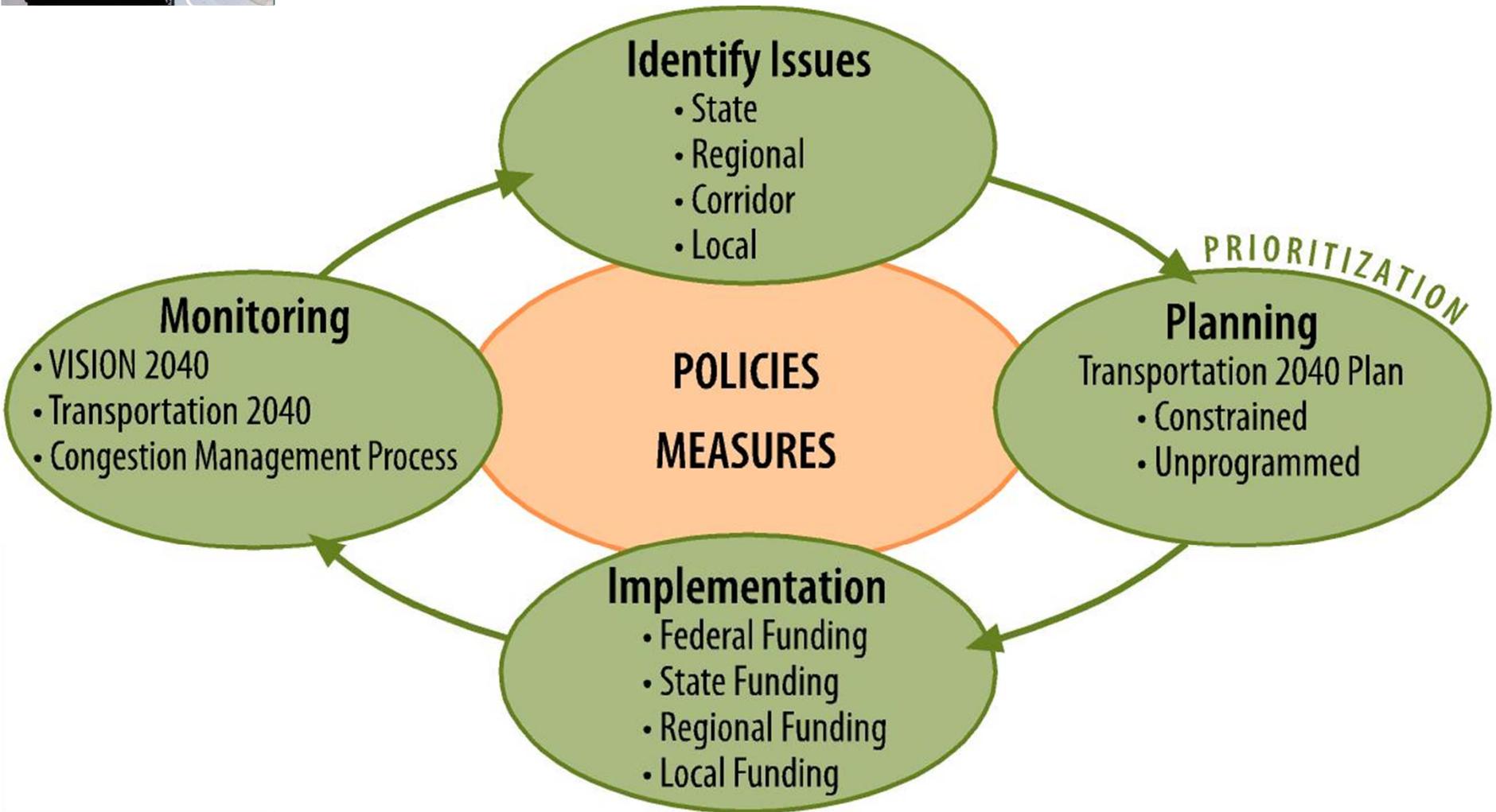
- To raise over \$64 billion to support transportation investment (constrained part of the plan)
- Equitable geographically and across incomes

Transportation 2040 Financial Plan  
(Revenues by source in billions of 2008 dollars)





# Regional Transportation Planning



## Next Steps

Adoption of both Plans May 20, 2010

Prioritization Process—how projects and programs will be implemented and when

Coordinated Grant program kick off—special needs funding

Plan updates coinciding every four years

TIP mapping—shows distribution of investments (equity)

Data and analysis—extensive demographic and land use analysis





**Thank you.**

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