

Road Map to Washington's Future



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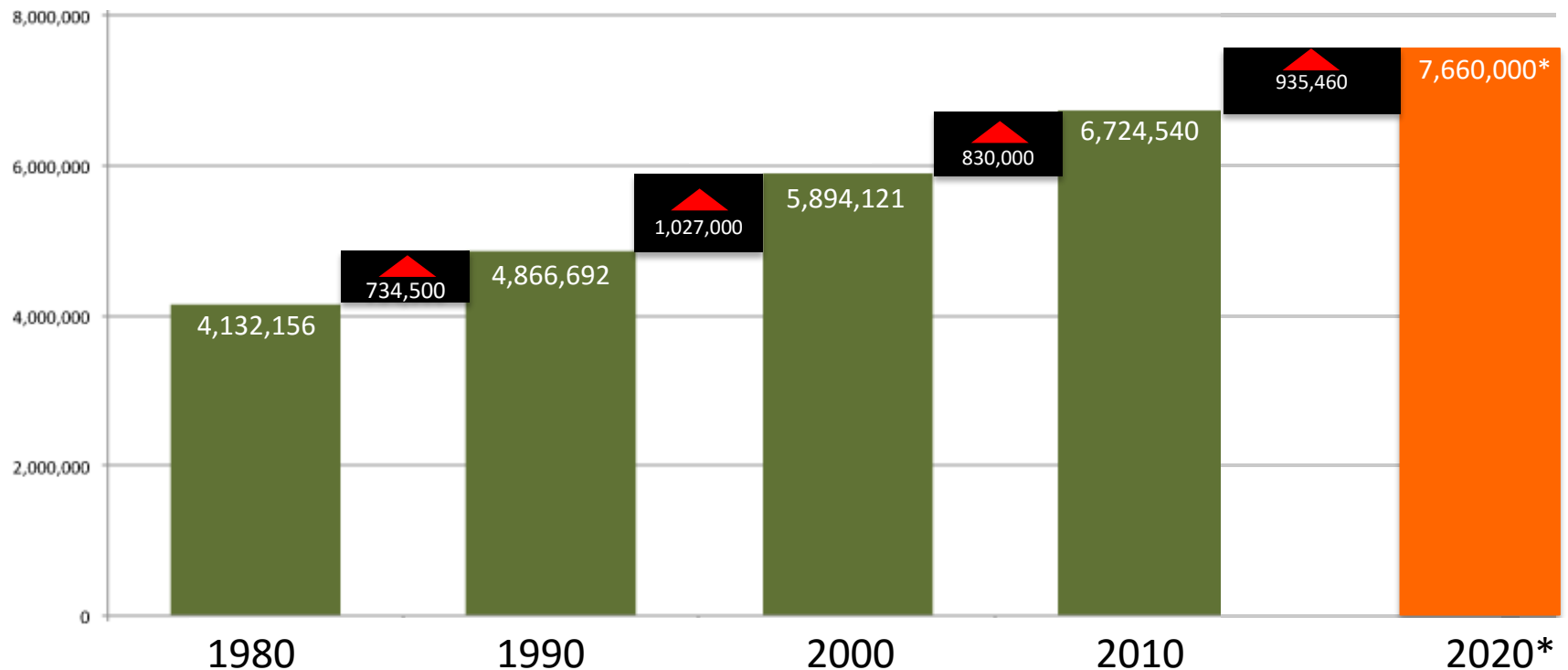
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Why did Washington's Legislature adopt the Growth Management Act?

1990

State population growth 1980 to 2020



*The 2020 estimate is a straight line projection from the 2017 statewide population of 7.38 million

The combined population of today's Seattle (686,000), Spokane (214,500) and Tacoma (206,100) is **1.1 million**



After 25 years of planning under the GMA, the Legislature asked the Ruckelshaus Center to design a process to address these questions

2015

- ◆ How well did the first 25 years of the Growth Management Act meet the challenges of growth and change?
- ◆ What additions or revisions might be needed to meet the challenges of the next 25 years?
- ◆ What would be a comprehensive and credible process to answer these questions?



A two phased approach to answer these questions

Phase 1 –Preliminary Assessment was done - 6/16 through 6/17

Phase 2 –The Legislature adopted a budget proviso for the Ruckelshaus Center to undertake the “Road Map to the Future” project – 7/17 through 6/19



Seven organizations with very diverse interests funded the Phase I Preliminary Assessment



Department of Commerce
Innovation is in our nature.



BNSF



American Planning Association
Washington Chapter





Preliminary Assessment – conversations with over 30 groups

- Association of Washington Business
- Association of Washington Cities
- Building Industry Association of Washington
- Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway
- Citizens Alliance for Property Rights
- Futurewise
- The Master Builders of King and Snohomish Counties
- Northwest Open Access Network
- Suquamish Indian Tribe
- Swinomish Indian Tribal Community
- The Tulalip Tribes
- Quinault Indian Nation
- Puget Sound Partnership
- Washington Chapter of the American Planning Association
- Washington Association of Realtors
- Washington City Planning Directors Association
- Washington Farm Bureau
- Washington Research Council
- Washington Public Health Association
- Washington Public Ports Association
- Washington Sewer and Water Districts Association
- Washington State Association of Boundary Review Boards
- Washington State Association of County and Regional Planning Directors
- Washington State Department of Ecology
- Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Washington State Department of Natural Resources
- Washington State Department of Transportation
- Washington State Transportation Commission
- Washington State Conservation Commission
- Washington State Association of Counties
- Washington State Department of Commerce



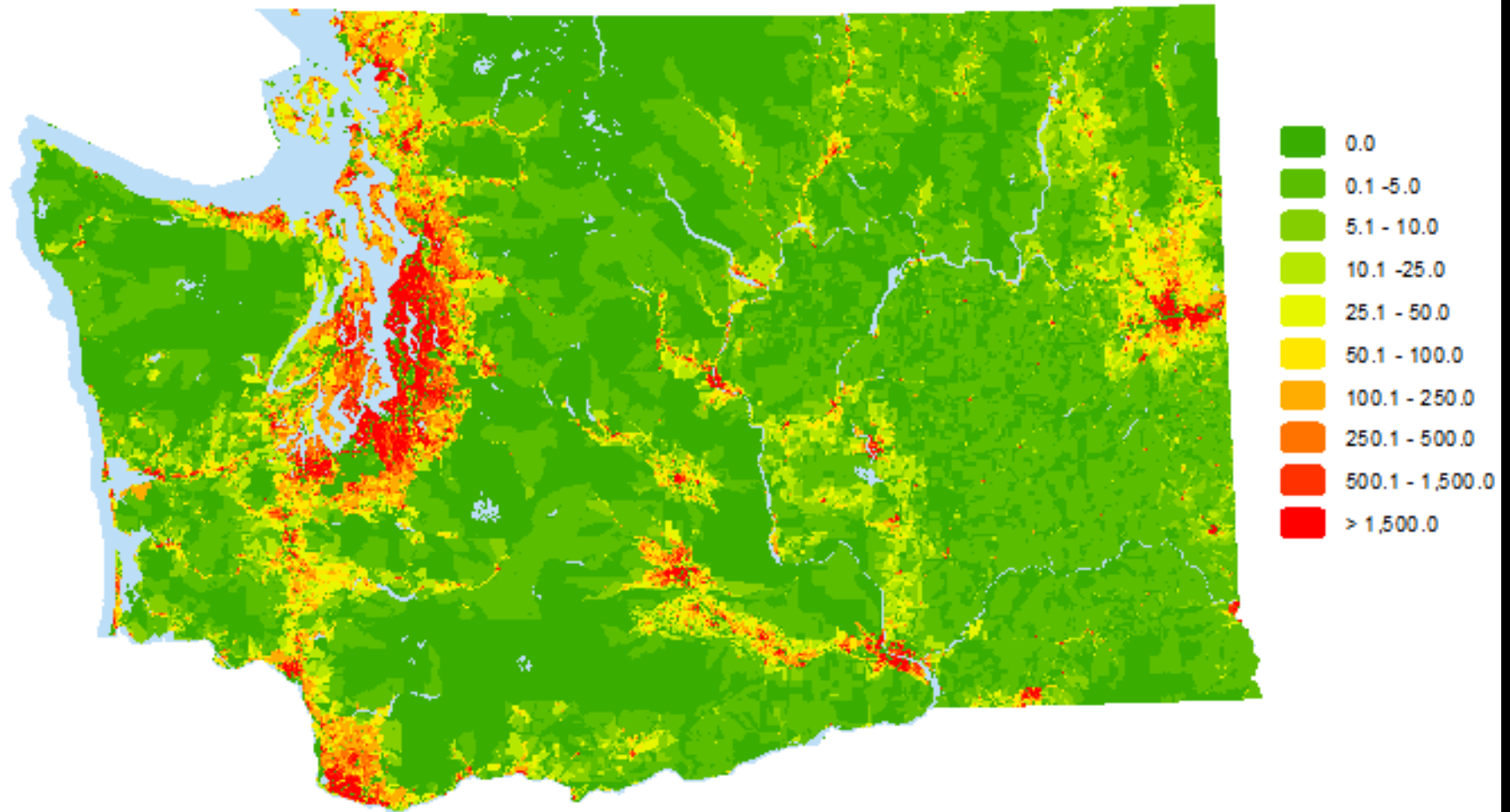
Preliminary Assessment asked 3 questions

1. Is it time to do an assessment of the Growth Management Act?
2. Would the Ruckelshaus Center be an appropriate neutral facilitator of such an assessment?
3. If such an assessment were initiated, would your group or organization wish to participate?

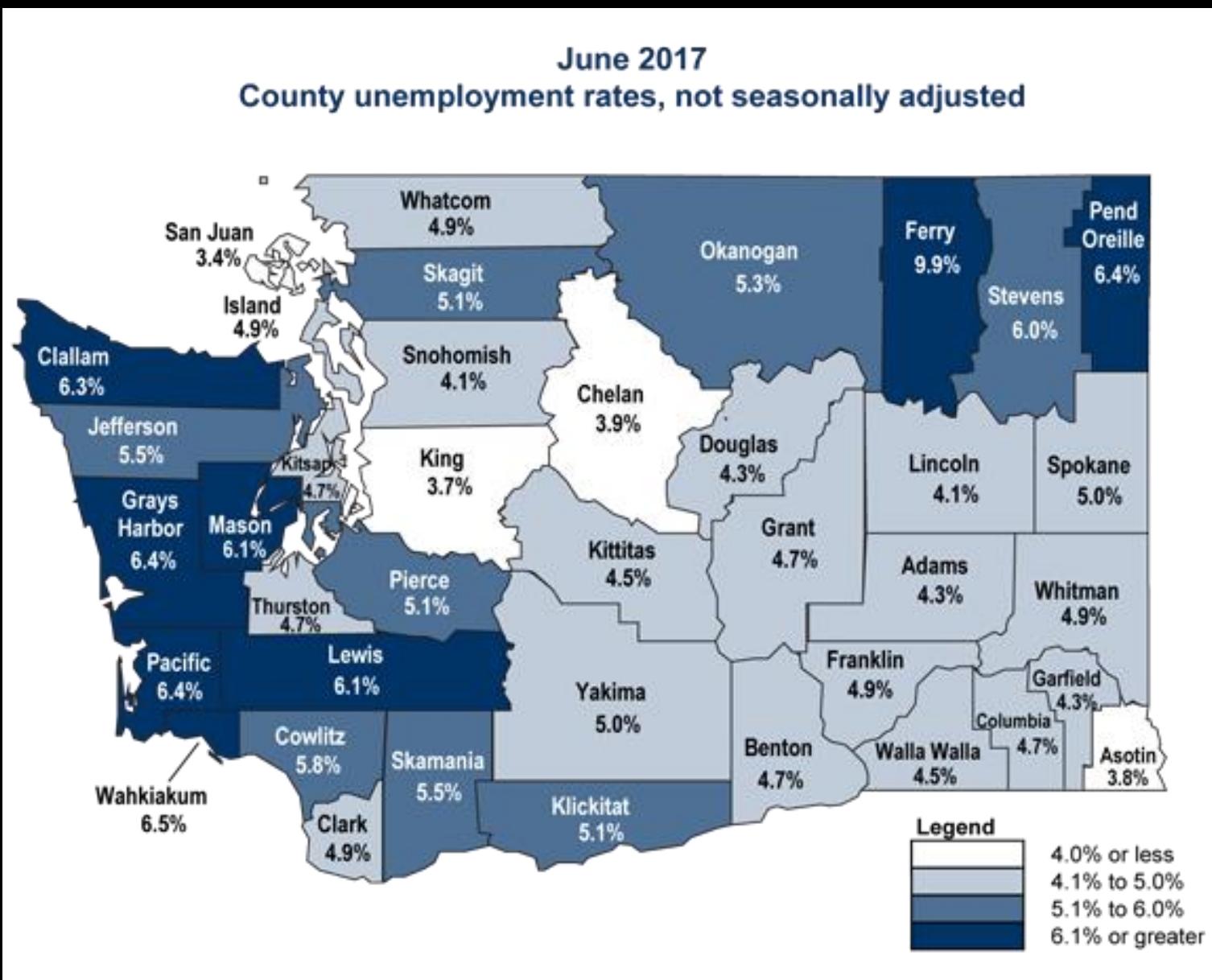
What else did we hear? That Washington consists of regions with diverse physical, economic, and human geographies



While some regions are challenged to manage growth
In other regions, the challenge is managing to grow

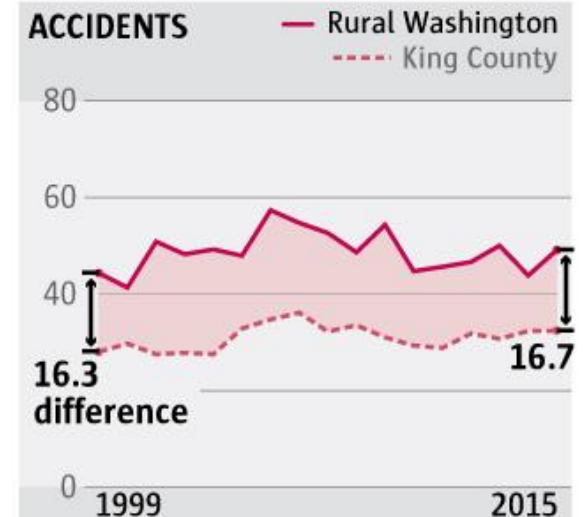
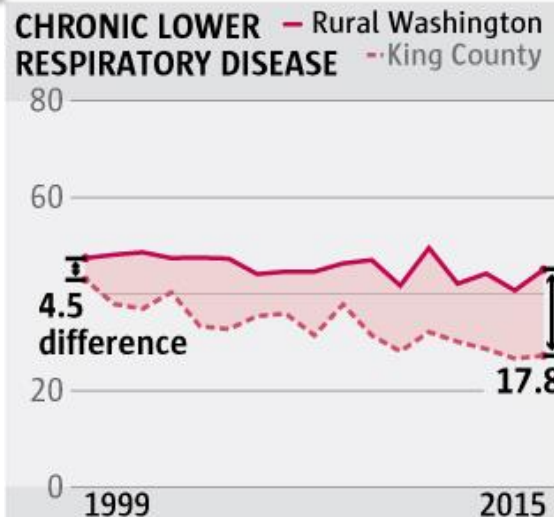
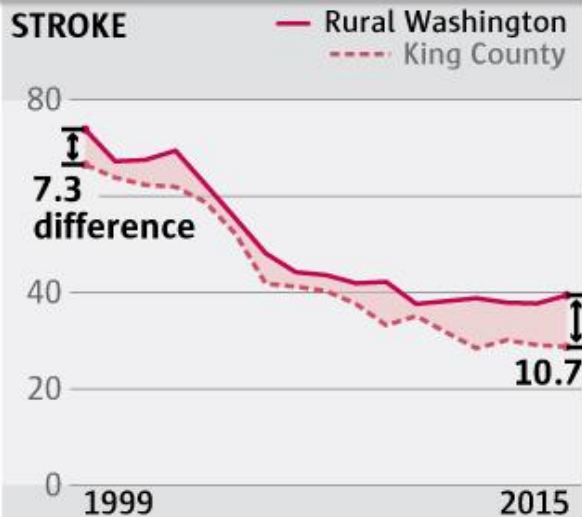
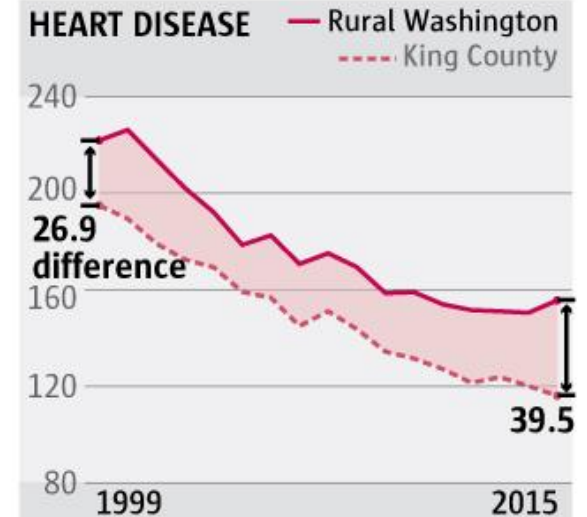
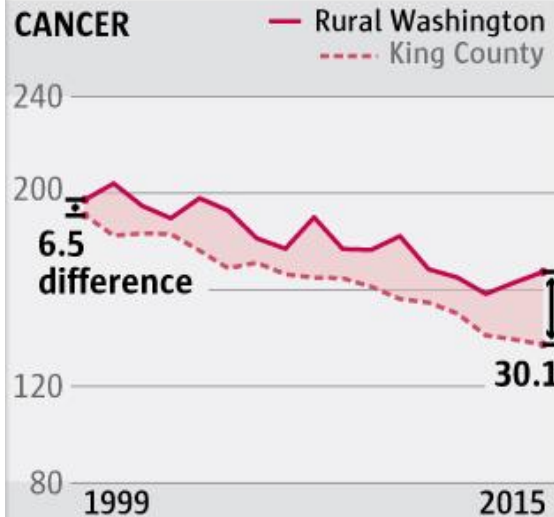


Uneven **ECONOMIC** health outcomes across the state



Uneven **HUMAN** health outcomes across the state

Five leading causes
of death for adults
60 years and older



Escalating housing costs statewide

THE SPOKESMAN-REVIEW

July 25, 2017

June 2017 home sales, Spokane County



Unit sales*		Average price		Median price	
2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
798	944	\$217,256	\$233,756	\$196,749	\$217,000

August 7, 2017



HeraldNet
EVERETT, WASHINGTON

Snohomish County home prices reach new high — again

EVERETT — Housing prices continue to climb in Snohomish County reaching never-seen-before heights.

Median prices for houses and condos reached \$430,000 for July, up from \$385,000 for the same month a year ago, according to the Northwest Multiple Listing Services.

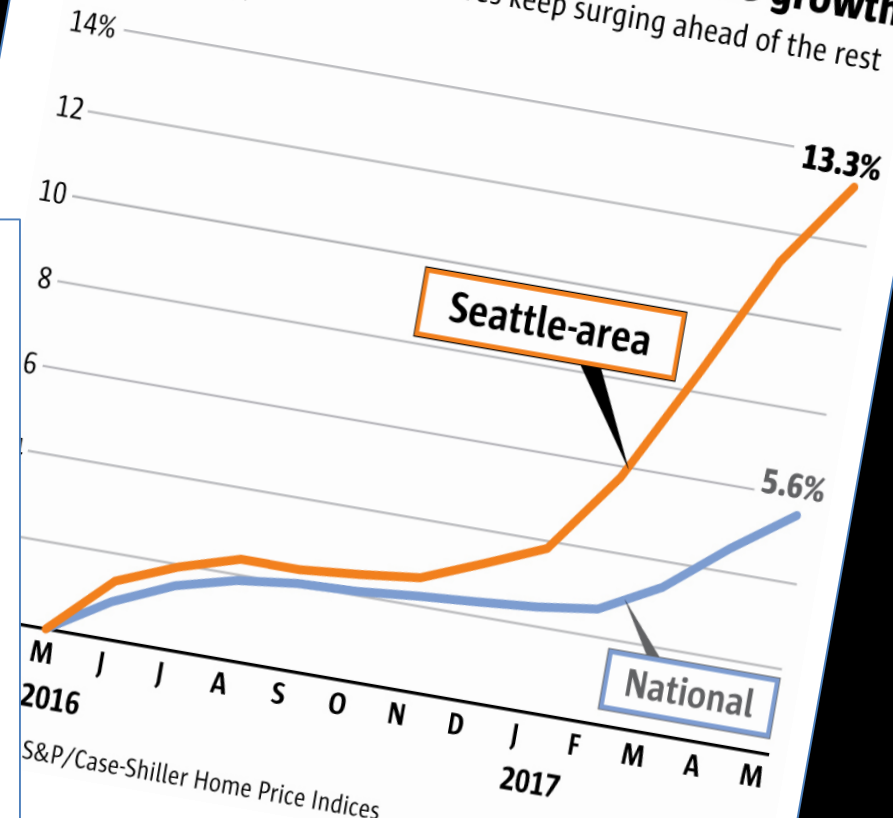
That's an 11.7 percent increase year-over-year. It's also a \$10,000 increase on the same numbers in June, when the median price was \$420,000.

The Seattle Times

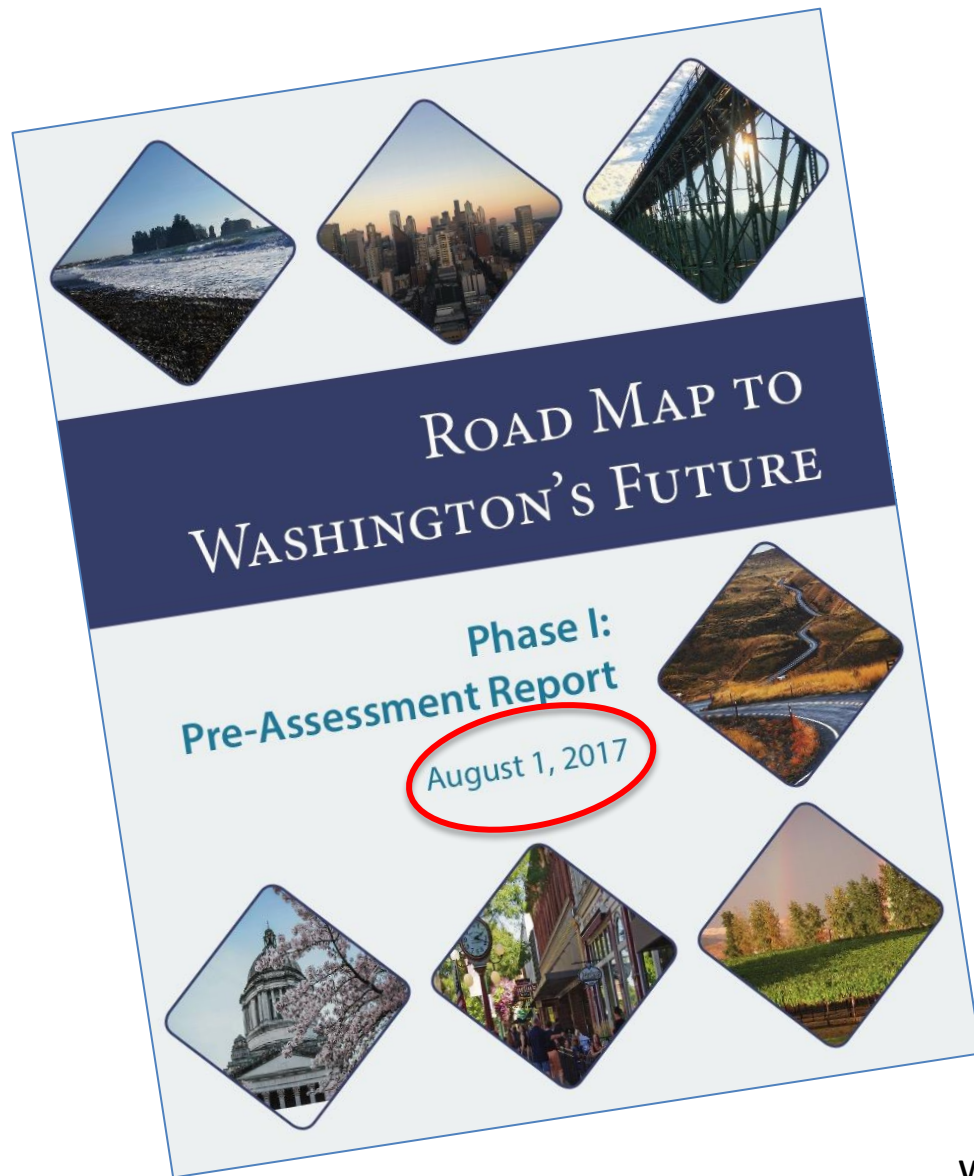
July 27, 2017

Seattle tops the nation in home-price growth

Seattle area home-price increases keep surging ahead of the rest of the nation.



THE SEATTLE TIMES



Growth is coming to Washington. How much?

In 2016, OFM projected that over the **next 25 years** our state would add:

+100,000 (low estimate)

+1.6 million (medium estimate)

+3.5 million (high estimate)

The low estimate of an additional 100,000 people has already been surpassed

Adding 3.5 million people by 2040, would be equivalent to adding:





Which way to the future?





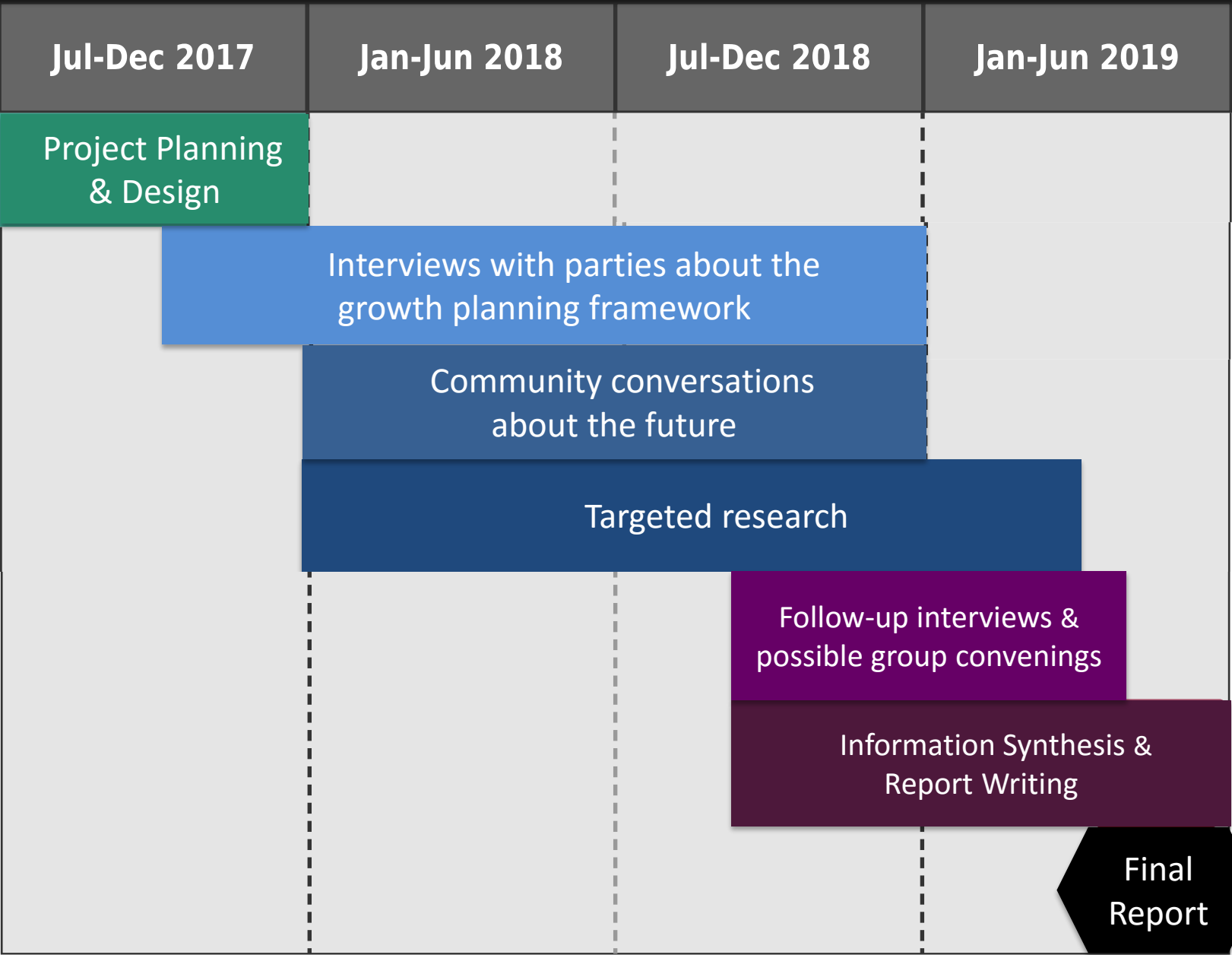
The Legislature funded the Road Map project
in the 2017-2019 biennium budget

2017

“The *Road Map to the Future* shall identify areas of agreement on ways to adapt Washington's growth management **framework of statutes, institutions, and policies** to meet future challenges in view of robust forecasted growth and the unique circumstances and urgent priorities in the diverse regions of the state.”



Project Schedule for the Road Map project





Interviews with parties about the growth planning framework

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GMA

OTHER PLANNING LAWS

**GOVERNANCE, INSTITUTIONS
AND REVENUE AUTHORITY**

STATE CONSTITUTION

U.S. CONSTITUTION and FEDERAL LAW

Growth Management Act – RCW 36.70A

Local Project Review Act – RCW 36.70B

Land Use Petition Act – RCW 36.70C

Planning Enabling Act – RCW 36.70

Shoreline Management Act – RCW 90.58

State Environmental Policy Act – RCW 43.21

Subdivision Statute – RCW 58.17

Regional Transportation Planning – RCW 47.80

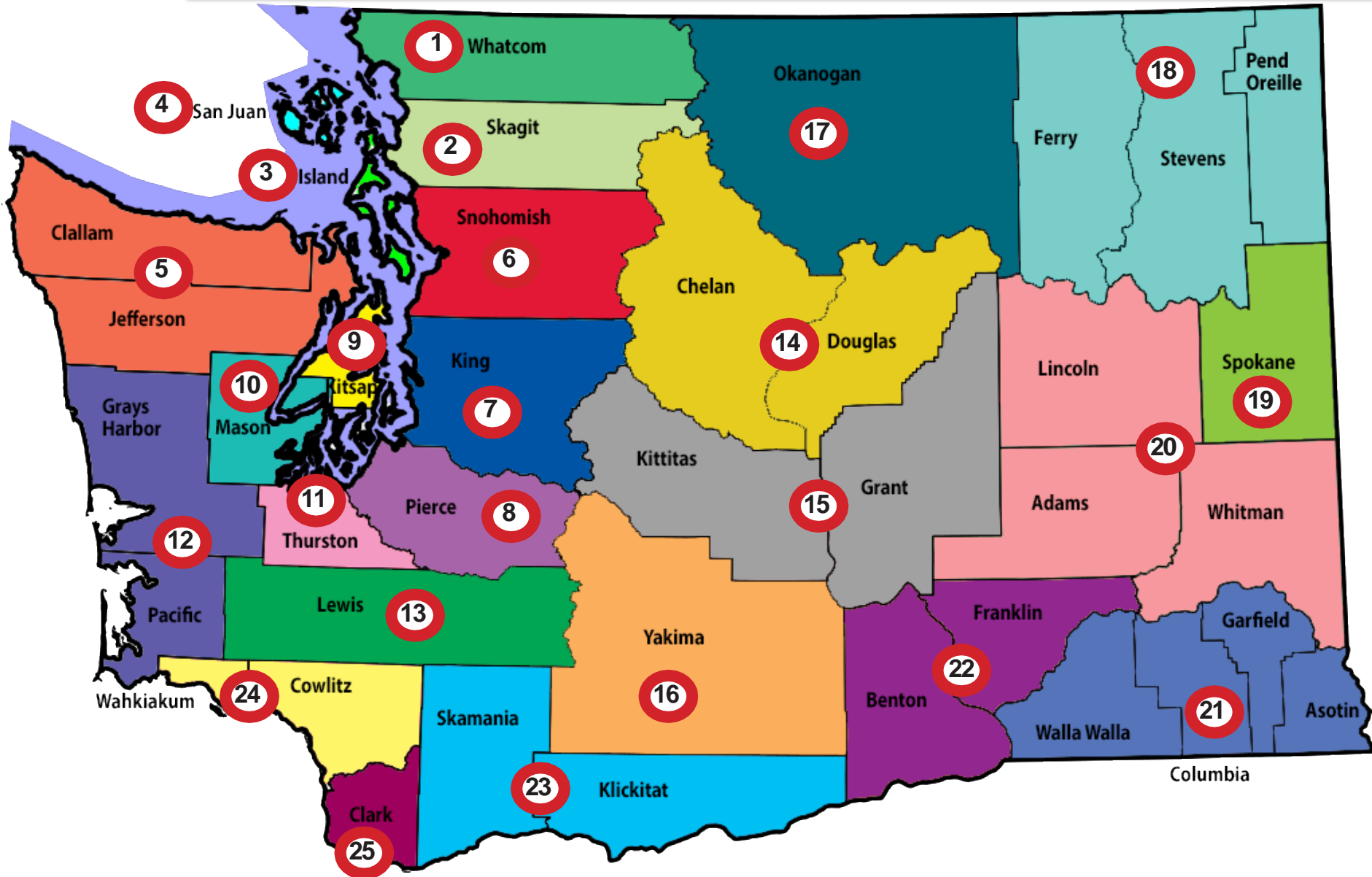
Water System Coordination Act – RCW 70.116

Local Governance – RCW 35, 35A, 36

State, regional, local revenue authority



Community Conversations about the future





Targeted research by public universities

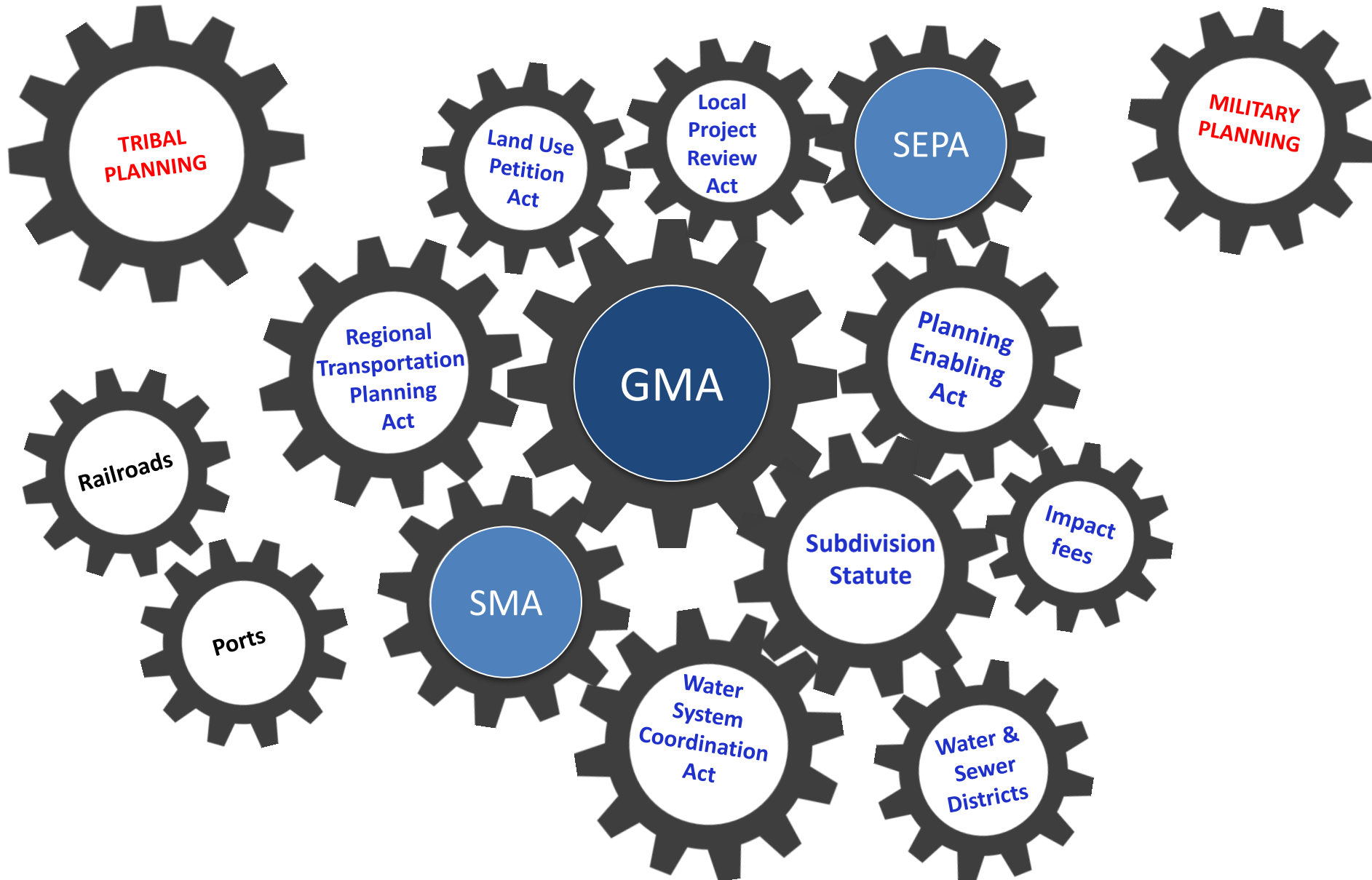




One potential area of inquiry prior studies, visions and strategies?



Do the gears of the framework mesh, grind, or spin?





QUESTIONS?