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1.	<p>7/16/2024 <i>City Council Business Meeting</i> Public Hearing: 2025-2030 Capital Investment Program (CIP) and Business Technology Investment Program</p> <p>Kristina Wayland <i>Community Member</i></p>	<p>Highlight Parks CIP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>SE Neighborhood Park</i>- This will bring expand access and build a stronger community. Mean so much to the community to continue the design and bring the project to completion. • <i>Permanent Dog park installation</i>- Initially was skeptical of the siding of the pop-up dog park when it was proposed. Concerned that the neighbors would find the park too noisy/busy and would miss the expansive grassy area. After two years of community use and receiving positive feedback from the community, I was proven wrong. This project fits perfectly within park plan objectives. The dog park has become a new place for new friendships and building a stronger community. Would urge to move this project from temporary to permanent installation. • <i>Redmond Connector Phase-3</i>- This CIP project has been around forever. This project will build access and community aligning with the park plan objectives. This aligns with being innovation for the future. 	Public Hearing – No response provided
2.	<p>7/16/2024 <i>City Council Business Meeting</i> Public Hearing: 2025-2030 Capital Investment Program (CIP) and Business Technology Investment Program</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep climate and sustainability goals while building a budget for 2025-2030. One key priority for Redmond should be fostering sustainability growth. Redmond's unique blend of innovation and natural beauty 	Public Hearing – No response provided

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	<p>David Morton <i>Community Member</i></p>	<p>makes it a desirable place to live and work. Please budget for an increase in testing drinking water for contaminants in Redmond. As businesses and residents grow in Redmond, there is a risk of contaminating Redmond's aquifer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bus stop on each side of Avondale NE 85th, there is no crosswalk there. Please budget for improvements on the road • Additional funding to maintain and expand existing Parks to develop new green spaces for underserved areas. 	
3.	<p>10/1/2024 <i>City Council Business Meeting</i> Public Hearing: Property Tax Levy and Other Revenue Sources</p> <p>David Morton <i>Community Member</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This hearing is an essential step in ensuring that Redmond continues to thrive while maintaining fiscal responsibility. Would like to address several key points related to revenue considerations: • Property Taxes play a critical role in funding essential city services: public safety, infrastructure maintenance, parks. Important to balance the need for revenue with minimizing the burden on community members. While an increase in revenue may be necessary to meet the growing service demands, it is crucial to evaluate this carefully. Modest increases, perhaps in line with inflation, can increase revenue without placing undue burden on residents, particularly those on fixed income. Exploring exemptions or tax relief options for vulnerable groups can also help ensure that tax increases are equitable. 	Public Hearing - No response provided

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diversifying Revenue Streams to reduce dependence on any single revenue source. Sales tax, B&O taxes, and Utility taxes are all options to bolster revenue without relying solely on property taxes. Redmond's rapid growth as a tech hub offers opportunities to leverage business partnerships and attract new industries that can contribute to the local economy. A focus on sustainable development, innovation, and public-private partnerships can strengthen the fiscal foundation. Redmond can focus on increasing fees for services and permits, such as development impact fees, to ensure that the cost of growth can be equitably shared by new developers and new businesses. These fees can support critical infrastructure projects tied to transportation and housing, ensuring that the city is financial sustainable and environmentally responsible. Grants: Redmond can also consider focusing on increasing grant revenues, specifically funded to infrastructure and environmental sustainability projects which would further alleviate the dependence on local taxes. 	
4.	10/15/2024 <i>City Council Business Meeting</i> Public Hearing: 2025-2026 Preliminary Budget Axton Burton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Executive Director of Pride Across the Bridge, which provides support to LGBTQIA+ individuals through hosting events and providing resources. In 2022, served over 2000 people, which grew to over 4700 in 2024. 	Public Hearing - No response provided

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	Community Member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People travel from around the region to attend Pride Across the Bridge's inclusive events (Redmond Pride) • Despite reaching so many members of the community, PAB struggles to find affordable spaces to host, and often resorts to free spaces such as Panera Bread. • Neighboring cities such as Bellevue and Kirkland have partnered with PAB to provide stable spaces for PAB to host events, which PAB needs to fundraise or pay out of pocket to host events within Redmond. • Urges the City of Redmond to invest in Pride Across the Bridge to allow for the organization to continue to provide resources and a safe space to the LGBTQIA+ community. 	
5.	<p>10/15/2024 City Council Business Meeting Public Hearing: 2025-2026 Preliminary Budget</p> <p>Michael Leach Community Member</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works with Move Redmond, echoes support for Pride Across the Bridge. • Urges the City to assign additional funding in the 2025-2026 budget to go toward protected bike lanes, adding on to the buffered bike lane projects currently within the TIP (including Bel-Red Road, Avondale Road, Old Redmond Road, and Redwood Road). • Enjoys riding on the safe bike trails within Redmond, but riding between trails on the unprotected roads are unsafe and scary for riders. • Urges investment in physically protected bike lanes. A strip of paint won't save your life, but a protected barrier will. 	Public Hearing - No response provided

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protected bike lanes do require different maintenance, so ongoing maintenance will need to be included in the budget as well. 	
6.	<p>10/15/2024 <i>City Council Business Meeting</i> Public Hearing: 2025-2026 Preliminary Budget</p> <p>David Morton <i>Community Member</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appreciates the work done in preparing the biennial budget. While continuing to prepare the budget, it is important to prioritize public safety and infrastructure improvements. A well-balanced budget ensures that Redmond can invest in current needs while planning for the future. In public safety, continued investment in Police and Fire services is critical. Increase the number of first responders to ensure timely response, allocate additional funds to police training programs to emphasize de-escalation and community engagement to foster trust with residents, and increase funding for fire department resources as the city continues to expand. Infrastructure improvements should also be prioritized by increasing investment in road maintenance and pedestrian and bike pathways. Urges targeted investment in public transit and improved transit options to provide more access to those who don't have access to private vehicles. 	Public Hearing - No response provided
7.	<p>10/15/2024 <i>City Council Business Meeting</i> Public Hearing: 2025-2026 Preliminary Budget</p> <p>Yuanmeng Zhao <i>Community Member</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A resident of Overlake Village. Thank council for hiring mental health professionals, investing in the Gun Buy Back program, and Data Governance. These items will increase trust in the City. 	Public Hearing - No response provided

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urges the City to invest more in emergency planning. The Water Shortage Plan could be moved to 2025-2026 if possible. 	
8.	10/15/2024 <i>City Council Business Meeting</i> Public Hearing: 2025-2026 Preliminary Budget Bob Yoder <i>Community Member</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thank you Mayor for the work on the Preliminary Budget. Would like to get a handle on the one-time money, and see more transparency there. Confused about the one-time money – there must be more one-time money somewhere within the budget. Some of the one-time money coming from construction tax is going into the General Fund – is this what is going on? One-time money from construction tax should be used for capital investments. 	Public Hearing – No response provided
9.	10/15/2024 <i>City Council Business Meeting</i> Public Hearing: 2025-2026 Preliminary Budget Zella Gayler <i>Community Member</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Found Pride Across the Bridge at a time when she needed community most. This organization has provided a safe space and provides necessary community and resources to the LGBTQIA+ community Urges the City Council to acknowledge the human factor within the budget – there are residents within the community that are facing prejudice everyday. Prioritize funding Pride Across the Bridge, and similar programs to help the lives of Redmond residents. 	Public Hearing – No response provided
10.	10/15/2024 <i>City Council Business Meeting</i> Public Hearing: 2025-2026 Preliminary Budget Milo Valentine <i>Community Member</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pride Across the Bridge has been life changing. In order for local government to be for the people, it has to be by the people, which is through local community based organizations, including Pride Across the Bridge. 	Public Hearing – No response provided

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urges for funding for Pride Across the Bridge, as well as other community based organizations. PAB cannot continue its great work without more resources. The queer community is already under-resourced, and PAB needs regular, stable support from local government. PAB saves lives and needs to continue. 	
11.	10/15/2024 <i>City Council Business Meeting</i> Public Hearing: 2025-2026 Preliminary Budget Jason Myers <i>Community Member</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pride Across the Bridge provides a space for them to feel safe and find community. PAB members provide outreach to the queer community. Please provide resources and money to Pride Across the Bridge and similar organizations. 	Public Hearing - No response provided
12.	10/15/2024 <i>City Council Business Meeting</i> Public Hearing: 2025-2026 Preliminary Budget Eugenio Vidalis <i>Community Member</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Voicing support for Pride Across the Bridge and other grassroots organizations. Advocating for adding more funding to protected bike lane infrastructure, rather than buffered or non-protected. 	Public Hearing - No response provided
13.	10/15/2024 <i>City Council Business Meeting</i> Public Hearing: 2025-2026 Preliminary Budget James Webster <i>Community Member</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Co-chair of Pride Across the Bridge. Money is important for communities to feel safe and stable in healthcare, housing, access to food, and more. Pride Across the Bridge does as much as possible with very little money, but urges for funding from Redmond to be able to continue to do this important work. 	Public Hearing - No response provided
14.	11/4/2024 <i>City Council Business Meeting</i> Public Hearing:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Works with Eastside for All Collaborates with the Planning Department to gather feedback from communities that 	Public Hearing - No response provided

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	2025-2026 Preliminary Budget Guillermo Rivera <i>Community Member</i>	are often under represented in local government, particularly in relation to Redmond2050. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Worked with 11 community based organizations to receive this feedback, which includes people of color, immigrants, LGBTQIA+ community, and disabled individuals. Through this work, urges the Council to invest in the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> System-wide signage and wayfinding Inclusive Design Study Cultural Arts Plan update Improved ADA Programs Economic Development focus on small business Funding for local leadership and community engagement Affordable Housing support 	
15.	11/4/2024 <i>City Council Business Meeting</i> Public Hearing: 2025-2026 Preliminary Budget Jim Holden <i>Community Member</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operations Manager for All Climate Heating and Air Conditioning. Advocates for Energy Smart Eastside Program. Energy Smart Eastside provides heating system opportunities to low income residents and provides funding opportunities for high efficiency heat pumps. The program provides support to the lower income community, supports low carbon/carbon neutral efforts, and supports small businesses. Encourages the Council to continue to fund this program. 	Public Hearing - No response provided

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16.	<p>11/4/2024 <i>City Council Business Meeting</i> Public Hearing: 2025-2026 Preliminary Budget</p> <p>Gary Smith <i>Community Member</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commend the City Council members for the work on the Budget. • Regarding Wayfinding and Signage in Redmond - happy to see this included in the budget, but curious as to where this signage is going to go? • Would like to make sure some of the funding for this project will be allocated to the outer areas of the City, not just in the downtown area. • There is reduced signage in the East Redmond Corridor, it is easy for people unfamiliar to the area to get lost. 	Public Hearing - No response provided
17.	<p>11/4/2024 <i>City Council Business Meeting</i> Public Hearing: 2025-2026 Preliminary Budget</p> <p>Tina Morales <i>Community Member</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program Manager at Youth Eastside Services. • Grateful for the funding currently provided by Redmond. • Youth Eastside Services provides behavioral health services to children and youth, and provides counseling services to those who need it. The need for mental health and substance abuse services increase, and Youth Eastside Services is working to broaden and increase their accessibility to services, regardless of if the member is able to pay. • Depends on support from the City of Redmond to continue to provide this services. 	Public Hearing - No response provided
18.	<p>11/4/2024 <i>City Council Business Meeting</i> Public Hearing: 2025-2026 Preliminary Budget</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing Development Consortium, part of the Eastside Affordable Housing Coalition. • Thanks the Council for being a local leader in affordable housing. 	Public Hearing - No response provided

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	<p>Brady Nordstrom <i>Community Member</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is important to support affordable housing locally and regionally. Supports the Affordable Housing funding carryover, as well as the increased commitment to ARCH, and increased staff capacity in Human Services. Urges the City to explore more funding opportunities in the future, and invest surplus funds in the future toward affordable housing. 	
19.	<p>11/4/2024 <i>City Council Business Meeting</i> Public Hearing: 2025-2026 Preliminary Budget</p> <p>David Morton <i>Community Member</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Redmond faces crucial environmental challenges that require immediate attention and investment. The drinking water aquifer requires protection as the City plans for significant development. A commitment to reducing greenhouse gases requires strong financial backing to meet the City's climate goals. Urges increased investment in comprehensive aquifer protection measures, including more frequent contaminant monitoring, stricter development standards, green infrastructure that promotes natural stormwater filtration, updated environmental impact assessment tools, expanded clean energy initiatives, electric vehicle infrastructure and sustainable transportation options. While development growth is inevitable, it should not risk Redmond's natural resources. 	Public Hearing - No response provided

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investing in climate resilience now will save money in future mitigation costs. Encourages investment in unregulated contaminant monitoring and more frequent monitoring in the aquifer, implementation of the climate action plan, green building incentives, expanding parks and natural areas, public education programs about water conservation and climate action. 	
20.	11/4/2024 <i>City Council Business Meeting</i> Public Hearing: 2025-2026 Preliminary Budget Kristina Wayland <i>Community Member</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports the following service enhancements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parks signage and wayfinding: good and consistent signage is helpful to visitors and residents. Hopeful the plan will be implemented prior to World Cup. ADA Improvements: Transportation ADA Transition Plan and numerous CIP investments. ADA improvements are vital as Redmond strives to be welcoming to all. Volunteer Coordinator Position: Thankful to the Council and staff for building this role. Envisions this position will provide a greater sense of community. 	Public Hearing - No response provided
21.	11/4/2024 <i>City Council Business Meeting</i> Public Hearing: 2025-2026 Preliminary Budget Adam Dibba	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Executive director of Africans on the Eastside Many cultures within our communities (particularly, vulnerable youth) are often excluded in crucial decisions regarding health, housing, translation services, and 	Public Hearing - No response provided

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	Community Member	<p>cultural services, areas that deeply impact their lives. As a leader in a position in power, what specific steps are you taking to ensure that all communities, regardless of race, receive the care and representation they deserve in the decisions that directly affect them?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eastside For All has worked with Redmond in setting the Redmond2050 vision, but also needs funding for local leadership and community engagement, cocreating efforts with community based organizations. Please consider adding Eastside For All in the budget so they can continue doing the work helping the communities they serve. 	
22.	<p>11/4/2024 City Council Business Meeting Public Hearing: 2025-2026 Preliminary Budget</p> <p>Aya Samman Community Member</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member of the Muslim Association of Puget Sound (MAPS). • MAPS is needing a new space, and is planning a 2025 expansion plan to purchase and renovate a 3-building property in Redmond for a mosque, youth community center, a daycare, a school, a health center, and supportive transitional housing. • All community services are available to all community members. • Requesting an investment of \$500,000 from the City of Redmond to help pursue this space. • Also pursuing funding from King County, WA State, Federal funding, and fundraising. 	Public Hearing - No response provided
23.	<p>11/4/2024 City Council Business Meeting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Director at Eastside Legal Assistance Program 	Public Hearing - No response provided

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	<p>Public Hearing: 2025-2026 Preliminary Budget</p> <p>Jerry Kroon <i>Community Member</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disappointed in restricted allocated funding. Organization will not be able to continue to provide services in Civil Legal Aid due to the funding restrictions. On 10/22, CM Fields was asked if Civil Legal Aid would continue, and he was told it would, even though this will not longer be able to be provided given the proposed funding. Eastside Legal Assistance funding allocation is going to be restricted to housing only. Urges the Council to take the Human Services funding as a recommendation only, and to provide full funding to ELAP in order to provide full legal aid to the residents of Redmond. 	

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1.	10/2/2024 Email Cami Keyes keyescom@comcast.net	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tree Canopy <i>See attachment 1 for full transcript of email</i>	No questions/information requested, no response needed
2.	10/7/2024 Email Komal Kashiramka komalv@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health and Sustainability Initiatives <i>See attachment 2 for full transcript of email</i>	No questions/information requested, no response needed
3.	10/10/2024 Email Martin Schroedter mschroedter@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Air pollution <i>See attachment 3 for full transcript of email</i>	No questions/information requested, no response needed
4.	10/23/2024 Email Bob Yoder redmondblog@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Hearings <i>See attachment 4 for full transcript of email</i>	Anika Van Ry responded by email 10/23/2024
5.	10/24/2024 Email Bob Yoder redmondblog@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Hearings - response to city reply <i>See attachment 5 for full transcript of email</i>	No questions/information requested, no response needed

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6.	10/28/2024 Email Bob Yoder redmondblog@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget Comments <i>See attachment 6 for full transcript of email</i>	Hailey Zurcher responded by email 11/6/2024
7.	10/28/2024 Email Bob Yoder redmondblog@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One-Time FTEs, Excise Tax <i>See attachment 7 for full transcript of email</i>	Hailey Zurcher responded by email 11/6/2024
8.	10/23/2024 Email Vivek Prakriya vivek.prakriya@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Per capita index referred to during the human services commission last night? general developmental indices Redmond uses to gauge increases/decreases in the standard of living for residents of the City <i>See attachment 8 for full transcript of email</i>	<p>Brooke Buckingham provided response to per capita index question via email to Diedra Maher on 10/29/2024</p> <p>Haritha Narra provided response to developmental indices question via email to Diedra Maher on 10/31/2024</p>
9.	10/31/2024 Email Bob Yoder redmondblog@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget Recommendations and Suggestions <i>See attachment 9 for full transcript of email</i>	Hailey Zurcher responded by email 11/6/2024
10.	11/1/2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Redmond Senior & Community Center Rebuild Item in the CIP 	Hailey Zurcher responded by email 11/4/2024

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	Email Kristina Wayland kwayland@redmond.gov	See attachment 10 for full transcript of email	
11.	11/4/2024 Email Tina Morales tinam@youtheastideservices.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notice of intent to give public comment during 11/4/2024 biennial budget public hearing See attachment 11 for full transcript of email	No questions/information requested, no response needed
12.	11/7/2024 Email Bob Yoder redmondblog@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One-Time FTEs, Excise Tax - response to city reply See attachment 12 for full transcript of email	No questions/information requested, no response needed
13.	11/12/2024 Email Kelli Refer kellir@moveredmond.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Move Redmond's comments on the 2025-2026 Biennial Budget See attachment 13 for full transcript of email	No questions/information requested, no response needed

ATTACHMENT 1

From: [Cami Keyes](#)
To: [Budget](#)
Subject: Tree canopy
Date: Wednesday, October 2, 2024 2:18:17 PM

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In my opinion, part of being a green carbon neutral community means maintaining our trees. Too often developments are completely clearing, mature trees that take years to replace. Particularly concerned of the hill at Redmond Woodinville Road and 90th St., there's some very large established Doug firs. There are also some invasive species that should be taken out tree of heaven.

Finally with taller buildings, especially adjacent to parks and preservation areas, need to take advantage of Audubon's recommendations to limit bird strikes. Being on the Sammamish river and lake Sammamish, we are a fly away area for migrating birds. Keeping nature natural.

Sincerely,

Cami Keyes
8850 Redmond Woodinville Rd NE, 202
Redmond

Sent from my Mobile

From: [Komal Kashiramka](#)
To: [Budget](#)
Subject: Proposal for Health and Sustainability Initiatives in Redmond's Budget Planning
Date: Monday, October 7, 2024 11:16:12 AM
Attachments: [Screenshot 2024-10-07 at 10.54.40 AM.png](#)

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Thank you for sharing the budget summary. I was pleased to see the emphasis on "healthy and sustainable" as a priority for our city. I wanted to share some thoughts on how we might further advance these goals through specific initiatives focused on public health.

Healthy and Sustainable
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 Budget Offer Summary

Page #	Budget Offer #	Budget Offer Title	Lead Department	2025-2026 Baseline
73	0000401	Community Recreation	Parks	\$12,759,108
75	0000264	Environmental Sustainability	Executive	986,621
77	0000268	Ground & Surface Water Management	Public Works	6,419,094
79	0000263	Parks, Trails & Open Space	Parks	17,869,210
81	0000267	Safe & Reliable Drinking Water	Public Works	39,883,314
83	0000265	Solid Waste Management	Public Works	2,898,862
85	0000266	Stormwater Management	Public Works	22,558,738
87	0000262	Wastewater Management	Public Works	61,798,391
Total Baseline				\$165,173,335
89	0000271	One-Time Service Enhancements		1,521,732
89	0000271	Ongoing Service Enhancements		2,148,938
Total Service Enhancements				3,670,670
Grand Total				\$168,844,005

Based on recent research, [processed foods have become a major contributor to weight gain](#) and various health issues. Studies indicate that [over 73% of the U.S. food supply consists of ultra-processed foods](#), which are linked to [increased risks of heart disease and other health complications](#). Furthermore, projections suggest that [by 2035, more than half of the global population will be either overweight or obese](#), significantly [raising the risk of heart-related diseases](#)—currently [the leading cause of death in the U.S.](#)

Another growing concern is the [presence of microplastics in food](#), which are increasingly being detected in human organs, posing unknown long-term health risks.

Given these alarming trends, I propose that the City of Redmond considers launching an initiative focused on reducing the consumption of processed foods and minimizing microplastic exposure. This could include:

- Educational programs to raise community awareness about the risks associated with processed foods and microplastics.
- Partnerships with local businesses to promote healthier food alternatives and reduce plastic use in food packaging.
- Policy support to encourage sustainable and nutritious eating habits within our community.

I've included a [video](#) that succinctly highlights the urgency of addressing these health risks.

I am pretty certain that introducing these initiatives will make a meaningful difference in the lives of our residents and our future generations. Thank you for considering this proposal. I look forward to your thoughts.

Best regards,

Komal Kashiramka

Nourishing [poshan.life](#)

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **City of Redmond** <Cityofredmond@public.govdelivery.com>

Date: Mon, Oct 7, 2024 at 9:25 AM

Subject: Read Local Eat Local, Get Ready to Glow, Read the City's Preliminary Budget, and more

To: <komalv@gmail.com>

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Your weekly update from the City of Redmond.

ATTACHMENT 3

From: [Martin Schroedter](#)
To: [Budget](#)
Subject: 2025 budget
Date: Thursday, October 10, 2024 6:32:37 AM

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Hi,

I've looked through the Summary, front section and Healthy and Sustainable sections, but apart from some vague reference to CO2 measurement, I did not see any concrete budget items to reduce air pollution in Redmond.

Why is that?

I'd like to make a suggestion, in case this hasn't actually been addressed and is not just my oversight in reading the budget proposal.

I suggest that Redmond reduces the air pollution. Not just measured in CO2 metric tons, but also in terms of the VOC and noise pollution. The grossest polluters aren't also the noisiest. While CO2 is one metric, it's not the most dangerous chemical that is being emitted by internal combustion engines.

Sitting here on an otherwise quiet morning, my neighbors hire landscapers that use ear-splitting loud leaf blowers. Coming home a few days ago, it was hard to breathe as fumes from a 2-cycle hedge trimmer enveloped me. A \$100 electric hedge trimmer would have completely sufficed for the few twigs that needed to be trimmed. How unnecessary this all is. And while I am 100% for a total ban on 2-cycle engines, it's probably not the right approach at this time: the vocal minority always starts screaming about their right to use the public space in any way 'they' seem most useful for themselves.

Instead, I propose to start with something that the City of Redmond can easily control: Requiring their own landscapers and contractors to use hand tools and electric equipment. This seems like a pretty manageable path of getting contractors and workers to purchase and start to use environmentally sustainable equipment.

What do you think, is it worth it to not burn down our own home, Earth, instead of "saving" a few bucks now?

I'll include one reference about how impactful this change could be:

"Nick Seagraves, who runs Seagraves Landscaping in West Linn, Oregon, has been a landscaper for 40 years. He only started using electric devices a few years ago, mostly because Lake Oswego's Department of Parks & Recreation (a client) required it. He has a crew of 14 and says that his guys like the electric blowers. "They actually prefer them," he admits. That said, he says that even the Husqvarna electric models he purchased don't put out quite as much energy as the gas blowers. But now that he has them, he says homeowner associations that have long been clients really

appreciate them. "It gives us an edge," he says. " <https://reasonstobecheerful.world/make-america-rake-again-leaf-blower-bans/>

In regards to line items, unless you can educate me or point me to relevant information, I am opposed to these items:

- Public Relations Consultant/Influencer Ongoing \$0 \$120,000
- Dog Park Installations One-time Capital Investment \$100,000 \$188,106
- Vibrant and Connected 1.00 LTD-FTE - Program Manager (World Cup) One-time \$0 \$353,290 \$0
- Vibrant and Connected .50 LTD FTE - Communications Specialist (World Cup) One-time \$0 \$144,838 \$0
- Vibrant and Connected World Cup Economic Development Investment One-time \$0 \$440,820 \$0

Please use just a fraction of the money that would be saved to clean up our air instead - and not promote more activities which produce even more pollution!

Best regards,
Martin

ATTACHMENT 4

From: [Budget](#)
To: ["Bob Yoder"](#)
Cc: [City Clerk](#)
Bcc: [Haritha Narra](#); [Hailey Zurcher](#)
Subject: RE: BudgetColander
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 3:01:00 PM

Hello Bob,

Thank you for your email regarding the public hearings for the 2025-2026 biennial budget. We appreciate your feedback and comments on the budget process.

The [public hearing on July 16](#) was an opportunity for public input on the proposed 2025-2030 Capital Investment Program and Business Technology Investment Program, the first two years of which are incorporated into the 2025-2026 budget. This public hearing was held while the preliminary 2025-2026 budget was being developed.

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The preliminary budget was posted on Redmond.gov/budget on October 1, 2024, and two public hearings were scheduled to allow for public input after the preliminary budget was made available. One public hearing was held on October 15, and the other is scheduled for November 4. Input on the preliminary 2025-2026 budget can also be submitted via email at budget@redmond.gov.

Again, thank you for your email and suggestions regarding the budget public hearing process. We will keep your feedback in mind for future budget development.

Kind regards,

Anika Van Ry (she/her/hers)

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From: Bob Yoder <redmondblog@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 7:13 AM
To: Budget <budget@redmond.gov>
Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@redmond.gov>

Subject: BudgetColander

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Hearings on July 15 and October 1?? The Preliminary Budget (P.B.) was even available to comment and make suggestions at those times. (The P. B. had no date on the document that I could find.) Please calendar a Budget Hearing in mid-November to give the public a chance to comment on the Mayor's proposed budget. IMO, the Preliminary budget was too late in coming. for adequate study! You should allow 4 minute comment period for this last Hearing to make up.

Sincerely,

Bob Yoder
98052

From: [Bob Yoder](#)
To: [Budget](#)
Subject: Re: BudgetColander
Date: Thursday, October 24, 2024 6:00:01 AM

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Thank you. The calendar information for Hearings July 16 helpful; but the absence of information and purpose for the October 1 Hearing (No 2) was notable and poorly timed as follows:

- The Hearing immediately followed the mayor's very short Preliminary Budget (PB) presentation.
- The public had NO TIME to evaluate the PB and speak on it at this Hearing
- The city defined its purpose solely for "public input on proposed tax and fee increases." and was not announced before the Hearing.
- Other items in the Hearing were not transparent.

On Wed, Oct 23, 2024 at 3:01 PM Budget <budget@redmond.gov> wrote:

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Bob Yoder

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From: [Hailey Zurcher](#)
To: redmondblog@gmail.com
Cc: [Budget](#)
Subject: RE: Council
Date: Wednesday, November 6, 2024 5:22:16 PM

Good Evening Bob,

My apologies for sending multiple emails in a row! And, I thank you for your patience in getting our responses sent to you. As I mentioned in a previous response, your comments, along with all public comments submitted via email or during public hearings, will be shared with Council prior to Budget Deliberations which will take place on November 12.

Please let me know if you have any other questions.

Thank you!

Hailey

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From: Bob Yoder <redmondblog@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 28, 2024 7:17 AM
To: Budget <budget@redmond.gov>
Subject: Council

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Good Morning,

I've been spending a lot of my time reviewing the budget for comments and suggestions. When will the Council council read my comments? Will they read them before the last November 4th Hearing? What staff members are involved in

reporting my comments to Council and assessing them?

Thank you. Will you please send this email to the Council?

My best regards,

Bob Yoder

ATTACHMENT 7

From: [Hailey Zurcher](#)
To: redmondblog@gmail.com
Cc: [Budget](#)
Subject: RE: 1-Time FTE's / Excise Tax on construction
Date: Wednesday, November 6, 2024 5:13:30 PM

Hello Bob,

Thank you for your questions and comments regarding the preliminary budget. The 2025 estimated beginning fund balance for the General Fund is \$51.9 million, which is used to fund reserves and contingencies that will be carried over and replenished each budget cycle. The remaining surplus is utilized to fund one-time operating service enhancements, capital investments, and technology projects. The following General Fund reserves and contingencies are included in the preliminary budget:

- Economic Contingency (\$4,645,228.00)
- Salary & Benefit Contingency (\$5,365,000)
- Fire Overtime Contingency (\$1,600,000)
- Body Worn Camera Program Reserves (\$1,340,144)
- Opioid Funding Reserves (\$557,000)
- Development Review Services Reserves (\$3,619,750)

To answer your question on one-time funds for FTE compensation:

You are correct that one-time funds are typically allocated for non-recurring expenses. For the 2025-2026 period, we have 6.00 FTEs funded through one-time funds. Of the 6.00 FTEs, 3.00 are allocated specifically for the upcoming World Cup, a one-time event that justifies the use of one-time funding. The remaining 4.00 FTEs are anticipated to be funded through grant revenue, which is also considered a one-time source of funding, and will help cover their compensation.

The other one-time expenditure budget are all in one-time nature, which includes but not limited to:

- Studies and plans
- Worldcup
- Fleet

To address your question on Development:

Overall, development in the City has slowed down compared to previous years, and this has had a noticeable impact on revenue. The decline in development activity became evident in 2023, and based on current trends, we anticipate that revenue from development will remain relatively flat in the coming years. Development revenue plays a crucial role in covering the full costs associated with the development staff. This includes salaries, benefits, and other operational expenses tied to the personnel who manage and oversee development projects within the City. Given the importance of development revenue in supporting these staff members, any fluctuations or declines in development activity directly

impact our ability to maintain these roles at their current levels. To mitigate the impact of these fluctuations and protect against downturns in development revenue, we maintain a reserve within the Development Review Services fund (listed above). These reserves are designed to provide a financial buffer, ensuring that we can continue to support the necessary staffing and maintain service levels even during periods of lower development activity.

Please let us know if you have further questions.

Thank you,

Hailey

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From: Bob Yoder <redmondblog@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 28, 2024 7:29 PM
To: Budget <budget@redmond.gov>
Subject: Fwd: 1-Time FTE's / Excise Tax on construction

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... a little off on the
Economic Contingency. **\$4,645,228 :)**

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Bob Yoder** <redmondblog@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Oct 28, 2024 at 6:14 PM
Subject: 1-Time FTE's / Excise Tax on construction
To: Budget <budget@redmond.gov>

Quote:

"The 2023-2024 budget creation relied on one-time money to restore a small portion of the 17.63 full-time equivalent employees laid off, and programs and services sharply reduced during the pandemic years. City revenues are slowly recovering, but are not up to pre-pandemic levels. In addition, all economic indicators point to a recession on the horizon." -- Mayor Birney. 5/26/23

A 1-time Fire Marshal was hired 2023-2024, as well. The pandemic is long over and we are in anything but a recession. I count up about 8 more 1-time FTE's planned for this cycle not counting the equivalent of two grant advisors for 2027.

One time money is supposed to be used for non-recurring expenses not FTE

compensation, right? You've broken this golden rule, and appear to be doing it again. You have a \$4,645,228,000 "Economic Contingency" and an estimated \$51.9 M beginning balance? May I suggest you use these funds for 1-time FTE's before you get into the habit of reaching into the cookie jar.

Please identify ALL your surplus reserves in this budget. Please! It should be all there. A simple calculation shows you will have growing cash-on-hand to get us well into 2050 and beyond:

The REET-1 and REET-2, of 0.05% excise tax on construction of a 6-story apartment costing \$7.1M

yields \$355,000. \$7.1M is conservative (see below cost data.) And, some development fees are 1-time, as well: parks, schools, roads, utilities, trails.

The last 5-years out-of-control construction alone has already generated intense REET revenue. The 3 Villages ie. Nelson Legacy at QFC, the Sears, and SO MUCH other construction will generate significant REET revenue. **Please adjust the Preliminary Budget to eliminate 1-time expenses whenever possible.**

Thank you!

The cost to build a **6-story apartment** complex can vary widely depending on the project's size, location, and other factors:

- **Square footage:** The cost per square foot to build a mid-rise apartment complex (4–7 stories) is typically between \$210 and \$475.
- **Total cost:** The cost to build a mid-rise apartment complex can range from **\$7.1–\$54.6 million**.
- **Factors that affect cost:** Other factors that can affect the cost include the quality of construction materials (**LEEDS**) the complexity of the design, (**green roofs**) soil conditions (**aquifer**) and management systems.
- **Professional services:** **Professional service fees can add 10% to the total cost of the building.**
- **Number of units:** The price per unit is generally better when more units are built.
- **Region:** The region where the construction takes place can be a major factor in the cost. **It rains a lot here. construction projects have close proximity and there are many...**

Bob

From: [Haritha Narra](#)
To: [Hailey Zurcher](#); [Anika Van Ry](#)
Subject: FW: Question about Redmond City Developmental Indices
Date: Thursday, October 31, 2024 3:35:28 PM
Attachments: [image007.png](#)
[image015.png](#)
[image016.png](#)
[image017.png](#)

Public comment matrix

Thanks,

Haritha Narra
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From: Haritha Narra

Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2024 2:18 PM

To: Diedra Maher <dmaher@redmond.gov>

Subject: RE: Question about Redmond City Developmental Indices

Sorry, the email fell through cracks,

Indices that Redmond uses to assess changes in the standard of living for its residents include, but are not limited to, the following:

Economic Indicators:

- Consumer Price Index (CPI): Utilized to align budget considerations with inflationary trends.
- Population Growth: Monitored to ensure resource allocation aligns with community needs, enhancing the quality of life for residents.
- Median Income Levels: This data aids in assessing the economic health of our community by analyzing income distribution.

Key Performance Indicators, including but not limited to,

- Infrastructure Quality: Evaluated to assess the condition of transportation networks, public facilities, and city utilities, ensuring a functional and efficient city.
- Environmental Sustainability: Measured through water quality assessments and the

availability of parks and green spaces, promoting a healthy and sustainable environment.

Community Survey Results: Serve as a vital tool in shaping the budget to reflect community priorities and facilitate the tracking of performance measures annually.

Rate affordability metrics, used to evaluate how affordable certain rates or costs are for residents, particularly in the context of utilities, housing, or public services.

Parks Recreation Program Registrations, can gain valuable insights into residents' well-being and identify areas for improvement, ultimately contributing to a better standard of living.

Water shut-off data, increased water shut-offs typically signal financial hardship among residents, suggesting broader economic challenges like job loss or stagnant wages, which can indicate a decline in living standards. Additionally, these shut-offs can pose serious health risks by compromising hygiene and sanitation, further correlating with adverse health outcomes in the community.

Payment arrangement request data, city officials can gain insights into residents' financial challenges and overall living conditions.

Please let me know if you have any questions

Thanks,

Haritha Narra

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From: Diedra Maher <dmaher@redmond.gov>

Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2024 1:04 PM

To: Haritha Narra <hnarra@redmond.gov>

Subject: RE: Question about Redmond City Developmental Indices

Hi Haritha,

Following up for CVP Forsythe. Please see below.

Thank you,

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From: Diedra Maher

Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2024 9:48 AM

To: Haritha Narra <hnarra@redmond.gov>

Subject: FW: Question about Redmond City Developmental Indices

Good morning, Haritha,

Could you help provide a response to the following question or direct me to the appropriate staff person?

1. What other general developmental indices does Redmond use to gauge increases/decreases in the standard of living for residents of the City?

Thank you,

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From: Brooke Buckingham <BBUCKINGHAM@redmond.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2024 9:41 AM

To: Diedra Maher <dmaher@redmond.gov>

Subject: RE: Question about Redmond City Developmental Indices

Good morning,

1. The per capita that was referenced at the meeting was a formula which takes into account population and CPI (consumer price index) increases, applied to the human services rate. The

proposed budget intends to adjust the rate to \$29.03 in 2025 and a projected to be \$37.18 in 2026.

2. Check with Haritha.

Brooke

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 [Book time to meet with me](#)

From: Diedra Maher <dmaher@redmond.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2024 9:23 AM
To: Brooke Buckingham <BBUCKINGHAM@redmond.gov>
Subject: FW: Question about Redmond City Developmental Indices

Good morning, Brooke,
Could you help provide responses to the following questions or direct me to the appropriate staff person?

1. What exactly was the per capita index referred to during the Human Services Commission meeting on 10/22/2024?
2. What other general developmental indices does Redmond use to gauge increases/decreases in the standard of living for residents of the City?

Thank you,

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From: Jessica Forsythe <jforsythe@redmond.gov>
Sent: Monday, October 28, 2024 5:51 PM
To: Diedra Maher <dmaher@redmond.gov>
Subject: FW: Question about Redmond City Developmental Indices

Hey there! Can you help me gather answers to the below?
Thanks!

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From: Vivek Prakriya <vivek.prakriya@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 10:43 PM
To: Jessica Forsythe <jforsythe@redmond.gov>
Subject: Question about Redmond City Developmental Indices

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Hi Councilwoman Forsythe!

This is Vivek - here are my questions:

- What exactly was the per capita index referred to during the human services commission last night?
- What other general developmental indices does Redmond use to gauge increases/decreases in the standard of living for residents of the City?

Also, I saw on the website that you have office hours by appointment, if it's not too inconvenient, can I schedule some quick time with you to learn more? I have a ton of questions about the city. I'm free pretty much all day on Sunday/Tuesday and every weekday evening.

Thank you so much, I really appreciate it!

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Best,
Vivek Prakriya
425-588-7588

From: [Hailey Zurcher](#)
To: redmondblog@gmail.com
Cc: [Budget](#)
Subject: RE: Budget recommendations / suggestions
Date: Wednesday, November 6, 2024 5:19:34 PM

Good Evening Bob,

Thank you for providing your thoughtful comments regarding the 2025-2026 Preliminary Budget. These comments, along with all public comments submitted via email or during Public Hearings, will be noted and shared with City Council ahead of Budget Deliberations.

Thank you,

Hailey

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Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2024 9:45 PM
To: Budget <budget@redmond.gov>
Subject: Budget recommendations / suggestions

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Council, thank you for your interest in my feedback on the Mayor's proposed budget. Owing to a family emergency in Spokane I can't make the optional 4th Hearing. Below are my asks, suggestions and recommendations. It would be helpful if you identified in the adapted budget the specific changes you make to the Mayor's preliminary draft.

###

Pay for the **\$20M water tank** with 1-time money **reserves**; same for the **Maintenance Operation Center**.

Note: 1-time money **CIP / Utility reserves** has accumulated over the years; **must be significant AND have great potential for future growth.

Case in point: Construction of a 6-story mid-rise apartment costs about \$52M in Redmond when factoring in density, aquifer challenges, LEED materials and professional services. The REET 1/2 excise tax of .05% X \$52M = **\$2,600,000 1-time money !** *That's just for one apartment building.***

By 2050, Seritage and Nelson Villages will contribute immensely to the 1-time money reserve. Consider building an Arts and Performance Center in Overlake with those funds. The Overlake East Master Plan XII Phase 1 and 2 will also generate significant 1-time funds. and then there's RTC. Carol Helland may creatively use this 1-time to increase **affordable housing** capacity.

###

Senior Center, Total cost \$46,700,000 /

\$38,432,257 1-time \$\$ budgeted; Rather than use \$7,830,000 from the General Fund money for the remainder use 1-time \$\$ (\$7,830,000,)

###

Pay off all 1-time FTE's with Reserves (except World Cup FTE's.) Pay off the 1-time FTE's assigned in 2023. As you know, one-time money was **never** intended to pay for recurring charges for very good reasons. (Councilmember Forsythe drilled me that more than once :)

###

Suggest resurface/repair of the two worn Meadow Neighborhood Park pickleball courts with Reserve or 1-time money. These courts are surrounded by three neighborhoods with potential for higher use. Councilmember Steve Fields understands this. (After resurfacing, the Reservoir Park courts could be lined for both tennis & pickleball.

###

Please go forward with your proposal for 2 FTE **Social Workers** for this cycle and the next. Please double social worker FTE's in 2007. (FYI, a social worker at EvergreenHealth is a COO and administers all mental health treatment programs.) They promote social justice and

social change with and on behalf of their clients, the majority of which are vulnerable, oppressed and living in poverty -- all their work ties into and enhances Human Services to some extent. eg. The Indian American Community, Eastside Legal Assistance, Women's Empowerment, homeless services, eviction prevention and mortgage assistance, Friends of Youth, Asian Counseling & referral, Lifewire, and ADA Housing stability and many other minorities & services. Social workers are affordable and are the missing link within our human services program.

###

In addition to the \$100k for **Community gardens** in parks please budget funds to partner with apartments (including Bellwether) as you do for Spectra. I agree with Councilmember Foresythe that we should install gardens at Anderson Park. A social worker could use their expertise to select and work with an homeless / senior individual and guide him/her through the therapy of gardening. Vegetables could be shared with his "family" at Plymouth or elsewhere.)

###

Please budget for municipal service dog(s) to nurture the vulnerable, oppressed and poor.

###

Use Development fees for wayfinding the linear park, transit stations and downtown / overlake roads. Consider wayfinding implementation money to begin connections to the East Corridor Parks and construct educational/recreational kiosks as found at Juel Park.

###

Rather than budget ~ \$4,300,00 for **2 electric fire engines**, budget for one for this cycle. This is new technology and though it may be mechanically "tried and proven" it may not be used enough for fire suppression to justify the money, Perhaps the money could be better spent on a "hook and ladder" vehicle which ~ 9 years ago was proposed. Please don't be tempted to buy two electric engines for national prestige & attention, regional PR. Being novel, these engines may detract from the department;s primary mission - safety. It doesn't appear these engines are "at risk" without CCA funding]

###

Please don't create a Deputy attorney FTE. (It seems every department has to have a deputy.) Our attorney costs \$300-400/ hour. We don't need another one.

###

MENTAL HEALTH CARE IS AN IMPORTANT SERVICE FOR US and I'm happy you are hiring mobile support. I think Tiza Rutherford does a superb job handling mental health of the homeless and disadvantaged. She is very good at taking reports from citizens and acting on them. Perhaps her clients and/or Plymouth and Silver Cloud homeless could benefit with access to a social worker in some way.

I know that Chief Lowe is fully aware of the CONNECTIONS crisis center in Kirkland and is dropping off cuffed, psychotic individuals there, rather than the EvergreenHealth ED. However, you should know CONNECTIONS has a 24/7 walk-in mental health out-patient clinic for the individuals needing a "check-up." No one is ever refused. Insurance/ payment not required. Psychiatrists and case managers present. 24 chairs for 1-3 day observation. 32 beds for stabilization. Please work with your **human service agencies** to get the word out on this incredible service. Tasnim Rhamani, their Community Engagement Specialist is a good contact: 206-981-6860. connections.shs.com They serve the entire Eastside.

-- Bob Yoder, 425-802-2523

From: [Hailey Zurcher](#)
To: [Kristina Wayland \(City Volunteer\)](#)
Cc: [Haritha Narra](#); [Eric C. Dawson](#); [Anika Van Ry](#)
Subject: RE: CIP - RSCC "Rebuild"
Date: Monday, November 4, 2024 1:09:19 PM

Good afternoon Kristina,

Thank you for your question regarding the Redmond Senior & Community Center Rebuild budget. You are correct, the project is nearly 100% complete. However, the entire contract for the project has not yet been paid, and the Capital Project Management team is still working on negotiating the terms of the final payment. The \$3.4M budgeted in 2025-2026 is intended for this final payment.

I've copied Eric Dawson to this email – he is the Engineering Supervisor who helps manage this project, should you have further questions.

Thank you,

Hailey

Hailey Zurcher (she/her/hers)
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From: Kristina Wayland (City Volunteer) <kwayland@redmond.gov>
Sent: Friday, November 1, 2024 3:15 PM
To: Budget <budget@redmond.gov>
Subject: CIP - RSCC "Rebuild"

Hello,

I am “in charge” of all things budget for the Parks, Trails and Recreation Commission. I am preparing to discuss the budget with them and am confused about the “Redmond Senior & Community Center Rebuild” item for \$3,440,698 in the CIP. Since it seems the RSCC is fully built, what is this amount for?

Thank you for your help,
Kristina

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From: [Tina Morales](#)
To: [Budget](#)
Subject: Will give public testimony today for Youth Eastside Services
Date: Monday, November 4, 2024 2:39:41 PM

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Hello

My name is Tina Morales, and I will be giving public comment today.

Warmly,
Tina Morales (she/ella)
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ATTACHMENT 12

From: [Bob Yoder](#)
To: [Hailey Zurcher](#)
Cc: [Budget](#)
Subject: Re: 1-Time FTE's / Excise Tax on construction
Date: Thursday, November 7, 2024 7:59:40 AM

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Hailey ,

Thanks for your follow up. Unfortunately this isn't a good to respond because I'm in Spokane in a family emergency. Tho, I read your 1-time FTE. numbers differently.
Bob

Sent from my iPhone

> On Nov 6, 2024, at 5:13 PM, Hailey Zurcher <hzurcher@redmond.gov> wrote:
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> necessary

ATTACHMENT 13

From: [Kelli Refer](#)
To: [Budget](#)
Cc: [Mayor \(Internet\)](#)
Subject: Budget Comment Letter from Move Redmond
Date: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 10:58:39 AM
Attachments: [Outlook-signature .png](#)
[2024 City of Redmond Budget Letter.pdf](#)

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Hello,

Please see Move Redmond's attached comment letter on the 2025-2026 Biennium Budget.

Sincerely,

Kelli Refer (she/her)

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Tuesday, November 12, 2024

Dear Redmond City Councilmembers,

Move Redmond is a Transportation Management Association. We advocate for better streets, trails and transit. Our letter today concerns the 2025 - 2026 Biennial Budget for the City of Redmond. Our organizational priorities are focused on making our streets safe for all users, increasing access to transit and building infrastructure to incentivize sustainable transportation options for Redmond residents and employees. These priorities align well with the budget priorities that the City of Redmond has established. In this letter we highlight specific budget items that align with our organizational priorities and provide additional considerations for the council.

Capital Investment Program

Upgrade Buffered Bike Lanes to Protected Bike Lanes

Redmond is leading the Eastside in the transition from car-oriented development to creating a multimodal transportation network. Move Redmond is thrilled to see that the projects listed in the Capital Investment Program support access to transit, improve pedestrian safety, and extend Redmond's bicycle network. The city of Redmond was lauded for [building one of the best new protected bike lanes in the entire country](#). We urge this council to build on the momentum of Overlake's new bike lanes by upgrading the proposed buffered bike lanes to physically protected bike lanes.

Thank you for making the commitment to allocating roadway space to build out buffered bike lanes on critical arterials like Bel-Red road and Avondale. Studies show that investing in connected and protected bike routes encourages more people to choose to ride bicycles for transportation. In fact, [The National Institute for Transportation and Communities found that installing protected bike lanes significantly increases ridership](#), more so than buffered bike lanes alone. These arterials are critical for connecting people to key destinations across the city. Building out a low-stress bike network on these streets will transform how people move through Redmond.



Adding physical barriers to buffered bike lanes, such as planter boxes, parking stops, or bollards can fulfill the vision set in the 2025-2026 budget by improving safety and connectivity. Adding protection to buffered bike lanes also supports the city's Vision Zero resolution. Protected bike lanes increase street safety for all users, including drivers. [One study found](#) that "protected bicycling infrastructure is significantly associated with fewer fatalities and better road-safety outcomes."

Redmond already has a beloved and widely-used bike trail network. By adding physical protection to bike lanes, we can create a trail-like experience on our streets.

While many of these projects have identified funding, Move Redmond urges the council to ensure that there is additional funding in the 2025-2026 budget to design, construct and maintain physical barriers on projects with buffered bike lanes.

Safe & Resilient

Move Redmond appreciates many of the budget items established for the 2025-2026 biennium budget that will result in safer streets for all users. We want to lift up several key investments that are critical for achieving Vision Zero and improving mobility for non-drivers.

ADA Transition Plan

Thank you for investing in an ADA Transition Plan. This assessment will be an important step in helping the city prioritize maintenance and improvements to support mobility for people with disabilities. After this plan is complete it is imperative to utilize it to prioritize sidewalk and curb improvements to enhance access to key destinations, like transit hubs, schools, and healthcare facilities.

Wayfinding design

Investing in wayfinding in parks and along the trail system in Redmond is a great way to support non-motorized transportation. We encourage the Parks & Recreation department to work closely with colleagues in King County Parks to ensure consistency in signage style to simplify wayfinding systems for regional users. To ensure maximum usability we encourage you to engage non-English speakers in the development of wayfinding signage, so it is clear to all people regardless of their first language.

Citywide Speed Audit

[Speed is a key factor in serious injury and fatality rates in collisions.](#) Move Redmond strongly supports a citywide speed audit that allows the city to better understand where



and when speeding is happening on our streets. Once the city has the data to show where speeding is occurring, it can inform where the city can implement safe streets projects to reduce excessive speed. Designing streets to ensure that people are driving at a safe speed is one of the best strategies for achieving Vision Zero.

Vibrant & Connected

Redmond is a growing city that is a job hub for the entire region. Move Redmond supports many of the projects in the Vibrant and Connected priority that support enhancing access to transit and encouraging sustainable transit modes.

Finishing the Transportation Master Plan

Move Redmond is pleased with the current work on the Transportation Master Plan that leverages the investment in light rail by supporting access to transit for non-drivers. Completing the Transportation Master Plan is a necessary roadmap for the future of transportation in Redmond.

Support Parking Management

Transportation Demand Management is often about managing parking capacity and desire. With the fast approaching opening of the Downtown Redmond Link Extension light rail in Spring of 2025, we know that parking will be in high demand. We strongly support the budgeted parking management position and updates to the parking plan. Charging for parking is needed to regulate the demand for parking, especially near the light rail stations. Parking must also be regulated with time limited and paid options. There is also potential to manage parking by brokering shared parking agreements on private lots to best utilize space. It will take staff time to communicate parking changes and manage a successful parking program.

Redmond's limited right of way should align with the city's transportation goals to reduce vehicle miles traveled and serve Redmond residents. Parking costs also incentivize other transportation options. If people have access to frequent and reliable transit, and safe walking and biking infrastructure, these options ease the burden on parking demand.

Circulator - funding match for the WSDOT grant

Move Redmond hopes that the City of Redmond is awarded the Regional Mobility Grant through WSDOT and that these matching funds will be used for a local circulator to support access to transit. If the grant is not awarded we hope these funds can be leveraged to support access to transit in another form.



Secure bike parking

Another Transportation Demand Management strategy is safe and secure bike parking. This budget item identifies hotels as the key locations for bike parking. Move Redmond encourages the city leaders and staff to consider bike parking as an essential component needed to reduce vehicle miles traveled. Safe and secure bike parking, like bike racks, bike lockers and staffed valet parking for events enable people to park their bicycles with comfort and ease. For electric bicycle owners, this is especially important as the costs of these bikes can be notably higher than regular bikes. Having secure bike parking is an important part of bike infrastructure. It is also a key Commute Trip Reduction strategy and should be implemented at all city buildings, including the proposed city hall annex.

FIFA World Cup Activations

Redmond is an excellent destination for visitors in town to attend FIFA World Cup games, and Move Redmond is thrilled to see the City of Redmond leverage this world wide event to bring investments to local infrastructure and business. Move Redmond encourages the city to use this opportunity to pilot innovative projects that celebrate the diversity of Redmond's residents. It is an opportunity to experiment with placemaking through local art, pedestrianizing places, and celebrating local businesses. We encourage the city to think about this funding as a way to experiment with ideas that temporarily shift the feeling of place and gather real time feedback from residents and visitors.

Finally, Move Redmond would like to commend Mayor Birney and the many city staff who worked on this budget. It is a testament to the city values that this budget prioritizes mobility for non-drivers and makes our streets safer.

Sincerely,

Kelli Refer
Executive Director
Move Redmond