

2024 Legislative Session Debrief

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Purpose



- 2024 Legislative Session Themes
- City Priorities and Legislative Outcomes
- Issue Area Highlights
- Next steps

2024 Legislative Session Themes

- Second year of the biennium, 60-day session
- Democrat majorities
- Session Tasks
 - Develop mid-biennial supplemental budgets
 - All 2023 bills carried over to 2024
- Themes
 - Initiatives to the Legislature
 - Bold proposals introduced; modest proposals passed
- Political Context
 - Election/re-election season on the horizon
 - Initiatives on the ballot





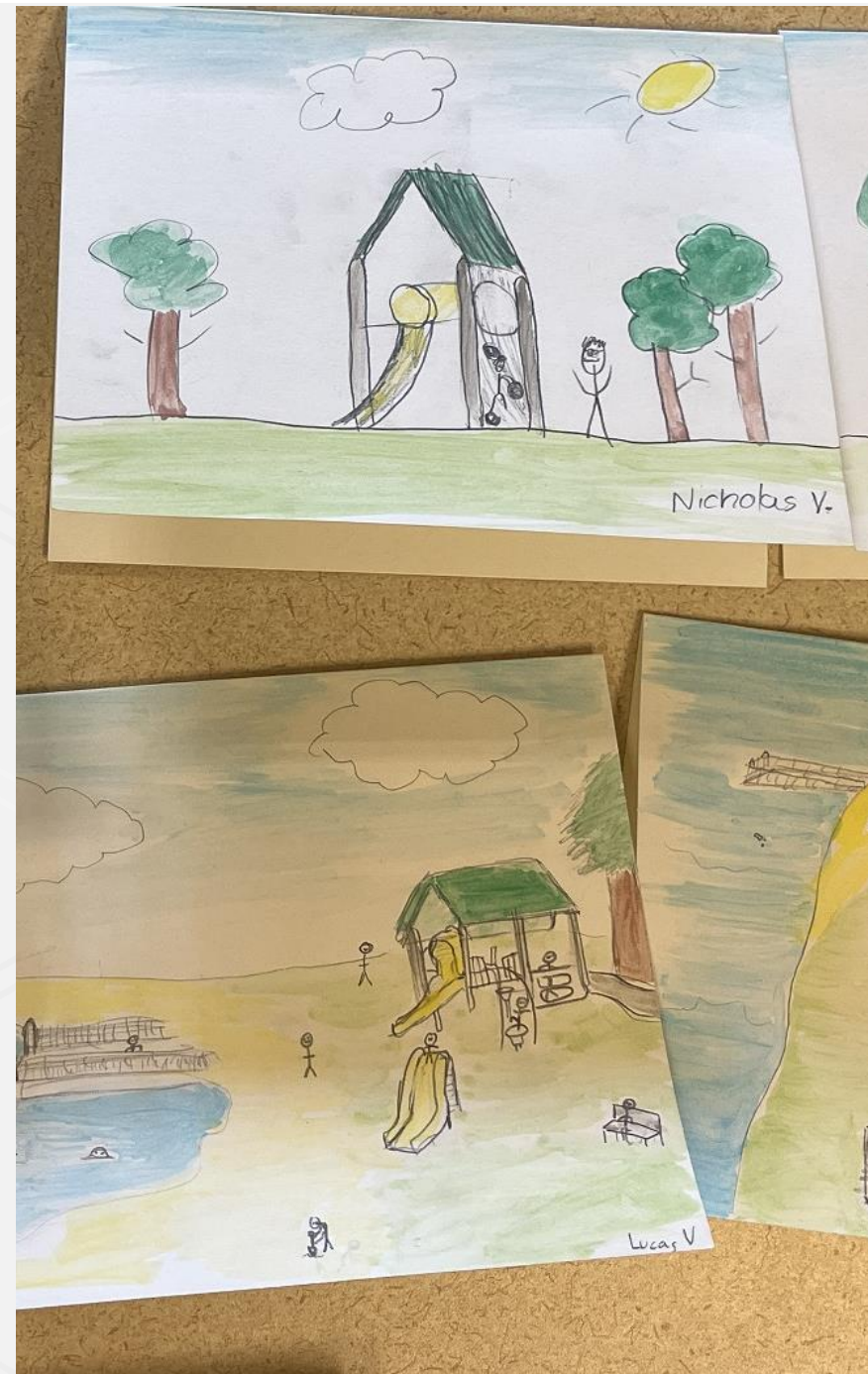
City of Redmond Priorities and Outcomes

1. Idylwood Park Accessibility Improvements
2. Electric Fire Engine Charging Infrastructure
3. 148th Ave NE/SR 520 Bicycle and Pedestrian Overpass Prioritization
4. Plymouth Housing Project



Idylwood Park Accessibility Improvements

- \$500,000 requested
- \$215,000 appropriated
- Heavily used parking area in need of expansion and ADA improvements
- Supporting the City's Vision Zero commitment and ADA Transition Plan.



Electric Fire Engine Charging Infrastructure

- Joint request with the City of Bellevue
- \$800,000 requested and appropriated
- \$250,000 would be allocated to Redmond
- Funded through the Climate Commitment Act and contingent on voters rejecting Initiative 2117.



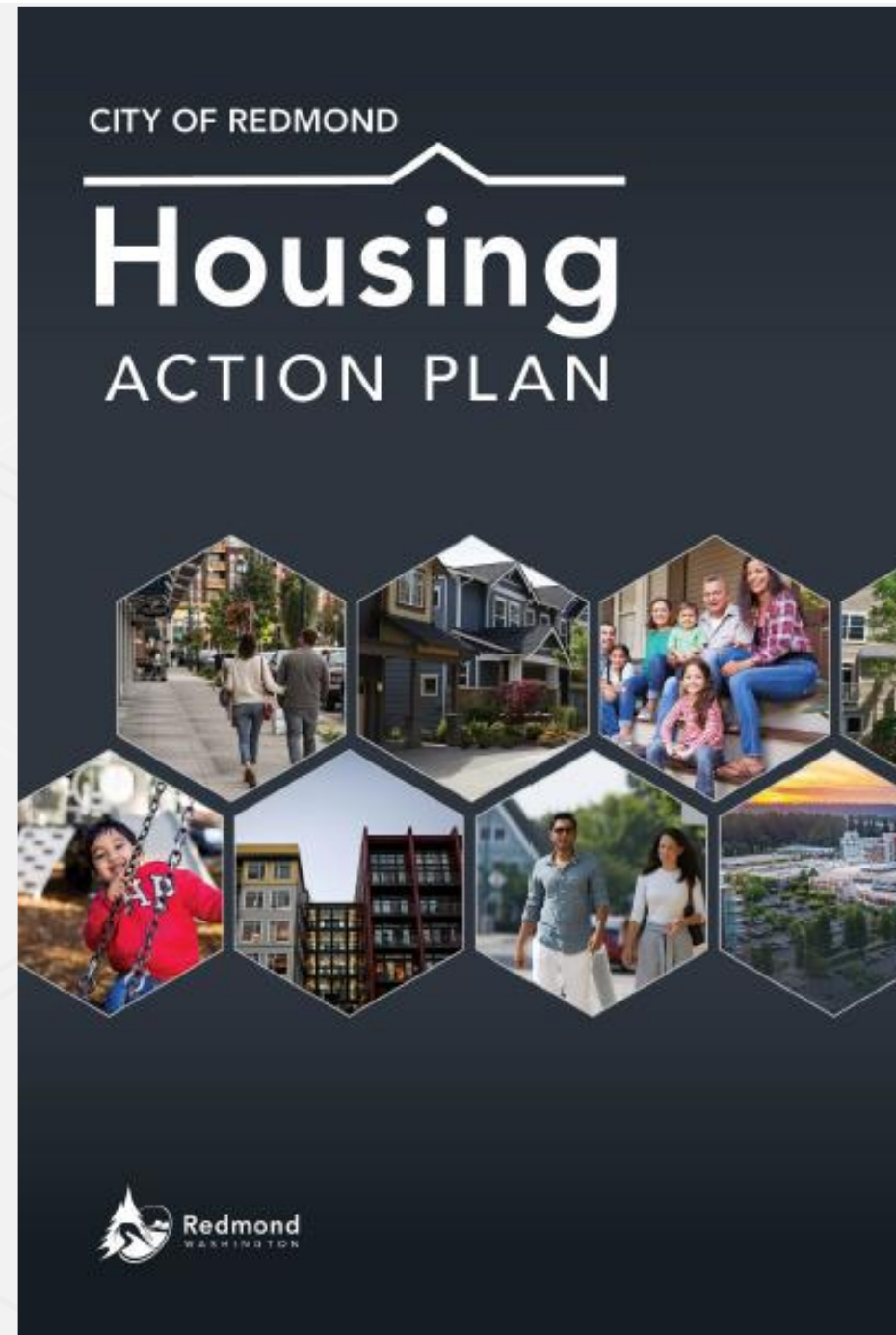
148th Ave NE Bicycle and Pedestrian Overpass Prioritization

- \$8 million appropriated in 16-year Move Ahead Washington transportation package in 2022
- 2023 Legislature allocated funding in “future biennium”
- 2024 Legislature advanced project funding, contingent on voters rejecting I-2117:
 - 23-25: \$750,000
 - 25-27: \$4.25 million
 - 27-29: \$3 million



Plymouth Housing Project

- Mid-session opportunity to relocate 100 units of permanent supportive housing to Redmond.
- Funding to the previous location needed to be re-appropriated to the new location.
- \$7.4 million was appropriated from two different accounts, making original state and federal funding support whole!



Support Issues

- **Housing**

- Rent caps and REET increase failed
- \$127 million added to the Housing Trust Fund
- Siting of Permanent Supportive Housing and Emergency Shelter
- SB 6175: Conversion of Commercial Buildings to Residential
- Transit-Oriented Development
- Creating a Department of Housing

- **Environmental Sustainability**

- Initiative-2117 center of attention
- Linkage with California and Quebec
- Zero Emission School Buses and Vouchers for Medium- and Heavy-Duty vehicles
- \$14.5 million in facility decarbonization grants
- Re-WRAP Act failed to advance

Support Issues (Cont.)

- **Planning & Infrastructure**

- Study on integration of special purpose districts into GMA
- Permitting workforce enhancement
- Limited transportation funding
- Automated Traffic Safety authority expanded

- **General Government**

- Tax Reform discussed, but did not pass
- Public records tools discussed, but did not pass
- HB 2044: Non-supplant on property tax levies
- HB 2209: Lunar New Year

Support Issues (cont.)

- **Community Vitality**

- SB 6038 – Childcare B&O Tax
- \$660 million in behavioral health investments
- SB 5853: Crisis Relief Model expanded to juveniles

- **Public Safety**

- Initiative 2113: Pursuits
- Flexibility in law enforcement hiring
- SB 5444: Firearms banned in zoos, public libraries, and transit stations
- Opioid response focuses on public outreach and education



Next Steps: Building the 2025 State Legislative Agenda

- September 10 study session
- Succinct messaging
- Regional partnerships

Thank you

Any Questions?

