



**MEMO TO:** Members of the City Council

**FROM:** Mayor Angela Birney

**DATE:** August 11, 2020

**SUBJECT: Draft Environmental Sustainability Action Plan – Review Community Feedback**

**I. RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Receive information on community feedback and proposed changes to the draft Environmental Sustainability Action Plan from the Online Open House, with an opportunity to ask any additional questions on the proposed Plan.

**II. DEPARTMENT CONTACTS**

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**III. DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND**

**Background**

The Environmental Sustainability Action Plan (ESAP or Plan) creates a 30-year roadmap for Redmond’s environmental sustainability work. It was developed through robust stakeholder engagement and builds on the 2014 Climate Action Implementation Plan and Environmental Initiative of the Community Strategic Plan, as well as integrates best practices from climate and sustainability planning documents. The Plan also aligns with the updated King County-Cities Climate Collaboration (K4C) Letter of Joint Commitments signed by the Mayor on May 19, 2020.

The draft ESAP (Attachment A) was presented to Council at the July 14, 2020, Study Session. During that meeting, staff and the City’s technical consultant reviewed the Plan’s key strategies and actions, the monitoring and reporting framework, and the approach to Plan implementation. The July 14, 2020, Study Session staff memo and presentation are included as Attachment B for reference. Councilmembers posed several questions, and Council requested a second Study Session to review the Online Open House feedback and the associated proposed changes to the draft Plan.

## **Online Open House**

After a 10-month stakeholder process to inform the development of the Environmental Sustainability Action Plan, the City launched its Online Open House from July 1 - 31, 2020. This platform allowed the City to solicit feedback on the draft Plan by creating a virtual forum for community members to comment on key elements of the Plan, ask questions, and provide suggestions.

City staff provided informational presentations at OneRedmond, Master Builders Association of Seattle and King County, People for Climate Action, and Redmond Youth Partnership Advisory Committee (RYPAC) meetings to increase awareness of the Plan and promote the use of the Online Open House. More than 360 users visited the site, collectively providing more than 285 comments to inform the final draft Plan and implementation efforts. At the August 11 Study Session, staff will highlight Online Open House comment themes and the recommended changes to the draft Plan as a result of community feedback (Attachment C).

Councilmembers asked a number of questions at the July 14, 2020, Study Session. The Issues Matrix included as Attachment D provides the responses to these questions. Council will have an opportunity at the August 11 Study Session to ask any additional questions about the Plan. Changes proposed by community members and feedback received from Council will be integrated into the final Plan, which staff recommends bringing to Council on September 15, 2020, for adoption.

### **Next Steps**

- Council Adoption of Final Plan: September 15, 2020

## **IV. PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS HELD**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Action/Committee Presentation</b>
09/10/2019	Planning and Public Works Committee of the Whole
09/17/2019	Approve Consultant Agreement No. 9252
11/19/2019	Staff Report
12/10/2019	Council Study Session
03/10/2020	Planning and Public Works Committee of the Whole
04/14/2020	Planning and Public Works Committee of the Whole
06/02/2020	Council Staff Report
07/14/2020	Council Study Session

**V. IMPACT**

**A. Service/Delivery:**

The Environmental Sustainability Action Plan will create a roadmap to meet regional and Redmond's climate and sustainability targets and advance the strategies outlined within the Community Strategic Plan Environmental Initiative.

**B. Fiscal Note:**

\$526,284 was included in the 2019-2020 biennial budget for the City's Environmental Sustainability Program. This funding was used to hire a consultant that assisted the City in developing the Environmental Sustainability Action Plan and to hire an Environmental Sustainability Program Manager. Costs to implement the Plan will be dependent on future budget actions.

**VI. ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

This is an informational briefing to solicit Council feedback on the proposed changes to the draft Plan.

**VII. TIME CONSTRAINTS**

Council review and adoption of the Environmental Sustainability Action Plan will set the stage for Council discussions of an environmental budget offer for the proposed 2021-2022 biennial budget, which will guide next steps in implementing near-term actions in the Plan.

**VIII. LIST OF ATTACHMENTS**

- Attachment A: Draft Environmental Sustainability Action Plan and Appendices
- Attachment B: July 14, 2020, Study Session Memo and Staff Presentation
- Attachment C: Matrix of Public Comments and Proposed Changes to Draft Plan
- Attachment D: Council Issues Matrix



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**Maxine Whattam, Chief Operating Officer**



Approved for Agenda \_\_\_\_\_

**Angela Birney, Mayor**