



Memorandum

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TO: Members of the City Council
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TITLE:
Transportation Master Plan Status Update

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:

Following the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan Update, Redmond 2050, the City is working on updating the Transportation Master Plan (TMP). The TMP is the functional strategic plan that guides transportation investment and activities to support the Comprehensive Plan vision. This status update will include progress updates on the workplan for TMP completion, including a detailed review of strategies included in the Bicycle Network and Freight chapters. Bicycle strategies will focus on the development of a high-comfort separated bikeway system and other strategies to achieve the bicycle mode shift needed to achieve the green-house gas reduction goals in the City’s Environmental Strategic Plan. Freight strategies will include maintaining Redmond’s designated freight street network while enhancing last-mile delivery and planning for emerging technologies such as drone delivery. Staff will provide completed draft Bicycle and Freight TMP chapters. Finally, staff will highlight future Council touchpoints and milestones.

Additional Background Information/Description of Proposal Attached

REQUESTED ACTION:

Receive Information Provide Direction Approve

REQUEST RATIONALE:

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**
 - **Redmond 2050, FW-TR-1:** Plan, design, build, operate, and maintain a safe transportation system that advances an equitable, inclusive, sustainable, and resilient community by providing for the mobility and access needs of all.
 - **Redmond 2050, FW-TR-2:** Maintain the transportation system in a state of good repair for all users

- **Redmond 2050, FW-TR-3:** Complete the accessible and active transportation, transit, freight, and street networks identified in the Transportation Master Plan in support of an integrated and connected transportation system.
 - **TR-14:** Prioritize transportation investments that reduce household transportation costs, such as investments in transit, bicycle and pedestrian system access, capacity, and safety.
 - **TR-16:** Prioritize the comfort, safety, and convenience of people using pedestrian and bicycle facilities over other users of the transportation system. Establish standards for bicycle and pedestrian facilities to attract users of all ages and abilities. Prioritize improvements that address safety concerns, connect to centers or transit, create safe routes to school, and improve independent mobility for those who rely disproportionately on the pedestrian and bicycle network
- **Redmond 2050, FW-TR-4:** Plan, design, build, operate, and maintain a transportation system that supports the City's sustainability principles.
- **Redmond 2050, FW-TR-5:** Influence regional transportation decisions and leverage regional transportation investments in support of Redmond's transportation policy objectives.
- **Redmond 2050, FW-EV-2:** Support policies that contribute to a high quality of life in Redmond, such as career and education opportunities, housing, transportation, and recreation choices, as well as a healthy natural environment.
- **Redmond 2050, FW-LU-2:** Ensure that the land use pattern in Redmond meets the following objectives:
 - Reflects the community values of sustainability, resilience, and equity and inclusion;
 - Advances sustainable land development and best management practices and a high-quality natural environment;
 - Promotes development sufficiently away from environmentally critical areas;
 - Encourages a mix of uses that create complete neighborhoods ;
 - Maintains and enhances an extensive system of parks, trails, and open space;
 - Supports and encourages flexible places for a resilient and adaptive economy that includes a mix of research, retail, health, technology, and manufacturing uses;
 - Ensure the siting and delivery of public infrastructure and community services to support preferred land use pattern; and
 - Promotes sufficient density for development pattern and urban design that enable people to readily use a variety of accessible and active forms of travel including but not limited to walking, rolling, bicycling, transit.
- **Redmond 2050, FW-CR-1:** Develop partnerships and programs to rapidly and equitably reduce greenhouse gas emissions and create a thriving, climate resilient community.
- **Required:**
N/A
- **Council Request:**
The TMP will be adopted by Council in its entirety when complete.
- **Other Key Facts:**
N/A

OUTCOMES:

The Transportation Master Plan document has not been fully updated since 2013. The Transportation Master Plan communicates the strategies, actions, and programs to implement the policies of the Comprehensive Plan and achieve current City priorities as they relate to the transportation system.

COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**
 - Capital Projects Ideas Mapping, Spring 2020
 - Routes to Rails Community Engagement Campaign, February-June 2023
 - Derby Days Questionnaire (seeking feedback about how community members would plan to access future light rail stations without a car), July 2023
 - City of Redmond Parking Questionnaire, March-April 2024
 - Sound Transit 2 Line Opening, April 2024
 - Safer Streets for All (SS4A) Action Plan Community Road Safety Assessment, May 2024
 - Redmond Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee (PBAC) Transit Open House, May 2024
 - Bike Everywhere Day, May 2024
 - Safer Streets for All (SS4A) Action Plan Staff Road Safety Assessment and Debrief Workshop, May-June 2024
 - Overlake Open Streets Festival, June 2024
 - Derby Days Festival, July 2024
 - Downtown Redmond Open Streets Festival, August 2024
 - Redmond PBAC Meeting, October 2024
 - Redmond PBAC Meeting, December 2024
 - Redmond PBAC Meeting, January 2025
 - Redmond PBAC Meeting, February 2025
 - City of Redmond Transit Questionnaire, February 2025 (ongoing)

- **Outreach Methods and Results:**

Surveys, Questionnaires, Listening Sessions, Community Discussions
- **Feedback Summary:**

While the community engagement process is still ongoing, some preliminary results are as follows:

 - Overall community interest in first/last mile connections to the existing and future transit network
 - Interest and desire for more multimodal connections to the existing and future transit network, specifically via pedestrian and bicycle modes
 - Desire for more bicycle infrastructure connecting Redmond to neighboring communities, including Kirkland and Bellevue
 - Desire for more education about and awareness of public transit programs, especially King County Metro programs such as Community Van and Metro Flex
 - Desire for safety measures to reduce pedestrian-bicycle conflicts on shared-use trails
 - Interest in using future light rail stations in Redmond, especially to access the airport when possible

BUDGET IMPACT:

Total Cost:
\$400,000 in one-time funding was provided to support the TMP update.

Approved in current biennial budget: **Yes** **No** **N/A**

Budget Offer Number:
0000310 - Mobility of People and Goods

Budget Priority:

Vibrant and Connected

Other budget impacts or additional costs: Yes No N/A

If yes, explain:

N/A

Funding source(s):

General Fund, Grant Funding

Budget/Funding Constraints:

N/A

Additional budget details attached

COUNCIL REVIEW:

Previous Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
3/7/2023	Committee of the Whole - Planning and Public Works	Provide Direction
3/28/2023	Study Session	Receive Information
6/6/2023	Committee of the Whole - Planning and Public Works	Provide Direction
6/13/2023	Study Session	Receive Information
11/3/2023	Committee of the Whole - Planning and Public Works	Receive Information
11/14/2023	Study Session	Receive Information
6/18/2024	Committee of the Whole - Planning and Public Works	Receive Information
8/5/2024	Special Meeting	Receive Information
11/4/2024	Committee of the Whole - Planning and Public Works	Receive Information
11/19/2024	Business Meeting	Receive Information
1/7/2025	Business Meeting	Receive Information
1/28/2025	Study Session	Receive Information

Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
N/A	None proposed at this time	N/A

Time Constraints:

Transportation components that are mandatory for the Comprehensive Plan have been included in the appendices of the Transportation Element of Redmond 2050. These components will be brought into the TMP, and in many cases, expanded upon with more specific policies and strategies.

ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:

The Study Session is for informational purposes and no direction is required at this time.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment A - Presentation Slides
- Attachment B - Issues Matrix
- Attachment C - Draft Bicycle Chapter
- Attachment D - Draft Freight Chapter