



Memorandum

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TO: Members of the City Council
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TITLE:
Safer Streets Action Plan Status Update

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:

Redmond received USDOT Safe Streets for All (SS4A) funding through an agreement between the City and the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC). With this funding, the City is developing a Safer Streets Action Plan based on the Safe System Approach. Establishing a Safer Streets Action Plan is necessary to apply for additional SS4A funding that can be used to fund a wide range of safety activities. The Safer Streets Action Plan will develop safety improvement projects throughout the City and facilitate upcoming applications for safety grant funding. This Study Session will provide further detail on the strategies in the Safer Streets Action Plan for Council's review and feedback prior to final approval. Staff anticipates Council's final approval of the completed Safer Streets Action Plan in Spring 2025.

☐ **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.

- **TR-2:** Develop a Vision Zero Action Plan that incorporates a whole-City and whole-community approach to achieving zero deaths and serious injuries.
- **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.
- **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 Safer Streets Action Plan will be adopted by Council in its entirety when complete.
- **Other Key Facts:**
N/A

OUTCOMES:

The Safer Streets Action Plan will develop safety improvement policies, programs, and projects that will provide direct countermeasures to existing high-risk locations. With this Action Plan, the City of Redmond will be well prepared to apply for funding from safety grant programs.

COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**
 - 5/11/2024: Community Road Safety Assessment (RSA) walk in Education Hill neighborhood
 - 5/22/2024: City Staff RSA walk in Education Hill neighborhood

- 6/5/2024: City Staff RSA Debrief Workshop
- 6/25/2024: City Staff Safety Action Plan Task Force Meeting #1
- 12/3/2024: City Staff Safety Action Plan Task Force Meeting #2
- **Outreach Methods and Results:**
Field visits, workshops, and focused task force meetings
- **Feedback Summary:**
Takeaways included safety concerns from local community members in the Education Hill neighborhood. Staff and the consultant team are incorporating these concerns when developing preliminary safety strategies that will be included in the Safer Streets Action Plan and applicable citywide.

BUDGET IMPACT:

Total Cost:

The funding to develop the consultant agreement and Safer Streets Action Plan came from the agreement the City of Redmond has with the PSRC. Staff working on this project are funded through the adopted Mobility of People & Goods budget offer.

Approved in current biennial budget: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Budget Offer Number:

00000310 - Mobility of People & Goods

Budget Priority:

Vibrant and Connected

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

If yes, explain:

N/A

Funding source(s):

Funding sources include the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Award of \$160,000 (plus a \$40,000 City match). The grant was presented for acceptance on September 5, 2023, during the Planning and Public Works Committee of the Whole meeting. The grant was accepted on September 19, 2023, during the Business Meeting. The consultant agreement was presented for acceptance on September 19, 2023, during the Public Safety and Human Services Committee of the Whole meeting, and was approved on the Consent Agenda of the October 3, 2023 Business Meeting.

Budget/Funding Constraints:

N/A

☐ Additional budget details attached

COUNCIL REVIEW:

Previous Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
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9/5/2023	Committee of the Whole - Planning and Public Works	Provide Direction
9/19/2023	Business Meeting	Approve
9/19/2023	Committee of the Whole - Public Safety and Human Services	Provide Direction
10/3/2023	Business Meeting	Approve
6/4/2024	Committee of the Whole - Planning and Public Works	Provide Direction
8/13/2024	Study Session	Receive Information
12/3/2024	Committee of the Whole - Planning and Public Works	Receive Information
1/7/2025	Business Meeting	Receive Information

Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
4/1/2025	Committee of the Whole - Planning and Public Works	Provide Direction
4/15/2022	Business Meeting	Approve

Time Constraints:

Project work began when the consultant team came under contract in fall 2023. Community outreach took place in spring 2024 and the Draft Action Plan was developed in summer and fall 2024. It is anticipated that after Council review and feedback in January 2025, the Safer Streets Action Plan would be finalized and presented to Council for approval in Spring 2025.

ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:

Without a Safer Streets Action Plan, the City will lack a key resource in competing for future safety grant funding and will be ineligible for additional SS4A funding.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A - Draft Plan
Attachment B - Issues Matrix