

City of Redmond



Agenda Study Session

**Tuesday, November 28, 2023
7:00 PM**

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AGENDA

ROLL CALL

1. Economic Development Strategic Plan Data Analysis Findings and Strategic Themes

Department: Planning and Community Development, 45 minutes

[Attachment A: Presentation](#)

Legislative History

11/6/23	Committee of the Whole - Planning and Public Works	referred to the City Council Study Session
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2. Redmond 2050: Phase 2 Policies

Department: Planning and Community Development, 30 minutes

[Attachment A: Council Questions and Input](#)

[Attachment B: Presentation Slides](#)

Legislative History

10/3/23	City Council	referred to the City Council Study Session
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3. Council Talk Time

[Letter to NTSB](#)

ADJOURNMENT



Memorandum

Date: 11/28/2023
Meeting of: City Council Study Session

File No. SS 23-071
Type: Study Session

TO: Members of the City Council
FROM: Mayor Angela Birney
DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR CONTACT(S):

Planning and Community Development	Carol Helland	425-556-2107
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DEPARTMENT STAFF:

Planning and Community Development	Seraphie Allen	Deputy Director
Planning and Community Development	Philly Marsh	Economic Development Manager

TITLE:

Economic Development Strategic Plan Data Analysis Findings and Strategic Themes

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:

This presentation will introduce the Economic Development Strategic Plan process, key data findings and strategic themes to inform continued stakeholder engagement, and strategy development of the guiding document for the City's Economic Development Program.

☐ **Additional Background Information/Description of Proposal Attached**

REQUESTED ACTION:

☐ **Receive Information** ☒ **Provide Direction** ☐ **Approve**

REQUEST RATIONALE:

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**
Redmond Comprehensive Plan: This plan will advance the Economic Vitality policies set through the Redmond Comprehensive Plan
- **Required:**
N/A
- **Council Request:**
N/A
- **Other Key Facts:**
N/A

OUTCOMES:

The Economic Development Strategic Plan process draws on previous studies and reports, current quantitative and qualitative data, and best practices to develop an aligned and organized suite of strategies and actions that will guide the

City of Redmond's economic development program implementation over the next five years.

COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**
The Economic Development Strategic Plan kicked off in August and is currently in the Data Analysis and Community Stakeholder Engagement Phase. A final strategic plan is anticipated in April 2024.
- **Outreach Methods and Results:**
A questionnaire available in five languages is currently active. Focus groups are currently scheduled for December. Information about the project and how to get involved can be found at [Economic Development Strategic Plan | Redmond, WA <https://www.redmond.gov/2059/Economic-Development-Strategic-Plan>](https://www.redmond.gov/2059/Economic-Development-Strategic-Plan)
- **Feedback Summary:**
N/A

BUDGET IMPACT:

Total Cost:

The consultant contract was approved by Council on July 18, 2023, for \$80,850. Staff working on this plan are funded through the adopted budget.

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

Budget Offer Number:

0000040 Community/Economic Development

Budget Priority:

Vibrant and Connected

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

If yes, explain:

N/A

Funding source(s):

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) (\$60,000)

General Fund (\$20,850)

Budget/Funding Constraints:

N/A

☐ **Additional budget details attached**

COUNCIL REVIEW:

Previous Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
7/18/2023	Business Meeting	Approve

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11/6/2023	Committee of the Whole - Planning and Public Works	Provide Direction
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Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
3/26/2024	Study Session	Provide Direction

Time Constraints:

Approval of plan will provide direction for program implementation

ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Economic Development Strategic Plan Council Presentation

Economic Development Program Strategic Plan

Data Analysis and Strategic Theme Review

November 28, 2023

Philly Marsh, Economic Development Manager

Madalina Calen, Senior Economist – Community Attributes, Inc



Project Purpose

- Economic Development program need is expanding
- Further Redmond's economic development vision and required programing to achieve results
- Continue community conversations and stakeholder engagement to align and understand opportunities
- Align city's economic development efforts throughout organization into a holistic body of work
- Guide the City's Economic Development program implementation over the next five years and beyond

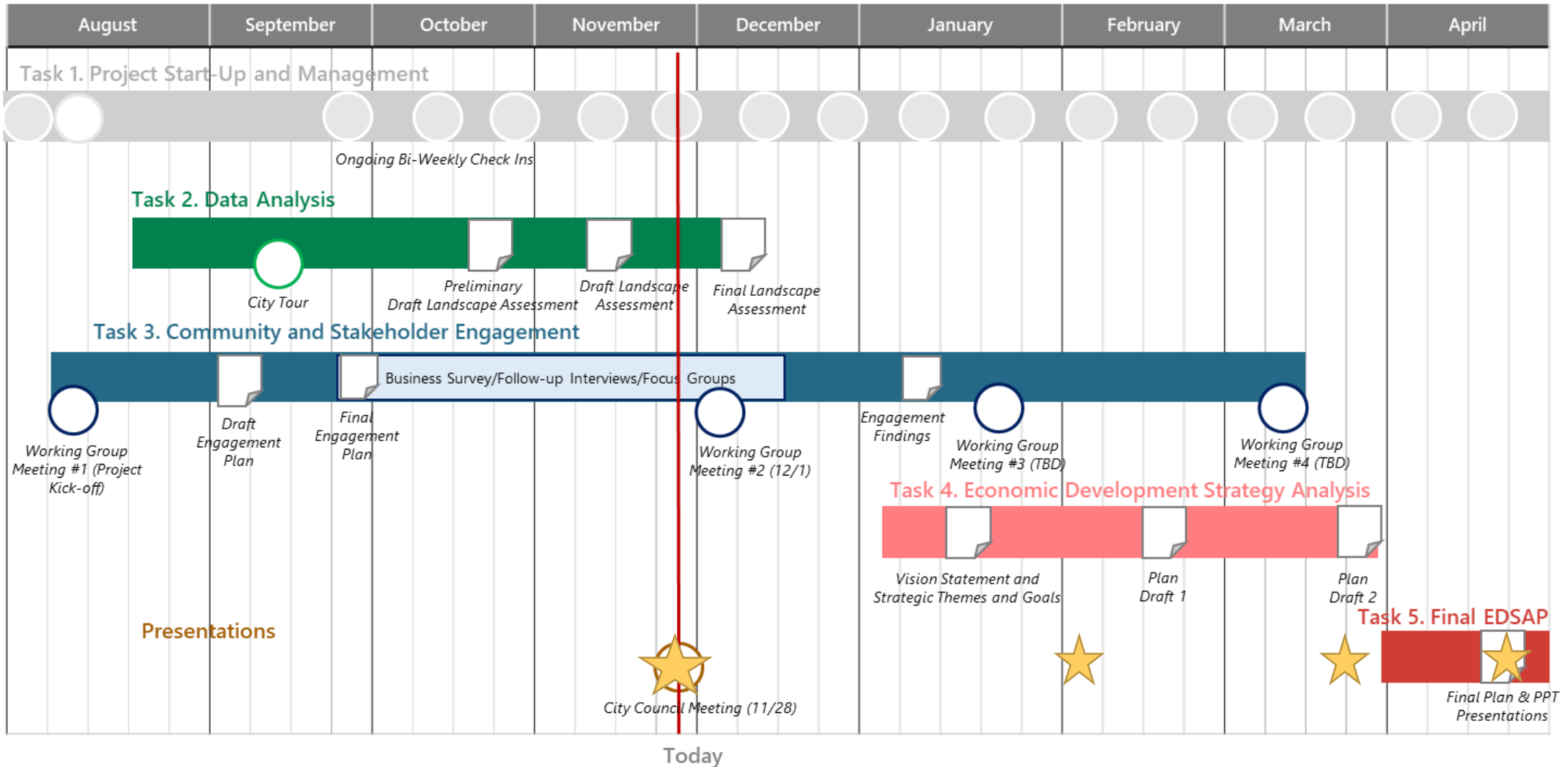


Economic Development Strategic Plan Goals

- **Align** with existing Redmond and regional policies
- **Assess** quantitative and qualitative data to inform strategies
- **Advance** Redmond 2050 economic vitality policies
- **Accelerate** by working with internal and external partners
- **Aspirations** beyond the 5-year lifespan of the plan



Project Status



Landscape Assessment & Data Analysis

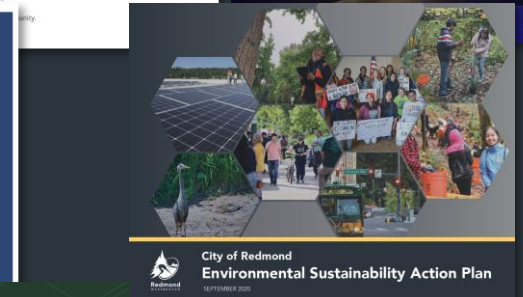
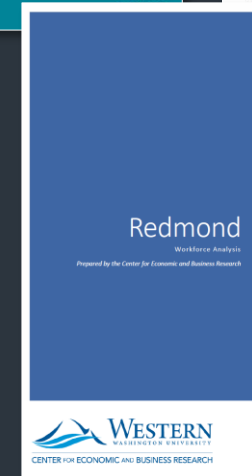
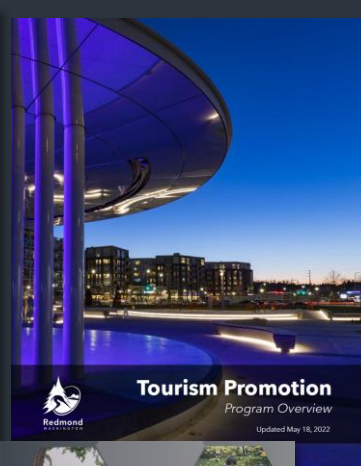
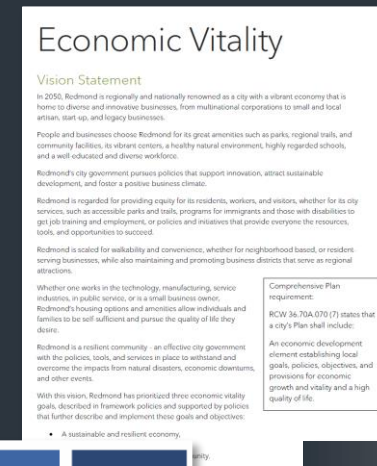
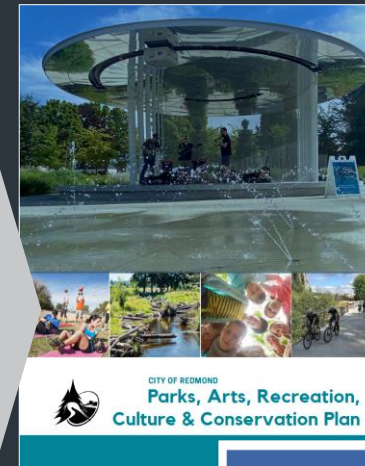
Part 1 - Landscape Assessment

- Synthesis of existing plans, research, and studies for IMPLICATIONS for ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT and key STRATEGIC THEMES for the plan-in-progress.

Part 2 - Data Analysis

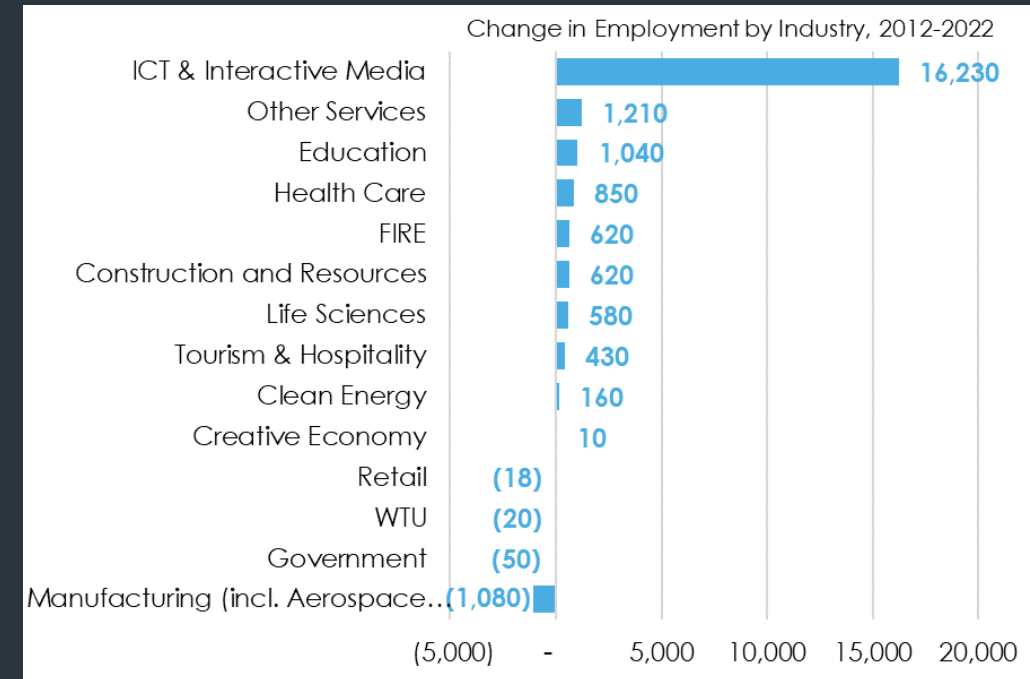
- New, original data analysis to set a baseline understanding of key economic conditions and trends in Redmond in 2023.

Part 3 - SWOT Analysis



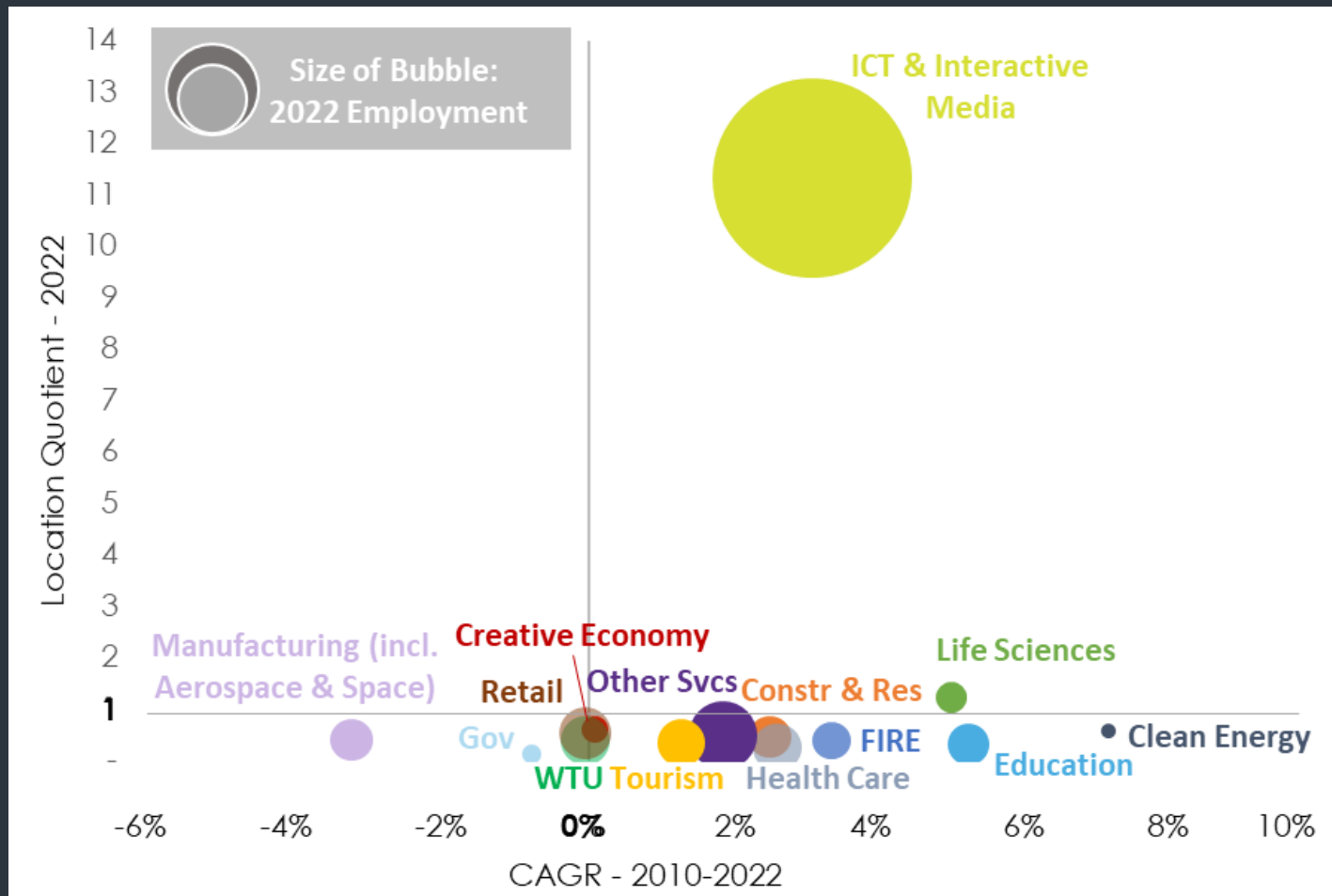
Data: Employment Growth by Industry

- Redmond employment grew by more than 21,000 jobs over the past decade.
- Roughly 76% of the growth in employment was in the Information Technology (ICT) & Interactive Media sector.
- Over the same period, the manufacturing sector lost over 1,000 jobs.



Sources: Puget Sound Regional Council, Preliminary Estimates, 2023; CAI, 2023.

Data: Size and Growth of Redmond Industries



Location Quotient (LQ): Analytical statistic that measures a region's industrial specialization relative to a larger geographic unit.

Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR): Measures the growth of the industry overtime.

Data: Real Estate Market Conditions

Comparative Analysis Cities: Mountain View, CA | Hillsboro, OR | Raleigh, NC | Bellevue, WA | Bothell, WA

- From 2007 to 2023, **Redmond's industrial inventory declined by 2%.**
 - Regional peers, lost more than 30% in this same period. Hillsboro, added 45% more industrial space.
 - Redmond's industrial vacancy rate experienced an all-time low of .1% in 2022 but has since risen to 2.9%
- Redmond's Q4, 2023 inventory of **office space is 17 million square feet**
 - Growth in Redmond was 22%, less than most other peers
 - Since the pandemic, office vacancy rates have increased
- From 2007 to 2023, **Redmond's limited retail inventory** declined by nearly 6%.
 - Other benchmark cities have experienced increases.
 - A healthy retail vacancy rate is generally regarded as being around 3%, Redmond's is under 1%

Strategic Themes for Work Program Development

- **Equitable Small Business & Entrepreneurship Support**
- **Business Retention & Expansion**
- **Business Attraction & Recruitment**
- **Cluster Diversification and Expansion**
- **Workforce Training**
- **District Development & Placemaking**



Next Steps

- Council feedback and insights on strategic themes
- Internal working group meeting
- Finalize landscape and data analysis
- Return to Council in Q1 for engagement report, draft vision statement and goals
- Anticipated Council adoption in Q2, 2024





Thank You

Any Feedback or Questions?





Memorandum

Date: 11/28/2023
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TO: Members of the City Council
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Planning and Community Development	Odra Cárdenas	Planner

TITLE:

Redmond 2050: Phase 2 Policies

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:

Staff recommends that the City Council discuss and provide policy direction on three of the topics identified at the Council's October 3, 2023, business meeting:

- Participation, Implementation, and Evaluation (PIE) Element: roles of city government
- Human Services Element: role of city government
- Land Use Element: building height and other topics

All of these are documented in Attachment A.

On Oct. 3, staff briefed the Council on early drafts of updates to the following Comprehensive Plan elements: Annexation and Regional Planning; Human Services; Capital Facilities; Utilities; Natural Environment; Participation, Implementation, and Evaluation; Climate Resilience and Sustainability; Land Use; and Community Design. Community Design includes policies for Downtown, Marymoor Village, Southeast Redmond, corridors, design, and historic preservation. Collectively these are the "Phase 2" elements. On Oct. 10 the Council held a study session focused on Climate Resilience, Community Design, and moving from policies to strategies and actions.

Councilmembers were sent links to these elements by email in September. They are also part of the October 3, 2023, agenda packet:

<https://redmond.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=PA&ID=1113807&GUID=AE768BEE-5AF1-4E3F-BBD7-C9E3906124A3>.

The Human Services Element begins on page 165; the PIE Element begins on page 242; the Land Use Element begins on page 264.

☒ **Additional Background Information/Description of Proposal Attached**

REQUESTED ACTION:

☐ **Receive Information** ☒ **Provide Direction** ☐ **Approve**

REQUEST RATIONALE:

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**
Policy PI-15 calls for periodic Comprehensive Plan reviews.
- **Required:**
The Growth Management Act requires that Washington cities and counties review and, if needed, revise their comprehensive plans and development regulations every ten years. For King County cities the periodic review must be completed by December 31, 2024
- **Council Request:**
The City Council requested quarterly reports on project milestones, staff progress, and public involvement.
- **Other Key Facts:**
N/A

OUTCOMES:

Updating the Redmond Comprehensive Plan will ensure that the Plan is consistent with state law and regional policy direction; advances equity and inclusion, sustainability, and resiliency; and that Redmond is prepared for growth expected through the year 2050.

COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**
Outreach for Phase 2 policies began in summer 2022 and has continued through Q3 2023.
- **Outreach Methods and Results:**
Redmond 2050 outreach methods have included:
 - Redmond 2050 Website
 - Let's Connect questionnaires
 - Press releases
 - Social media
 - Short videos
 - Yard signs
 - Posters
 - Utility Bill inserts
 - Email newsletters to multiple City lists
 - Emails to partner organizations

- Stakeholder input
- Focus group meetings
- Boards & Commissions meetings
- Hybrid and remote workshops and interviews
- Tabling at community events
- Pop-up events in community spaces and workplaces
- Translation of selected materials
- Community Advisory Committee input
- Technical Advisory Committee input
- Planning Commission public hearings
- Mailed property owner notifications
- **Feedback Summary:**
 - Annexation and Regional Planning*
 - Interest in orphaned roads and where they are in Redmond.
 - Interest in Potential Annexation Areas like English Hill and how they could help meet growth targets.
 - Human Services*
 - Support for this element and associated City operations.
 - Appreciation for focus on equity, regional collaboration, and inclusivity.
 - Capital Facilities*
 - Questions/clarifications on technical terms and how these policies support and/or incorporate Redmond 2050 themes.
 - Utilities*
 - Comments on how utility policies could better support equity in service provision.
 - Participation, Implementation, Evaluation*
 - Comments on catch-all terms for historically excluded groups.
 - Comment to incorporate tribal consultation.
 - Add language about impact review tools for environment, climate and economic development.
 - Climate Resilience and Sustainability*
 - Support for developing this element and appreciation for focus on equity and on vulnerable populations.
 - Natural Environment*
 - Community supportive of updates.
 - Land Use*
 - Support for allowing non-residential uses (goods, services) in residential areas.
 - Favorites include food trucks, cafes, corner stores, small healthcare, and community spaces.
 - Support for this concept especially around parks.
 - Concerns about this concept: noise and increased car traffic.
 - Community Design*
 - Community outreach begins September/October 2023.

BUDGET IMPACT:

Total Cost:

\$4,616,401 is the total value of the Community and Economic Development budget offer. This budget offer includes staff and consultant resources necessary to complete Redmond 2050.

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

Budget Offer Number:
0000040 - Community and Economic Development

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, Washington State Department of Commerce grants

Budget/Funding Constraints:
Two Commerce grants supported updates to the Housing Element

☐ **Additional budget details attached**

COUNCIL REVIEW:

Previous Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
10/6/2020	Business Meeting	Approve
11/17/2020	Business Meeting	Receive Information
3/16/2021	Business Meeting	Receive Information
3/23/2021	Study Session	Provide Direction
6/15/2021	Business Meeting	Receive Information
6/22/2021	Study Session	Provide Direction
9/21/2021	Business Meeting	Receive Information
9/28/2021	Study Session	Provide Direction
11/16/2021	Business Meeting	Receive Information
11/23/2021	Study Session	Provide Direction
2/15/2022	Business Meeting	Receive Information
5/3/2022	Business Meeting	Receive Information
5/10/2022	Study Session	Provide Direction
6/7/2022	Committee of the Whole - Planning and Public Works	Receive Information
7/19/2022	Business Meeting	Receive Information
7/26/2022	Study Session	Provide Direction
8/9/2022	Study Session	Provide Direction

10/4/2022	Business Meeting	Receive Information
10/11/2022	Study Session	Provide Direction
1/17/2023	Business Meeting	Receive Information
1/24/2023	Study Session	Provide Direction
3/7/2023	Business Meeting	Receive Information
3/14/2023	Study Session	Provide Direction
7/18/2023	Business Meeting	Receive Information
9/5/2023	Business Meeting	Receive Information
9/12/2023	Study Session	Provide Direction
9/26/2023	Study Session	Provide Direction
10/3/2023	Business Meeting	Receive Information
10/10/2023	Study Session	Provide Direction

Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)

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

Time Constraints:

All Comprehensive Plan elements must be adopted by the end of 2024.

ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:

Staff is not requesting action at this time.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Council Input and Questions

Attachment B: Presentation Slides

Attachment A: Council Questions and Input for Phase 2 Policies

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Council Question or Input	Initial Staff Response	Further Discussion
General Interest in Policy Discussions		
<p>Community Design</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approach • Resonance with constituent conversations (Forsythe, Kritzer) 	<p>This new chapter in response to community feedback on both general design considerations and being a more inclusive community. The framework for the new chapter can be found in the September 27, 2023 Planning Commission memo.</p> <p>Community feedback that helped in the development of this new chapter included preferences for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A different look/feel for each center • Regulations based on outcomes (less prescriptive) • Removing policies that have been or could be exclusionary • Adding policy language on inclusive/universal design • Accessibility focus, ensuring we are planning for all ages and abilities • Integrating our diversity of cultures into our built environment • More emphasis on green building and design for sustainability and resiliency <p>Summaries of some of these community conversations can be found here:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Visioning - Design Elements (April 2021) Summary • Equity in Our Built Environment workshop series (Fall 2021) Summary • Quarterly engagement summaries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Forth quarter 2022 - community character, inclusive design 	<p><u>10/10 discussion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CM Stuart asked that “unique crosswalk treatment” language be added back to CC-26 as an opportunity to reinforce themes in different centers. • CM Kritzer asked what else we do to celebrate diversity. • CM Kritzer asked what living day-to-day in an inclusive city looks like. What is the look that creates inclusion? What will be the result of the policies? • CM Kritzer liked the use of policies to describe vision, but without being prescriptive. • CM Forsythe appreciated the focus on all ages and

Council Question or Input	Initial Staff Response	Further Discussion
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ First quarter 2023 - accessibility and community design ○ Second quarter 2023 - Marymoor Village, Downtown <p>Diversity and inclusion efforts underway:</p> <p>Staff is exploring different placemaking tools and techniques to help each center have its own identity as well as ways our built environment can be more welcoming and inclusive. Some of the ways this is taking shape include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishing an Intercultural District in Overlake and creating a new code section, RZC 21.05.200, for cultural districts (one under consideration in Marymoor). • Reviewing standards and codes related to accessibility and universal design so that our built environment is more inclusive for all ages and abilities. • Exploring ways to build out Marymoor Village as a pilot inclusive neighborhood. • Incorporating the importance of the Marymoor and Lake Sammamish area into the placemaking features for Marymoor (art, signage, etc.). <p>In addition to the ideas above, we are in the middle of several months of community discussions on what an inclusive community looks like to our community members. Ideas from this engagement effort will be reflected in future draft policies and in the code update work.</p>	<p>abilities focus, universal design, and accessibility.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CM Forsythe said that the sign code should reflect differences between centers, and should emphasize accessibility (e.g., recognizing that sandwich board signs can impede accessibility)
Climate Resilience and Sustainability	One of the primary purposes in developing this element is to align with state and regional goals and policies on climate resilience and greenhouse	<u>10/10 discussion:</u>

Council Question or Input	Initial Staff Response	Further Discussion
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approach • What is above-and-beyond existing policies and state requirements? <p>(Kritzer)</p>	<p>gas (GHG) reductions, as well as provide policy support for existing plans, such as the Environmental Sustainability Action Plan (ESAP), the Community Strategic Plan, and Redmond’s Operations Zero Carbon Strategy. Internal plans such as these are required to be internally consistent with each other and the Comprehensive Plan.</p> <p>Thanks to direction from the Mayor and Council, the ESAP already includes several actions and strategies to equitably address resilience and work towards zero net emissions by 2050. The proposed element builds on this by creating clearer policy guidance that will strengthen the update of the next ESAP update in 2025 and other planning efforts.</p> <p>All of the above gives Redmond a jumpstart on meeting HB 1181 requirements for climate resilience. This allows us to move from planning to implementation more quickly and see reductions sooner. For instance, HB 1181 requires we develop and adopt a GHG reduction strategy (done – ESAP) and identify and implement strategies to increase resilience to climate impacts (done – Climate Vulnerability Assessment).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CM Stuart requested that deficit language be avoided. • CM Stuart appreciated CR-4 re: mutually re-enforcing nature of climate and growth pattern policies. • CM Stuart requested incorporating the idea of electrifying the vehicle fleet in CR-23. • CM Stuart asked about the role of the City in providing clean air shelters (CR-15). • CM Kritzer appreciated seeing past planning work reflected in this element. • CM Kritzer noted that the Zero Carbon Strategy has a 2030 horizon and asked to see that reflected in CR-1. • CM Forsythe requested that the building code and green roofs be reflected more strongly in this element.

Council Question or Input	Initial Staff Response	Further Discussion
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CM Stuart noted CR-21 as addressing concerns raised about water supply.
<p>Moving from policies to strategies and actions. (Fields)</p>	<p>Comprehensive plans establish a vision, set direction, and often identify strategies. They do not, by themselves, force action.</p> <p>Something the Council should consider in its review of Redmond Comprehensive Plan policy updates is how directive, or detailed, policies should be. Less directive policies allows for more legislative and administrative discretion, more nimbleness, more responsiveness to changing conditions, and require fewer amendments over time. More directive policies constrain legislative and administrative discretion, are less nimble and responsive, and typically must be amended more often.</p> <p>Staff's approach and recommendation in drafting has been to set clear direction and sometimes identify preferred strategies. Staff has tried to focus the policies on desired outcomes instead of specific methods to achieve those outcomes. Draft policies typically do not dictate a specific course of action, leaving those decisions to regulations, strategic plans, investment plans, budgets, and other implementation mechanisms. This also allows flexibility over time with to respond to changes in best available science, best practices, technology and other tools, partnerships, and resources.</p>	<p><u>10/10 discussion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CM Stuart appreciated the "agility of language" in the new drafts vs. specificity in existing policies. CM Forsythe remarked that policy should be high-level, allowing the City to be nimble.
<p>Participation, Implementation, and Evaluation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Role of city government <p>(Stuart)</p>	<p>The overall goals of this element are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote active participation by all members of the community; Ensure that the input we receive represents the diversity of the Redmond community; Ensure that the city has a clear, predictable development review process; and 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avoid negative impacts to vulnerable communities by using equity impact review tools. 	
Human Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Role of city government (Stuart) 	<p>A key goal of the Human Services Element update is to align with the 2022 Human Services Strategic Plan. The Human Services Strategic Plan is centered around the values of equity and inclusion, resiliency, integrity, and centering relationships. The plan affirms the City's commitment to ensure that community members can meet their basic needs such as food, shelter, and medical care.</p> <p>Policy HS-1 discusses the role of the City in the direct provision of human services, while other components of the element acknowledge the need for outside organizations to have substantive roles in the direct provision of human services.</p> <p>HS-1 Support the community response to human service needs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaborate with other City departments. Involve the City in direct delivery of human services when delivery is consistent with a department's mission. Involve the City in direct delivery of human services when the City is one of the most effective providers, or there are no other qualified, available providers. 	
Land Use <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building heights Potentially other topics (Khan) 	<p>The Land Use Element establishes a land use pattern that supports community priorities and meets state requirements for housing and overall growth. One significant change in Redmond 2050 is an emphasis on <i>complete</i> neighborhoods: places where a person can meet basic needs – shops, services, schools, parks, grocery stores, and other places that support everyday life – by walking or rolling close to home. Complete neighborhoods advance sustainability and resilience.</p>	<p><u>10/10 discussion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CM Kritzer requested an updated land use table

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	<p>Meeting growth targets for 2050 requires growing “up”. Height is one component of the visual and physical impact of a structure. The proposed building height increases have been focused into areas closest to the light rail stations.</p> <p>Building heights studied in the Draft and Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statements are:</p> <table><tr><th rowspan="2">Center</th><th>Alt 1 – No Action</th><th colspan="2">Preferred Alternative</th></tr><tr><th>Allowed</th><th>Typical</th><th>TOD Focus Areas</th></tr><tr><td>Overlake Metro Center</td><td>9 – 12 stories</td><td>Up to 19 stories</td><td>Up to 30 stories</td></tr><tr><td>Downtown Urban Center</td><td>4 – 8 stories (12 in RTC)</td><td>6 – 10 stories</td><td>Up to 12 stories</td></tr><tr><td>Marymoor Village</td><td>5 – 6 stories</td><td>6 – 10 stories</td><td>Up to 10 stories</td></tr><tr><td>SE Redmond Industrial Center</td><td>4 – 6 stories</td><td>4 – 6 stories</td><td>n/a</td></tr></table> <p>A building’s relationship to the street, its façade, and materials are other important components. Policies guiding design and other placemaking policies are found in the Community Design Element (with regulations and guidelines in the Redmond Zoning Code).</p>	Center	Alt 1 – No Action	Preferred Alternative		Allowed	Typical	TOD Focus Areas	Overlake Metro Center	9 – 12 stories	Up to 19 stories	Up to 30 stories	Downtown Urban Center	4 – 8 stories (12 in RTC)	6 – 10 stories	Up to 12 stories	Marymoor Village	5 – 6 stories	6 – 10 stories	Up to 10 stories	SE Redmond Industrial Center	4 – 6 stories	4 – 6 stories	n/a	
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Specific Topics																									
Would like to learn more about traffic concerns expressed regarding non-	Stakeholders and staff identified that certain non-residential uses could generate traffic and parking impacts. When asked if they still supported some non-residential uses in residential areas even if there was an increase																								

Council Question or Input	Initial Staff Response	Further Discussion
<p>residential uses in residential neighborhoods. (Anderson)</p>	<p>in traffic, discussion centered on planning for and mitigating or avoiding such impacts, rather than prohibiting non-residential uses.</p> <p>Some ideas for mitigating or avoiding such impacts included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building multimodal infrastructure such as bicycle and pedestrian facilities. • Distributing non-residential geographically so that fewer customers need to rely on cars to access them. <p>Areas noted for traffic concern were areas around schools, faith institutions, and areas that already experience high traffic such as streets leading to Downtown.</p> <p>Overall, the intention of adding non-residential uses into residential areas is to create additional businesses that the community can access with less reliance on vehicles.</p>	
<p>Interest in discussing making utility connections affordable when new development brings, for example, sewer lines close to property owners with septic tanks. (Forsythe)</p>	<p>Staff is evaluating strategies for improving affordability for sewer connections. City code does include a provision for a loan program to finance the cost of sewer connection charges (RMC 13.11.036).</p>	

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Phase 2 Policies

November 28, 2023



Agenda

- Participation, Implementation, and Evaluation
- Human Services
- Land Use

Participation, Implementation, and Evaluation

Significant Updates

- Remove non-inclusive language
- Added new policies related to the following:
 - Streamline development review process
 - Involve historically excluded community groups in the planning process
 - Performance of development review processes
 - Equity impact review tools

Input to Date

- Comments on catch all terms for historically excluded groups
- Incorporate tribal consultation
- Add language about impact review tools for environment, climate, and economic development

Human Services

Significant Updates

- Alignment with Redmond 2050 themes
- Emphasis on a proactive approach
- Emphasis on equity and inclusivity
- Capacity-building and regional collaboration
- Streamlined and consolidated policies
- Minimize jargon, increase clarity, increase accessible language

Input to Date

- Stakeholders supportive of updates
- Stakeholders appreciative of more proactive approach
- Some questions on formatting/organization and on desired granularity for policies addressing racial equity

Related Plans

- Human Services Strategic Plan

Land Use

Significant Updates

- Creates Neighborhood Residential designation to allow a greater variety of housing choices and integrates some non-residential uses to foster complete neighborhoods
- Streamlines land use designation structure, with elimination of Design District
- Structures mixed-use designations based on area of the City: centers and citywide
- Citywide mixed-use designation includes mixed-use zones for different scales/intensities

Input to Date

- Community support for non-residential uses (goods, services) in residential areas
- Favorites include food trucks, cafes, corner stores, small healthcare, and community spaces
- Support especially near parks
- Concerns: noise and increased car traffic

Comprehensive Plan - Adopts Vision for the City



PHASE ONE

PHASE TWO

Continual Support:



Community Involvement



Environmental Review

Functional & Strategic Plans - Defines How Vision will be Implemented



PHASE ONE

PHASE TWO

Financing & Implementation



BOTH PHASES

Next Steps

Tonight

Policy direction on early drafts

Q1 2024

Review next drafts



Appendix

From Needs Assessment to Final Action



- What updates are required?
- What is outdated?

- What's missing?
- What else should be considered?

- **Are the policies headed in the right direction?**

- Are you seeing input reflected in later drafts?

Community Design

This is a New Element

- Includes centers, corridors, neighborhood, design, and historic preservation policies
- Update design standards to better reflect themes of equity and inclusion, resiliency, and sustainability
- Focus on where growth will go and what it will look like

Input to Date

- Community seeking different look/feel for each center, but simplified regulations based on outcomes (less prescriptive)
- Policy considerations comments in 2022-2023 focused on inclusion and universal design and removal of exclusionary policies
- Outreach on first draft policies starting Sept./Oct. 2023
 - Kickoff in Welcoming Week and event on Oct. 26th with Eastside for All and other partners

Related Plans/Initiatives

- Council Strategic Plan, Cultural Inclusion Strategy Area
- DEI Program, focus on belonging and the city's commitment to being an inclusive community

Climate Resilience and Sustainability

This is a New Element

- Alignment with Redmond 2050 themes
- Supports greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals
- Reduce negative impacts to vulnerable populations and overburdened communities
- Make progress towards fulfilling requirements of RCW 36.70A.070(9) as amended by WA House Bill 1181 passed in 2023

Input to Date

- Community supportive of City's effort to develop this element
- Appreciate focus on equity and on vulnerable populations
- Desire for more sense of urgency

Related Plans

- Environmental Sustainability Action Plan
- Community Strategic Plan
- Climate Emergency Declaration
- City of Redmond Operations Zero Carbon Strategy

Annexation and Regional Planning

Significant Updates

- Removed policies that are not relevant to the remaining Potential Annexation Areas
- New policies for:
 - Annexation of orphaned roads
 - Pre-annexation agreements

Input to Date

- Interest in orphaned roads and where they are in Redmond
- Interest in Potential Annexation Areas like English Hill and how they could help meet growth targets

Capital Facilities

Significant Updates

- Update plan horizon from 2030 to 2050
- Update level-of-service standards
- Ensure issues around equity are considered
- Updated unclear/outdated terminology

Input to Date

- Some questions/clarifications on technical terms and how these policies support and/or incorporate Redmond 2050 themes

Utilities

Significant Updates

- Updated policies to align with Redmond 2050 themes
- Consolidated and removed outdated/redundant policies (from 96 to less than 70)
- Policy update to shift away from natural gas as a preferred energy source
- Revised telecommunications policies to better reflect current and future trends
- Updated solid waste service policies to include zero-waste practices, organics, and composting

Input to Date

- Community generally supportive of updates
- Comments on how utility policies could better support equity in service provision

Natural Environment

Significant Updates

- Climate change policies moving to new Climate Change and Resiliency element
- Minor updates to focus on Redmond 2050 goals
- Consolidation of tree canopy policies and better alignment with Tree Canopy Strategic Plan
- Revisions to policies to provide better clarity of intent and best practices
- Updated Critical Areas policies (Section B.) to align with Critical Areas Regulations update

Input to Date

- Community supportive of updates



City of Redmond

15670 NE 85th Street
Redmond, WA

Memorandum

Date: 11/28/2023

Meeting of: City Council Study Session

File No. SS 23-072

Type: Study Session

Council Talk Time

National Transportation Safety Board,

Washington State is in the midst of a Pedestrian Safety Crisis, with over 500 people who have died on our streets this year. The Redmond City Council recently passed a Vision Zero resolution to address the safety crisis on our streets. This is work that cannot be done in a vacuum, it requires collaboration and approaching the crisis from a variety of issues. From our position as councilmembers we have the power to prioritize funding and building safer street projects that prioritize safety for all users. However, there are issues outside our control, which is why we are reaching out to you today.

Analysis of industry data shows that the hood height of passenger trucks has increased by an average of at least 11 percent since 2000 and that new pickups grew 24 percent heavier on average from 2000 to 2018. Larger vehicles and heavier vehicles mean longer breaking times and greater blind spots. On some heavy-duty trucks, such as the Ford F-250, the front edge of the hood is now 55 inches or more off the ground—as tall as the roof of many sedans. Data shows that large vehicle drivers have poor front sight lines, creating a blind spot that can hide a pedestrian or smaller car right in front of them.

More than 42,000 people were killed and 4.8 million seriously injured on U.S. roadways on 2020, an 8 percent increase from the year before, despite a decrease in miles traveled. Pedestrian fatalities rose 46 percent over the past decade, according to the Governors Highway Safety Association, and the deaths reflect societal inequities. Low-income people are more likely to be struck; elderly pedestrians and wheelchair users are at higher risk of mortality when hit by a vehicle; and Black, Hispanic, and Indigenous people are overrepresented in pedestrian crash fatalities.

We understand that the reasons for the rising death toll are complex, with many variables. But a growing body of research indicates that the increasing dimensions of pickups is a leading contributor to the deadliness of crashes, especially when for children who are less likely to be visible, pedestrians, cyclists, or smaller vehicles.

These trends are alarming and we ask that you require automakers to prioritize the safety of people outside these large vehicles by requiring automatic

emergency braking with pedestrian detection and blind spot warning be standard on all new vehicles. These are not luxury add-ons. They are life saving technologies and must be required on all large vehicles.