



Memorandum

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TO: Members of the City Council
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TITLE:

Sound Transit Light Rail Quarterly Briefing - Focus on Downtown Redmond Link Extension Design Completion and Construction Progress

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:

The 2021 work plan for the Committee of the Whole - Planning and Public Works contains a quarterly Sound Transit light rail update. This staff report provides an update for the third quarter of 2021. Supplemental information is provided in Attachment A; presentation slides are included as Attachment B.

Additional Background Information/Description of Proposal Attached

REQUESTED ACTION:

Receive Information Provide Direction Approve

REQUEST RATIONALE:

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**
Comprehensive Plan Policies TR-10 and TR-11; Transportation Master Plan
- **Required:**
N/A
- **Council Request:**
Planning and Public Works Committee 2021 work plan item
- **Other Key Facts:**
The last quarterly update was June 1, 2021 with focus on artwork at the four stations

OUTCOMES:

Light rail will be the backbone of Redmond’s transit network when it opens in 2023 to Overlake and 2024 to Southeast

Redmond and Downtown Redmond. It will provide a frequent and reliable mobility choice that connects Redmond to the region.

COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**
Underway - ST is starting testing of guideway and Light Rail Vehicles for Eastlink from Bellevue to Redmond in September.
Planned - ST is continuing outreach across the entire 3.4 Downtown Redmond Link Extension which is all under construction at this time. A major outreach effort this next quarter will be targeted on construction and detours planned for the SR520/SR202 interchange with work commencing in January of 2022.
- **Outreach Methods and Results:**
Sound Transit uses in-person, print, and electronic media to notify the Redmond community about construction activities. The City relays these notifications through its communication channels.
- **Feedback Summary:**
Feedback from public engagement and ballot measures consistently shows strong support for the extension of light rail to Redmond.

BUDGET IMPACT:

Total Cost:

Quarterly briefings to Council are a component of work supported by staff positions that are funding by the Light Rail Offer.

Approved in current biennial budget: Yes No N/A

Budget Offer Number:

000240 Light Rail

Budget Priority:

Vibrant and Connected

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

If yes, explain:

N/A

Funding source(s):

Interlocal Agreements with Sound Transit

Budget/Funding Constraints:

Funds are only available for purposes described in agreements with Sound Transit

Additional budget details attached

COUNCIL REVIEW:

Previous Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
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6/16/2020	Business Meeting	Receive Information
9/15/2020	Business Meeting	Receive Information
11/17/2020	Business Meeting	Receive Information
3/2/2021	Business Meeting	Receive Information
6/1/2021	Business Meeting	Receive Information

Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
12/7/2021	Business Meeting	Receive Information

Time Constraints:

To be timely, this third quarter update is typically provided by the end of September

ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:

This is an informational briefing only; no Council action is requested.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Light Rail in Redmond Supplemental Information for third Quarter 2020

Attachment B: Presentation Slides for September 21, 2021