

2027-2028 Biennial Budget: Community Engagement Update

In response to Council's feedback at the April 14 Finance, Administration, and Communication (FAC) Committee, requesting broader and more tangible community engagement for the 2027-2028 biennial budget, Finance and Communications have implemented an expanded outreach approach.

Completed Activities

Activity	Details	Status / Date
Redmond.gov Webpage	Dedicated budget engagement webpage live with questionnaire link, process overview, and key messaging.	☑ Complete July 1, 2026
Budget Questionnaire	Published on LetsConnect Redmond, open to all residents, businesses, and community partners.	☑ Complete - Open July 1, 2026
eNews	Email newsletter sent to Redmond subscribers directing to budget questionnaire and engagement opportunities.	☑ Complete July 6, 2026
Focus Newsletter	Feature article published in City's Focus newsletter highlighting budget process and community engagement opportunities.	☑ Complete July 6, 2026
Yard Signs	Distributed throughout Redmond to raise awareness and direct community to participate in budget questionnaire.	☑ Design Complete Distribution - July 15-31, 2026
Flyers	Distributed at Senior & Community Center, Teen Lounge (RCCMV), to Youth Partnership Advocacy Committee, via PeachJar to LWSD families, and through business walks.	☑ Design Complete Distribution - July 15-31, 2026
Budget Stickers	Distributed to community buildings including the Senior & Community Center, Teen Lounge, and to Youth Partnership Advocacy Committee.	☑ Design Complete Distribution - July 15-31, 2026
Utility Bill Inserts	Budget engagement insert included in July utility bills mailed to all Redmond utility customers.	☑ Complete – July Utility Bill
Derby Days Booth	Partnered with Parks for an in-person booth where community members could engage directly with city staff about the budget process.	☑ Planning Complete Event - July 24-25, 2026
Focus Group – Commissioners & Community	Fulcrum Strategy Group (FSG) facilitating a focus group with commissioners and community members. In-person and Zoom, AM and PM sessions.	📅 Scheduled July 14, 2026
Promotional Video with Council	Short promotional video featuring Council to encourage community participation in the budget process.	🕒 In Progress July 22, 2026
CBO Engagement	FSG developing facilitation plan. Zach Houvener, Haritha Narra, and FSG liaison will coordinate with CBOs to gather input from underrepresented communities.	🕒 In Progress Late Aug / Early Sept 2026
OneRedmond Newsletter	Budget engagement features in the OneRedmond newsletter to reach Redmond's business community.	🕒 In Progress Sept. 25, 2026
Economic Development eNews	Budget engagement outreach via the Economic Development email newsletter to businesses and partners.	🕒 In Progress Sept. 25, 2026

Upcoming Milestones

Milestone	Description	Target Date
CBO Engagement	Fulcrum-facilitated CBO sessions coordinated by Zach Houvener and Haritha Narra	Late Aug – Early Sept 2026
Public Hearings	Community public hearings on the 2027-2028 budget (remote & in-person)	Sept. 15 – Nov. 2, 2026
Preliminary Budget	Mayor Birney introduces the preliminary budget; "What We Heard" summary published	October 6, 2026
Budget Adoption	Council adopts the 2027-2028 biennial budget	November 10, 2026