



Memorandum

Date: 7/18/2023
Meeting of: City Council

File No. AM No. 23-109
Type: Staff Report

TO: Members of the City Council
FROM: Mayor Angela Birney
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TITLE:

Redmond 2050 Preferred Growth Alternative

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:

Planning staff will describe the Redmond 2050 preferred growth alternative. The preferred growth alternative differs from the preliminary preferred growth alternative presented in September 2022 for two primary reasons:

- It provides capacity for housing for all economic segments of the community. The preliminary preferred growth alternative lacked sufficient capacity for low- and midrise multifamily units to accommodate the need for housing affordable to households earning 0-50% of area median income.
- It assumes development of "middle housing" types that must be accommodated under HB 1110.

The City's environmental consultant is conducting environmental analysis. A supplemental draft environmental impact statement (EIS) will be published in Q3 2023, followed by a final EIS in Q4 2023.

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

REQUESTED ACTION:

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

REQUEST RATIONALE:

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**
Redmond Comprehensive Plan, Redmond Transportation Master Plan, implementing functional and strategic

plans, and Redmond Zoning Code.

- **Required:**

The Growth Management Act requires that Washington cities and counties periodically 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:

The outcome of analyzing a preferred alternative will be a final EIS upon which the City Council can rely to inform its Redmond 2050 policy and regulatory decisions.

COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**

Outreach on the Draft EIS occurred from mid-June through early September 2022.

- **Outreach Methods and Results:**

Methods and results for Draft EIS outreach:

- Online questionnaire: 111+ completions
- Storymap: 749 engaged
- Derby Days: 250+ engaged
- Staff workshop: 40 engaged
- Community workshops: 34 engaged
- Public hearings: 11 testified
- Pop-up events: 207+ engaged
- Focus groups: ## participants
- Comment letters: 33 received
- Planning Commission, Community Advisory Committee, and Technical Advisory Committee input

- **Feedback Summary:**

Draft EIS feedback is summarized at <https://redmond.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=11237021&GUID=6ABE2011-985A-4543-80EA-21A557C0CE95>.

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.

Approved in current biennial budget:

☒ **Yes**

☐ **No**

☐ **N/A**

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Budget Offer Number:
0000040

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 grant

Budget/Funding Constraints:
N/A

☐ **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

Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)

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

Time Constraints:

All Phase I and Phase II updates to the Comprehensive Plan must be completed no later than December 31, 2024.

ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:

Staff is not requesting action at this time.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Presentation Slides

Attachment B: Redmond 2050 Overview

Attachment C: Q2 2023 Community Involvement Summary *(for information only - not related to preferred alternative or environmental review)*