

City of Redmond



Agenda Study Session

**Tuesday, June 10, 2025
7:00 PM**

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AGENDA

ROLL CALL

1. Joint Meeting with Parks, Trails, and Recreation Commission (PTRC)

Department: Parks and Recreation, 45 minutes

[Attachment A: PTRC Joint Meeting](#)

2. 2025 State Legislative Session Debrief

Department: Executive, 30 minutes

[Attachment A: Redmond 2025 State Legislative Agenda](#)

[Attachment B: 2025 Legislative Session Debrief
Presentation](#)

[Attachment C: End of Session Report](#)

3. Asset Performance Management 101 - Information Briefing

Department: Public Works, 30 minutes

[Attachment A: Presentation](#)

Legislative History

5/6/25

Committee of the Whole -
Planning and Public Works

referred to the City Council Study Session

4. Council Talk Time

10 minutes

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Memorandum

Date: 6/10/2025
Meeting of: City Council

File No. SS 25-039
Type: Study Session

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

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DEPARTMENT STAFF:

Parks	Lindsey Falkenburg	Parks Planning Manager
Parks	Cameron Zapata	Senior Parks Planner

TITLE:

Joint Meeting with Parks, Trails, and Recreation Commission (PTRC)

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:

Each year, the Parks, Trails, and Recreation Commission (PTRC) has a joint meeting with City Council to review accomplishments from the previous year and discuss the Commission's priorities for the next year. PTRC Serves as an advisory body to the City Council and leads the round robin conversation, beginning with a presentation that will highlight the Commissions accomplishments and future priorities.

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

REQUESTED ACTION:

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

REQUEST RATIONALE:

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**
Parks, Arts, Recreation, Culture & Conservation Plan
- **Required:**
N/A
- **Council Request:**
N/A
- **Other Key Facts:**
N/A

OUTCOMES:

As an advisory body to the City Council, it is important for the PTRC to have the opportunity to meet directly with City Council to discuss priorities.

COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**
N/A
- **Outreach Methods and Results:**
N/A
- **Feedback Summary:**
N/A

BUDGET IMPACT:

Total Cost:
N/A

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

Budget Offer Number:
N/A

Budget Priority:
Healthy & Sustainable
Vibrant & Connected

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

If yes, explain:
N/A

Funding source(s):
N/A

Budget/Funding Constraints:
N/A

☐ Additional budget details attached

COUNCIL REVIEW:

Previous Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
N/A	Item has not been presented to Council	N/A

Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)

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

Time Constraints:

N/A

ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Parks, Trails, and Recreation Commission PowerPoint Presentation

Joint Meeting: Parks, Trails & Recreation Commission & City Council

June 10, 2025



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Agenda

- Introductions
- June '24 – June '25 Recap
- 2025 Priority Projects
- Youth Advocate Project
- Community Gardens Update
- 2025 PTRC Work Plan and Discussion

2025 Parks, Trails, and Recreation Commission



Clint Smith
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Garrett Michaud
Vice-Chair



Jodi Pena



Stuart Hargreaves



Siri Bliesner



Jim Kleppe



Greg Laird



Praveen Rachakulla



Kristina Wayland



Shailja Tyagi
Youth Advocate



Arya Nagvekar
Youth Advocate



*The role of the Parks, Trails, and Recreation Commission is to make recommendations to the Mayor and Council concerning **the improvement and development of parks, playgrounds, trails, and recreational facilities.***

*To **identify future needs** and interests for the PARCC plan and Comprehensive Plan.*

*To make recommendations regarding **rules, management, and policies** related to parks.*

*To **involve Redmond citizens** and park users in issues related to parks & recreation.*



Southeast Redmond Neighborhood Park Masterplan



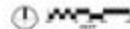
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Overall Preferred Concept Plan



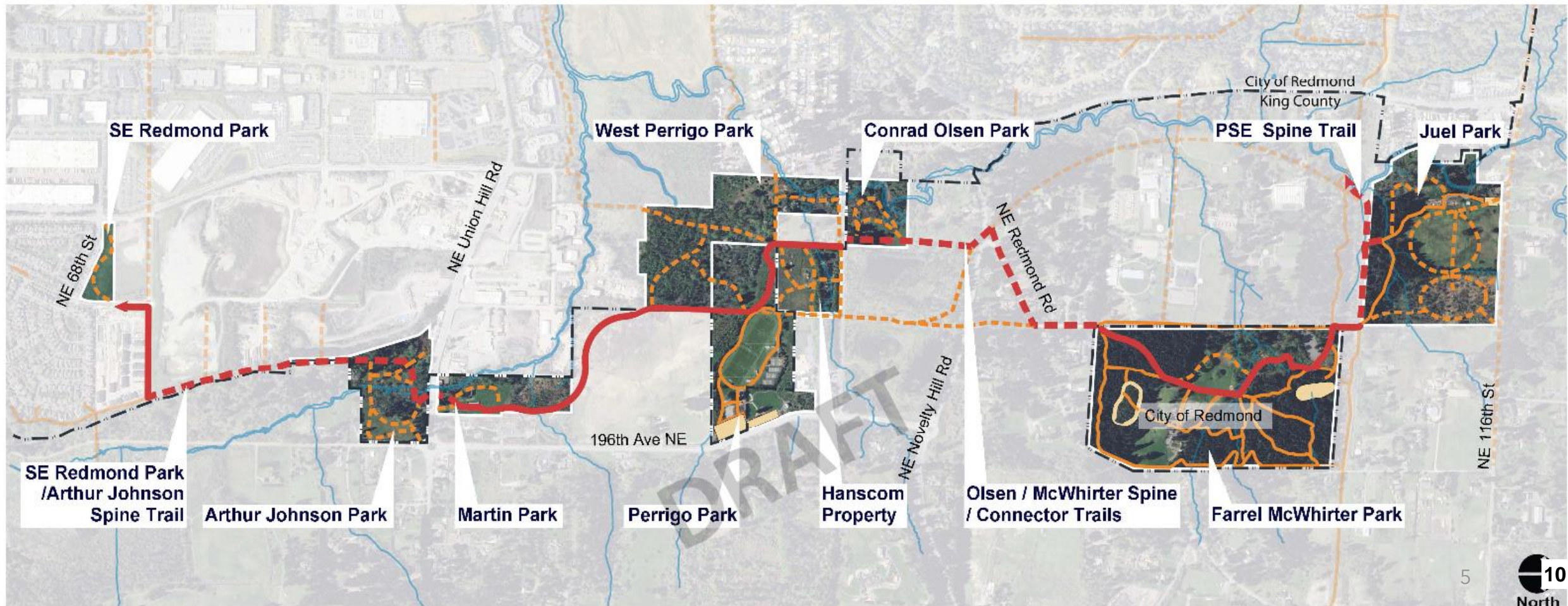
Southeast Redmond Park | Master Plan Report



MARCH 2024

2025 Project Priorities: East Redmond Corridor (ERC)

East Redmond Corridor Overview



ERC Plan

- ERC Implementation Plan by HBB completed (final draft) March 2025 and reviewed with PTRC
- Timelines: Early Action Projects (1-5 years) through longer-term projects (11-20+ years)
- Target Early Action Projects that can be started or completed with minimal budget, including volunteer activities

Early Action Projects

The early action projects are the phases that provide an impactful improvement for the corridor but are lower in cost, require minimal design or permitting, and could potentially be supported by volunteer efforts. All of these projects would be considered a high priority. Funding would be allocated from city resources outside of the CIP process.

CIP Projects

The CIP (Capital Improvement Program) projects are the larger projects that would require a more extensive design process, permitting process, and high construction costs. Some of these projects may also have an associated planning project depending on how much information was provided in the master plans or how much the current conditions have changed since the development of the master plans.

Planning Projects

Planning projects are any project that will require property acquisitions/agreements or need an additional master planning process. Many of the planning projects will also have an associated CIP project.

High Priority (1-5 Years)

Criteria used to determine early action projects include:

- Open up the undeveloped park properties, which includes a park monument and rules sign, some initial programming (passive uses), and site security for existing structures where applicable.
- Providing safe access to each park whether through cross walks, adding temporary parking, or trail ADA connections into the parks.
- Providing ADA accessible amenities at each park, such as a ADA parking stalls, and ADA connections to existing park amenities.
- Integrate wayfinding and interpretive elements within each park and along the Spine Trail.

High Priority (1-10 Years)

Criteria used to determine higher priority projects include:

- Provide permanent amenities for the currently undeveloped parks.
- ADA accessible trails to park amenities.
- Additional points of interest such as play features, interpretive elements, educational opportunities, or gathering places.

High Priority (1-10 Years)

Criteria used to determine higher priority projects include:

- Determine the alignment for the missing gaps in the Spine Trail.
- Begin acquisition or property agreements needed for the Spine Trail based on the preferred alignment.
- These projects have an associated CIP project once planning is completed.

Medium Priority (11-20 Years)

Criteria used to determine medium priority projects include:

- Connect the gaps in the Spine Trail to provide a multi-modal and accessible connection between all parks. These projects have an associated high priority planning project before it can become a CIP project.
- Provide new amenities and improve on existing amenities at the parks.

Medium Priority (11-20 Years)

Criteria used to determine medium priority projects include:

- Master planning for the Hanscom Property.
- Reevaluate and update the master plan for Farrel McWhirter to reflect current operations needs and improvements made to the property.

Low Priority (20+ Years)

Criteria used to determine lower priority projects include:

- Dependent on an earlier projects to be completed, for example where parking is needed before buildings can be developed for reuse.

2025 Priority Projects: Wayfinding

- Created two new walking routes in 2024:
 - Downtown Parks Tour Loop
 - Education Hill School Tour Loop
- Signage and Wayfinding Subcommittee
 - Formed in conjunction with Signage and Wayfinding Plan
 - Review existing physical and digital materials
 - Provide feedback, suggestions, and ideas for expansion



Trails

- A Sammamish River Trail
- B Redmond Central Connector
- C PSE Powerline Trail

Sammamish River Trail and Redmond Central Connector Loop

Distance: 3 miles
Elevation gain/loss: +39 ft / -37 ft
Difficulty: Easy

This three-mile loop takes you along the scenic Sammamish River passing through natural environments and Downtown Redmond. Eagles, herons, beavers, and salmon are frequently seen from the trail. The trail continues along the PSE Powerline Trail, south of Overlake Christian Church then to the Redmond Central Connector along Willows Road, highlighting public art along the way.

 Luke McRedmond Park  Restrooms in City Hall  Parking at City Hall

 Scan this code to view the GPS map.

 Learn more about Redmond trails redmond.gov/Trails

 Redmond
Parks and Recreation

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Sammamish River Trail and Redmond Central Connector Loop

Youth Advocate Project



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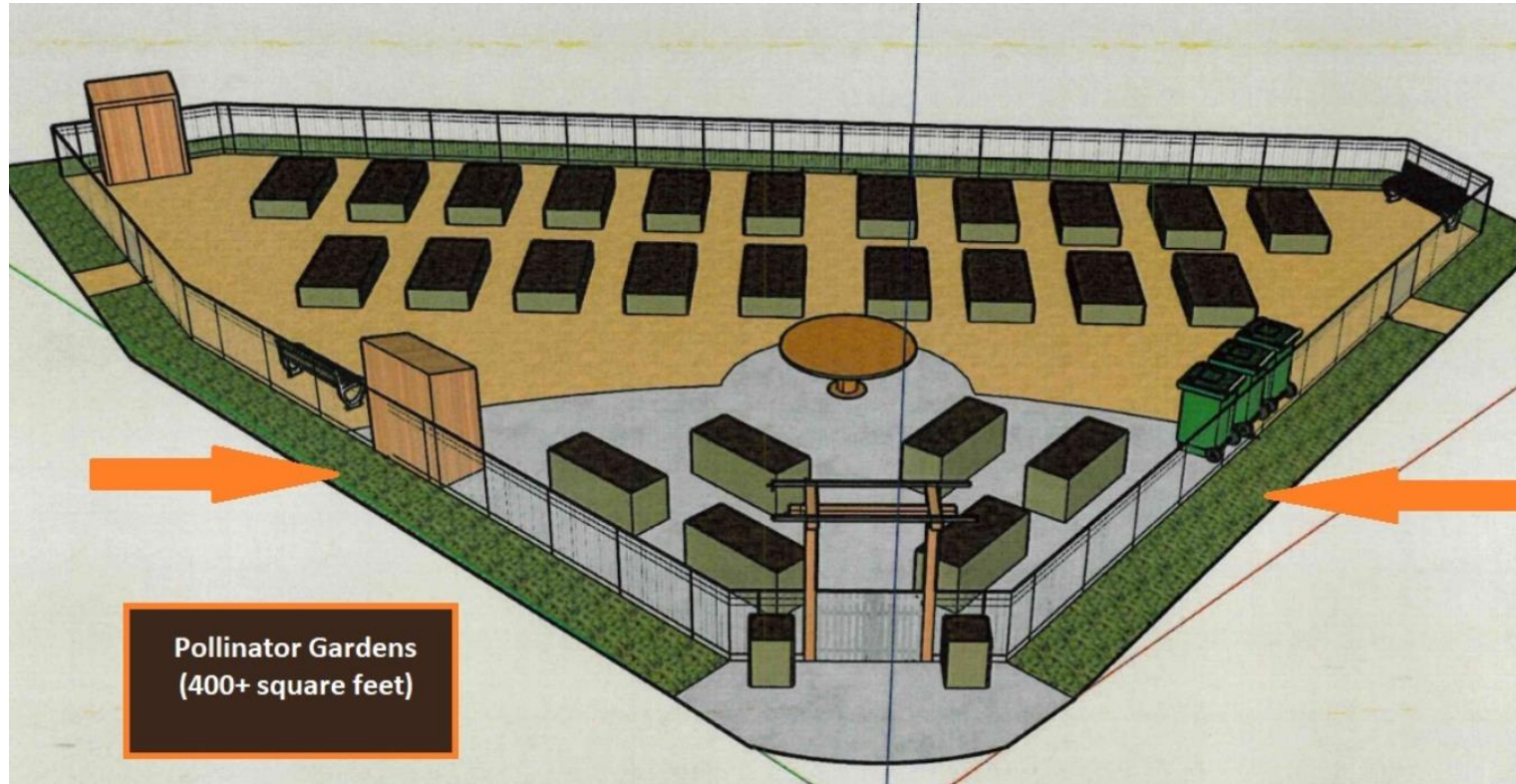
We aim to educate Redmond youth about key environmental issues, fostering awareness and encouraging active community involvement to protect and sustain our local environment.

Topic:

INVASIVE SPECIES

- PTRC partnered with youth advocates to get more applied, real-world experience
- Elementary School Classroom Sessions
 - Examples of local Invasive Species in our local environment
 - Prevention of invasive species spreading
- Partner with Green Redmond-youth volunteer work party

Community Garden Updates



- 26 new community gardens at Anderson Park
- Opened April 2025
- Total of 76 community gardens at Juel and Anderson parks

PTRC 2025 Work Plan

- PTRC adopted the 2025 Work Plan
- Covers Priority Projects outlined today and ongoing initiatives such as Tree Canopy, website improvements, etc.
- Volunteerism
- Serves as a guideline for PTRC efforts in 2025

Parks, Trails, and Recreation Commission – 2025 Work Plan



Information: Provide information and inform Commission on work being done

Consult: Provide information and ask for Commission ideas, possibly making adjustments and decisions according to your feedback.

Input: Collaboration between staff and Commission to come to decision.

Motion: Formal proposal by Commission for council action after group decision-making

2025 Parks, Trails, and Recreation Commission Work Plan

Work Plan Item	Commission Role	Tentative Timeline	Description
2025 Work Plan	Input & Motion	Q1	Approve Commission Workplan for the year
East Redmond Corridor Implementation Plan	Input	Q1	Provide guidance on the development of an implementation strategy for the East Redmond Corridor.
Southeast Redmond Neighborhood Park Design	Input	Q2/ Q3	Review and make comment on schematic designs.
Commission Recruitment & Elections	Input/Motion	March	Open positions starting in April of 2025. Commission assists in recruiting and interviewing as needed.
Volunteerism	Input	Ongoing	Provide input on the Parks and Recreation Department Volunteer program and future opportunities, including the Green Redmond program.
Private Development Agreements	Input	Ongoing	Provide input on private development of any trails, plazas, or public open space. Discussion and recommendation on park master plans by private development.
Strategic Activities	Input	TBD	Acquisition of properties; activating undeveloped parks; trail connections; trash assessment of trails and parks; feasibility of projects, projects with a longer planning time horizon.
Park System Signage & Wayfinding Plan	Input	Q2	Provide input on the development of systemwide signage and wayfinding standards.
Comprehensive Recreation Plan	Input	TBD	Provide input on the development of the comprehensive recreation plan and motion of recommendation to approve for Council
Derby Days & Redmond Lights Planning	Consult	Q1 & Q3	Event activities and logistics
Cultural Arts Plan	Information	TBD	Stay informed about Cultural Arts Plan update
Tree Canopy & Climate Resiliency Vegetation Management Plan	Information	Ongoing	Updates on Climate Resiliency in Sustainability Vegetation Management Plan implementation and tree canopy expansion efforts. 10
Permanent Dog Park Project	Consult	TBD	Staff will update Commission on progress.

Parks, Trails, and Recreation Commission Meetings

- 1st Thursday of the Month
- 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- City Hall

Thank you!



Appendix / Extra Slides

East Redmond Corridor Plan

- HBB consultant completed ERC Implementation (final draft) March 2025
- PTRC reviewed the final draft with HBB at the March 6 Commission meeting
- Timelines include Early Action Projects (1-5 years) through longer-term projects (11-20+ years)
- Target Early Action Projects that can be started or completed with minimal budget, including volunteer activities

Early Action Projects

High Priority (1-5 Years)

1. AJP Phase 1 - Public Access Improvements
2. MP Phase 1- Soft Surface Spine Trail
3. COP Phase 1- Interpretive Trails
4. WPP Phase 1 - Interpretive Elements
5. JP Phase 1 - ADA Access

CIP Projects

High Priority (1-10 Years)

1. SE RP - Park Development - In Progress
2. AJP Phase 2 - East Park Improvements
3. MP Phase 2 - Paved Trails
4. COP Phase 2 - Outdoor Learning & ADA Access
5. FMP Phase 1 - Spine Trail

CIP Projects

Medium Priority (11-20 Years)

6. AJP Phase 3b - SE RP / AJP Spine Trail
7. COP / FMP Phase 1b - COP to Novelty Spine Trail (may take longer)
8. FMP Phase 2 - North Parking & Arena Improvements
9. COP / FMP Phase 1b - NE Redmond Rd & 192nd Ave NE ROW Improvements (may take longer)
10. JP Phase 2 - PSE Spine Trail
11. JP Phase 3 - Park Improvements
12. AJP Phase 4 - West Park Improvements

CIP Projects

Low Priority (20+ Years)

13. WPP Phase 3 - Connector Nature Trails
14. MP Phase 3 - Farmyard
15. WPP Phase 4 - Hanscom Property
16. WPP Phase 5 - Perrigo Connector Trails
17. COP Phase 3 - Buildings
18. WPP Phase 6 - Trails and Canopy Tower
19. AJP Phase 5 - Secondary Creek Crossing

Planning Projects

High Priority (1-10 Years)

1. AJP Phase 3a - SE RP / AJP Spine Trail
2. COP / FMP Phase 1a - COP to Novelty Rd

Medium Priority (11-20 Years)

3. WPP Phase 4 - Hanscom Property Master Plan
4. FMP Phase 4 - Update Park Master Plan



Memorandum

Date: 6/10/2025
Meeting of: City Council Study Session

File No. SS 25-040
Type: Study Session

TO: Members of the City Council
FROM: Mayor Angela Birney
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DEPARTMENT STAFF:

Executive	Amy Tsai	Chief Policy Advisor
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TITLE:
2025 State Legislative Session Debrief

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:

This presentation is an overview of the 2025 State Legislative Session, co-presented by Briahna Murray and Amina Abdalla, the City's state lobbying team. The overview will highlight session outcomes for the City's top priority issues and support/oppose/monitor issues. Steps in preparation for next year will also be discussed.

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

REQUESTED ACTION:

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

REQUEST RATIONALE:

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**
2025 City of Redmond State Legislative Agenda
- **Required:**
N/A
- **Council Request:**
N/A
- **Other Key Facts:**
The Washington State Legislature's 2025 regular 105-day session began on January 13, 2025, and adjourned sine die on April 27, 2025. The last day for the governor to act on bills was May 20, 2025, and the 90-day effective date for new laws is July 27, 2025.

The City identified four top priorities: (1) funding for the Asbestos Cement Water Replacement Project Avondale, (2) funding for the intercultural city services center in Overlake, (3) rescoping and retaining funding for the Multimodal Overlake Village Access project, and (4) preserving funding for grant sources that support City of

Redmond projects including the on-demand microservice transit pilot and Southeast Redmond Park (see Attachment A: 2025 State Legislative Agenda).

A more detailed summary of the 2025 legislative session, including bills related to the City's state legislative agenda and other noteworthy legislation can be found in Attachment C: 2025 End of Session Report.

Next, work will begin on developing next year's state legislative agenda. It will be a 60-day short session. Any legislation that did not pass will remain under consideration for the 2026 session. Staff will focus on building an agenda that is nimble and strategic for advancing the City's priorities.

OUTCOMES:

The Council will be updated on how the City fared on its 2025 state legislative agenda. Staff will return for discussion on the draft 2026 legislative agenda in September.

COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**
N/A
- **Outreach Methods and Results:**
N/A
- **Feedback Summary:**
N/A

BUDGET IMPACT:

Total Cost:

N/A

Approved in current biennial budget:

☐ Yes

☐ No

☒ N/A

Budget Offer Number:

Enter the budget number from the adopted budget. If from a previous biennial budget, include the biennium too.

Budget Priority:

Enter the budget priority. An old budget priority may be listed if funding is from a previous biennial budget.

Other budget impacts or additional costs:

☐ Yes

☐ No

☒ N/A

If yes, explain:

Examples: software with a yearly cost, revenue generating, match requirements, etc. - if none, enter N/A.

Funding source(s):

Examples: CIP, General Fund, Grant, etc.

Budget/Funding Constraints:

Examples: acceptance deadlines, earmarked funds, etc. - if none, enter N/A.

☐ **Additional budget details attached**

COUNCIL REVIEW:

Previous Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
Click and select a date, or click and press delete if none.	Click and select a meeting from the dropdown menu.	Click and select an action from the dropdown menu.

Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
9/9/2025	Committee of the Whole - Finance, Administration, and Communications	Provide Direction

Time Constraints:

The 2025 legislative session debrief helps set the stage for Council discussions on the City's 2026 state legislative agenda, which will begin in September 2025.

ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:

Examples: increased costs, maintenance delays, loss of grant funding, ect.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: 2025 State Legislative Agenda

Attachment B: 2025 Legislative Session Debrief presentation

Attachment C: 2025 End of Session Report

CITY OF REDMOND

2025 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

About Redmond

The City of Redmond has more than 80,000 residents and a daytime workforce of over 140,000. We are: one of the fastest growing cities in the state; the earliest adopter of mandatory inclusionary zoning for nearly our entire city, in support of affordable housing; home to a thriving technology, space, and satellite industry, supportive services, and business incubators. We actively partner on regional and state housing and environmental issues. Please support keeping our communities livable, walkable, safe, and sustainable.



Key Funding and Legislative Requests

Asbestos Cement (AC) Water Main Replacement

Redmond requests \$1,024,475 to replace brittle, aging asbestos cement pipes.

Many Redmond neighborhoods are served by aging asbestos cement water pipes, with 53 miles of pipe nearing end of life. Redmond has experienced 28 AC water main pipe breaks in the last five years. Breaks adversely affect resident water access, water quality, fire protection, and salmon-bearing streams. The City has actively applied to grants and recently received federal funding to replace a portion of the pipes. The City requests the state's partnership to replace pipes on Avondale Road NE.

Intercultural City Services Center in Transit-Oriented Development

Redmond requests \$618,000 to build city space in Overlake transit-oriented affordable housing project.

Redmond seeks the state's partnership to build out a city services space on the ground floor of the Bellwether's Prisma project, adjacent to an intercultural small business hub to support the area's diverse population. The Prisma Apartments will provide 333 homes for low to moderate-income households (30 - 80% area medium income) and is located across the street from the Overlake Village light rail station.

Multimodal Overlake Village Access (MOVA)

Redmond requests rescoping SR 520/148th Bike-Ped Overpass to multimodal safety & access improvements.

The legislature appropriated \$8 million in the 2022 Move Ahead Washington transportation package for the SR520/148th Ave Bike-Ped Crossing and allocated \$750,000 to be spent in 2025. The City requests rescoping this project to include multimodal safety and access improvements in the Overlake area that dovetail with the opening of the Overlake Village Pedestrian Bridge and the Redmond Technology Station Bridge, with the continued goal of increasing pedestrian safety and providing multimodal connectivity to services for residents and workers in this area.

Support for State Grant Application Funding Sources

Redmond requests funding state grant programs that support important neighborhood projects.

Support funding for state grant programs, including:

- **WSDOT Regional Mobility Grant** - Redmond applied for a \$975,000 grant for an on-demand shuttle service and parking program that will increase green mobility in conjunction with the arrival of light rail.
- **WA State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) Washington Wildlife & Recreation Program (WWRP) Grant** - Redmond applied for a \$500,000 grant for a 3.2 acre Southeast Redmond Park, which will serve a neighborhood of diverse residents and workers who lack community open space.

2025 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

REGIONAL PRIORITIES



Washington Recycling and Packaging - Extended Producer Responsibility

Redmond supports extended producer responsibility and urges passage of the WRAP Act to reduce waste and promote recycling by encouraging producers to take responsibility for the reuse and recycling of their own products. Statewide legislation is needed to create a circular economy and reduce the burden on landfills. Today, approximately 70% of what goes into King County's Cedar Hills Regional Landfill is avoidable, reusable, or recyclable/compostable. In Redmond, recycling, composting, and sustainable consumption was identified by residents as their top sustainability priority. Cities like Redmond are trying to do the right thing with an ambitious target of 70% waste diversion by 2030, but comprehensive recycling reform is critical to achieving these goals.

Affordable Housing

Affordable housing in East King County is crucial for ensuring that all residents, including lower-income families and essential workers, can live close to their jobs and communities. Redmond joins other regional partners to request that the state provide greater tools to create affordable housing, including:

- Allow cities the flexibility to utilize existing Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) to fund regional housing projects.
- Explore and pursue how best to overcome administrative hurdles to allowing cities to transition from a flat-rate Real Estate Excise Tax (REET), to a progressive tiered REET.
- Support local efforts to build more affordable housing faster, including reducing barriers, facilitating greater resources, and providing regulatory flexibility for development of affordable housing on properties owned by faith-based organizations.

Fostering Housing Stability

With over half of the Redmond community renting and facing escalating costs, Redmond supports improvements to rental living, including statewide consistency in tenant protections and rent regulation. Redmond supports affordable housing for renters and a sustainable business model for landlords that encourages growth of rental stock and home ownership.

Transportation Funding

Cities are facing a massive asset maintenance burden as our streets, sidewalks, and bridges age. The current funding gap for the City of Redmond's transportation preservation and maintenance plan is roughly \$100M. Cities cannot close this gap alone. Redmond supports sustainable state transportation revenue that provides funding for local preservation, maintenance, and operations including direct distributions to cities and towns in addition to grant opportunities.

World Cup 2026 Economic Development

Our region is preparing for a once-in-a-lifetime event. With four light rail stations, Redmond will be poised to actively participate, but also will be heavily impacted. State funding to support the 2026 FIFA World Cup will allow the region to successfully accommodate the demand that will be placed on many local systems and services, and to maximize the economic benefits of hosting a large international audience.

Asylum Seekers

Washington state cities continue to work to welcome unprecedented numbers of migrant/asylum seekers arriving in the region who need housing, legal aid, employment assistance, and other support. Redmond supports statewide coordination and financial support to meet the needs of the migrant community.

2025 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

SUPPORT ISSUES



Housing

Redmond's residential growth target anticipates 20,000 new homes between 2019 and 2044. We need 75% of those homes to serve households at 0 to 50% of area median income but need assistance with funding mechanisms to achieve that goal. Redmond supports legislation and also state funding consistent with its Housing Action Plan to preserve, improve, and expand housing stock; increase housing choices for people at all income levels and abilities; and eliminate discriminatory land use and housing practices. Resources, such as the Housing Essential Needs program, uplift vulnerable populations at risk of being unhoused. Redmond asks that the state provide adequate funding and time necessary to successfully implement recent state housing legislation.

Environment Sustainability

Redmond has an aggressive Environmental Sustainability Action Plan, including efforts to achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions from city operations by 2030 and communitywide by 2050. Redmond supports energy efficiency, sustainable practices, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The City supports decarbonization of buildings, electrification of fleets, grid stabilization, waste stream reduction, and climate resiliency. Redmond is a champion of clean water, as the City has a shallow aquifer as its primary water source. Home to juvenile salmon-bearing streams, the City supports culvert, habitat, stormwater, and clean water funding, and salmon recovery.

Planning and Infrastructure

Redmond consistently ranks among the fastest growing cities in the nation. The City is investing in multimodal transportation, trail connections, and will have four light rail stations to increase walkability, livability, and sustainability. Funding for the Public Works Assistance Account and financing tools, such as a state public bank, can support critical local infrastructure projects. Redmond requests increased resources for pavement preservation, funding to address road safety, and supports exploring funding options for state and local transportation needs. Redmond supports ongoing state resources for parks, trails, and recreation maintenance.

General Government

Giving cities local option flexibility with revenue streams is critical to accomplishing state priorities, such as meeting the state-provided housing targets. Redmond supports tax reforms that provide progressive, equitable, stable, and reliable revenue sources, including a local option to exceed the 1% annual property tax growth limit. When there are new state mandates, ensuring funding is critical for city financial sustainability. Redmond supports tools that protect voting rights and equitable access to voting.

Community Vitality

As the City grows, so too does its need to provide living wage jobs, employment training, and human and social services. Redmond actively engages with Eastside partners and other partners in seeking regional solutions for homelessness. Redmond supports state investments in human and behavioral services programs, workforce support, childcare accessibility and affordability, and healthcare that respects individual rights. The City encourages support for multicultural small businesses and local economic development programs to build community vitality.

Public Safety

Significant capital needs and workforce shortages continue to put pressure on the City's public safety services. Redmond supports safe neighborhoods, gun safety, and adequately resourced public safety programs, including alternative crisis response programs and training. Redmond supports funding for treatment alternatives and youth drug education awareness.

2025 Legislative Session Debrief

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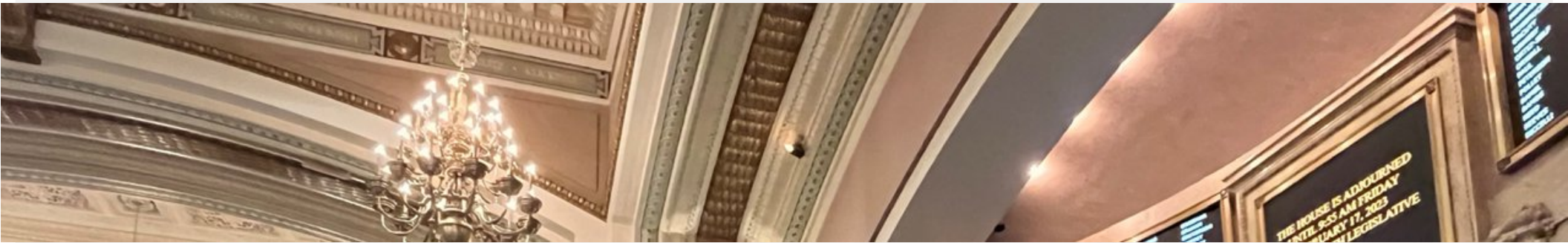
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Overview



- 2025 Legislative Session Themes
- City Priorities and Legislative Outcomes
- Issue Area Highlights
- Next steps

2025 Legislative Session Themes

- First year of the biennium, 105-day session
- Democrat majority, new dynamics
- Session Tasks
 - Consider policy proposals
 - Develop biennial budgets amid shortfalls
 - Operating Budget
 - Capital Budget
 - Transportation Budget



2025 Budget and Revenue Summary

- **Operating Budget**

- All state operations
- Must balance over 4 years
- Revenue growth slowed from 5.2% to 3.5%
- \$12-16 billion shortfall
- Adopted \$77.8 billion budget, \$2.3 billion in reserves
 - \$4.3 billion in new revenue; approx. \$6 billion in cuts
 - Capital Gains/Estate Tax - \$321 million
 - B&O/Advanced Computing tax increase - \$2 billion
 - Sales tax on Services, Tax on nicotine products - \$1.46 billion



2025 Budget and Revenue Summary (cont.)

- **Capital Budget**

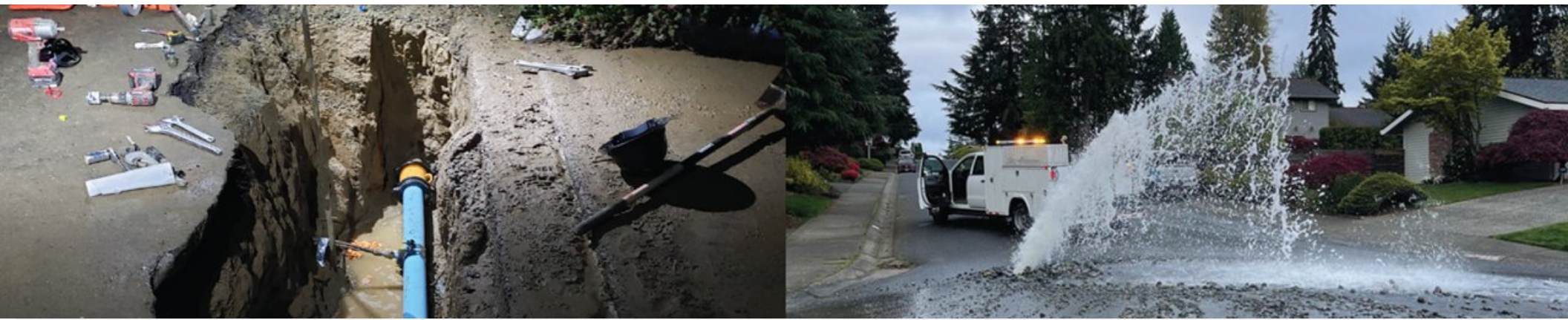
- Public and nonprofit construction
- Stable budget, no shortfall
- Adopted \$7.5 billion budget, funded largely through bonds

- **Transportation Budget**

- Multi-billion shortfall over 6 years
- Adopted \$15.5 billion budget
 - Delayed planned projects
 - \$3.2 billion over next 6 years
 - 6-cent gas tax increase
 - License and fee increases





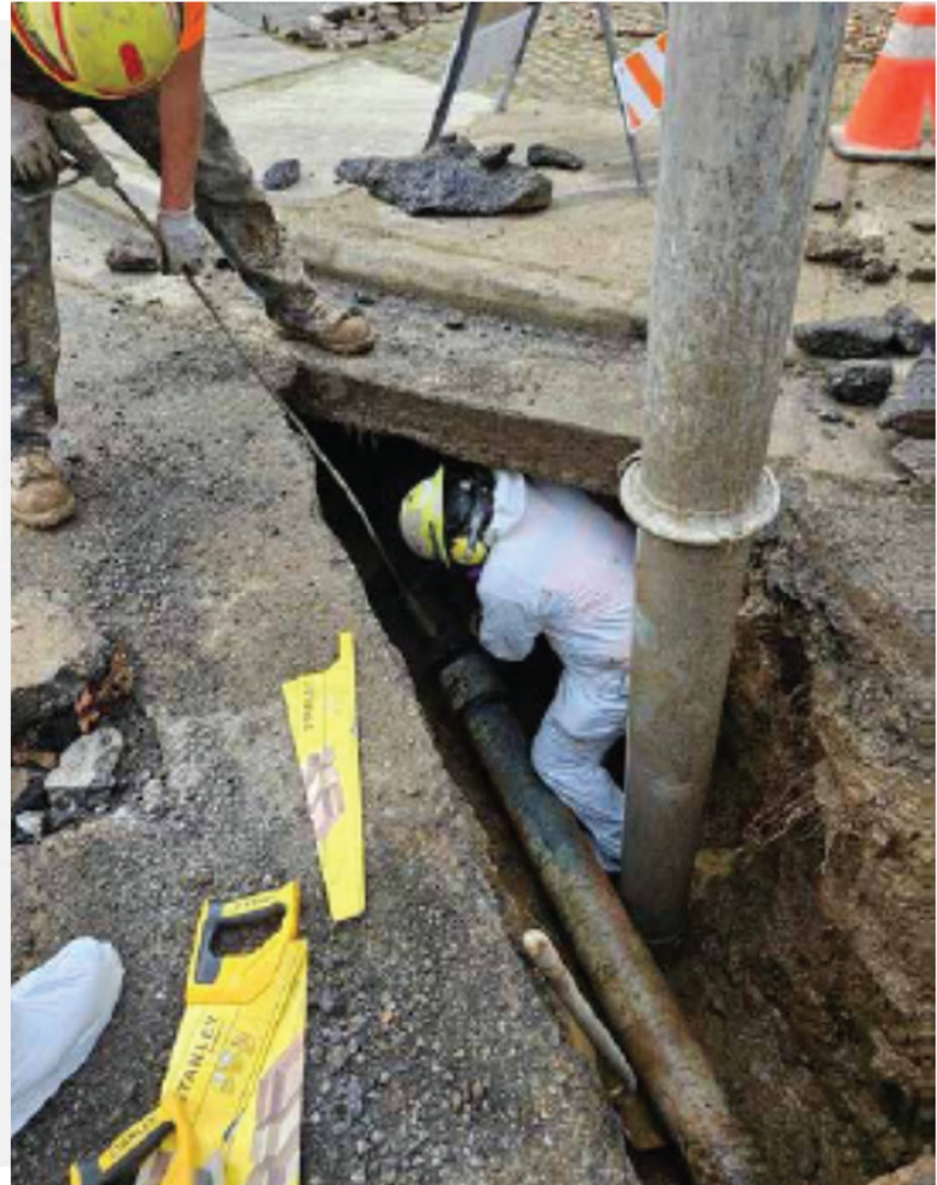


City of Redmond Priorities and Outcomes

1. Asbestos Cement Water Main Replacement
2. Intercultural City Services Center
3. 148th Ave NE/SR 520 Bicycle and Pedestrian Overpass Rescoped to Multimodal Overlake Village Access
4. Support for State Grant Applications

Asbestos Cement Water Main Replacement

- \$1,024,475 requested
- **\$1,000,000 appropriated**
- Replaces asbestos cement pipes on Avondale Road.
- Reduces pipe failure, improves water quality, supports aquatic habitats



Intercultural City Services Center

- \$618,000 requested
- **\$618,000 appropriated**
- Builds city services space in the Bellwether Prisma affordable housing project located in Overlake.



Photo credit: Perkins Eastman

148th Ave NE Bicycle and Pedestrian Overpass Rescope to Multimodal Overlake Village Access (MOVA)

- \$8 million appropriated in 16-year Move Ahead Washington transportation package in 2022
- Request to rescope the project to be more cost-effective.
- **Legislature granted rescope and allocated funding:**
 - 23-25: \$250,000
 - 25-27: \$4.75 million
 - 27-29: \$3 million



Support for State Grant Applications

- Request:
 - \$975,000 WSDOT Regional Mobility Grant for On-Demand Microtransit Service
 - \$500,000 Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) Grant for SE Redmond Park
- **Both grant awards fully funded**



Regional Priorities

- **Washington Recycling & Packaging**

- Extended Producer Responsibility (SB 5284) - **Passed**

- **Affordable Housing/Fostering Housing Stability**

- Rent Regulation (HB 1217) - **Passed**
- REET Revenues for Housing (HB 1791) - **Passed**
- Over \$600M allocated to the Housing Trust Fund (HTF)

- **Transportation Funding**

- Locals receive 2.5% of the 6-cent gas tax increase for transportation

- **World Cup 2026 Economic Development**

- \$2.75M to support FIFA World Cup 2026 public safety and security services; \$9M multimodal transit agency grants

- **Asylum Seekers**

- \$25M to Office of Refugee and Immigrant Assistance for newly arrived, \$18M for indigent legal services related to status

Additional Support Issues

- **Housing**

- Condominium Liability Reform (HB 1403)
- Expansion of Covenant Homeownership (HB 1696)

- **Environment Sustainability**

- Clean Buildings Compliance (HB 1543)
- Climate Commitment Act Adjustments (HB 1975)

- **Planning & Infrastructure**

- Statewide Parking Requirements (SB 5184)
- Transit-Oriented Development (HB 1491)
- Housing Accountability (SB 5184)
- Lot Splitting/Subdivisions (SB 5559/HB 1096)

Support Issues (cont.)

- **General Government**

- State-shared revenues funded
- Effort to address 1% property tax cap failed
- Paid Family Medical Leave Expansion (HB 1213)

- **Community Vitality**

- Nonprofit Property Tax Exemption requested by Together Center (HB 1094)
- Co-response teams and training (HB 1811)

- **Public Safety**

- \$100 million in law enforcement grants and new sales tax authority (HB 2015)
- Firearm training permit requirement (HB 1163)

Next Steps:

Elections for appointed legislators

Risk of special session

2026 State Legislative Agenda

Preparations

- Sept. 9 FAC first hearing
- Oct. 14 Study session second hearing



Thank you

Any Questions?





City of Redmond

2025 End of Session Legislative Report

May 30, 2025

Dear Redmond City Council,

It was a pleasure to advocate for the City of Redmond throughout the 2025 legislative session. It was a long, 105-day session. I am pleased to report that the City was successful in accomplishing several of the objectives outlined on the City's 2025 Legislative Agenda.

At a high level, the 2025 legislative session was driven by debate over the state's budget shortfall and other Democrat-led priorities such as rent control, recycling reform, and tax reform. Democrats held the majority in the House of Representatives (59-39) and the Senate (30-19). Legislators had the challenging task of balancing the state's biennial operating, capital, and transportation budgets. A total of 2,387 pieces of legislation were introduced this session, and the Legislature approved 433 bills. Additionally, Governor Bob Ferguson was inaugurated as the 24th Governor of Washington State. The first months of his tenure were marked by tensions between the Governor and the Legislature, with the Governor finding himself aligned with Republicans and moderate Democrats as opposed to progressive Democrats.

Specific to the City of Redmond, the City Council adopted a 2025 legislative agenda that anticipated a challenging budget and political environment. The City worked closely with its 48th and 45th District Legislators – Senator Vandana Slatter, Senator Manka Dhingra, Representative Amy Walen, Representative Osman Salahuddin, Representative Larry Springer and Representative Roger Goodman, all of whom worked to advance the City's priorities. Through a collective effort, the City was allocated \$1 million for the Asbestos Cement Water Main Replacement, \$636,000 for the Intercultural City Services in TOD, \$975,000 for the On-Demand Shuttle, \$500,000 for Southeast Redmond Park and successfully advocated for a rescoping request that resulted in \$4.75 million appropriated in 25-27 and \$3 million in 27-29.

The ever-changing political climate requires adaptive and consistent advocacy. We look forward to working with the City throughout the interim months to continue advancing the City of Redmond's priorities and preparing for the 2026 legislative session.

Thank you,
Briahna Murray, State Lobbyist, Partner
Amina Abdalla, State Lobbyist
Gordon Thomas Honeywell Government Relations

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- 2) 2025 Bills Likely to Return in 2026
- 3) Budget Overview
- 4) AWC Budget Matrix
- 5) Revenue Chart

A. Key Funding and Legislative Requests

Asbestos Cement (AC) Water Main Replacement

The City of Redmond successfully secured \$1,000,000 in the final 2025–27 State Capital Budget to support the replacement of brittle, decades-old asbestos cement water mains. This critical infrastructure investment will modernize Redmond’s water system, protect public health, and improve long-term service reliability for residents and businesses alike. The City originally requested \$1,024,475 for the project.

To advance this priority, the City and the GTH-GOV team engaged early and consistently with Redmond’s legislative delegation. Legislators received a detailed one-pager outlining the urgent need to replace aging asbestos cement pipes, the risks posed by potential failures, and the broader public safety implications for the community. Ultimately, we ended up working more closely with Representative Larry Springer on this project and ensured Redmond’s request was elevated throughout the legislative process.

Of the state’s three budgets, the Capital Budget was anticipated to be the most stable due to its reliance on bond revenues. However, demand was exceptionally high this year, with budget writers receiving ten times more project requests than available funding.

When the House and Senate released their respective Capital Budget proposals, the House version included \$1,000,000 for Redmond’s Asbestos Cement Water Main Replacement through the Local and Community Projects Account, however, the Senate’s version did not. When the House and Senate reconciled the differences between the two proposed Capital Budgets, \$1,000,000 for the Asbestos Cement Water Main Replacement was retained in the final 2025-27 Capital Budget submitted to the Governor to be signed into law.

Intercultural City Services Center in Transit Oriented Development

In addition to the water main replacement project funding, the City also secured \$636,000 in the final 2025–27 State Capital Budget to support the development of city services space on the

ground floor of the Bellwether’s Prisma project, adjacent to an intercultural small business hub to support the area’s diverse population.

Redmond had originally requested \$618,000 to help fund the Intercultural City Services Center. We coordinated with Representative Osman Salahuddin and Senator Vandana Slattar to formally submit the funding request to Capital Budget writers. While the Senate’s version of the budget included \$636,000 for the project through the Local and Community Projects Account, the House proposal did not. Recognizing the competitive nature of this year’s Capital Budget—where only one in ten requests received funding—we maintained active engagement with both chambers throughout the remaining legislative session. As a result, the full \$636,000 was retained in the final 2025-27 Capital Budget submitted to the Governor to be signed into law.

Multimodal Overlake Village Access (MOVA)

The City of Redmond requested that the SR 520/148th Avenue Bike-Pedestrian Crossing project be rescoped to include multimodal safety and access improvements in the Overlake area—an increasingly dense and diverse neighborhood poised for major growth. Recognizing the urgency of addressing safety in one of Redmond’s fastest-growing transit hubs, the City also urged the Legislature to accelerate the project’s funding timeline to better align with the project timelines and reduce increasing costs.

Ahead of the 2025 legislative session, we engaged early and proactively with the City’s legislative delegations, and transportation budget writers in both chambers. As the legislative session began to approach, we were quickly made aware of the state’s \$1 billion shortfall in the 2025–27 Transportation Budget, compounded by escalating construction costs and long-term revenue constraints.

Despite these headwinds, Redmond’s advocacy was effective in securing broad legislative support for the project’s revised scope. When the House and Senate released their respective Transportation Budget proposals, both chambers included the City’s request to re-scope the project. However, neither budget moved funding into an earlier biennium, leaving the City’s request for acceleration unmet.

In response, we moved quickly to coordinate with the delegation, building on the strong support already secured. We worked directly with the chairs and legislative staff of the House and Senate Transportation Committees to draft and introduce an amendment that would move funding forward. As a result, the final 2025-27 Transportation signed by the Governor includes the rescoping request and in addition to a funding allocation of \$4.75 million in 25-27 and \$3 million in 27-29. For additional budget details, see the attached budget overview document.

Support for State Grant Application Funding Sources

The City submitted two key grant applications for the 2025–27 biennium: \$975,000 through the WSDOT Regional Mobility Grant Program to support an On-Demand Shuttle Service and Parking Program, and \$500,000 through the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) under the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) to support development

of a 3.2-acre Southeast Redmond Park and Spray Park. Both grant awards were contingent upon legislative appropriation. The final 2025–27 Capital Budget included sufficient funding for both the WSDOT Regional Mobility and RCO WWRP programs, allowing both of the City’s grant applications to be successfully awarded.

B. Regional Priorities

Washington State Recycling and Packaging – Extended Producer Responsibility: The City of Redmond supports extended producer responsibility and strongly urges passage of the WRAP Act to reduce waste and promote a more sustainable recycling system by holding producers accountable for the reuse and end-of-life management of their own products.

After six years of proposed legislation and more than 15 years of legislatively directed—and publicly funded—studies, change is coming to the state’s recycling programs. [Senate Bill 5284](#), sponsored by Sen. Liz Lovelett (D-40th LD), establishes extended producer responsibility (EPR) programs for packaging and paper products to improve solid waste management in Washington. Both bills require producers to join or form Producer Responsibility Organizations (PROs) by 2026 to manage the lifecycle of their products, including recycling, composting, and waste reduction efforts.

Affordable Housing: The City of Redmond joined regional partners in urging the state to expand local tools for addressing the housing crisis, including providing cities with greater flexibility to use existing Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) revenues to support regional affordable housing efforts.

[House Bill 1791](#), sponsored by Rep. Dave Paul (D-10th LD), expands allowable uses of local real estate excise tax revenues to include affordable housing and homelessness projects. The bill removes prior restrictions on using REET funds for operations and maintenance of capital projects and explicitly allows their use for planning, acquisition, construction, and improvement of facilities for affordable housing and homelessness. It also introduces a tax exemption for the sale of “qualified space” in affordable housing developments to nonprofit organizations, housing authorities, or public corporations for community purposes. The bill was signed by the Governor on April 24 and goes into effect on July 27, 2025.

Foster Housing Stability: With over half of Redmond residents renting and facing rising housing costs, the City supports efforts to improve rental housing stability through consistent statewide tenant protections and responsible rent regulation. Redmond advocates for affordable housing solutions that support renters while maintaining a sustainable business model for landlords

After several years of considering legislation that would provide rent stability for tenants, the legislature found a version of the policy that garnered enough votes to pass. The Legislature passed [House Bill 1217](#), sponsored by Rep. Emily Alvarado (D-34th LD). The bill caps annual rent increases at seven percent, prohibits increases during the first 12 months of tenancy, and establishes stricter notice requirements for rent increases. The bill includes exemptions for

newly constructed units, public housing authorities, and certain nonprofit-owned properties, while also capping security deposits and move-in fees at one month's rent. Tenants may terminate leases without penalty for unauthorized rent increases, and the bill mandates a social vulnerability assessment on the impacts of rent stabilization by 2028. The bill takes effect immediately upon Governor signature.

Transportation Funding: Cities across Washington are grappling with the growing burden of maintaining aging streets, sidewalks, and bridges—and Redmond is no exception. The City currently faces an estimated \$100 million gap in its transportation preservation and maintenance plan. Redmond has consistently advocated for sustainable state transportation funding that supports local operations and maintenance, including both direct distributions to cities and competitive grant opportunities.

In line with this advocacy, Redmond requested additional state resources to address pressing local transportation needs, particularly for maintenance, preservation, and projects that improve safety and mobility. We're pleased to report that the Legislature responded with a modest but important investment in local transportation.

As part of the final 2025–27 Transportation Budget and accompanying revenue package, lawmakers approved a 6-cent increase to the state's 49.4-cent gas tax, with the new rate indexed to grow 2% annually. For the first time in recent years, the revenue package includes a local distribution—2.5% of the revenue from both the 6-cent increase and the inflationary adjustment will be allocated directly to cities, and another 2.5% to counties. This marks a significant shift toward more equitable transportation funding, as recent state packages have not included direct local revenue sharing.

The Legislature also invested an additional \$10 million into the Complete Streets Program, administered by the Transportation Improvement Board, bringing total available funding for the biennium to \$24.6 million. These competitive grants support projects that enhance local safety, mobility, and multimodal access.

While alternative long-term revenue options such as a road usage charge or highway fee were considered, they did not advance this session. Nonetheless, the progress made on direct local funding represents a meaningful step forward for cities like Redmond.

World Cup 2026 Economic Development:

The City requested state funding to support preparations for the 2026 FIFA World Cup, helping ensure the region can effectively manage the anticipated surge in visitors and increased demand on local systems and services, while also maximizing the economic opportunities of hosting a global event. The final budget includes \$2.75 million for a contract with a public or private entity to support public safety and security activities related to the 2026 world cup event. These funds may be used for law enforcement and fire department resources, emergency management, traffic control, and security at official venues, including playing fields and fan activation areas.

Asylum Seekers: Redmond, like many cities in Washington State, is continuing to respond to the growing number of migrant and asylum-seeking individuals arriving in their region, many of

whom face urgent needs related to housing, legal aid, employment support, and access to basic services. Redmond supports coordinated, statewide efforts to ensure an equitable and sustainable response.

During the 2025–27 legislative session, the state took initial steps to address this challenge by allocating targeted funding to community-based organizations and local governments serving newly arrived migrants. While the scale of need continues to outpace available resources, these investments represent an important acknowledgment of the role cities play on the front lines of humanitarian response.

C. Policy Issues

Housing

Continuing efforts from prior legislative sessions, the Legislature dedicated attention to the issue of housing affordability. Throughout the session, Democrat lawmakers concentrated on three key pillars: enhancing housing stability for renters (stability), increasing the overall housing supply (supply), and expanding financial subsidies for housing development (subsidy).

As a result of this emphasis, the Legislature passed [House Bill 1217](#), limiting rent increases to 7% plus inflation or 10%, whichever is less. Housing newly constructed in the last 12 years is exempt from the rent limitations. To address housing supply, the Legislature continued its trend of focusing on local government mandates by approving [Senate Bill 5814](#) mandating a reduction in parking requirements for new construction projects in cities with a population over 30,000, [House Bill 1096](#) and [Senate Bill 5633](#) allowing lot splitting and unit lot subdivision, and [House Bill 1491](#) mandating density around light rail and bus rapid transit. Additionally, the Legislature made significant investments in the state's Housing Trust Fund, allocating substantial resources to subsidize the construction of affordable housing units across Washington. Here are some of the highlights:

- \$605 million for the Housing Trust Fund.
- \$90 million for Connecting Housing to Infrastructure (CHIP) grants to local governments.
- \$14.7 million for recovery residences grants.
- \$9 million for youth shelters and housing.
- \$5 million for low-income home rehabilitation grants.

The Legislature approved [House Bill 1403](#), sponsored by Rep. Jamila Taylor (D-30th LD), which simplifies condominium construction and warranty requirements to promote homeownership and streamline development of smaller buildings and accessory dwelling units. The Legislature also approved [House Bill 1108](#), sponsored by Rep. Mark Klicker (R-16th LD), which directs the Washington State Institute for Public Policy to research, analyze, and determine the primary cost drivers for homeownership and rental housing. The report is due to the Legislature by December 1, 2026.

Environmental Sustainability

The 2025-27 capital budget includes \$20 million for the [Energy Retrofits for Public Buildings Grant program](#). Of that amount, \$11 million is available for the Department of Commerce to issue on a competitive basis. An additional \$20 million is allocated to a [Solar and Energy Storage Grant program](#) to support installation and planning work for solar storage systems at community buildings so they can provide essential services when the power goes out. The state budget does not support maintenance for public facilities, but these grant programs are designed to help alleviate some of the cost of energy efficiency and resiliency upgrades.

Additionally, the legislature passed [House Bill 1543](#), sponsored by Rep. Beth Doglio (D-22nd LD), which expands compliance options for building owners under Washington's clean buildings performance standards. The bill allows the Department of Commerce to develop alternative metrics for energy use and greenhouse gas emissions, alongside existing energy use intensity (EUI) targets, and provides conditional compliance pathways for building owners who meet these alternative metrics. It broadens exemptions for compliance, including historic preservation and financial hardship, and introduces requirements for Tier 2 buildings, such as benchmarking and operations planning, while prohibiting penalties from being passed on to tenants.

Planning and Infrastructure

The primary source of infrastructure funding for local governments is the Public Works Assistance Account (PWAA), also referred to as the Public Works Trust Fund. The account is funded through a combination of revenue sources, including a statutory allocation of a percentage of certain taxes, repayments from local government loans and interest earned. It also receives funding from bond proceeds when authorized by the legislature. The PWAA is a stable account that is often raided when the state is facing a challenging budget. The 2025 session was no exception. Both the House and Senate budget proposals included sweeps of funds from the PWAA. The Senate proposal took it one step further by diverting the revenue that is otherwise dedicated to the account and using it to pay for fish culverts. Due to the advocacy of local governments around the state, this concept did not advance.

In the 2025-27 budget the Legislature transferred \$288 million from the PWAA to the state's general fund. All the revenues dedicated to the account remain intact and the legislature provided additional bond authority of \$100 million for the 25-27 biennium. Overall, the legislature did not make new investments in infrastructure resources but they also didn't eliminate existing resources.

General Government

Despite a multi-year push supported by local governments to remove the 1% cap on property tax levy growth and allow local councils to align increases with the cost of services, this session's efforts ultimately stalled. While various legislative proposals, including [House Bill 2049](#)/[Senate Bill 5812](#), [Senate Bill 5798](#), and [House Bill 1334](#), were considered, strong opposition from businesses, the public (evidenced by over 40,000 sign-ins against the proposal), and Republicans proved significant. As Democrats sought revenue for their budgets, the 1% cap issue gained traction, only to be halted in the final week when Governor Ferguson announced his intention to veto any bill increasing property taxes. Unwilling to pass a tax measure that

would inevitably be vetoed, the Legislature ultimately approved a version of HB 2049 that sidestepped the local property tax levy growth issue, focusing instead on increasing the revenue school districts can generate through voter-approved levies for educational enrichment.

Additionally, the Legislature honored state-shared revenues, appropriating \$98.9 million in Liquor profits, \$88 million in Liquor taxes, \$44.2 million in cannabis revenues, \$60.3 million (a slight increase) in the municipal criminal justice assistance account, and \$43.8 million in City-County Assistance to be districted to cities and counties based on a variety of formulas.

Community Vitality

The City strongly supports state investment in human services, behavioral health, workforce support, affordable childcare, and healthcare systems that uphold individual dignity and rights. Additionally, the City continues to work closely with Eastside cities and regional partners to advance coordinated, long-term solutions to homelessness.

This session, there was ongoing bipartisan recognition that addressing behavioral health—both mental health and substance use disorder—is essential to improving public safety and community well-being. Building on past efforts, the 2025–27 state budget includes major investments to strengthen Washington’s behavioral health system. This includes \$78.5 million to expand Programs for Assertive Community Treatment (PACT) teams, \$17 million to grow peer-led substance use disorder services, and \$61.2 million to fund crisis response teams, housing supports, recovery navigators, stabilization teams, and other initiatives. These investments are part of a broader statewide shift toward a more community-based approach to behavioral health care.

The Legislature also allocated \$14.3 million to improve the timeliness of competency evaluations and restoration services in local jails, as part of its obligations under the Trueblood court settlement. This funding aims to address long-standing gaps in the forensic mental health system, which affect individuals found incompetent to stand trial.

As part of broader discussions on homelessness, the Legislature considered—but ultimately did not advance—House Bill 1380, which would have required local ordinances regulating unsheltered homelessness in public spaces to be “objectively reasonable” in terms of time, place, and manner. The bill stalled in its chamber of origin due to concerns that it could lead to increased litigation rather than providing actionable solutions for individuals living in public rights-of-way.

On childcare, the Legislature shifted away from significantly expanding subsidy programs this biennium and instead focused on reducing regulatory barriers for providers. Senate Bill 5509 designates childcare centers as an outright permitted use in all zoning areas except industrial, light industrial, and open space—streamlining the process for opening new centers. Senate Bill 5655, sponsored by Sen. Yasmin Trudeau and introduced at the request of Pierce County Councilmember Robyn Denson, provides greater flexibility for calculating occupancy limits for childcare facilities located in multi-use buildings—a change that may appear technical but significantly expands the potential for delivering child care services in existing community spaces.

In addition to these policy changes, the 2025–27 Capital Budget allocates \$87 million for Early Learning Facilities grants, with \$51 million of that available through a competitive grant program to expand access to early childhood education and care.

Public Safety

During his campaign and subsequent entry into office, Democrat Governor Bob Ferguson pledged to dedicate \$100 million to law enforcement hiring grants. This initiative was advanced to the Legislature through proposals introduced by Republican Senator Jeff Holy (R-6th LD) and Representative Hunter Abell (R-7th LD), [Senate Bill 5060](#) and [House Bill 1435](#). Separately, the Legislature's Democrat-led Members of Color Caucus proposed an alternative framework for these grants in House Bill 2015, suggesting that the allocation of grant funding be contingent upon adherence to specific law enforcement training and operational standards, as well as a requirement for local jurisdictions to have established a dedicated local tax to ensure the grants' long-term funding.

After much debate, the Legislature chose to adopt [House Bill 2015](#), which creates a new state grant program and a new councilmanic local sales tax option for funding public safety programs. The final budget allocates \$100 million to the grant program. The bill also allows cities and counties to each councilmanically impose a new 0.1 increase in the sales tax to fund criminal justice programs.

The budget funds 23 Basic Law Enforcement Academy courses in 2026 and 2027, with two per year in each of the four regional training academies in Arlington, Pasco, Spokane, and Vancouver, and the remainder at the main campus in Burien. The Legislature also reinstated the requirement that cities pay 25% of the cost of each officer's training. This is a reduced investment from what the Legislature allocated in the 2023-25 budget, but is similar to amounts allocated to law enforcement training prior to 2023. The Legislature maintained investment levels for co-responder programs by allocating \$4 million to the Association of Washington Cities to provide grants to create alternative response team programs throughout the state.



Memorandum

Date: 6/10/2025
Meeting of: City Council Study Session

File No. SS 25-038
Type: Study Session

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

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DEPARTMENT STAFF:

Public Works	Brandon Buehler	Asset Performance Manager
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TITLE:

Asset Performance Management 101 - Information Briefing

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:

At the June 10, 2025, Study Session, Public Works' Asset Performance Manager will provide council with an informational briefing containing an overview of how Public Works is implementing a comprehensive asset performance management program. Public Works' Asset Performance Management (APM) program supports American Public Works Association accreditation (APWA) and benchmarks ISO55000 asset management standards by adopting a long-term perspective and applying consistent stewardship aligned with Redmond 2050. The Asset Performance Management Team is responsible for providing leadership to the organization by championing asset management initiatives that maximize the value the community receives from its assets. We accomplish our charter by owning business process improvements, administering the asset management system, fostering asset ownership models within individual functional areas, and networking with peer agencies to gain perspective in advancing asset management outcomes for Redmond.

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

REQUESTED ACTION:

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

REQUEST RATIONALE:

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**
 - Redmond Municipal Code
 - Redmond Zoning Code
 - The Comprehensive Plan (Redmond 2050)
 - Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan
 - Environmental Sustainability Action Plan (ESAP)
 - Financial Planning and Accounting Policies
 - Budgeting Priorities and 2025/2026 Biennial Budget
 - Department and Functional Area Strategic Plans (e.g., Transportation Master Plan, Utilities Strategic

Plan, Facility Master Plan, Water System Plan, etc...)

- ISO55000:2024 - Asset Management

- **Required:**

N/A

- **Council Request:**

N/A

- **Other Key Facts:**

Public Works will present an Asset Management 101 Overview briefing at Study Session on June 10, 2025.

OUTCOMES:

The purpose of implementing a comprehensive asset performance management program is to ensure Redmond applies industry-recognized practices in an inclusive, effective, affordable, and integrated manner to keep our infrastructure safe, in good working order, and at an approved level of service. By doing so, it will ensure continued service delivery that meets the needs of the community, now and into the future. The program enables Public Works to communicate with community members the reasons why new assets, or modification to existing assets, are required. The program also provides further details on why modifications are required, how the city intends on continuing to deliver the services by relying on safe and reliable assets, and how the City intends on funding the required investments in a manner to remain financially sustainable and manage risk. Asset performance management will:

- Demonstrate responsible management of the asset portfolio;
- Communicate and justify funding requirements;
- Demonstrate how Levels of Service (LOS) are being met in an effective and efficient manner;
- Demonstrate that due regard is being given to the long-term stewardship and sustainability of the asset base;
- Demonstrate the commitment that assets will be maintained such that the services are in compliance with applicable regulations and policy.

COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:

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

- 2024 [COMPLETE]: Charter the Program, Set the Conditions.
 - Key Deliverables: Program Charter, Municipal Asset Management Policy (Draft)
- 2025 [IN-PROGRESS]: Build Capability, Progress Planning.
 - Key Deliverables: Public Works Strategic Asset Management Plan, Asset Management Plans for the “Big 4” Asset Classes (Water, Stormwater, Wastewater, and Transportation Systems), Municipal Asset Management Policy adoption.
- 2026: Audit Performance, Adapt to Scale.
 - Key Deliverables: Tactical Asset Lifecycle Management, Integration with Capital Investment Strategy (CIS) / Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), Infrastructure Scorecard / State of the Asset Report.
- 2027: Scale.
 - Key Deliverables: Deploy to Other Departments, Launch Public Facing State of the Asset Report and Infrastructure Scorecard.

- **Outreach Methods and Results:**

N/A

- **Feedback Summary:**

N/A

BUDGET IMPACT:

Total Cost:

N/A

Approved in current biennial budget:

☐ Yes

☐ No

☒ N/A

Budget Offer Number:

N/A

Budget Priority:

N/A

Other budget impacts or additional costs:

☐ Yes

☐ No

☒ N/A

If yes, explain:

N/A

Funding source(s):

N/A

Budget/Funding Constraints:

N/A

☐ Additional budget details attached

COUNCIL REVIEW:

Previous Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
N/A	Item has not been presented to Council	N/A

Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
5/6/2025	Committee of the Whole - Planning and Public Works	Receive Information
6/10/2025	Study Session	Receive Information

Time Constraints:

N/A

ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Public Works, Asset Performance Management 101, Program Overview Presentation

Study Session: Asset Management 101

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Brandon R. Buehler

Public Works: Asset Performance Manager

June 10, 2025



What is it?

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Municipal asset management is a **coordinated approach** to managing our city's physical assets – things like roads, bridges, traffic signals, water pipes, water wells, wastewater lift stations, and stormwater facilities. These assets exist to deliver the **core services** our community relies on everyday.

But what is it *really*?

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Asset Management helps us answer four key questions:

1. **What assets do we own?** → Asset Registry
2. **What condition are they in?** → Condition Assessments
3. **What do we need them to do?** → Levels of Service
4. **How do we manage them responsibly over time within our budget?** → Capital Investment Strategy

The Vision!

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By 2028, establish a top-performing asset management program that supports American Public Works Association accreditation and benchmarks ISO55000 standards by adopting a **long-term perspective** and applying **consistent stewardship** aligned with Redmond 2050 to **realize maximum value** over the total life cycle of our long-lived infrastructure assets.

Things to know (it's not software).

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- Asset Management is a **coordinated business process** that involves various disciplines.
- Asset Management **involves resolving conflicting objectives**, risks, opportunities, and costs over varying time frames.
- Realizing value over an asset's life cycle **requires a long-term perspective** and consistent stewardship aligned with organizational objectives.

Why do it?

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Goal: Maximize the value our community receives from its assets at the lowest possible cost.

- **Enhanced Service Delivery:** More consistent and reliable public services (e.g., utility and transportation systems). Better asset data enables proactive maintenance and smarter investment decisions.
- **Optimized Use of Financial Resources:** Lower lifecycle costs through proactive maintenance and capital planning. Investments are based on asset condition, risk, and criticality—not just age or failure.
- **Extended Asset Life:** Infrastructure lasts longer and performs better. Scheduled interventions prevent premature deterioration and costly breakdowns.
- **Improved Risk Management:** Reduced frequency and impact of unexpected asset failures. Risks are assessed and prioritized systematically across all asset types.
- **Informed, Transparent Decision-Making:** Data-driven planning that is easier to justify to elected officials and the public. Asset management plans provide a clear rationale for prioritizing investments.

Why do it? (*continued*)

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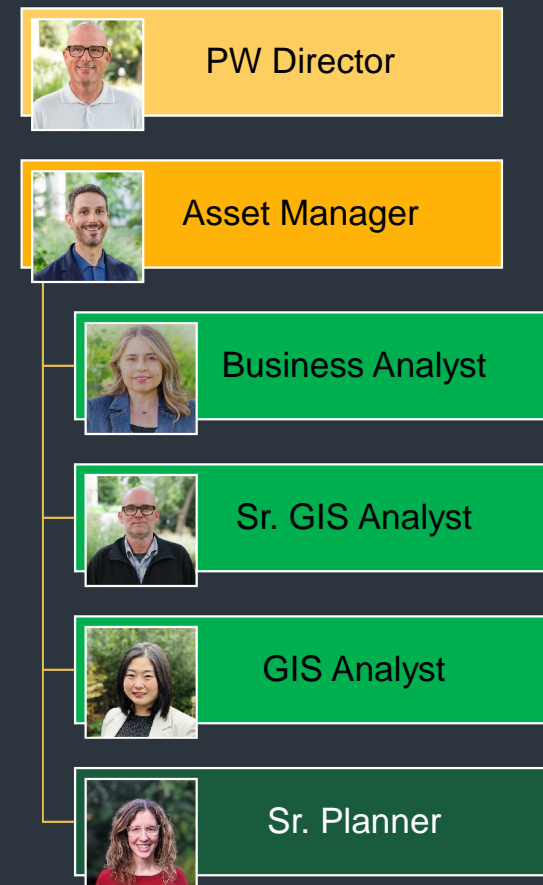
A municipal asset management system delivers **strategic, financial, and operational outcomes** that make infrastructure more **reliable, sustainable, and cost-effective**, while improving accountability and public trust.

- **Regulatory and Policy Compliance:** Improved alignment with federal, state/provincial, and local regulations. Asset data supports environmental, safety, and financial reporting requirements.
- **Increased Public Confidence:** Greater trust in municipal decision-making and long-term planning. Clear evidence shows that the city is being proactive and responsible.
- **Better Integration Across Departments:** Coordinated planning and execution between public works, finance, planning, etc. Asset management systems break down silos and support shared priorities.
- **Sustainable and Resilient Infrastructure:** Infrastructure is better prepared for growth, climate change, and funding shocks. Decisions consider long-term environmental, social, and economic impacts.

How do we build it?



(Figure 1.0: Redmond's Asset Management System)



(Figure 2.0: PW Asset Performance Management Team)

What risks will we mitigate?

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Asset Management **mitigates operational, financial, strategic, and reputational risks** by enabling more informed, proactive decision-making.

- **Asset Failure Risk:** Sudden breakdowns of critical infrastructure (e.g., water mains, bridges, roads). Regular condition assessments and preventive maintenance reduce the likelihood and impact of failures.
- **Public Health and Safety Risk:** Hazards from unsafe infrastructure (e.g., contaminated water, potholes, failing buildings). Timely inspections and repairs reduce exposure to safety hazards.
- **Financial Risk:** Unpredictable repair costs, inefficient spending, and budget overruns. Lifecycle costing and capital planning help allocate resources efficiently and avoid reactive, high-cost interventions.
- **Service Disruption Risk:** Interruptions in key services (e.g., transit, water, waste, emergency access). Service-level planning ensures assets support uninterrupted delivery.
- **Regulatory and Legal Risk:** Non-compliance with safety, environmental, and financial reporting standards. Asset data supports compliance with laws, permits, and audits.
- **Reputational Risk:** Loss of public trust due to poor infrastructure decisions or preventable failures. Transparency and performance reporting improve stakeholder confidence.

What risks will we mitigate? (*continued*)

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- **Strategic Planning Risk:** Misaligned priorities, inconsistent investment, and inefficient growth. Asset management links investments to strategic goals and service outcomes.
- **Data and Knowledge Risk:** Poor or incomplete asset data, or loss of institutional knowledge. Centralized systems store and standardize asset data for consistent use across departments.
- **Climate and Resilience Risk:** Infrastructure vulnerability to extreme weather or long-term climate change. Asset strategies integrate resilience planning and risk-based prioritization.
- **Deferred Maintenance Risk:** Backlog of aging assets leads to higher future costs and service declines. Routine maintenance planning spreads investment over time to maintain performance.

How does it scale to other depts.?

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- Adopt a Municipal Asset Management Policy (MAMP)
- Publish the Public Works Strategic Asset Management Plan (SAMP)
- Replicate Public Works SAMP in other departments that manage assets
- Mature our governance model by engaging council, senior leaders, steering committees, and working groups

Enabling Resources

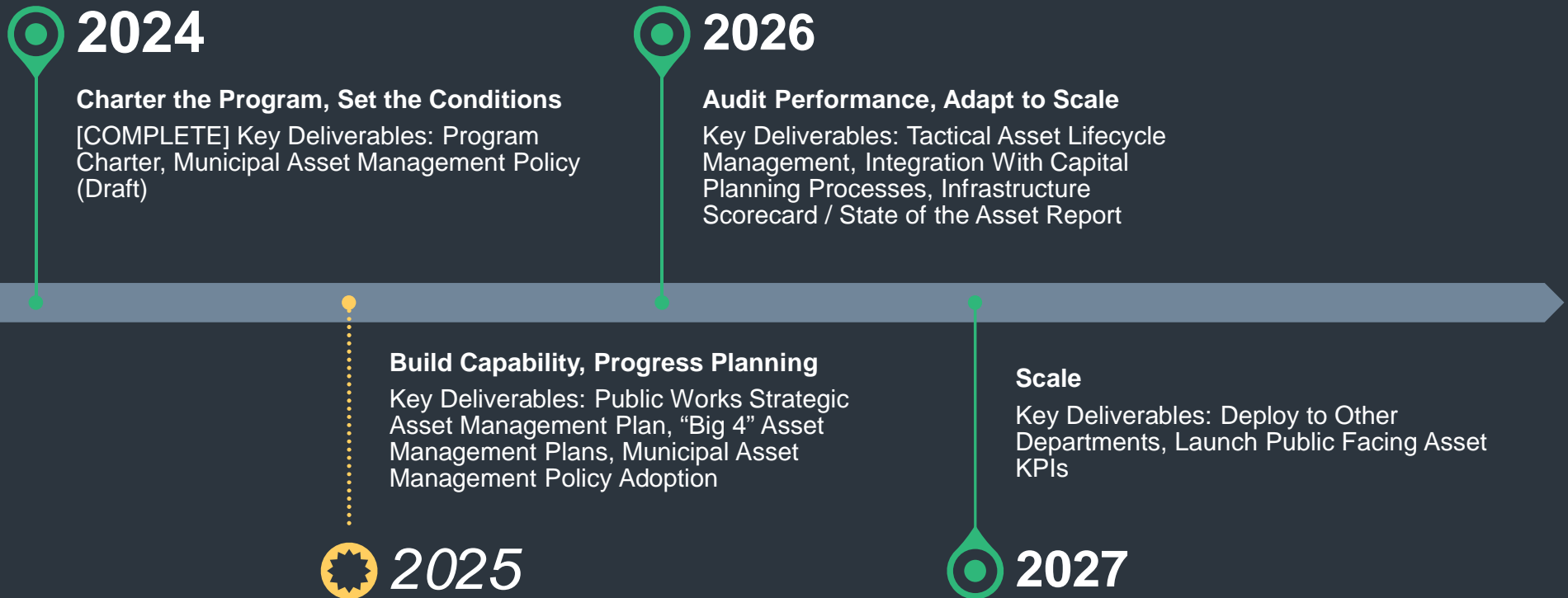
- What do we know we have?
 - Good base of asset data in our geospatial information system (GIS)
 - Operable Computerized Maintenance Management System (CMMS, “Lucity”)
 - Dedicated asset management team
 - The right culture and leadership support
- What do we know we don’t have?
 - Perfect inventory with zero defects
 - Levels of Service completely defined and tied to performance measures
 - Foundational asset management plans and policies published
- What’s needed to do it?
 - Continued support from leadership and council to realize the long-term benefits
 - Time
 - More sophisticated financial modeling (replacement values and cash flows)
 - Predictive maintenance tools enabled by artificial intelligence

How will we know it's working?

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- **State of the Asset Report:** A future document that will be prepared for council once per budget cycle to report on the physical condition of city-owned assets through which we deliver core services to the community.
- **Infrastructure Scorecard:** A future, community-facing tool that will evaluate, communicate, and monitor the condition and performance of our infrastructure assets. It will serve as a summary dashboard to support strategic decision-making and public accountability.

Where are we?





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