



Memorandum

Date: 2/22/2022

Meeting of: Committee of the Whole - Parks and Environmental Sustainability

File No. CM 22-192

Type: Committee Memo

TO: Committee of the Whole - Parks and Environmental Sustainability

FROM: Mayor Angela Birney

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TITLE:

Redmond Central Connector Phase III (RCC III) Project Update

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:

Staff is providing an update to Parks and Environmental Sustainability Committee of the Whole on the RCC III Request for Proposals (RFP) for design and the PSE Sammamish-Juanita easement along the RCC III Corridor.

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

REQUESTED ACTION:

☒ **Receive Information**

☐ **Provide Direction**

☐ **Approve**

REQUEST RATIONALE:

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**
PARCC Plan, Transportation Master Plan, Redmond Comprehensive Plan
- **Required:**
N/A
- **Council Request:**
N/A
- **Other Key Facts:**
Staff intends to return in April/May to seek Council approval of the consultant contract for design of the RCC III. Additionally, Council approval of an easement with Puget Sound Energy for the Sammamish-Juanita Transmission Line project should take place this spring/summer.

OUTCOMES:

The Redmond Central Connector is a key regional link from Redmond to Issaquah via the East Lake Sammamish Trail, two light rail stations (Downtown, Marymoor Village) and the Cross Kirkland Corridor. It is part of the larger Eastrail, a 42-mile corridor between Snohomish County and Renton. RCC III is Redmond's final 1.6 miles of the trail to be completed and will improve access to businesses on Willows Road and Kirkland at NE 124th.

COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:

- Timeline (previous or planned):**

RCC III will begin construction following the completion of the PSE Sammamish-Juanita Transmission Project. Construction is projected to start in 2024.

- Outreach Methods and Results:**

Extensive outreach and public engagement were done as part of the Redmond Central Connector Master Plan. Additional outreach will be done through the design phase of RCC III when the City brings on a design consultant for the project.

- Feedback Summary:**

2017 PARCC Plan outreach noted the top trails priority was to better connect the existing trail system and build additional miles of new trail. This project will achieve both of those outcomes and connect into the broader regional trail network.

BUDGET IMPACT:**Total Cost:**

\$10.9M-this preliminary number is based on the 10% trail alignment and will be refined through initial design.

Approved in current biennial budget:☒ Yes☐ No☐ N/A**Budget Offer Number:**

Capital Investment Program

Budget Priority:

Vibrant & Connected; \$2.8M was added to CIP in mid-year budget adjustment in August 2021, so design could be started in order to be in a position to obligate grant funds listed below.

The project is not yet fully funded and will be put forward in the 2023-2028 CIP for City Council consideration.

Other budget impacts or additional costs:☒ Yes☐ No☐ N/A**If yes, explain:**

As noted above the project is only partially funded. Currently \$5.63M is funded, and a further \$5.3M will be needed for future construction.

Funding source(s):

Secured:

2021-2022 CIP	\$2.8M
State Legislative Request	\$700,000

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PSRC Grant Funding	\$2.13M
Requested:	
2023-28 CIP	\$5.3M
Future Grant Applications to reduce CIP contributions-	
Recreation Conservation Office	\$1M
King County Healthy Communities	\$500,000

Budget/Funding Constraints:

State Legislative Request (\$700K) and PSRC funding (\$2.13M) need to be committed by 2024.

☐ **Additional budget details attached**

COUNCIL REVIEW:

Previous Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
5/26/2020	Committee of the Whole - Parks and Human Services	Receive Information
7/6/2021	Committee of the Whole - Parks and Human Services	Receive Information

Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
4/26/2022	Committee of the Whole - Parks and Environmental Sustainability	Provide Direction
5/3/2022	Business Meeting	Approve

Time Constraints:

Contract approval in May will allow for timely work on design, ensuring construction can start when PSE is finished in the corridor.

ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:

Potential to delay design work for RCC III.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: RCC III Summary

Attachment B: RCC III Map