



Memorandum

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TITLE:

Redmond 2050: Planning Commission Recommendations for Phase 2B and Phase 2C Comprehensive Plan Elements and Critical Areas Regulations

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:

Staff recommends that the City Council discuss and provide direction on topics raised on July 2. Based on staff capacity, staff recommends organizing the July 9 and July 23 study sessions as follows:

- July 9: Land Use, Community Development and Design, and Natural Environment Element
- July 23: all other Phase 2B and Phase 2C elements

On April 24, 2024, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the Capital Facilities; Utilities; Participation, Implementation, and Evaluation; and Natural Environment Elements and Critical Areas Regulations. Planning Commission Report materials are linked below and were provided in the Council’s July 2 agenda packet:

- Report (Cap. Fac., Util., Part.):
https://www.redmond.gov/DocumentCenter/View/32735/2024_05-08_CF_UT_and_PIE_elements_-
- Appendices (Cap. Fac., Util., Part.):
https://www.redmond.gov/DocumentCenter/View/32909/2024_05-08-CF-UT-PIE---PC-Report---Appendices
- Report (Nat. Env., Crit. Areas):
https://www.redmond.gov/DocumentCenter/View/32738/2024_05-08_-_NE_and_CAR_-

- Appendices (Nat. Env., Crit. Areas):
https://www.redmond.gov/DocumentCenter/View/32910/2024_05-08-NE-CAR---PC-Report---Appendices

On May 29, 2024, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the Land Use, Community Development and Design, and Climate Resilience and Sustainability Elements. Planning Commission Report materials are linked below and were provided in the Council's July 2 agenda packet:

- Report:
https://www.redmond.gov/DocumentCenter/View/33072/2024_06-26-LU-CD-and-CR---PC-Report-and-
- Appendices:
https://www.redmond.gov/DocumentCenter/View/33073/2024_06-26-LU-CD-CR---PC-Report-APPENDICES

Additional Background Information/Description of Proposal Attached

REQUESTED ACTION:

- Receive Information** **Provide Direction** **Approve**

REQUEST RATIONALE:

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**
Policy PI-15 calls for periodic Comprehensive Plan reviews.
- **Required:**
The Growth Management Act requires that Washington cities and counties 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:

Updating the Redmond Comprehensive Plan will ensure that the Plan is consistent with state law and regional policy direction; advances equity and inclusion, sustainability, and resiliency; and that Redmond is prepared for growth expected through the year 2050.

COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**
Capital Facilities, Utilities, and Participation, Implementation and Evaluation Elements:
 - Q3 2022: input on Policy Considerations
 - Q2 2023: input on Draft 1
 - Q3-Q4 2023: input on Draft 2
 - Q1 2024: Planning Commission review of final drafts and public hearing

Natural Environment Element and Critical Areas Regulations

- Q2 2023: office hours
- Q3 2023: state agency engagement
- Q2 2023-Q2 2024: community outreach

Outreach for Phase 2C policies began in summer 2022 and has continued through Q2 2024.

- The Land Use Element was reviewed by the Redmond 2050 Community Advisory Committee in Q2 and Q4 2023, and by the Planning Commission in Q3-Q4 2023 and Q1-Q2 2024.
- The Community Development and Design Element was reviewed by the Redmond 2050 Community Advisory Committee in Q1 and Q3 2023 and Q1 2024, and by the Planning Commission in Q1, Q3, and Q4 2023 and Q1-Q2 2024.
- The Climate Resiliency and Sustainability Element was reviewed by the Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee in Q3 2023 and Q1 2024, by the Redmond 2050 Community Advisory Committee in Q3 2023 and Q1 2024, and by the Planning Commission in Q3 2023 and Q1-Q2 2024.

- **Outreach Methods and Results:**

Redmond 2050 outreach methods have included:

- Redmond 2050 Website
- Digital City Hall Lobby
- Let's Connect questionnaires, idea boards, and other tools
- Press releases and Social media
- Short videos and posting of recordings of workshops
- Yard signs and Posters
- Utility Bill inserts
- Email newsletters to multiple City lists and partner organizations
- Hiring of Eastside for All for intensive, focused community engagement
- Stakeholder input and Focus group meetings
- Hybrid and remote workshops and interviews
- Tabling at community events
- Pop-up events in community spaces and workplaces
- Translation of selected materials
- Community Advisory Committee input
- Technical Advisory Committee input
- Planning Commission public hearings
- Human Services Commission meetings
- Other boards & Commissions meetings
- Mailed property owner notifications

Quarterly engagement summaries are available at [redmond.gov/1495](http://www.redmond.gov/1495) <<http://www.redmond.gov/1495>>.

- **Feedback Summary:**

Capital Facilities: Generally supportive of updates. Discussions included how capital facilities planning can incorporate Redmond 2050 themes of Equity and Inclusion, Resiliency, and Sustainability.

Utilities: Comments on resiliency of systems, such as water and power systems. Support for need to move away from natural gas as an energy source, and openness for alternatives. Discussions on ensuring equity in service

provision, especially telecommunications.

Participation, Implementation, and Evaluation. Generally supportive of policy direction. There was some discussion on the implementation and evaluation program and on promoting active participation in boards and commissions by removing participation barriers.

Natural Environment: Discussions and comments included protection of the Critical Aquifer Recharge Area (CARA), environmental stewardship, and incorporation of indigenous knowledge into planning processes.

Critical Areas Regulations: Generally supportive of updates. Discussions about the following: protection of the CARA, increasing critical area buffers, best available science, species of local importance, map updates, stream typing and climate resiliency.

Land Use

- Support for direction of element, including updated land use map.
- Interest in the intersection of land use policies, daycares as an allowed use, and the allowed uses for complete neighborhoods. Interest in expanding explicit support for childcare.
- Strong support for the concept of “Complete Neighborhoods” policy and implementation.
 - Appreciation that “Complete Neighborhoods” reflects community values and desired outcomes.
 - Support for food trucks.
- Discussion of different ways land use intersects with, and communicates support for, biking, walking, taking transit, and other non-driving modes.
- Interest in “centers,” including formal definitions, regional context, and history of Marymoor Village.
- Desire to protect drinking water source and other natural resources in manufacturing park and business park areas.
- Appreciated consistency in terms and emphasis on equity and inclusion. Example, drafting the term “accessible and active transportation” and consistently using the term throughout.
 - Appreciated reduction of jargon.
 - Emphasized need for a glossary and defining of term.

Community Development and Design

- Community-based organization partners reviewed drafts and community comments from inclusive community engagement and recommended edits and additions to several policies in this and other chapters.
- Support for the way the policies have captured the community vision.
- Strongly reflects the community and Commission comments.
- Appreciate focus on equity and inclusion.
- Council discussion on if policies for inclusive and universal design go far enough.
- After PC discussion, several policies that were initially drafted for one center were moved to become applicable to all centers. List of potential future projects was developed separately (see Council Q&A <<https://redmond.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=12826794&GUID=18C4A0D5-BF05-47E2-838A->

Climate Resilience and Sustainability

- Trade-offs of prioritizing climate resilience efforts versus other city priorities related to growth and development.
- Sufficiency and effectiveness of commute trip reduction programs.
- Inclusion and prioritization of specific natural hazards as policy focus areas.
- Conservation and protection of water sources and water use reduction.
- Design of public spaces to withstand extreme heat, including passive cooling.
- Policy goals and metrics on greenhouse gas emissions reduction.

- Consider addressing measurement or frequency of review of policies and goals.
Consideration of public comments received, including concept of "circular economy initiatives".

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

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 grants

Budget/Funding Constraints:

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
7/18/2023	Business Meeting	Receive Information
9/5/2023	Business Meeting	Receive Information
9/12/2023	Study Session	Provide Direction
9/26/2023	Study Session	Provide Direction
10/3/2023	Business Meeting	Receive Information
10/10/2023	Study Session	Provide Direction
11/28/2023	Study Session	Provide Direction
1/9/2024	Study Session	Provide Direction
1/23/2024	Study Session	Provide Direction
2/6/2024	Business Meeting	Receive Information
2/13/2024	Study Session	Provide Direction
2/27/2024	Study Session	Provide Direction
3/5/2024	Business Meeting	Receive Information
3/12/2024	Study Session	Provide Direction
3/26/2024	Study Session	Provide Direction
4/2/2024	Business Meeting	Receive Information
4/9/2024	Study Session	Provide Direction
5/7/2024	Business Meeting	Receive Information
6/4/2024	Business Meeting	Receive Information
6/11/2024	Study Session	Provide Direction
7/2/2024	Business Meeting	Receive Information

Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
7/23/2024	Study Session	Provide Direction

Time Constraints:

The Comprehensive Plan periodic update must be complete by Dec. 31, 2024.

ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:

Staff is not requesting action at this time.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Redmond 2050 Phase 2B Issues Matrix

Attachment B: Redmond 2050 Phase 2C Issues Matrix