



Memorandum

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Meeting of: Committee of the Whole - Finance, Administration, and Communications

Type: Committee Memo

TO: Committee of the Whole - Finance, Administration, and Communications

FROM: Mayor Angela Birney

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TITLE:

Redmond 2050: Final Planning Commission Recommendations for Adoption in 2024

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:

Staff recommends that the Council conclude its review of the Planning Commission’s final recommendations for Redmond 2050 content to be adopted in 2024. The remaining topics are:

- Electric vehicle infrastructure requirements
- Carbon tracking
- Wording change related to open space

Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Requirements

Staff is recommending that the Council allow the Planning Commission to hold a hearing on this topic as part of the 2025 Code Package. The Commission would forward a recommendation to the Council in Q1 2025. See Attachment A beginning on page 25 for additional information and details.

Carbon Tracking

The proposed requirement to track embodied carbon is limited to the top three most carbon-intensive building materials: steel, concrete, and insulation. This recommendation arose from the Planning Commission’s discussion, where

the Commission provided feedback that limiting the tracking to the top three most carbon-intensive materials would provide most of the benefit with the least amount of additional burden. In the Green Building Program appendix, staff provides resources to embodied carbon calculators. This information has been added to Appendix A on page 21.

Wording Change Related to Open Space

Staff recommends changing the term “Privately-Owner Public Space” (“POPS”) to “Publicly-Accessible Enhanced Amenity Space (“PEAS”) throughout RZC 21.36, Open Space. Staff determined that “POPS” was being used to refer to two distinct types of spaces, causing confusion for staff, and ultimately for customers. If Council concurs, staff will show this change in the adoption preview packet at the Nov. 4 Committee of the Whole meeting.

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.
The Water System Plan update is required under Chapter 246-290-100 Washington Administrative Code (WAC).
- **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.

Development and adoption of the WSP and GWP, including through the implementation of associated capital projects, ensures the City is taking appropriate actions to: protect its underground drinking water aquifer; provide sufficient water storage and distribution to meet the community’s drinking water, irrigation, and fire flow needs; and provide wastewater collection services for its growing population.

COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**
Outreach for Summer 2024 Omnibus / Wrap-Up package occurred in Q2 and Q3 2024.

- The Redmond 2050 Technical Advisory Committee reviewed portions of the package at its May 31 and June 28 meetings.
- The Planning Commission most recently held briefings and study sessions and May, June, and July, with public hearings on June 26 (WSP, GWP) and July 24 (Omnibus).
- Staff tabled at Derby Days on July 13 to raise awareness about Redmond 2050 generally.

- **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, interviews, and office hours
 - 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:**

The Planning Commission received public testimony on the Summer 2024 Omnibus / Wrap-up package. Topics included:

- Ensuring that the “Transition to New Standards” section of the Overlake regulations would work as intended and not stop projects in the pipeline.
- Concern that phased projects in the pipeline in Overlake will not be able to vest to 2024 regulations.
- Appreciation for City staff’s responsiveness.
- Language recommendations for policy NE-22 concerning “beneficial public infrastructure uses”
- Allowed and prohibited land uses in the Critical Aquifer Recharge Area.

The Planning Commission deliberations included substantive discussion of the following topics (see Planning Commission Reports Appendix A for details):

- Comprehensive Plan
 - Smart-city policy language
 - First- and last-mile connections to transit

- Building materials in capital facilities
 - Updating definitions of greenhouse gas and universal design in the Comprehensive Plan glossary
 - Removing the draft foreword, revising, and bringing it forward separately
- Zoning Code
 - New land use table format, including discussion of residential uses
 - Organization and content of new landscaping open space chapters
 - Affordable housing in neighborhoods (see this summary, which the Commission requested be shared with the Council: <https://www.redmond.gov/DocumentCenter/View/33505/2024_07-31---Omnibus---Att-B---Affordable-Housing-in-Neighborhoods-PDF>.
- Water System Plan
 - Planning assumptions and transmission/supply planning details provided by Cascade Water Alliance.
 - Water conservation needs in light of changing climatic conditions and possible water supply impacts.

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. The Water System Plan, including a separate Risk and Resiliency Assessment was budgeted at \$600,000. The General Wastewater Plan update was budgeted at \$147,533.

Approved in current biennial budget: Yes No N/A

Budget Offer Number: 0000040, 0000003, 0000147

Budget Priority: Vibrant and Connected, Healthy and Sustainable

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, City Water and Wastewater Utility funds

Budget/Funding Constraints:

Additional budget details attached

COUNCIL REVIEW:

Previous Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
10/6/2020	Business Meeting	Approve

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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
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Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
11/4/2024	Committee of the Whole - Planning and Public Works	Provide Direction
11/19/2024	Business Meeting	Approve

Time Constraints:

The Comprehensive Plan periodic update must be complete by Dec. 31, 2024. The 2011 Water System Plan was due for an update by July 2024. Department of Health has approved the delay in completion and adoption of the plan, but additional delays would be detrimental as there are capital projects recommended in the Plan that should be added to the CIP and budgeted.

ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:

Staff is not requesting action at this time.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Council Questions and Discussion Topics