



Memorandum

Date: 3/3/2026  
Meeting of: City Council

File No. AM No. 26-035  
Type: Consent Item

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

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DEPARTMENT STAFF:

Police	Brian Coats	Deputy Chief
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**TITLE:**

Approval of the Washington Traffic Safety Commission Interagency Agreement - Target Zero

**OVERVIEW STATEMENT:**

This interagency agreement between the Washington Traffic Safety Commission (WTSC) and the Redmond Police Department authorizes participation in a federally funded High Visibility Enforcement (HVE) traffic safety grant for the period of October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026. The agreement allows RPD to seek reimbursement for approved straight-time or overtime enforcement activities focused on impaired driving, speeding, distracted driving, seat belt use, and motorcycle safety, in alignment with Washington’s Target Zero priorities and coordinated regional enforcement efforts.

Police staff are requesting Council’s authorization to enter into this interlocal agreement and accept funding provided through the grant.

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

**REQUESTED ACTION:**

Receive Information       Provide Direction       Approve

**REQUEST RATIONALE:**

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**  
Master Transportation Plan  
Safer Streets Action Plan
- **Required:**  
Council approval is required for Interagency agreements.
- **Council Request:**  
N/A

- **Other Key Facts:**  
N/A

**OUTCOMES:**

Participation in this agreement will strengthen Redmond’s ability to conduct data-driven, high-visibility traffic enforcement without relying solely on local funds. It will increase patrol presence during high-risk periods and national safety campaigns. Expected outcomes include improved traffic safety, a reduction in serious-injury and fatal crashes, enhanced coordination with regional partners and the Washington State Patrol, and greater public awareness through enforcement and outreach activities.

For 2026 traffic safety initiatives, the Redmond Police Department is able to receive \$2,500 for speed enforcement, \$3,000 for distracted driving campaigns, and \$4,000 for impaired driving initiatives, for a total allocation of \$9,500. Signing the interlocal agreement will enable the department to participate in the 2026 Target Zero emphasis campaigns.

**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:**  
228

**Budget Priority:**  
Safe and Resilient

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

*If yes, explain:*  
N/A

**Funding source(s):**  
General Fund

**Budget/Funding Constraints:**

N/A

**Additional budget details attached**

**COUNCIL REVIEW:**

**Previous Contact(s)**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Requested Action</b>
2/17/2026	Committee of the Whole - Public Safety and Human Services	Provide Direction

**Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)**

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

**Time Constraints:**

The agreement term runs from October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026. Due to limited staffing in the police department's traffic unit, no emphasis patrols were conducted in 2025 that qualified for reimbursement.

**ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:**

The Redmond Police Department will continue performing emphasis patrols but without the benefit of reimbursement from the State.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A: Interagency Agreement Between the Washington Traffic Safety Commission and Redmond Police Department