



Memorandum

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Meeting of: City Council

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Type: Consent Item

TO: Members of the City Council
FROM: Mayor Angela Birney
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TITLE:
Adoption of the City of Redmond 2023 State Legislative Agenda

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:

The proposed City of Redmond 2023 State Legislative Agenda has been revised to incorporate Council suggestions from the October 11, 2022, Study Session (Attachments A & B). The legislative agenda identifies the City’s top priority issues and other policy issues the City supports or opposes. The legislative agenda guides the City’s work with our state legislators during session.

Additional Background Information/Description of Proposal Attached

REQUESTED ACTION:

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

REQUEST RATIONALE:

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**
RMC 2.80 Representation of City to Legislative Bodies
- **Required:**
N/A
- **Council Request:**
During the September 13 study session, Councilmembers discussed their feedback for the State Legislative Agenda (SLA). A new draft reflecting the feedback was presented and discussed at the October 11 study session. Changes made in response to Council comments are as follows:
 - Decarbonization - clarified intent to “address” climate change as a Growth Management Act (GMA) planning goal;
 - Behavioral Health Service - added language to support the full spectrum of behavioral health services;
 - Infrastructure Programs - changed “Public Works Board” to “Public Works Assistance Account”;
 - Park and Recreation Funding - removed reference to Redmond Central Connector’s low likelihood of

funding; and

- Gun Safety - changed “state measures” to “policies” and changed violence “by” firearms to violence “through the use” of firearms. Staff had offered language of “misuse” of firearms on Oct. 11; it is changed to “use.”

A summary of these changes can be found in Attachment A in track changes; this also includes non-substantive formatting and capitalization clean-up. The final 2023 State Legislative Agenda proposed for Council action can be found in Attachment B.

- **Other Key Facts:**

The 2023 Legislative Session will begin January 9, 2023. It is the first year of the 2023-2025 biennium and the session is scheduled to last 105 days. The Legislature will adopt the Operating, Capital, and Transportation budgets for the biennium.

At the October 11 study session, discussion continued on how apparent tensions between legislative objectives might be resolved, such as supporting local control yet having interest in supporting statewide mandates that elevate baseline performance across all jurisdictions, or not supporting unfunded mandates yet at times desiring to advance legislation that could add financial cost to Cities. During session, bill positions are interpreted in accordance with adopted Redmond policies. The Mayor’s Office will engage with Council to present a unified voice that advances Redmond’s legislative agenda, including communicating throughout session as the pace of session allows.

OUTCOMES:

The City’s legislative session advocacy potentially results in state funding for projects identified in the State Legislative Agenda. The State Legislative Agenda provides a roadmap for the City to successfully advance top priority requests, and it focuses attention on policy areas to monitor, support, or oppose that may be considered by the state legislature and that could have a positive or negative impact on the City of Redmond and the Redmond community.

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:
N/A

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

If yes, explain:

Funding may be provided by the State for Redmond projects on the City’s State Legislative Agenda. The proposed 2023 State Legislative agenda includes a funding request of \$1.761 million for the Evans Creek Relocation Project. The agenda also asks for phased distribution of \$8 million received for the 148th Bicycle and Pedestrian Overpass to begin with the upcoming biennium.

Funding source(s):
N/A

Budget/Funding Constraints:
N/A

Additional budget details attached

COUNCIL REVIEW:

Previous Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
9/13/2022	Study Session	Provide Direction
10/11/2022	Study Session	Provide Direction

Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)

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

Time Constraints:

The 2023 Legislative Session begins on January 9, 2023. To effectively advocate for the City’s Legislative agenda, the agenda should be approved by Council at its November 1, 2022, meeting. This will allow state lobbying efforts to commence in earnest.

ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:

The City will not be effective in lobbying for the items on the City’s Legislative Agenda if the agenda is not approved in a timely manner.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment A: City of Redmond 2023 State Legislative Agenda (Track Changes)
- Attachment B: City of Redmond 2023 State Legislative Agenda