



## Memorandum

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**Meeting of:** City Council

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**Type:** Staff Report

**TO:** Members of the City Council  
**FROM:** Mayor Angela Birney  
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**TITLE:**

Redmond 2050 Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement

**OVERVIEW STATEMENT:**

Staff provided an overview of the Redmond 2050 Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) at the Committee of the Whole meeting on October 3, 2023. Staff asked Councilmembers to identify questions or topics they would like addressed at the October 17 staff report on this topic. The SDEIS is posted online at <https://www.redmond.gov/1477/SEPA-Scoping>

This Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) studies a Preferred Alternative that responds to public comments on the 2022 Draft EIS and Comprehensive Plan public engagement activities, addresses recent state legislation concerning affordable housing, and includes additional policy and regulatory drafts. The SDEIS also provides notice of intention to update the SEPA Planned Action for Overlake (under RCW 43.21C.440) and notice for SEPA infill exemptions for Downtown and Marymoor Village, per RCW 43.21C.229, and a citywide infill exemption per RCW 43.21C.229 (3) (b) (ii).

The purpose of the briefing on October 3 and staff report on October 17 is to summarize key findings of the SDEIS. The SDEIS, together with the 2022 DEIS, are meant to be used by the City Council in its decision-making on updates to the Comprehensive Plan in 2024.

☒ **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 (chapter 36.70A RCW) 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 State Environmental Policy Act (chapter 43.21C RCW) requires that comprehensive plan amendments be subject to environmental review.
- **Council Request:**  
The City Council requested quarterly reports on project milestones, staff progress, and public involvement. The Council approved the addition of a Supplemental DEIS in the fall of 2022 to provide additional study and incorporate requirements from recent housing legislation.
- **Other Key Facts:**  
N/A

#### **OUTCOMES:**

Conducting environmental review for Redmond 2050 provides information to decision makers and community members about the environmental impacts of planning for growth through 2050 in a way that is sustainable, resilient, equitable, and inclusive.

#### **COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:**

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**  
The publication of the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement kicks-off a 30-day comment period. Public comment closes at 5 p.m. on Friday, October 20, 2023.
- **Outreach Methods and Results:**  
During the comment period, staff will:
  - Provide required notices to state, local, and tribal governments
  - Provide required notice to other interested parties
  - Place an ad in The Seattle Times on September 20
  - Publish the SDEIS on the Redmond 2050 web site on September 20:  
<https://www.redmond.gov/1477/SEPA-Scoping>
  - Advertise the availability of the SDEIS in the Redmond 2050 e-newsletter
  - Invite the Washington State Department of Transportation for consultation on the proposed citywide infill exemption
  - Brief the Planning Commission on September 27
  - Brief the OneRedmond Government Affairs Committee on September 28
  - Brief the City Council on October 3 and October 17
  - Hold a public hearing on October 18
- **Feedback Summary:**  
Feedback on the SDEIS will be gathered between September 20 and October 20 and addressed in the Final EIS, which will be published around the end of 2023.

**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:**

One Commerce grants supported the environmental review for Redmond 2050

☐ Additional budget details attached

**COUNCIL REVIEW:**

**Previous Contact(s)**

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
10/3/2023	Committee of the Whole - Planning and Public Works	Receive Information

**Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)**

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
10/17/2023	Business Meeting	Receive Information

**Time Constraints:**

All Phase I and Phase II updates to the Comprehensive Plan must be completed no later than December 31, 2024.

**ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:**

Staff is not requesting action at this time.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A: Council Questions and Input

Attachment B: SDEIS Presentation