



Memorandum

**Date:** 10/15/2024  
**Meeting of:** City Council

**File No.** AM No. 24-160  
**Type:** Staff Report

**TO:** Members of the City Council  
**FROM:** Mayor Angela Birney  
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**TITLE:**  
Sound Transit Light Rail Briefing - Project Status and Progress

**OVERVIEW STATEMENT:**  
This staff report provides an update for the 2024 progress of the Downtown Redmond Link Extension project.

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

**REQUESTED ACTION:**

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

**REQUEST RATIONALE:**

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**  
Comprehensive Plan Policies TR-10 and TR-11; Transportation Master Plan
- **Required:**  
N/A
- **Council Request:**  
N/A
- **Other Key Facts:**  
The last update was January 16, 2024

**OUTCOMES:**

Light rail will be the backbone of Redmond’s transit network when it opens in 2024 to Overlake and 2025 to Southeast Redmond and Downtown Redmond. It will provide a frequent and reliable mobility choice that connects Redmond to the region.

Community events will be planned to celebrate the opening of the light rail. Once the event plans have been finalized, additional information will be provided to council members.

**COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:**

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**  
Underway - Construction and traffic updates regarding routes and delays are conveyed via standardized communication methods
- **Outreach Methods and Results:**  
Sound Transit uses in-person, print, and electronic media to notify the Redmond community about construction activities. The City relays these notifications through its communication channels
- **Feedback Summary:**  
Feedback from public engagement and ballot measures consistently shows strong support for the extension of light rail to Redmond.

**BUDGET IMPACT:**

**Total Cost:**

Briefings to Council are a component of work supported by staff positions that are funded by the Light Rail Offer

**Approved in current biennial budget:**       **Yes**       **No**       **N/A**

**Budget Offer Number:**

000035 Light Rail

**Budget Priority:**

Vibrant and Connected

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

**If yes, explain:**

N/A

**Funding source(s):**

Interlocal agreements with Sound Transit

**Budget/Funding Constraints:**

Funds are only available for purposes described in agreements with Sound Transit

**Additional budget details attached**

**COUNCIL REVIEW:**

**Previous Contact(s)**

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
6/16/2020	Business Meeting	Receive Information

9/15/2020	Business Meeting	Receive Information
11/17/2020	Business Meeting	Receive Information
3/2/2021	Business Meeting	Receive Information
6/1/2021	Business Meeting	Receive Information
9/21/2021	Business Meeting	Receive Information
12/7/2021	Business Meeting	Receive Information
8/16/2022	Business Meeting	Receive Information
2/21/2023	Business Meeting	Receive Information
1/16/2024	Business Meeting	Receive Information

**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:**

None

**ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:**

This is an informational briefing only; no Council action is requested.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A: Presentation