



## Memorandum

**Date:** 2/3/2026

**Meeting of:** Committee of the Whole - Planning and Public Works

**File No.** CM 26-067

**Type:** Committee Memo

**TO:** Committee of the Whole - Planning and Public Works

**FROM:** Mayor Angela Birney

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**DEPARTMENT STAFF:**

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Public Works	Aaron Moldver	Environmental Programs Manager
Public Works	Ernie Fix	Operations Manager
Public Works	Chris Stenger	Deputy Director

**TITLE:**

State of the Utilities and Investment Drivers

**OVERVIEW STATEMENT:**

Utilities locally, regionally, and across the nation are at risk due to aging infrastructure, increasing regulatory requirements, and rising operational costs. Public Works maintains a combined utility asset inventory with a replacement value of roughly \$4 billion dollars. As the city ages and the early infrastructure starts to reach the end of the life, Public Works needs to focus on strategic planning for generational investments to continue delivering reliable services at a good value. Public Works is collaborating with Finance to provide Council context for utility investment needs in alignment with the utility rate study and biennial budget process. The March 3<sup>rd</sup> staff report will provide a high-level overview of the state of the utilities and investment drivers. Presentations in Q2 2026 will provide a deeper dive by utility ahead of budget decisions.

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

**REQUESTED ACTION:**

☒ **Receive Information**

☐ **Provide Direction**

☐ **Approve**

**REQUEST RATIONALE:**

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**  
Water System Plan, Wastewater System Plan, and future Stormwater and Surface Water System Plan
- **Required:**  
N/A
- **Council Request:**

N/A

- **Other Key Facts:**

- Water Demand - On average 7 million gallons per day (MGD) is supplied to Redmond residences and business annually.
- Stormwater Management - Approximately 11 billion gallons of rainfall land within City of Redmond and needs to be managed to prevent flooding and protect stream health.
- Wastewater Collection - On average 6 MGD of wastewater is collected and conveyed out of the city annually.

**OUTCOMES:**

Receive information on state of the utilities and investment drivers to ensure reliable service delivery for generations to come.

**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:**

0000268, 0000267, 0000266, and 0000262

**Budget Priority:**

Healthy and Sustainable

**Other budget impacts or additional costs:**

☐ Yes

☐ No

☒ N/A

*If yes, explain:*

N/A

**Funding source(s):**

Utility investments are funded by utility rates and connection charges

**Budget/Funding Constraints:**

N/A

☐ **Additional budget details attached**

**COUNCIL REVIEW:**

**Previous Contact(s)**

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
N/A	Item has not been presented to Council	N/A

**Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)**

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
3/3/2026	Business Meeting	Receive Information
4/14/2026	Study Session	Receive Information
5/12/2026	Study Session	Receive Information

**Time Constraints:**

N/A

**ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:**

N/A

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A: Utility Investments Presentation Series Schedule