

Redmond Central Connector

The Redmond Central Connector Trail brings people together, showcases the beauty of our community, improves active transportation choices, and supports jobs.

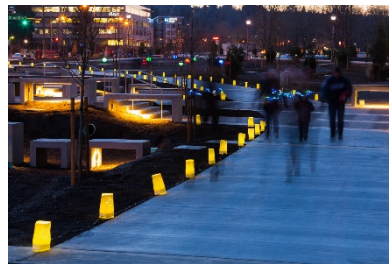


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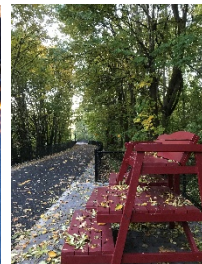
The Redmond Central Connector (RCC) is a regional trail, linear park, utility corridor, and future home to Sound Transit's Downtown Redmond Light Rail Station. It supports a City vision of being inspired by nature while connecting neighborhoods and vibrant urban centers. The RCC is a regional, hard-surface trail that will connect with more than 60 miles of regional trails. Once completed, the trail will be the key regional link from Redmond to Sammamish and Kirkland—revitalizing a former rail corridor to provide transportation choices, recreation opportunities, increased commercial, retail and office activity, and a draw for tourism.

Strategies

Redmond invested \$11.35 million in 2010 to secure four miles of the rail-banked former Burlington Northern Santa Fe rail corridor, known as the Eastside Rail Corridor (Eastrail) and buy adjacent properties to accommodate the intended uses. The trail was designed as a linear park with integrated art, spaces for gathering and events, mid-block connections, safety improvements at intersections and a paved trail.



RCC, PHASE I



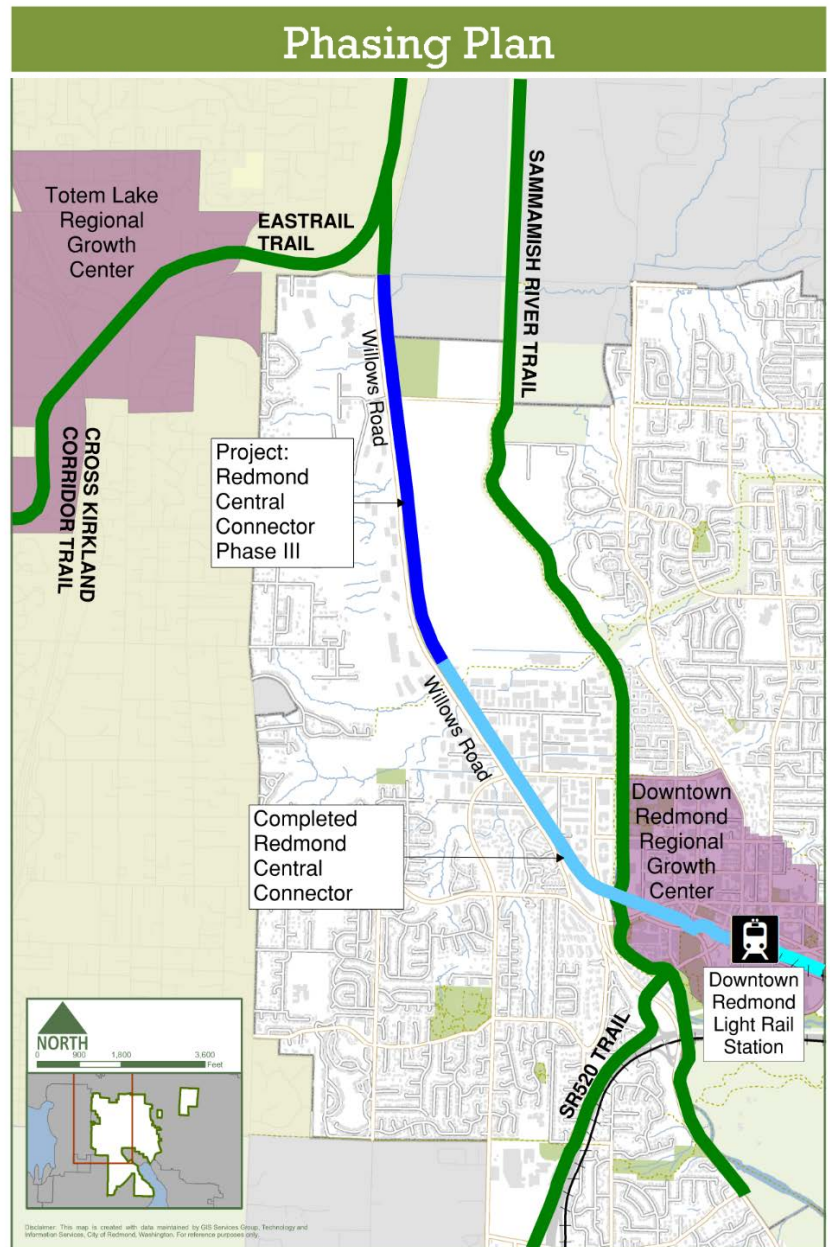
RCC, PHASE II

The RCC is being built in three phases, from the East Lake Sammamish Trail to the Cross Kirkland Corridor. The first two phases have been built and are being enjoyed by tens of thousands of people a month. The final phase, RCC III, will be designed and constructed once funding is available. Our partner Puget Sound Energy plans to build a maintenance access road with the City building the 1.6 miles of trail on top of that access road. The RCC is part of the Eastrail regional partnership between Redmond, Kirkland, Woodinville, King County, Sound Transit, and Puget Sound Energy to redevelop the 42-mile rail-banked corridor between Snohomish County and Renton into an expanded regional trail and transit system, and accommodate regional utilities.



Regional Benefits of this Project

- Provide an active transportation option for approximately 200,000 trail users and commuters annually.
- Connect trail users directly from the Willows business district to key destinations throughout the Eastside via the regional trail network including the Sammamish River Trail, East Lake Sammamish Trail, 520 Trail, Cross Kirkland Corridor, and Eastrail.
- Enhance bicycle and pedestrian safety by reducing vehicle/bicycle accidents in Redmond along Willows Road between NE 95th Street and the DigiPen Institute of Technology. Approximately 54 percent of DigiPen students bicycle or walk to campus from Downtown Redmond.
- Allow the City to meet state approved trail level of service requirements for the Willows neighborhood.



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