



Memorandum

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TITLE:

Sound Transit Light Rail Quarterly Briefing - Projects Status and Progress

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:

The 2022 work plan for the Planning and Public Works Committee of the Whole contains a quarterly Sound Transit light rail update. This staff report provides an update for the third quarter of 2022.

☐ **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:**
Planning and Public Works Committee 2022 work plan item.
- **Other Key Facts:**

The last quarterly update was December 7, 2021, with focus Downtown Redmond Link Extension (DRLE) Construction Progress. Council quarterly updates for the first half of 2022 were given in conjunction with Council consideration of the NE 60th Street full closure (March) and the Overlake Village Light Rail Station Agreements (April).

OUTCOMES:

Light rail will be the backbone of Redmond's transit network when it opens in 2023 to Overlake and 2024 to Southeast Redmond and Downtown Redmond. It will provide a frequent and reliable mobility choice that connects Redmond to the region.

COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**
Underway - Construction and traffic updates regarding reroutes 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:

Quarterly briefings to Council are a component of work supported by staff positions that are funding by the Light Rail Offer.

Approved in current biennial budget: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Budget Offer Number:

000240 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
3/1/2022	Committee of the Whole - Planning and Public Works	Receive Information
4/5/2022	Committee of the Whole - Planning and Public Works	Receive Information

Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
12/6/2022	Business Meeting	Receive Information

Time Constraints:

To be timely, this third quarter update is typically provided by the end of September.

ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:

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

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Presentation