



Memorandum

Date: 3/26/2024
Meeting of: City Council Study Session

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Type: Study Session

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

Redmond 2050: Planning Commission Recommendation for Transportation Element and Regulations

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:

Staff recommends that the City Council provide direction on transportation policy issues raised at its March 5 business meeting and discussed further at the Council's March 12 study session. The Council's discussion to date is documented in Attachment A.

On February 14, 2024, the Planning Commission recommended approval of updates to the Transportation Element, Transportation Element Appendices, and transportation-related regulations. Staff introduced the Commission's recommendation at the Council's March 5 business meeting, and the Council held a study session focused on transportation impact fees on March 12.

The Planning Commission Report, which summarizes the amendments and includes the full text of the amendments, was provided in your March 5 packet, beginning on page 300.

☒ **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 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.

- **Council Request:**

The City Council requested quarterly reports on project milestones, staff progress, and public involvement.

- **Other Key Facts:**

N/A

OUTCOMES:

Updating the Redmond Comprehensive Plan will ensure that the Plan is consistent with state law and regional policy direction; advances equity and inclusion, sustainability, and resiliency; and that Redmond is prepared for growth expected through the year 2050.

COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**

- Transportation Element and Appendices

- Q4 2020 - Q1 2021: solicited policy ideas, community member priorities, and transportation improvement project ideas.
 - Q3-Q4 2021: sought input on decision-making when multiple priorities are in tension.
 - Q1-Q2 2022: sought input on first draft of policies.
 - Q3 2022: sought input on second draft of policies.
 - Q1 2024: Planning Commission review and public hearing.

- Transportation Regulations

- Q3 2022: sought input on first draft of regulatory changes proposed to support policy updates.
 - Q1 2024: Planning Commission review and public hearing.

- **Outreach Methods and Results:**

Redmond 2050 outreach methods have included:

- Redmond 2050 Website
- Digital City Hall Lobby
- Let's Connect questionnaires, idea boards, and other tools
- Press releases and Social media
- Short videos and posting of recordings of workshops
- Yard signs and Posters
- Utility Bill inserts
- Email newsletters to multiple City lists
- Emails to partner organizations
- Hiring of Eastside for All for intensive, focused community engagement
- Stakeholder input and Focus group meetings
- Boards & Commissions meetings
- Hybrid and remote workshops and interviews
- Tabling at community events
- Pop-up events in community spaces and workplaces
- Translation of selected materials
- Community Advisory Committee input
- Technical Advisory Committee input
- Planning Commission public hearings
- Mailed property owner notifications

Quarterly engagement summaries are available at [redmond.gov/1495](http://www.redmond.gov/1495) <<http://www.redmond.gov/1495>>.

• **Feedback Summary:**

- Prioritize access to Downtown, Overlake, and Marymoor Village
- Build right-sized, cost-effective facilities for people of all ages and abilities
- Provide multimodal access between neighborhoods
- Provide first- and last-mile solutions
- Invest in maintaining the system we have and building new connections
- Invest in projects, programs, and services that help achieve greenhouse gas reduction targets

BUDGET IMPACT:

Total Cost:

N/A

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:

☐ Additional budget details attached

COUNCIL REVIEW:

Previous Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
10/6/2020	Business Meeting	Approve
11/17/2020	Business Meeting	Receive Information
3/16/2021	Business Meeting	Receive Information
3/23/2021	Study Session	Provide Direction
6/15/2021	Business Meeting	Receive Information
6/22/2021	Study Session	Provide Direction
9/21/2021	Business Meeting	Receive Information

9/28/2021	Study Session	Provide Direction
11/16/2021	Business Meeting	Receive Information
11/23/2021	Study Session	Provide Direction
2/15/2022	Business Meeting	Receive Information
5/3/2022	Business Meeting	Receive Information
5/10/2022	Study Session	Provide Direction
6/7/2022	Committee of the Whole - Planning and Public Works	Receive Information
7/19/2022	Business Meeting	Receive Information
7/26/2022	Study Session	Provide Direction
8/9/2022	Study Session	Provide Direction
10/4/2022	Business Meeting	Receive Information
10/11/2022	Study Session	Provide Direction
1/17/2023	Business Meeting	Receive Information
1/24/2023	Study Session	Provide Direction
3/7/2023	Business Meeting	Receive Information
3/14/2023	Study Session	Provide Direction
7/18/2023	Business Meeting	Receive Information
9/5/2023	Business Meeting	Receive Information
9/12/2023	Study Session	Provide Direction
9/26/2023	Study Session	Provide Direction
10/3/2023	Business Meeting	Receive Information
10/10/2023	Study Session	Provide Direction
11/28/2023	Study Session	Provide Direction
1/9/2024	Study Session	Provide Direction
1/23/2024	Study Session	Provide Direction
2/6/2024	Business Meeting	Receive Information
2/13/2024	Study Session	Provide Direction
2/27/2024	Study Session	Provide Direction
3/5/2024	Business Meeting	Receive Information
3/12/2024	Study Session	Provide Direction

Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
4/2/2024	Business Meeting	Receive Information
4/9/2024	Study Session	Provide Direction

Time Constraints:

The Comprehensive Plan periodic update must be complete by Dec. 31, 2024.

ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:

Staff is not requesting action at this time.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Council Questions and Input