



Memorandum

**Date:** 3/16/2021  
**Meeting of:** City Council

**File No.** AM No. 21-041  
**Type:** Staff Report

**TO:** Members of the City Council  
**FROM:** Mayor Angela Birney  
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**TITLE:**  
Redmond 2050 Quarterly Update - First Quarter 2021

**OVERVIEW STATEMENT:**

Staff will provide a quarterly update on the Redmond 2050 Periodic Review of the Comprehensive Plan at the City Council’s March 16, 2021 business meeting. Topics to be covered in the staff report include:

- Community Involvement Summary for 2020, and
- Existing Conditions Report.

At the Council’s March 23 Study Session, staff will ask Council, *“What is missing?”* from the set of policy considerations in the draft Existing Conditions Report, delivered to Council on February 9. After receiving Council input staff will finalize the reports and begin to develop draft updates to Comprehensive Plan elements.

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

**REQUESTED ACTION:**

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

**REQUEST RATIONALE:**

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**  
Redmond Comprehensive Plan, Redmond Transportation Master Plan, implementing functional and strategic plans, and Redmond Zoning Code.

- **Required:**  
The Growth Management Act requires that Washington cities and counties periodically review and, if needed, revise their comprehensive plans and development regulations every eight years. For King County cities the periodic review must be completed by June 30, 2024, per WAC 365-196-610.
- **Council Request:**  
The City Council requested quarterly reports on project milestones, staff progress, and public involvement.
- **Other Key Facts:**

**First and Second Quarter Activities and Initiatives**

First Quarter Activities	Second Quarter Activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Completion of the Existing Conditions Report draft 1.0</li><li>• Outreach to small- and minority-owned businesses</li><li>• Monthly Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meetings</li><li>• Monthly Planning Commission briefings</li><li>• Future population and employment growth modeling</li><li>• Public input on the form of growth</li><li>• Public input on Redmond 2050 themes</li><li>• Overlake Neighborhood Plan update kick-off</li><li>• Completion of the base-year travel demand model</li><li>• Selection of travel demand modeling consultant</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Completion of Existing Conditions Report</li><li>• Monthly CAC meetings</li><li>• Monthly Planning Commission meetings</li><li>• Sharing population and employment growth model outputs</li><li>• Continued public input on Redmond 2050 themes</li><li>• Public input on growth alternatives</li><li>• Technical Advisory Committee kick-off</li><li>• Stakeholder outreach for Overlake Plan update</li><li>• Developing policy options and alternatives for Phase 1 elements</li><li>• Integration of Climate Vulnerability Assessment</li><li>• Begin drafting updated Phase 1 elements</li><li>• Council authorization of travel demand modeling contract</li></ul>

**OUTCOMES:**

Completion of periodic review of the Comprehensive Plan, Redmond 2050, on schedule with state-mandated deadlines will result in compliance with Growth Management Act requirements. Additionally, first and second quarter work, identified here, will contribute greatly to ensuring updates to the Comprehensive Plan reflect the community’s vision for the future of Redmond.

**COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:**

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**  
Previous (Q1 2021)
  - Form of Growth questionnaire: design principles
  - Form of Growth questionnaire: look and feel
  - Themes discussion board
  - Small and minority-owned business focus group
  - Community stakeholder interviewsPlanned (Q2 2021) - methods to be determined
  - Themes (continued)
  - Growth alternatives
  - Overlake Plan update needs
  - Policy options and alternatives
- **Outreach Methods and Results:**  
Outreach methods have included or will include:

- Press release
- Social media
- Posters & yard signs
- Emails to City eNews, Redmond2050, and Parks & Recreation lists
- Emails to partner organizations
- Virtual Lobby (3D & alternative versions)
- Community Advisory Committee input
- Technical Advisory Committee input
- Community and small group workshops
- **Feedback Summary:**  
See Attachment A for a retrospective of 2020 community outreach that focuses on what staff learned about who has participated to-date, and how staff are adjusting outreach methods to reach those who are underrepresented among participants. Summaries of specific engagement activities can be found online at [Redmond.gov/1495/Engagement-Summaries](http://www.redmond.gov/1495/Engagement-Summaries) <<http://www.redmond.gov/1495/Engagement-Summaries>>.

**BUDGET IMPACT:**

**Total Cost:**

\$4,535,222 is the total appropriation to the Community and Economic Development offer and is where most staff expenses related to Redmond 2050 are budgeted. A portion of this budget offer is for consultant contracts that the Council authorized with IBI Group for visioning (\$190,000) and BERK for State Environmental Policy Act analysis (\$290,000).

Approved in current biennial budget:       Yes       No       N/A

**Budget Offer Number:**

000250 Community and Economic Development

**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

**Budget/Funding Constraints:**

N/A

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
3/9/2021	Committee of the Whole - Planning and Public Works	Receive Information

**Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Requested Action</b>
3/23/2021	Study Session	Provide Direction

**Time Constraints:**

All Phase I and Phase II updates to the Comprehensive Plan must be completed no later than June 30, 2024.

**ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:**

Staff is not requesting action at this time.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A: Community Involvement Summary | 2020 Overview

Attachment B: Presentation Slides