Attachment D: Council Input on Existing Conditions Report Policy Considerations

Initial Council Question or Input	Initial Staff Response	Further Discussion
	Policy Considerations	
Consider policy for addressing displacement of businesses due to growth, for example, a moving fund. (Forsythe) Consider policy for mitigating business displacement as land values rise with the light rail extension. (Kritzer)	**Topic for Economic Vitality Element and Urban Centers Elements.** The Countywide Planning Policies require jurisdictions to evaluate potential physical, economic, and cultural displacement of residents and businesses and to identify a range of strategies to mitigate displacement impacts in their comprehensive plans. This will be a policy topic in Redmond 2050. Staff will work with the City's Economic Development team and local businesses to identify risks and strategies. *Policy consideration: evaluate potential physical, economic, and cultural displacement of residents and businesses and to identify a range of strategies to mitigate displacement impacts.*	
Will placemaking, public spaces, and design standards be addressed in Redmond 2050? (Fields) There is concern in the community about neighborhood character and the built environment. What do we want to change? What can we preserve as we grow to maintain Redmond's character? (Kritzer)	**Topic for Land Use, Urban Centers, and Community Character and Historic Preservation Elements.** Redmond 2050 recently completed two rounds of public engagement that focused on the question of "What will growth look like?". These questionnaires addressed both urban design principles and community preferences on the look and feel of certain design elements. Discussions on public spaces, neighborhood character, material selection, façade styles, and more will all be evaluated in this part of the process. Results from this outreach will be put up on the Redmond 2050 website when completed, and the feedback received will be incorporated into policy updates including updates to design guidelines. *Policy consideration: address placemaking, public spaces, and design standards in support of the land use vision and community character objectives.*	

All Comprehensive Plan Elements can be viewed at www.redmond.gov/CompPlan

Would like to hear more about accessibility, walkability, and traffic safety for non-motorized modes. (Anderson)	**Topic for Transportation Element and TMP.** The guiding principle of "safety" resonated strongly with stakeholders and Councilmembers when staff solicited input on transportation policy considerations. *Policy consideration: prioritize capital and programmatic investments that enhance safety and accessibility*.	
Consider a policy that results in green roofs and vertical gardens. (Forsythe)	**Topic for Natural Environment Element.** Green roofs and vertical gardens will be included in the Redmond 2050 sustainability and green infrastructure conversations. *Policy consideration: encourage the construction of green infrastructure in support of environmental sustainability goals including vertical gardens and green roofs.*	
Questions		
Will the Climate Vulnerability Assessment address utilities? (Anderson)	The analysis of projected impacts will cover at a minimum the following critical systems: i. Physical infrastructure and built environment: transportation, drinking water, wastewater, stormwater, buildings, as well as energy and communications components (at a high level where service is not provided by the city). ii. Social and community systems: public health, air quality, emergency response (including evacuation and shelter challenges), social services, vulnerable populations, neighborhoods, underserved communities, accessibility, etc. The social and human systems element of the assessment is a critical component to inform future climate mitigation programming as well. iii. Natural systems: surface and groundwater quality and quantity, green space, urban forest, regulated critical areas, fish and wildlife. iv. Economic systems: Redmond businesses, future development and planned growth, local and regional employment centers.	

How are staff coordinating the multiple outreach efforts to small businesses, e.g., COVID outreach and Redmond 2050 outreach? (Fields)	Staff are coordinating engagement efforts. For example, staff engaged in long-term recovery planning suggested contacts for the small-business focus group, and Redmond 2050 project staff reported back findings from that engagement. While the efforts are asking different questions, staff understand the importance of coordinating elements such as timing and audience to minimize confusion and engagement fatigue.	
Regarding Overlake planning, would like to hear more about coordination and collaboration with Bellevue. (Kritzer)	Coordination and collaboration with our neighbors is essential to the success of Redmond 2050. Neighboring jurisdictions are identified as a stakeholder group to facilitate an exchange of interest and ideas, to identify specific areas for coordination – such as outreach in Overlake and Northeast Bellevue – and to keep each other up to date on our respective plan updates.	
How does Redmond 2050 integrate with tree canopy work? (Anderson)	The Tree Canopy Strategic Plan, adopted in January 2019, implemented Comprehensive Plan Policy PR-57, which read: "Develop a cross-departmental strategic plan to increase tree canopy across the city that will include a canopy coverage goal, proposed timeline and methods for achieving the goal." In November 2020 policy PR-57 was repealed and the City Council adopted new policies related to tree canopy in line with the Tree Canopy Strategic Plan (Ord. 3012), including a target of 40% tree canopy by 2049. Staff anticipates bringing updates to tree regulations to Council for review in the third or fourth quarter of 2021 as an additional implementation action of the Tree Canopy Strategic Plan. Updates to the Parks, Arts, Recreation, Conservation, and Culture Element of the Comprehensive Plan are part of Redmond 2050. Increasing the citywide tree canopy is also a strategy in the Environmental Sustainability Action Plan. While there are no plans to substantially change policy direction for tree canopy given its recent adoption, any updates would be reviewed considering Redmond 2050 themes, existing conditions, mandates, community input, Council input, and new data and analysis.	