



Memorandum

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TITLE:

Sound Transit Light Rail Quarterly Briefing - Focus on Art at the Four Station Areas

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:

The 2021 work plan for the Committee of the Whole - Planning and Public Works contains a quarterly Sound Transit light rail update. This staff report provides an update for the second quarter of 2021. Supplemental information is provided in Attachment A; presentation slides are included as Attachment B.

☒ **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 2021 work plan item
- **Other Key Facts:**
The last quarterly update was March 2, 2021 with focus on upcoming Downtown Redmond Link Extension Construction

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):**
Outreach for the Downtown Redmond Link Extension is currently focused on construction activities along SR 520, SE Redmond and Downtown as construction will soon be occurring the entire 3.4 mile length of the project.
- **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 Briefing to Council

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

Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
N/A	None proposed at this time	N/A

Time Constraints:

In order to be timely, the second quarter update should be provided by the end of June.

ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:

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

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Light Rail in Redmond Supplemental Information for Second Quarter 2020

Attachment B: Presentation Slides for June 1