



Memorandum

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TO: Members of the City Council
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TITLE:

Redmond 2050 Quarterly Update - Second Quarter 2021

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:

Staff provided a quarterly update on the Redmond 2050 periodic review of the Comprehensive Plan at the City Council's June 15, 2021, business meeting. The main topics covered were growth scenarios and a recap of first quarter 2021 community involvement. Council questions about the growth scenarios and initial staff responses can be found in Attachment E.

At the Council's June 22 study session, staff will share additional detail about the growth scenarios, including metrics by which the scenarios will be evaluated during review under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). Staff will seek Council input on the proposed metrics.

☒ **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:**

Second and Third Quarter Activities and Initiatives

Second Quarter Activities	Third Quarter Activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Completion of Existing Conditions Report• Monthly CAC meetings• Monthly Planning Commission meetings• Review growth scenario modeling outputs• Continued public input on Redmond 2050 themes• Technical Advisory Committee kick-off• Stakeholder outreach for Overlake Plan update• Council authorization of contract amendment to initiate Climate Vulnerability Assessment• Council authorization of travel demand modeling contract and kick-off of modeling• Identification and review of required updates (state, regional, county mandates) to Phase 1 Comprehensive Plan elements• Beginning to identify policy options and alternatives for Phase 1 Comprehensive Plan elements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Growth scenarios further analyzed as part of environmental review• Continued review of required updates to Phase 1 Comprehensive Plan elements• Continued identification of policy options and alternatives• Climate Vulnerability Assessment begins• Begin drafting updated Phase 1 Comprehensive Plan elements• Travel demand modeling• Development of draft transportation project recommendations• Community input on themes, Overlake, transit-oriented development, and policy options and alternatives

OUTCOMES:

The key outcome from work conducted over the last quarter is a preliminary understanding of how distinct growth scenarios perform relative to community priorities and anticipated growth targets. These scenarios were developed and modeled to help staff, Council, and community better understand the tradeoffs associated with directing future growth to different parts of Redmond. Three scenarios were developed to provide:

1. A baseline or “no change” scenario that assumes existing zoning regulations remain in place;
2. A “Centers” scenario that directs most of the anticipated growth to Redmond’s urban centers and light rail station areas; and
3. A “Centers + Corridors” scenario that still directs most growth to the urban centers and light rail station areas but distributes more growth to selected arterial corridors.

What these growth scenarios might look like and how they perform relative to community priorities are included in Attachment D. Growth scenarios and modeling provide preliminary level of analysis. The outputs of this preliminary work will be further analyzed by City’s environmental consultant. At the conclusion of the environmental analysis City staff will develop “report cards” for each scenario to share with Council and the community. Staff will seek input from Council on proposed metrics for those report cards at the Council’s June 22 study session.

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, second and third 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 and Current (Q2 2021)

- Themes (continued)
- Growth scenarios
- Overlake Plan update needs
- Policy options and alternatives

Planned (Q3 2021) - methods to be determined

- Policy options and alternatives (continued)
- Overlake planned action alternatives
- Transit-oriented development
- Climate Vulnerability Assessment stakeholders

- **Outreach Methods and Results:**

Outreach methods have included or will include:

- Press release
- Social media
- Posters & yard signs
- Emails to City eNews, Redmond 2050, and Parks & Recreation lists
- Emails to partner organizations
- Virtual Lobby (3D & alternative versions)
- Let's Connect questionnaires
- Community Advisory Committee input
- Technical Advisory Committee input
- Community and small group workshops, focus groups, and interviews

- **Feedback Summary:**

See Attachment B for a summary of Q1 2021 community involvement. Summaries of specific engagement activities can be found online at [Redmond.gov/1495/Engagement-Summaries](http://www.redmond.gov/1495/Engagement-Summaries)
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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:

None

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
3/16/2020	Business Meeting	Receive Information
3/23/2020	Study Session	Provide Direction
6/15/2020	Business Meeting	Receive Information

Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)

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

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: Redmond 2050 Overview

Attachment B: Community Involvement Summary - Q1 2021

Attachment C: Presentation Slides

Attachment D: Land Use Alternatives Report

Attachment E: Council Questions about Growth Scenarios