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**TO:** Members of the City Council

**FROM:** Mayor Angela Birney

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**TITLE:**

Sound Transit Light Rail Quarterly Briefing - Focus on Downtown Redmond Link Extension Design Completion and Construction Progress

**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 third 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 June 1, 2021 with focus on artwork at the four stations

**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):**  
Underway - ST is starting testing of guideway and Light Rail Vehicles for Eastlink from Bellevue to Redmond in September.  
Planned - ST is continuing outreach across the entire 3.4 Downtown Redmond Link Extension which is all under construction at this time. A major outreach effort this next quarter will be targeted on construction and detours planned for the SR520/SR202 interchange with work commencing in January of 2022.
- **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 briefings to Council are a component of work supported by staff positions that are funding by the Light Rail Offer.

**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
6/1/2021	Business Meeting	Receive Information

**Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)**

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
12/7/2021	Business Meeting	Receive Information

**Time Constraints:**

To be timely, this third quarter update is typically provided by the end of September

**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 third Quarter 2020

Attachment B: Presentation Slides for September 21, 2021