

Downtown East/West Corridor Study
Community Meeting #2
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Comments

What do you think of the proposed City downtown project?

- It looks like traffic will move and the roads will provide an easier route around Redmond.
- Love the idea of making downtown pedestrian-friendly. I think investing in downtown pays huge dividends for everyone. My concern I hope can be addressed is that somehow traffic must flow through the City. My east/west experience on 085 is just awful. There are 5 lights including 164 and 154 and it seems they are always red. In the morning, if I choose to go to Victor's Coffee from Meadowview, it's like a 5 or 6 red light decision. Often I just say "no" and try to avoid downtown.
- I like it. The fact that it gives the City a linking core. I like that it takes away the Cleveland Street and Redmond Way racetracks and gives the area more of a focus.
- Perfect! Do it!
- Looks great! Thanks for the updates. Do recommend the need for parking garage in corridor, perhaps 2 down and 3 up in Parker Paint land with some artful landscaping.
- I like the \$22 million option.
- Concerns about funding. Not enough addressing of parking issues. Not enough awareness of traffic volume.

- I love it. Well thought out. Particularly the new curbs.
- I think it has good potential, however I remain concerned about the impact of the large condo developments planned for the downtown area, both with regard to traffic, and most particularly on the character of the City. Please keep Redmond low. No more six-story buildings turning downtown into a concrete canyon.
- I love the idea of a more beautiful, unified, and connected downtown. I am concerned about the volume of traffic being alleviated for AM/PM peak volume times and safe bicycle lanes, and very real TOD connect to all (paths, bikes, etc.)
- I think it is a good idea. It's a pity that Bear Creek Parkway is not 2x2, though.
- It is a waste of time and money, especially if ULID financing is not used. There are dozens of towns in Oregon with one-way street couplets that work just fine. Make Town Center the downtown living room.
- Great plan. Proposal will bring Redmond into the 21st century. Any way to consolidate all the small shopping areas?
- Like the increased pedestrian (sic), but not sure if two-way Redmond Way and Cleveland Street will improve traffic. Careful that businesses may not (sic) lose visibility.
- Not sure that traffic will improve for our business. Redmond Town Center will benefit.

- Looks like a nice improvement. (1) You list trees as a problem, yet your renderings show numerous trees. Is this a problem? (2) Is additional right of way required and has it been secured? (3) Parking is a concern. (4) What about mass transit? How is that integrated if so?
- Like the idea. I walk and it will be great to have more gateways to walk in downtown. Like the greenspace.
- I like and support the principles, but worry about parking. Town Center-like parking would be good in a couple of spots.
- Please, please keep the trees. Too much asphalt and concrete makes it like every other city.
- Nice to see Redmond want a downtown. You can't be a city without a downtown core. Don't let ostriches and turtles hold it up!
- Aesthetically it is very impressive. It is also progressive in terms of the density that will be needed in the near future. My concern is with transportation. Will the streets support the additional traffic of 900+ new housing units in the Redmond Way-Cleveland Street vicinity? How about a "ride free" zone in downtown like Seattle has?
- Great concept. Great proposal. How are we going to pay for this?
- I like the idea of changing Redmond Way and Cleveland to two-way streets. Navigating Redmond can be confusing to people not familiar. I also like easier access to businesses without going around the block.

- I would support it!
- Like street/crosswalk design - slower traffic is the better - especially for disabled/wheelchair-bound, seniors. Keep building height low.
- I think that's good.
- I think it's good, but please don't grant permits for tall buildings. Redmond is not Bellevue!
- I like the concept. I am concerned that we will lose parking however, I think it is time to do this. Redmond needs a downtown shuttle to circulate.
- Yes. Yes. Yes. Very excited. I live at The Cleveland and was hoping for more of a neighborhood feel. Right now it is very dangerous to cross Cleveland.
- I love how the downtown area will be revitalized. Safe for pedestrians and parking for visitors. More business will come when you have two-way streets also!
- A good idea for getting the downtown core "user-friendly" for walkers.
- OK.
- Very exciting. This will change the character of downtown, especially on Cleveland Street. With all the new things - businesses, residences, people will slow down and want to live here! Two-way streets is (sic) a must.

- Looks good. Pedestrian-friendly is always good.
- Very skeptical. Probably great for residents who don't live downtown, but I see degeneration in the quality of life for people who call downtown Redmond home. I see increased traffic, more people, less green space, and more noise for downtown residents. It's like we don't matter.
- Looks OK. Old Town businesses will need more parking - possibly developed on the easterly part of the (?)/B&B Auto Parts property, which has already been purchased by the City of Redmond for the southerly extension of 161 Avenue NE. (Financing possibly by LID.)

What do you think of the BNSF Railroad trail concept?

- Great. It will hopefully form part of a plan to connect with other trails.
- Trail needs to be secondary to rail. Why not reconnect Redmond and Issaquah with a trolley/interurban service?
- Great idea to beautify downtown and make it more friendly.
- Love it! Connect as far east/west as you can.
- A wonderful concept.
- Looks good to me!
- Good transition zone between high use areas of the City.

- I like it.
- It should be a trail ASAP, but leave room for rail. Also needs safety from passing rail.
- I love it. Lovely connection with Burke Gilman.
- Looking forward to it!
- Love it! Makes Redmond more livable, workable, and connects business/people/bicyclists!
- Looks great!
- Blend this with the Redmond Town Center.
- Save the right-of-way for light rail.
- Love the trail, but the concept looks crude.
- Will this save time? Like a skytrain not like the one to airport that take as long as a bus. Time and frequency is what I care about! See Vancouver, Canada. That is the best set-up! Train every few minutes quick from Redmond to Seattle. If it is too expensive and not frequent we get nowhere!
- Good, however I think you need to do something to keep the fast traffic on existing Burke Gilman. Gates or other slow-down items.
- Mixed use, pedestrian light rail is excellent. Include trees where possible. Consider parking for light rail.

- This is one of the best ideas for a downtown pedestrian park! It takes the industrial feel out of the downtown backbone.
- Very nice. Offers urban recreation capabilities. I wouldn't want anything to stand in the way of using the tracks for commuter rail, however.
- Good for the neighborhood if it stays green.
- I like the walkability and the connection to the Burke Gilman.
- Like it, but I work at Cleveland Square and park there now.
- Great. Accessible to seniors and wheelchairs please. Slower (is) better.
- No.
- Great idea so long as the green vistas are not compromised.
- I think it is OK, but it seems a little sterile. I would like to see fountains, a gazebo, a band or concert stage. Hot dog and coffee kiosks.
- More pedestrian feel, love the idea in the future. Would like to have light rail behind us.
- The trail concept will change all of downtown, bringing families and visitors. This makes the area more friendly and shows that the City cares how it presents itself.
- I like it!

- Good idea.
- Wonderful. We need as much pedestrian-friendly space as possible, recreational space, and just places for people to walk and socialize, and get outdoors.
- Love this, especially since no bike lane on either Cleveland or Redmond Way.
- Every new building coming in is being built up to the curb and we are trying to pack as many structures, multi-story structures, as possible. All other Redmond residents will be able to come downtown and work and play when they want and return home to their quiet homes after. Not us. We just have to deal with the noise and congestion.