

# GOALS, VISION AND FRAMEWORK POLICIES

## Introduction

[As a community, Redmond has identified the importance of goals, policies and actions that speak to how the City can work in partnership with the community toward achieving a sustainable future.](#)

Redmond's Comprehensive Plan is a reflection of [this and other](#) ~~the~~ long-term values and preferences held by people in the community for how Redmond should look and feel over the next 20 years [and beyond](#).

This element expresses those values and preferences through:

- A. Goals that summarize the intent of the Comprehensive Plan,
- B. A vision that describes what our community would be like in 2030~~22~~ if the goals were achieved, and
- C. Framework policies that the City will follow to achieve the goals and vision.

The goals and framework policies express the core concepts on which the Comprehensive Plan is based and together set the direction for how various elements of the Plan address the trends, opportunities, and mandates facing the City.

The goals and framework policies are not listed in priority order, and need to be viewed as a whole that is balanced over time, [just as the three pillars of sustainability, including environmental quality, economic vitality and social equity must be balanced to achieve a sustainable future.](#) One goal or value shall not be pursued to the exclusion of the others.

## A. Goals for Redmond

- ◆ To conserve agricultural lands and rural areas, and to protect and enhance the quality of the natural environment, [to sustain Redmond's natural resources as the City continues to accommodate growth and development.](#)
- ◆ To retain and enhance Redmond's distinctive character and high quality of life, including an abundance of parks, open space, good schools and recreational facilities.



- ◆ To emphasize choices [and equitable access](#) in housing, transportation, stores and services.



- ◆ To support vibrant concentrations of retail, office, service, residential, and recreational activity in Downtown and Overlake.
- ◆ To maintain a strong and diverse economy, and to provide a business climate that retains and attracts locally owned companies as well as internationally recognized corporations.



- ◆ To [provide opportunities to live a healthy lifestyle, enjoy](#) ~~promote~~ a variety of community gathering places and [celebrate](#) diverse cultural opportunities.
- ◆ To provide convenient, safe and environmentally friendly transportation connections within Redmond, and between Redmond and other communities for people and goods.



- ◆ To ~~remain-cultivate~~ a [well-connected](#) community ~~of good neighbors,~~ working together and with others in the region to implement a common vision for Redmond's [sustainable](#) future.

## B. Our Future Vision for Redmond in 203022

What would Redmond be like as a place to live, work, or visit if the community's values and preferences were achieved? The vision statement describes Redmond in the year 2030 if the Comprehensive Plan were implemented.

### **Community Vision Statement**

In 2030, Redmond citizens describe their community as one that is complete, offering a wide range of services, opportunities, and amenities. It's a community that has acted to maintain a balance among the three pillars of sustainability while gracefully-accommodating growth and change; as a result, while ensuring that Redmond's high quality of life, cherished natural features, distinct places, and character are not overwhelmed enhanced. It's a place where people are friendly, diversity and innovation are embraced, and action is taken to achieve community objectives. It's a place that is home to people from a variety of ethnic backgrounds, which contribute to the richness of the City's culture.



*Redmond Library art garden*

Achieving a balance between accommodating growth and preserving Redmond's unique features and livability was challenging, but over the past 20 years through the clear, shared direction contained in the Comprehensive Plan, the vision has taken shape, and throughout Redmond the results are apparent.

**In 2030, Redmond's two urban centers – Downtown and Overlake – are thriving centers of residential and commercial activity. Downtown is an outstanding place to work, shop, live and recreate** and is a destination for many in Redmond and in the region. Attractive offices, stores, services, and residential developments have contributed to a new level of vibrancy while retaining a small town comfortable, connected feel that appeals to residents, business and visitors alike. Many more people live Downtown, and housing choices include a significant share of moderately priced residences wide range of pricing options. Strategic public and private investments have created a true multi-dimensional urban center with several new and expanded public amenities, including a the City Hall campus, and Downtown Central Park and the Redmond Central Connector that is a are gathering places s for the community; r an arts and community cultural center, a technology museum, a

| pedestrian connection to Marymoor Park, a [vibrant](#) Saturday market ~~that is open all year~~, and a



variety of quality arts and cultural programs and performances.

Various portions of Downtown have their own identities, design and appeal, ~~yet~~ and it is easy to walk, bicycle, use transit or drive between them as well as to the rest of Redmond ~~and the region~~. Many visitors ~~park in one of the conveniently located garages and~~ walk or take transit to get to their destinations ~~or park in one of the conveniently located garages~~. ~~While pedestrian and bicycle access are emphasized, Downtown also provides for vehicular access and those who wish to drive through have other preferred routes to use.~~ The congestion of 20 years ago has been tempered primarily by providing ~~reasonable and practical convenient and effective~~ transportation alternatives together with improved operations and then increased capacity in strategic locations, such as SR 520 and



important connections in the street grid.

Old Town thrives as a focus for retail activity that attracts pedestrians, providing a distinctive selection of stores, restaurants, boutiques, and theaters, as well as varied housing [opportunities](#). New buildings blend with refurbished buildings, retaining the area's historic character. Cleveland Street is a pleasant place to walk or sit and people fill the street during the day and evening. [The Redmond Central Connector](#), ~~(The former railroad right-of-way)~~, has been transformed to an urban green space that people of all ages enjoy, with [convenient access to light rail as well as](#) places to stroll, gather and talk

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with others, celebrate, or stop and peek in store windows while walking to Old Town or Redmond



Town Center.

Large open spaces, such as the Sammamish River, [Downtown Central Park](#), [the Redmond Central Connector](#), Anderson Park, and Bear Creek, as well as abundant landscaping and a system of parks and other gathering places, create a sense of Downtown as an urban place within a rich natural environment. A network of walkways, trails, vista points, and plazas enable people to enjoy the natural beauty of the river, views of surrounding hillsides and mountains and other points of interest. Recent developments along the Sammamish River are oriented to and embrace the river, while maintaining adequate natural buffers.

**Overlake has become ~~recognized as~~ a regional urban center** that is the location of internationally known companies, corporate headquarters, high technology research and development companies, and many other businesses. While intensively and efficiently developed, the employment areas retain their campus-like feel due to attractive landscaping and the protection of significant trees and other important natural features. During the past 20 years, redevelopment of ~~the area in the southernmost part of~~ Overlake [Village](#) has brought retail storefronts closer to the street and improvements to streetscapes to reflect the green character of Redmond, making the area more hospitable to transit, pedestrians and bicyclists. This portion of Overlake has also become much more diverse, featuring small neighborhoods with a [mix-variety](#) of housing [choices](#), small-scale shopping and services to serve employees and residents, and connections to a network of parks, sidewalks, ~~and~~ trails [and transit services](#). In many ways Overlake has demonstrated that high technology uses can thrive in a [balanced-sustainable](#) urban setting that offers opportunities to live, work, shop, and recreate to an



increasingly diverse workforce.

**~~Residential Redmond neighborhoods are~~ is** treasured for [its their attractiveness character, natural assets, friendliness friendly and welcoming atmosphere](#), diversity, safety and

**quietness settings.** Redmond includes a broad choice of housing types at a range of prices, including affordable homes. During the past 20 years, there has been ~~a lot much~~ more variety in the types and prices of ~~newly homes constructed constructed homes in neighborhoods~~, including more cottages, accessory ~~dwelling~~ units, attached homes, ~~live-work units~~ and other smaller single-family homes. New homes blend with existing homes and the natural environment, retaining valued characteristics of ~~existing~~ neighborhoods as they continue to evolve. ~~While single-family neighborhoods have remained stable, the number and variety of multi-family housing choices have increased significantly, especially in mixed-use developments in the Urban Centers.~~ Through careful planning and community involvement, changes and innovation in housing styles and development have been ~~successfully~~ embraced by the ~~whole~~ community. ~~Residents enjoy a feeling of connection~~



~~to their neighborhoods and to the community as a whole.~~

Redmond has ~~acted to~~ maintain ~~ed~~ **a strong economy and a diverse job base.** The City is the home to many small, medium-size and locally owned businesses and services, as well as nationally and internationally recognized corporations. Redmond is widely recognized as a community that is inviting for advanced technology, and businesses are proud to be partners in the community. The City provides a ~~positive~~ business climate that ~~supports innovation and~~ attracts sustainable development to the community ~~while retaining and retains~~ existing businesses. Likewise, the successful companies return benefits directly and indirectly to the community. A prime example of this is the support that both the residents and the business community have given to the school system to create a ~~an~~ ~~excellent~~ ~~high quality~~ educational system that serves the needs of citizens of all ages.



*Nintendo of America in Overlake*

**Neighborhood and community parks contribute to a high quality of life** in Redmond by providing a full array of opportunities ranging from active recreation, such as sports ~~and~~ games ~~and~~ swimming,

to more restful and reflective activities, such as walking and viewing wildlife. Residents enjoy larger natural areas, such as Watershed and Farrel-McWhirter Parks, as well as smaller open spaces and gathering places located throughout the City close to residences and work places. Indoor and outdoor recreational facilities and programs meet the needs [and contribute to healthy lifestyles of residents for people](#) of all ages. Known as the bicycle capital of the Northwest, Redmond has developed an [excellent extensive](#) system of bike paths and trails that are used for recreation, commuting and riding



to schools, parks, and other destinations.

~~Redmond has embraced energy efficient and environmentally sound transportation systems. The City has invested strategically and leveraged regional funds to improve transportation choices and mobility, and every year more people walk, bicycle, carpool, or use transit or alternative fuel vehicles to travel. Transit service links all of Redmond's neighborhoods to the hubs of Downtown and Overlake, creating an attractive and practical transportation alternative. Overlake and Downtown are extensively served by transit that provides easy access to many destinations in the region. Transit stations along the route include shops, restaurants, offices, and residences.~~



*Downtown Redmond Park and Ride*

~~People spend less time traveling and more time where they want to be. All Redmond homes, schools and businesses have high-speed access to information and communication. More neighborhoods and workplaces are served by nearby stores and services that are small in scale and well-designed. Significant investments in SR-520, I-405, and regional and local transit routes have improved mobility for people and goods. In Redmond, roadway projects have been built where needed to improve safety and operating efficiency, and the City has maintained a good system of access and circulation for delivery and freight. Most streetscapes are attractive and functional for various travel modes, with street trees and landscaped areas that separate pedestrians from traffic.~~

Redmond's 2030 transportation system offers people a variety of real choices for how we get between where we live, work, shop and play. Each year, more people walk, bicycle, carpool, or use transit to travel within the City to access the regional bus and light rail system because land uses that reflect our vibrant community character have created a strong market demand for these options. Our transportation infrastructure reflects this by prioritizing more people-oriented travel that supports Redmond's land use, manages our limited roadways most efficiently, and provides a clean and sustainable transportation system.

The City has invested strategically and leveraged regional funds to ensure a safe, well-maintained system, improve transportation choices and mobility, and support our two Urban Centers, Downtown and Overlake. Neighborhoods have increased access to the hubs of Downtown and Overlake, neighboring cities, and the region. Significant investments in SR 520, I-405, and regional and local transit routes have improved mobility for people and goods. In Redmond, roadway projects have been built where needed to improve safety and operating efficiency, or to create more accessible connections. The City continues to maintain an effective system of access and circulation for delivery and freight. Streetscapes are attractive, well designed, functional, and enhance environmental quality for various travel modes.

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In responding to significant energy costs and new vehicle fuel options and technologies, the City has developed alliances with other agencies and the private sector to create new opportunities and efficiencies. In turn, these alliances support easy access to electric vehicle charging stations and other alternative fueling infrastructures as well as access to information about travel conditions, incidents, and transit arrival and departure times.



**Infrastructure and services ~~have been provided to~~ meet the needs of a growing population as well as to correct existing deficiencies.** The planning and placement of utilities in Redmond has supported the community's vision for the location and amount of growth. Long-term planning for utilities has contributed to a high quality of life for Redmond residents and businesses by ensuring efficient utility delivery. Proper utility planning has also protected Redmond's natural environment and resources. Upgrades to the sanitary sewer system have eliminated many septic systems, thereby controlling contaminants released into the environment. The City has protected the natural environment by developing stormwater systems to prevent/reduce excess stormwater runoff, by designing and upgrading systems and plans to prevent damage to the environment, and by fostering conservation- operationally and by implementing low impact development practices.



Stormwater treatment

**Redmond has excellent police and fire protection** and well-maintained and dependable public facilities. The community continues to enjoy a rapid fire and emergency response, professional police [services work](#), beautiful parks, pure water, and effective wastewater and stormwater management because the capital facilities needed to provide these services were, and still are, planned for the long-term. An efficient multi-modal transportation system has taken shape and is continually improved. This long-term planning for services and facilities carries out the Comprehensive Plan goals and policies, such that new development and new services and facilities arrive concurrently.

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**Redmond citizens embrace and support the high-quality educational, cultural, and recreational facilities in the community.** The City works as a partner with schools, businesses, service providers, and other organizations and jurisdictions to help strengthen a human services network that provides vulnerable persons the food, shelter, job training, child care, and other services

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they need to become more independent. [Locally grown food sources, farmers markets, community pea patches and home gardens provide healthy and sustainable options.](#)

**Redmond in 203022 has maintained a very green character.** The City is framed within a beautiful natural setting and open spaces and an abundance of trees continue to define Redmond's physical appearance, [including forested hillsides that flank the Sammamish Valley, Lake Sammamish and Bear Creek.](#) A system of interconnected open spaces provides habitat for a variety of wildlife. The City prides itself for its environmental stewardship, including an emphasis on sustainable land use and development patterns, landscaping that requires little watering, and other techniques to protect and conserve the natural environment while flourishing as a successful urban community. ~~.\_Lake Sammamish and the Sammamish River, noted for their water quality, are used for boating, swimming, and other types of recreation.~~ Through many cooperative efforts, the improved water quality is demonstrated annually in the increasing salmon runs. [People continue to enjoy Lake Sammamish and the Sammamish River for boating, swimming, and other types of recreation.](#) Public access to shorelines has been enhanced while protecting the natural environment and property owners' rights. The open space and agricultural character of the north Sammamish Valley has been maintained and is highly valued by the community. Through the joint efforts of [cities Redmond, and the King County, and Washington State, the Bear Creek and Evans Creek Valleys remain rural, as do](#) the areas north



and east of the City [remain rural.](#)

**Redmond has reached its ultimate size, having annexed all remaining territory in its Potential Annexation Area so that residents may receive a full range of urban services.** The new neighborhoods have been seamlessly interwoven with existing neighborhoods. The process of

annexation ~~was logical and orderly,~~ has allowed ~~the City to provide these~~ new citizens to enjoy ~~areas with~~ high-quality facilities and services.

**Redmond is an integral member of the regional planning community.** As was the case in 2010~~04~~, Redmond continues to work cooperatively in regional planning with neighboring jurisdictions, King County, neighboring counties, State agencies, and other jurisdictions. Redmond is an active member of regional planning organizations where it simultaneously advances the interests of Redmond citizens and works toward regional goals.

**Though the City has experienced growth and change during the past 20 years, Redmond has maintained its distinctive character.** The quality design of new development is a reflection of the value Redmond citizens place on the community's appearance. The design also reflects the diversity of the community. Care has ~~also~~ been taken to employ special treatments on identified streets and pathways, and to enhance the comfort, safety, and usability of public places. Public view corridors and entryways have been ~~identified~~, preserved, and enhanced. The City's historic roots are still apparent through preservation of special sites, structures, and buildings. Interpretive signage has been used in addition to enhance the City's sense of its heritage.



**Community gathering places are found throughout the City.** Spaces for parks and plazas have been acquired and improved by the City or incorporated into new developments. Both public and private investment into place-making has created spaces where informal social gatherings occur. The City and private partners ~~has~~ have continued to sponsor community events in public places.



**Care has been given to preserve elements of the natural environment.** Landscaping regulations have ensured preservation of special natural areas and significant trees that define the character of

the City. New landscaping has, when appropriate, incorporated native plants. Areas of open space and forested groves near Town Center, along Redmond Way, and in other locations have been preserved [where possible](#). Through creative design, public and private projects have incorporated



natural features and enhanced natural systems.

**The cost of maintaining Redmond's quality services and facilities is borne equitably.** Redmond continues to draw from diverse revenue streams in order to finance capital facility projects. The public facility costs associated with new growth are recovered in part using impact fees that reflect up to date costs, including those related to land and construction. In addition, Redmond continues to seek grants and other outside funding in order to maintain its high quality of life.



*Public participation*

Redmond is an effective, responsive local government that responds to and anticipates the changing needs of the community. **Many citizens actively participate** in Redmond's planning process and system improvements, and their preferences are incorporated so that Redmond continues to be the community desired by its citizens.

In 203022, as in 201003, Redmond is a community [working together and with others in the region to implement a common vision for Redmond's sustainable future. of good neighbors.](#)

### C. Framework Policies

To be effective, the goals and vision must be translated into policies, plan designations and actions. The framework policies are the overarching policies that help to communicate how the community wants Redmond to look and feel over the next 20 years and that set the direction for the rest of the Comprehensive Plan. In contrast, policies in the various elements, such as Land Use or Housing, are more detailed and describe methods of accomplishing the vision. The framework policies are not listed in priority order, and need to be viewed as a whole that is balanced over time.

**Participation, Implementation and Evaluation**

**FW-1** Support a sustainable community that takes a systems perspective and recognizes that people, nature and the economy are all affected by both individual and collective actions.

**FW-1.5** Encourage active participation by all members of the Redmond community in planning for Redmond's future.



*Public participation*

**FW-2** When preparing City policies and regulations, take into account the good of the community as a whole, while treating property owners fairly and allowing some reasonable economic use for all properties. Require predictability and timeliness in permit decisions.

**FW-3** ~~Establish and~~ Support a culture of dialogue and partnership among City officials, residents, property owners, the business community, and agencies and organizations.

**FW-4** Evaluate the effectiveness of policies, regulations and other implementation actions in achieving Redmond's goals and vision for a sustainable the future, and take action as needed.

**Conservation and Natural Environment**

**FW-5** ~~Protect the ecological functions of area ecosystems and enhance the quality of the natural environment by protecting and restoring important critical areas, such as streams, wetlands, and Aquifer Recharge Areas, and by retaining and protecting significant trees and other natural resources.~~ Protect, enhance and restore habitat and natural ecosystems to levels of function that provide resilience and, adaptability, prevent natural hazards, and support biological imperatives for clean water and air.



**FW-6** Protect and restore the natural resources and ecological functions of shorelines, maintain and enhance physical and visual public access, and give preference to uses that are unique or dependent on shoreline locations.

**FW-6.5** Improve the response and resiliency of the City to climate change impacts in built, natural, and social environments with an emphasis on public health.

**FW-7** Support Redmond as an urban community that values clean air and water, views of stars at night, and quiet neighborhoods.

**FW-7.5** Achieve reductions and mitigate impacts community-wide in from greenhouse gas emissions and criteria air pollutant. Additionally, promote efficient energy performance and use of alternative energy sources that move beyond fossil fuels.

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**FW-8** Emphasize Redmond's role as an environmental steward by conducting City business in a manner that:

- ◆ Increases community understanding of the natural environment ~~and participation in protecting it~~ through education and involvement programs; to promote active participation in addressing environmental challenges and solutions.
- ◆ Promotes sustainable land use patterns and low-impact development practices; and
- ◆ Leads by example in the conservation of natural resources such as energy, water and trees, and avoidance of adverse environmental impacts.



## Land Use

**FW-9** Ensure that the land use pattern accommodates carefully planned levels of development, fits with existing uses, safeguards the environment, reduces sprawl, promotes efficient use [and best management practices](#) of land, [provides opportunities to improve human health](#) and [equitable](#) provision of services and facilities, encourages an appropriate mix of housing and jobs, and helps maintain Redmond's sense of community and character.

**FW-10** Ensure that the land use pattern in Redmond meets the following objectives:

- ◆ Takes into account the land's characteristics and directs development away from environmentally critical areas and important natural resources;
- ◆ Encourages redevelopment of properties that are underutilized or inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan designation;
- ◆ [Supports the preservation of Preserves](#) land north and east of the City, outside of the Urban Growth Area, for long-term agricultural use, recreation, and uses consistent with rural character;
- ◆ Provides for attractive, affordable, high-quality, and stable residential neighborhoods that include a variety of housing choices;
- ◆ Focuses and promotes office, housing, and retail development in the Downtown and Overlake Urban Centers;
- ◆ Retains and encourages research and development, high technology, and manufacturing uses in portions of Overlake, Downtown, Willows, and SE Redmond;
- ◆ Provides for industrial uses in suitable areas, such as portions of the [Bear Creek Southeast Redmond](#) Neighborhood;
- ◆ Provides opportunities to meet daily shopping or service needs close to residences and work places; [and](#)
- ◆ Maintains and enhances an extensive system of parks, trails, and open space; [and](#)

◆ Advances sustainable land development and best management practices, multi-modal travel and a high quality natural environment.

FW-11 Plan to accommodate a future population of 782,000 people and an employment base of 126,600-148,000 jobs in the City of Redmond by the year 2030-22.

FW-12 Promote a development pattern and urban design that enable people to readily use alternative modes of transportation, including walking, bicycling, transit, and car pools.



*Village at Overlake Station*

### **Housing**

FW-13 Create opportunities for the market to provide a diversity of housing types, sizes, densities and prices in Redmond to serve all economic segments and household types, including those with special needs related to age, health, or disability.



FW-14 Encourage a housing supply in Redmond and nearby communities that enables more people to live closer to work, reduce commuting

needs, and participate more fully in the community.

**Economic Vitality Development**

FW-15 Support sustainable and environmentally sound economic growth with appropriate land use regulations and infrastructure investments.

FW-16 **Maintain Encourage** a strong and diverse economy and tax base that provide a variety of job opportunities, support the provision of excellent local services and public education, and keep pace with economic and demographic changes.

FW-17 **Maintain Cultivate** and enhance a broad variety of retail and service business choices that meets the needs of the greater Redmond community.

**Neighborhoods**

FW-18 Strengthen ongoing communication dialogue between each neighborhood and City officials.



*Neighborhood matching grant project*

FW-19 Make each neighborhood a better place to live or work by preserving and fostering each neighborhood's unique character, and preparation for a sustainable future, while providing for compatible growth in residences and other land uses, such as businesses, services, or parks.

**Downtown**

FW-20 Promote an economically healthy and attractive Downtown that is unique, attractive, and offers a variety of retail, office, service, residential, cultural, and recreational opportunities.



FW-21 Nurture a Downtown Redmond that reflects the City's history, provides a comfortable atmosphere and small-town look and feel, preserves its natural setting, integrates urban park-like qualities, and serves as the primary community gathering place and entertainment and cultural destination for the greater Redmond area.

FW-22 Enhance the pedestrian ambiance of Downtown through public and private investments.



FW-23 Foster Old Town's identity as a destination that has retained its historic identity and traditional downtown character, and ensure that it is linked through attractive pedestrian connections to the rest of Downtown, and provides an inviting atmosphere in which to shop, stroll, or sit during the day and evening.

**Overlake**

**FW-24** Support the Overlake Urban-Center as a focus for high technology and other employment located within a vibrant urban setting that provides opportunities to live, shop and recreate close to workplaces. Make public and private investments that reinforce the desired character and increase the attractiveness of the Overlake Urban-Center as a place in which to walk, bicycle and use transit.

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**FW-25** Ensure that development and investments in the Overlake Urban-Center address transportation issues of concern to both Redmond and Bellevue, help to retain the character of nearby residential neighborhoods, and enhance a green character within the area through addition of parks, street trees and landscaping as well as retention of significant trees and other natural features.

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**Parks and Recreation**

**FW-26** Maintain and promote a vibrant system of parks, and trails, that are sustainably designed, preserve various types of habitat and open space, art, and recreational facilities that provides infrastructure designed to meet community needs, enhances Redmond's high quality of life, and protects its the natural beauty, of Redmond.

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Sammamish River Trail

**FW-27** Provide citizens of all ages, including seniors and teens, with diverse, attractive, safe, and accessible recreational and cultural opportunities including active recreation and social and educational activities that change with trends in the City's demographics. Accommodate a broad range of community interests including active programs, such as sports, as well as opportunities for passive enjoyment, such as gathering areas and art, within a variety of civic settings.

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**Facilities and Services**

**FW-28** Plan, finance, build, rehabilitate, and maintain capital facilities and services consistent with the following principles:

- ◆ Provide facilities and services that support the City's vision and Land Use Plan as articulated in the Redmond Comprehensive Plan;
- ◆ Ensure that capital facilities are sustainable, well-designed, attractive, and safe;
- ◆ Provide facilities and services that protect public health and safety;
- ◆ Ensure adequate provision of needed infrastructure and services;
- ◆ Allocate infrastructure funding responsibilities fairly; ~~and~~
- ◆ ~~Establish priorities for improvements and provide reasonable certainty that needed facility and service improvements are completed within a reasonable time.~~
- ◆ Optimize strategic actions and investments over near- (0-6 years), middle- (6-18 years) and long- (18+) term planning horizons, and while recognizing the need to retain flexibility to leverage opportunities and respond to changing conditions;
- ◆ Provide reasonable certainty that needed facility and service improvements are completed in a timely manner.

**FW-29** Ensure that the cost of capital facility improvements are borne in proportion to the benefit received. Allocate the cost of facilities that are generated by and that benefit growth to those generating that growth.

**Transportation**

**FW-30** Ensure that Redmond's community character ~~as a green city with a small-town feel~~ is protected and enhanced when by planning, constructing, operating and maintaining ~~the a sustainable~~ transportation system. that embodies the City's sustainability principles and ~~Prioritize, plan, and~~

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~~invest in transportation to achieve~~ Redmond's preferred land use pattern and vision. ~~community character objectives, while accommodating the adopted population and employment growth targets.~~

FW-31 Develop ~~strong local accessible, safe and efficient multimodal transportation connections that are multi-modal, well designed, and appropriately located~~ for the movement of people, goods, and freight services. ~~among Redmond's Downtown, residences, shopping, employment, government, parks, and schools.~~



*Downtown Redmond Park and Ride*

FW-32 ~~Promote~~ Provide mobility choices by investing in developing a range of practical transportation programs, projects and services alternatives. ~~Increase transportation investments that promote a "walkable community," a complete bicycling network and enhance the attractiveness of transit, walking, bicycling, local and regional transit routes, and ridesharing and use of alternate fuels that reduce greenhouse gas emissions. to promote the quality of life and health of Redmond's citizens and the environment. Address travel demand through mobility choices, as well as through projects and programs that increase street safety and operating efficiency.~~

FW-32.5 Use performance measures to measure progress towards Redmond's planned transportation system.

FW-33 ~~Develop strategies to influence regional decisions and leverage transportation investments that to support and complement Redmond's preferred land use, pattern and vision by community character, and transportation objectives and to increase~~ ing mobility, choices, and improving access between the City and the region for people, goods, and services ~~information~~.

**Community Character**

**FW-34** Maintain Redmond as a green city with an abundance of trees, forested areas, open space, parks, wildlife habitats, riparian corridors, access to shorelines, and other elements of its beautiful natural setting.

**FW-35** Retain aspects of Redmond’s small-town comfortable, connected feel while accommodating urban growth.

**FW-36** Ensure that building and site design maintain and enhance Redmond’s character, retain identities unique to neighborhoods and districts, and create places that are high-quality, attractive, healthy and inviting to people.

**FW-37** Preserve Redmond’s heritage, including historic links to native cultures, logging, and farming, and its image as the Bicycle Capital of the Northwest, as an important element of the community’s character.



**FW-38** Retain and attract small- to medium-sized and locally owned businesses in Redmond to offer a variety of distinctive goods and services.

**FW-39** Provide a variety of gathering places in the community that supply citizens with opportunities to enjoy the natural environment, arts or views, to learn, to recreate, to offer stewardship, or to meet with others.

**FW-40** Promote opportunities to enhance public enjoyment of river and lake vistas and provide public places to take advantage of the Sammamish River as a community green gathering place.



*Sammamish River Trail*

**FW-41** Enhance Redmond as a community that is [welcoming](#), child-friendly and safe; supports neighborhoods, families and individuals; and is characterized by diversity, innovation, creativity, [and vitality, and energy](#).

**Human Services**

**FW-42** Improve the welfare and independence of Redmond [citizens-residents](#) by supporting the [provision-availability](#) of human services to all in the community.



*Meals on Wheels preparation*

**FW-43** Ensure that human service programs reflect and are sensitive to the cultural, economic and social diversity of the City.

**Regional Planning and Annexation**

**FW-44** Develop and support regional policies, strategies, and investments that reflect the vision and policies of the Redmond Comprehensive Plan. Achieve local goals and values by participating fully in implementation of the Growth Management Act, VISION 20420, and the King County Countywide Planning Policies.

**FW-45** Work with other jurisdictions and agencies, educational and other organizations, and the business community to develop and carry out a coordinated, regional approach for meeting the various needs of Eastside communities, including housing, human services, economic vitality, parks and recreation, transportation, and environmental protection.

**FW-46** Work cooperatively with residents and property owners to annex all land within the designated Potential Annexation Area.

*Ord. 2481; Ord. 2230*