Memorandum

To: Planning Commission

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Subject: **Technical Committee Report on 2010-2011 Periodic Update of the Comprehensive Plan: Introduction, Vision 2040 Statement and Reconciliation Items**

The Technical Committee has completed its review of several items for the 2010-2011 Comprehensive Plan Update, including proposed changes to the Introduction, the creation of a VISION 2040 Statement, and reconciliation of items within individual Plan elements. These documents are attached for the Planning Commission's continued review of the 2010-2011 Periodic Update of the Comprehensive Plan. The first study session on the recommended amendments is scheduled for September 21, 2011.

OVERVIEW

This final set of recommended Comprehensive Plan amendments is needed to:

1. Update the Introduction to reflect current conditions as well as changes since the 2004 Comprehensive Plan update.

2. Add a statement as part of (preface to) the introduction of how Redmond's Comprehensive Plan addresses VISION 2040's multicounty planning policies and conformity to relevant planning requirements in the Growth Management Act.

3. Refine text and policies in several elements, including Goals, Vision and Framework Policies; Urban Centers; Land Use; Community Character and Historic Preservation; Utilities; Natural Environment, Transportation and Economic Vitality to resolve inconsistencies and other items identified to date by Planning Commissioners or staff.

4. Refine text and policies in the Transportation Element to reflect work on the Transportation Master Plan update since February 2011.

5. Reduce Redmond's proposed 2030 growth target for employment from 126,600 to 119,000 to reflect corrections to the Puget Sound Regional Council's employment estimates to account for the actual location of 7,700 Microsoft jobs. Microsoft had reported these jobs for

their headquarters location while in reality, they are jobs located in Microsoft workplaces in Bellevue and Issaquah.

6. Update maps throughout the Comprehensive Plan.

Attachment 1 to this memo provides a list of the issues addressed as part of these amendments and the staff recommendation.

REVIEW SCHEDULE

On September 28, 2011, the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the Introduction, VISION 2040 Statement and other amendments proposed as reconciliation items. In preparation, please review the Technical Committee Report with attached Exhibits:

- Recommended Amendments to the Introduction, including the VISION 2040 Statement
- Recommended Reconciliation items for amendment.

QUESTIONS

Please contact Sarah Stiteler at (425) 556-2469 or sstiteler@redmond.gov with questions and for additional information.

Attachment 1: List of Reconciliation Items