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<p>Green space, the Sammamish River Trail, walkability, non-chaotic feel for a downtown</p>	<p>Please limit the construction!!! Focus on parks. Build up Totem Lake. Encourage builders not to build so close to the curb.</p>	<p>Downtown residents and homeowners deserve just as much calm and a preserved neighborhood, as much as residents of Education Hill, Audobon, and other communities.</p>	<p>Plan for parking. It's irresponsible that the city has all those construction projects coming in without plans for ample parking. It's unfair to the residents of downtown that now the streets will be lined with parked cars and all new buildings are built within inches of the road.</p>	<p>We need to keep downtown Redmond green, safe, and like a neighborhood.</p>	<p>Why not focus on revitalize existing structures and facilities instead of putting up new buildings all the time? And why not share the wealth and move some of the construction to other neighborhoods, like Avondale and Overlake?</p>	<p>I would love another farmer's market, and more green space. Downtown is also becoming way too congested for a right-on-red policy. As a pedestrian, I have had plenty of near misses</p>	<p>I moved here to live next to the Sammamish River Trail. Additional trails in the area would be great.</p>
<p>I like all the nearby shopping, wide sidewalks (where they exist) and all the services nearby. And good transit access to seattle and belleveue.</p>	<p>Semi-permanent sidewalk art - maybe a painted mural on the ground somewhere, like the Ladybug at the traffic circle in Wallingford.</p>	<p>not sure</p>	<p>I wish the sidewalks were more complete. And, i really wish it was easier to cross the street in front of the Cleveland / Red 160. I jaywalk more than I ought to, but its a long way to the different crosswalks.</p>	<p>I am a bit concerned about all of the construction and its impacts. It hasn't been bad so far, but it will be a lot right out my window (Red160).</p>	<p></p>	<p>I have access to lots of healthy food (QFC, trader joes across the street). I wish there was a p-patch closer by - our apartment only has a N facing balcony.</p>	<p>Actually, there is a lot nearby. Its a bit difficult to walk to because of a few narrow sidewalks, but its not a major problem.</p>
<p>maintain a walkable, pedestrian friendly neighborhood with safe traffic. pleasant streetscape with flowers and reasonable restrictions on signage and advertising. encourage businesses that allow convenient shopping and other services close to home, this reducing traffic and need to drive. Parks space and seating. Enmfoce bicycle speed limits on portionms of Sammamish R. trail within city limits.</p>	<p>nothing comes to mind at the moment...I did not know of the matching funds program.</p>	<p>Emergency and disaster preparedness is important. What is the implicationof a quake on the Seattle fault running through Lake Sammamish? Would there be a tsunami on Lake Sammamish River and what would be the likely consequences. What are evacuation plans? How would people be notified quickly? this may not even be a possibility but I believe the fault does run across the Lake.</p>	<p>Maintain traffic flow and safe walkable neighborhoods.</p>	<p>Promote business relationships to encourage local businesses to stay close in.</p>	<p>The effort to involve citizens is terrific - thanks!</p>	<p>Yes, I have weasy access. the Farmer's Market is terrific.</p>	<p>Keep the trails safe by promoting better bicycle safety and speed congtrls. The competitive cyclists are often inconsiderate of pedestrians (and I am a cyclist). An education, warning and enforcement program may be in order, including bicycle patrols by Redmond Police. I am not sure we have police on bicycles. This seems strange given we promote ourselves as the bicycle capitol of the northwest.</p>
<p>I like that the walking paths cutting inbetween stores and accross blocks are so well kept. It makes parking for one errand and walking to another an easy choice. I like that our city has kept so much green space on the city hall/police campus. It really is a huge benefit to our city, keeping more of a welcome, neighborhood feel instead of a big metropolitan city feeling. We like to walk there and enjoy the different events held there.</p>	<p>no</p>	<p>get more people out to city planning meetings to stop the many huge and poorly planned apartment buildings in the crowded down town. Get another parking garage up, because there is only one place (park and ride) that has been full when I needed it. Street parking and rules are so frustrating when doing walking errands after doctor appointments. I have to use my car to avoid getting tickets when they city is set up so wonderful to walk. I would love to see parking on the street changed to 3 hours</p>	<p>STOP ALLOWING HUGE APARTMENTS IN DOWNTOWN SEATTLE! There isn't enough parking for people in the building. There isn't enough parking for visitors to the building. It's an eyesore to the community. People do live in apartments and have kids, and there hasn't been enough provisions made to help grow the local school. I know the city is hoping to get single or childless couples who love to ride bikes and buses and despise cars...but until the apartments/condos are only sold to people like that who refuse to have kids or buy a car, or have roommates who each have cars, it just makes the city more congested for the rest of us. Since there is no public parking near to 160th and redmond way, there is no way to walk around and get errands done. Even if there was better parking, we live in a city that rains! I have one once seen someone out in the raining walking home with their shopping bags. On rainy days, and especially several rainy days a year, the parking downtown is HORRIBLE!!! I can only hope that the post office gets to built better parking than exists in the rented spot now, because the new place is going to make that shopping center/intersection the newest Redmond-Hell-to-Avoid-at-all-costs</p>	<p>To much building apartments/condos, not enough street, parking or schools to support them. Why are so many builders getting approved??? Parking parking parking. can the empty lot by the medical center be turned into much needed parking? I'd even pay a few bucks to park for more than 2 hours in a convient place.</p>	<p>What I hope to see in 20 years: Parking parking parking, without giving up our parks, railroad trail with, a road so you can drive across to enter redmond town center at 161st, a post office not in its current location or at the old liquor store,</p>	<p>yes</p>	<p>yes</p>
<p>natural setting over development every time</p>	<p>No suggestions at this time but I'll look into volunteering for this activity.</p>	<p>change the city's building guidelines to restrict building height to maximum 4 story in the municipal campus corridor.</p>	<p>One way streets. Bounded by Redmond Way/95th and 64th/154th.</p>	<p>Too much development. Keep open spaces over buildings. Keep building heights low to enhance the visual beauty.</p>	<p>Be fiscally conservative in all things. Save \$ when the living is high!</p>	<p>I have easy access to healthy food but appreciate farmer's markets. Must they be so seasonal??</p>	<p>I have easy access to facilities.</p>
<p>Walkability, greenery.</p>							

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The walkability of everything.			Parking and traffic in the Trader Joes/QFC lot.	As a resident of The Cleveland Condos I am excited about the future trail but not so much about the proposed Redmond Connector transit stop that will be right under my bedroom window. Wondering why it can't be placed in a more commercial area.		yes	yes
Walkability, architecture of municipal buildings, public spaces.				Traffic planning and development- ensuring that any efforts to make traffic flow better through downtown core doesn't turn it into area that commuters just drive through on their way to other parts of Redmond.	There seems to have been a lot of water table issues during this winter with all of the rain. Has recent development in area impacted that and are the plans to mitigate ground water levels.	Access is decent. The summer Farmer's Market is within walking distance, but if you plan on buying more than 1 or two things, you really have to drive and park.	I have good access to Burke Gilman trail. Other parks close by are pretty basic... a lawn with maybe a bench or picnic table. No restrooms, no water source, etc.
Potted plants/flowers on the street corners; the relative cleanliness (i.e. minimal litter) of the sidewalks and grass areas	nope	A comprehensive workshop/how-to/hands-on training, etc of disaster intermediate disaster response. For example: How, as a neighborhood, could we best handle the immediate aftermath of a major, catastrophic earthquake? People will need help...resources (e.g. medical services) will be limited at best. How can the non-injured and able-bodied mobilize, triage, etc to help those who are injured, etc? Best way to prepare for/prevent looting of local stores? Help stabilize the nursing home down the street, etc?	Ensure it REMAINS safe from crime (keep burglarly, assaults, etc. to a minimum). e.g. better lighting for dark areas of trees or shrubs.	Crime as it affects personal safety. I relatively safe if I have to walk at night to the QFC on Redmond Way from my apartment in the complex behind it. I want to keep it that way. I don't want to hear about a residential break-in where there was never one before. Related to this, I'm concerned that the City's focus on increasing revenue from parking violations and speed-trap tickets is taking away from ensuring general neighborhood crime prevention. How about some of Redmond's 'finest' putting in some good old-fashioned foot patrol around Redmond Town Center, Redmond Shopping Center (QFC, Trader Joe's and between)?		Yes, I have excellent access to healthy food and facilities. Downtown Redmond city residents all do.	Keep them as good as they currently are.
I like the emphasis on walkability, that's facilitated by dual-zoned developments with residential above [street level] commercial above [underground] parking.			I'd like to see the city transition its street lights to high-efficiency LEDs. I notice that some of the street lights on Redmond Ridge are LEDs, and I'd like to see more of them in my neighborhood.				
Heritage retaining is very important to me!	no	Treating Downtown as a "Residential Area", so quiet is maintained over to and including Bear Creek and the Park. Noise such as leaf blowers are not run on the weekends, but are run after 9am and not after 5pm. There does not appear to be any control over loud noises on "off" hours.					
Now that Bear Creek Parkway has been extended, I really like how downtown looks as you're approaching it on Leary Way. You see Half Price books, the Brown building, and the Justice White house--it looks so much like the historical pictures of Redmond. I'm hoping that view can be preserved--it really makes a good impression as an entry point to the city.			I'm pleased with the effort to restore more historic buildings to something close to their original appearance. I'd be ESPECIALLY happy if something could be done about that ugly grey aluminum siding on the NE corner of Leary Way and Cleveland St. The approach to downtown via Leary Way is great until you spot that...	Controlling the blighted areas, dead strip malls, empty lots etc. along Cleveland St. and Redmond Way.	Rock Island, Illinois, where I used to live, had a neat downtown area that was marketed as "The District" and hosted events throughout the year. I thought something like that might work here too, or if there already is something like that going, try to expand it. See http://www.ridistrict.com/ . Places like Matador, Oddfellows Grill, and El Toreador remind me of The District.		
Walking and biking to shops and restaurants. Paths and walkways are very important to liveability.	Eliminate the eyesore of some vacant lots and buildings along Cleveland Street in downtown.	Community service clean up projects along Bear Creek and Sammamish Slough trails.	Traffic flow. Extend Redmond Woodinville Road into Redmond Town Center.	Traffic bottlenecks downtown and a lack of light rail service to Seattle.			
Being able to walk everywhere. A Nordstrom would be great.							
I enjoy the fact that there are many one-of-a-kind businesses, and that downtown Redmond hasn't yet become a host for a bunch of chain stores like, say, Factoria has.	Sadly, nothing comes to mind at this time.	I would like to see the conversion to two-way streets stopped. Redmond's quirky traffic patterns are part of its character. I don't see changing the traffic patterns doing anything but adding yet more traffic to the area. Why are we constantly catering to the SUV crowd?	Make it has friendly to small businesses (and unfriendly to large businesses) as possible. Give small businesses tax advantages that encourage them to stay.	Redmond is slowly losing its character to the high-tech crowd. It's becoming Factoria/Bellevue/Renton, which is a shame, because that is not its history.			