



MEMO TO: Mayor Marchione and City Council

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SUBJECT: **STUDY SESSION ON THE REDMOND CENTRAL CONNECTOR
60 PERCENT PLAN REVIEW**

I. PURPOSE

City staff will brief the City Council on the 60 Percent Plans for the first phase of the Redmond Central Connector. Staff will present Council with a construction contract for approval in July.

II. BACKGROUND

In 2011, City Council approved the Redmond Central Connector Master Plan, which identified the following goals for the project that fulfill Redmond's Comprehensive Plan by:

- Improving connections within Downtown,
- Creating a destination,
- Enhancing economic vitality,
- Gathering community members,
- Integrating iconic and interactive art,
- Developing a regional trail and linear park,
- Encouraging light rail transit, and
- Accommodating local and regional utilities.

Since June 2011, the consultant team has been working on designing the first phase of the project to achieve these goals.

III. THE DESIGN

The first phase of the project encompasses the Downtown Study Area, which runs from the west side of the Bear Creek Trail to the east bank of the Sammamish River. The master plan provides three distinct milestones on the way to realizing the full vision for the corridor. The first phase of development is the construction of a trail in 2012 that connects the Bear Creek Trail and Sammamish River Trail through downtown, creating the first physical connection and laying the foundation for the character and culture of the trail experience to be developed in the future. The 2016 vision is the build-out of the Connector to the degree the City can control it. The 2025 vision is the ultimate build out of the corridor including the completion of the light rail transit way and station in the heart of the City. City officials and citizens are so excited about this trail that our team is working hard to achieve more than the 2012 vision in the master plan. Some of the key additives that are being considered at this stage of the design include:

- Construction of a regional trail that meets regional standards and safely crosses five City streets

- Developing the framework of ties, landings, and islands and eddies that create community connections
- Integrating art and landscape design into the trail layout
- Including a commissioned art piece, jointly funded by the project, the Centennial fund, and the Arts program
- Safety lighting
- A staircase to Redmond Way
- A ramp to the Sammamish River Trail
- A parking lot to serve the trail and nearby City parks

IV. SCHEDULE OF PROJECT

Task	Timeline
Submit 90 Percent Plans	April 2012
Submit Final Plans	May 2012
Advertise Bid Documents	June 2012
Authorize Contract	July/August 2012
Begin Construction	August 2012
Complete Construction	February 2013

V. ROLE OF THE CITY COUNCIL

In July or August, the City Council will be asked to authorize the contract for construction of this project, which is estimated to be \$3.8 million, plus the parking lot at \$500,000.

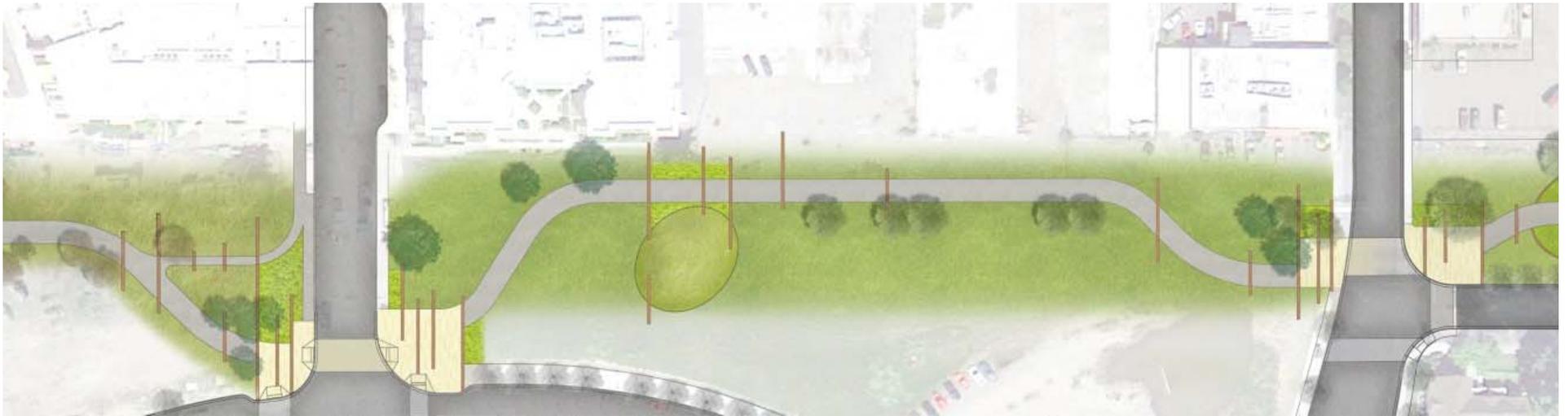
VI. ATTACHMENTS

- A. View of the Station Area 60% Plans
- B. The full set of 60% Plans are available online at: www.redmond.gov/rcc in the document library (see the link on the left of the screen).

Project Update

Redmond Central Connector: Phase I 60%

Rooted in the Master Plan



2012 (Master Plan)



2012 (60%)