

Planning Commission Report

To: City Council

From: Planning Commission

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Title: 2012 Update to the Comprehensive Plan Glossary

**Planning
Commission
Recommendation:** Approval.

**Recommended
Action:** Adopt an ordinance amending the Comprehensive Plan Glossary as shown in *Exhibit A*.

Summary: The City updated Redmond's Comprehensive Plan during a two year period, January 2010 through adoption by City Council on December 6, 2011. Each element of the Plan, all maps, and the Introduction were updated and a 2040 Regional Planning Statement was added. Staff is now recommending updates to the Glossary to reflect current and new terms that are contained within the elements of the Comprehensive Plan and to provide consistency with definitions in the Redmond Zoning Code.

**Reasons the
Proposal should
be Adopted:**

The recommended amendments should be adopted because:

- the updated Glossary identifies and defines terms used in the amended Comprehensive Plan which Council adopted in December, 2011.

- the updated Glossary will be a resource to users of the Comprehensive Plan.

Recommended Findings of Fact

1. *Public Hearing and Notice*

a. **Public Hearing Date**

The City of Redmond Planning Commission held a public hearing on the proposed amendment on October 24, 2012. One item of written testimony was received at the public hearing, and is attached to this report as Exhibit C. No oral testimony was given.

b. **Notice**

The public hearing was published in the Seattle Times. Public notices were posted in City Hall and at the Redmond Library. Notice was also provided by including the hearing in Planning Commission agendas and extended agendas mailed to various members of the public and various agencies. Additionally, hearing notification was posted on the City's web site.

Recommended Conclusions

1. *Key Issues Discussed by the Planning Commission*

Exhibit B includes a summary of the Planning Commission's discussion issues and staff responses. Below are the key issues discussed by the Planning Commission.

Definitions should be clear, concise, and be terms not commonly understood

The updated Glossary identifies and defines terms used in the updated Comprehensive Plan. Terms used or added to the Glossary include those that are not commonly understood, are names of agencies, or identify regional and local plans or strategies. Terms that are also defined in the Redmond Zoning Code have the same definition in the updated Comprehensive Plan Glossary with a couple exceptions such as to correct policy references or to provide slight clarifications. Planning Commissioners Sanders and Chandorkar provided additional edits to provide clarity and improve syntax. In the online version of the Comprehensive Plan, terms will be linked to the Glossary and other source documents for additional information.

Glossary terms should reflect the local context

Commissioner Miller recommended that terms in the Glossary should reflect the local context. Several transportation terms were edited to be more descriptive of local situations such as the terms, *light rail*, *Transportation Oriented Development (TOD)* and *Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)*.

2. Recommended Conclusions of the Technical Committee

The recommended conclusions in the Technical Committee Report (*Exhibit D*) should be adopted as conclusions.

3. Planning Commission Recommendation

The Planning Commission adopted a motion to recommend approval of amendments to the Glossary of the Comprehensive Plan by a vote of 5- 0 at its October 24, 2012 meeting, contingent upon wording changes to be considered at the time of report approval.

List of Attachments

Exhibit A: Recommended Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan Glossary

Exhibit B: Planning Commission Final Issues Matrix

Exhibit C: Written Testimony

Exhibit D: Technical Committee Report with Exhibits

Robert G. Odle, Planning Director

Date

Franz Wiechers-Gregory, Planning Commission Chairperson

Date

Approved for Council Agenda

John Marchione, Mayor

Date