

Draft Vision Concepts for Southeast Redmond

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Vision statements describe the future condition. The draft vision concepts below come from conversations with the community, Citizen Advisory Committee, and city staff. They answer the “what” question, but not the “how” question. Another way of putting it: if you were to travel in a hot air balloon over Southeast Redmond in the year 2030, what would you see?

Overall

- Southeast Redmond is a neighborhood in which people enjoy living, working, recreating, shopping, and more. It has evolved into a neighborhood where diverse land uses coexist for the benefit of residents and employees, and where investments in transportation, parks, and the environment have improved the quality of life for everyone.
- Southeast Redmond maintains a strong sense of inclusiveness and awareness through continued communication within the neighborhood and with the City.

Transportation

- New street and non-motorized connections have improved circulation options and made it easier to reach popular destinations, such as transit hubs, parks, shopping, and employment areas
- Trucks carrying freight continue to have good access in and out of Southeast Redmond while minimizing noise impacts on residential areas of the neighborhood
- The new light rail station is a walkable transit hub, and is well-connected to the rest of Southeast Redmond and the community
- Transit service has improved so that more people can access home, jobs and other destinations by transit; bus transit is well-integrated with rail transit, and is an attractive alternative to driving alone
- Traffic is sometimes congested along major arterials, but all streets function well and can be safely crossed by pedestrians.
- Regional traffic has good access between SR 520 and major arterials leading to/from Redmond
- Pedestrians, bicyclists, and truck drivers all travel safely through the neighborhood by keeping non-motorized corridors separate from truck routes, or by designing corridors to safely accommodate all modes.

Environment

- Redmond continues to enjoy clean drinking water from the aquifer under Southeast Redmond
- The health of Bear Creek and Evans Creek have improved over time
- Businesses work to minimize dust and odors associated with business operations as a good neighbor gesture

Land Use

General

- Southeast Redmond provides a high quality of life with places to live, work, shop, and recreate
- Transition areas between differing land uses and activities help maintain a cohesive and neighborly community
- The City has worked to help retain manufacturing and other businesses in the neighborhood and elsewhere in Redmond.

Land Use Types

- Southeast Redmond provides a variety of land uses, helping ensure long-term neighborhood resiliency and enhancing Southeast Redmond's high standard of livability
- Walkable destinations such as small-scale commercial businesses help create additional employment opportunities, strengthen the local economy, and offer places for community gathering

Light Rail Station Area

- The light rail station area at the intersection of Redmond Way and SR-520 provides a vibrant destination and lively neighborhood sub-area by supporting additional opportunities for living, employment, community gathering, education, shopping, and commuting to other Redmond and Puget Sound destinations

Housing

- Southeast Redmond remains a desirable and attractive neighborhood
- Better buffers have been created over time between existing residential and non-residential uses
- Southeast Redmond has a variety of housing options affordable to people at a variety of income levels
- Many people live near and can walk to the light rail station.

Economic Development

- As a vibrant and major employment location within the City, the Southeast Redmond neighborhood continues to provide a variety of employment and business opportunities.

Community Gathering

- Gathering places such as plazas, parks, and community facilities provide a variety of opportunities for those who live, work, and visit Southeast Redmond to meet and to engage while building a strong sense of community

Parks and Recreation

- A variety of parks, open space, trails, and other community facilities help ensure opportunities for passive and active recreation and support all ages and abilities
- Trails, sidewalks, and bike lanes provide a strong sense of connection between the neighborhood and Marymoor Park. The boundary of the park blends with adjacent land use, helping define this area as a neighborhood asset