

## **Memorandum**

**To:** Planning Commission

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**Date:** March 15, 2013

**Subject:** **Study Session, Redmond Transportation Master Plan (TMP) Update**

### **PURPOSE**

On March 27, 2013 the Planning Commission will begin the review of the proposed TMP document. This packet includes the Technical Committee report for the Planning Commission. The TMP document is available from the Planning Commission portion of the City's web site under Topics Under Review (see link that staff sent on March 15, 2013). On March 18<sup>th</sup> and March 20<sup>th</sup>, staff will distribute paper copies of the TMP document to Commissioners who typically receive paper copies when commissioners are present at Redmond City Hall.

### **PROPOSED FRAMEWORK QUESTIONS FOR REVIEW**

Initially adopted in 2005, Redmond's Transportation Master Plan (TMP) is the principal document that guides the development and delivery of Redmond's transportation system. It is a functional plan of the Comprehensive Plan, which means that the Comprehensive Plan provides the vision and policy basis for the TMP. This update to the TMP maintains the overall policy direction set with the current TMP and takes into account major changes that have occurred since 2005 when the TMP was initially established.

The updated TMP flows from Redmond's community vision and is also deeply guided by both the community priorities that are the basis for Redmond's biennial budget process and the city's overall Comprehensive Plan. Rooted in the community priorities and the Comprehensive Plan are four general citywide principles that guide all functional plans including the TMP. They are safety, maintenance, environmental stewardship and economic vitality. These principles are fundamental considerations for all implementation activities.

Five key strategies were identified as the critical elements necessary to achieve the 2030 transportation vision. The projects, programs and activities of both the Transportation Facilities Plan and the Three Year Action plan were selected based on their ability to effectively implement these strategies. Finally, the Transportation Dashboard has been developed as an assessment tool measuring the city's progress toward implementing the strategies and achieving the 2030 vision.

The vision, strategies and performance measures are fundamental to development of the TMP update. The Commission endorsed use of the following framework questions based on these elements to help facilitate review. This approach is similar to the Commission's approach for

review of the Comprehensive Plan update. The framework questions to consider as you review the proposed TMP are:

1. Is the TMP aligned with the vision?
2. Is there anything missing from the five strategies?
3. Are the performance measures appropriate?
4. Does each chapter adequately address the strategies? Is anything missing?
5. Does the TMP adequately reflect the 2030 planning horizon?

**PLANNING COMMISSION KEY ISSUES TO DATE FOR THE REVIEW PROCESS**

At the February 27, 2013 study session, Commissioners identified several key issues for the review process. These include:

- Staff to identify portions of the TMP that specifically target sustainability
- Need a thorough discussion of programs, such as transportation demand management, parking and neighborhood traffic calming
- As part of reviewing the performance measures, describe where Redmond is today, the ultimate goal, and a reasonable middle outcome
- Discuss transportation needs in Overlake and how the needs will be accommodated

The Commission also spoke to the importance of ensuring that the community has plenty of opportunity to review the proposed TMP and weigh in. With regard to recent and upcoming community outreach, in addition to the public hearing required by the adoption process, staff will provide an online survey as a tool for the community to weigh in. Staff will summarize the community’s comments and provide the summary to Planning Commission and Council as part of the adoption process.

In addition, the Planning Commission’s schedule includes a second public hearing on April 24.

**PLANNING COMMISSION REVIEW SCHEDULE**

March 27	P.C. study session 1 – staff presentation, part I; Issues identification by P.C
April 10	P.C. study session 2/public hearing – staff presentation, part II; issue identification by P.C.; public hearing @ 8:00 pm; continue/complete issue identification
April 17	P.C. study session 3 – Discuss/resolve issues by chapters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chapter 1: Introduction/Executive Summary</li> <li>• Chapter 2: Trends and Conditions</li> <li>• Chapter 3: Measures and Targets</li> <li>• Chapter 4: Multimodal System Plans</li> </ul>
April 24	P.C. study session 4 and public hearing – Discuss/resolve issues by chapters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finish issues from Chapter 1, 2, 3, &amp; 4</li> <li>• Chapter 5: Regional Transportation</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chapter 6: Maintenance and Operations</li><li>• Chapter 7: 2013-2030 Transportation Facilities Plan</li><li>• Chapter 8: Three-Year Action Plan</li></ul>
May 8	P.C. study session 5 – Discuss/resolve remaining issues; complete recommendation
May 15	P.C. study session 6 - Report approval

**PREPARATION FOR STUDY SESSION**

Staff plans to focus the presentation on March 27 on Chapters 1 through 4 of the proposed TMP document and asks that Planning Commission complete review and initial issue identification for at least this portion of the TMP document and review of the Technical Committee Report for the March 27 meeting. Commissioners could complete review and issue identification for the remainder of the TMP document prior to your April 10 study session.

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