

Memorandum

To: Planning Commission

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Date: June 17, 2009

Subject: 2022 Transportation Facilities Plan (TFP), Build-out Transportation Plan, Thoroughfare Plan and Growth Targets Amendment

BACKGROUND

This proposal would amend Redmond's Comprehensive Plan and Transportation Master Plan to update the City's 2022 growth targets and update the list of transportation facilities needed to support future growth. City Council last updated the 2022 employment target in 2006 and updated the 2022 Transportation Facilities Plan in 2007. As described in the attached Technical Committee report, these amendments are proposed to:

- Reflect updated neighborhood plans and recent and pending development activity.
- Respond with proposed updates to transportation plans to serve growth that is anticipated to occur between now and 2022 and between 2022 and 2030.
- Enable the City to more effectively carry out implementation actions for Redmond's Comprehensive Plan, including the pending Plan-Based Concurrency regulations.

Last week, Planning Commission held a public hearing, identified additional issues based on public comment, and discussed and resolved issues on the summary table. The Commission agreed to hold the public hearing open for written comment until close of business on June 17, 2009. The Vice Chair asked Commissioners to review the proposed project amendments to identify any remaining questions or comments. The Commissioners discussed and closed all but one issue on the summary table. Commissioner Hinman requested additional time to review work underway as part of the NE 40th Street Corridor study.

At the June 10 and May 27 meetings the Planning Commission also identified four items for potential inclusion into the Five-Year Update to the Transportation Master Plan

- Improvements to the intersection of Leary Way and West Lake Sammamish Parkway (WLSP) and Leary Way Bridge to better accommodate the northbound traffic from WLSP to Leary
- Consider "Public Interest" as a criterion for future project selection

- Further evaluate opportunities to seek feedback on and carry out smaller scale or interim improvements.
- As a minimum, apply a high/medium/low rating to help identify the relative cost of projects listed in the Build-Out Transportation Facilities Plan

PREPARATION FOR JUNE 17 STUDY SESSION

Please review the attached issues table based on discussion at the Planning Commission's June 10 and May 27, 2009 meetings. Please let staff know if any items are missing or misstated in the discussion summary.

The proposed amendments to the Transportation Master Plan include proposed improvements to West Lake Sammamish Parkway. To gain additional feedback on the proposed improvements, staff asked members of the Overlake and Viewpoint CAC to develop a recommendation for the Planning Commission and City Council. The CAC members held a special meeting on May 28, 2009 and at that meeting, CAC members along with neighborhood citizens asked several questions as they formed their recommendation. Staff provided initial response to some of the questions as part of your June 10, 2009 packet. Additional information is provided in Attachment B. The combined CAC membership will continue to review these items in the context of their May 28th meeting summary and provide comments to staff. This extended feedback opportunity helps the Commission learn of and respond to neighborhood concerns, staff to provide additional information, and the CAC members to provide additional comment regarding the corridor study. Staff plans to report to the Commission regarding the aggregate CAC comments during the TFP study session on June 17, 2009.

REVIEW SCHEDULE

Planning Commission recommendation is anticipated on June 17. Please contact either of us with questions or concerns.

ENCLOSURES

Attachment A: Planning Commission Issue Table, June 10, 2009

Attachment B: Responses to Additional Recommendations and Comments by members of the Viewpoint and Overlake Citizen Advisory Committees Regarding Proposed Improvements to West Lake Sammamish Parkway

Attachment C: Includes four maps: Proposed Changes to the 2022 Transportation Facilities Plan, Proposed 2022 Transportation Facilities Plan, Proposed Changes to the Build-Out Transportation Facilities Plan, and Proposed Transportation Facilities Build-Out Plan