

MEMORANDUM

To: Planning Commission

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Date: August 26, 2020

Subject: Redmond 2050: Planning Commission Recommendation on the Scope, Timeline and Public Involvement Plan for the 2024 Period Update of the Redmond Comprehensive Plan

PURPOSE

Staff is seeking Council approval of a resolution adopting the scope and public engagement plan for the 2024 periodic review and update cycle for the Redmond Comprehensive Plan in accordance with the requirements set forth in RCW [36.70A.130](#) and RCW [36.70A.140](#). This study session will include an opportunity for community input into the scope and engagement plan. Following community input and commissioner discussion, the Planning Commission will prepare a recommendation to forward to the Council for consideration.

BACKGROUND

Redmond 2050 Periodic Review

The Growth Management Act (GMA) requires that each Washington city and county periodically review and, if needed, revise its comprehensive plan and development regulations every eight years. For King County, and all the cities in King County, the "periodic review" must be completed by June 30, 2024 per WAC 365-196-610. The GMA further provides that each the city broadly disseminate, to the public, a public participation program consistent with the requirements set forth in RCW 36.70A.130 and 36.70A.140.

State Requirements for Notification

State law requires that each city establish a public participation program identifying procedures for early and continuous public involvement in the development and amendment of comprehensive land use plans and the development regulations implementing such plans. The public participation program should include a schedule for the periodic review and update and should identify when legislative action is proposed to occur. The public participation program should also inform the public of when to comment on proposed changes to the comprehensive plan and should clearly identify the scope of the review. Notice of the update process must be provided in accordance with RCW [36.70A.035](#).

Publication and approval of the scope, timeline, and the Community Involvement Plan is required to comply with the requirements of state law and will allow staff to begin the work and community involvement associated with the periodic review.

SCOPE AND TIMELINE

The Redmond 2050 Periodic Review is comprised of two phases:

A. Phase 1 | Estimated Completion 4Q2022

Phase 1 priority updates are those needed to:

- Advance economic vitality and COVID-19 recovery;
- Address housing affordability;
- Accommodate the growth allocated to Redmond for this periodic review cycle; and
- Guide transportation decisions and investments.

B. Phase 2 | Estimated Completion 3Q2023-2Q2024

Phase 2 priority updates are those needed to:

- Implement the Department of Commerce requirements for GMA statutory consistency;
- Implement the mandatory updates to elements required under the GMA (not completed in phase 1);
- Accommodate the growth allocated to Redmond outside of Overlake; and
- Ensure consistency with the Countywide Planning Policies (not provided for in Phase 1).

The detailed scope and timeline are more fully provided for in **Attachment A (draft of Exhibit 1 of the Resolution)**.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PLAN

Staff has developed Community Involvement Plan for City Council review. The primary goal of community involvement is to actively and continuously engage the community in the process. Specific objectives of public outreach activities include:

- Create awareness,
- Identify stakeholders,
- Solicit feedback on analysis and alternatives,
- Engage historically underrepresented groups, both culturally and demographically,
- Ensure community concerns and interests are considered,
- Build consensus for identified priorities, and
- Sustain on-going support.

The full Phase One Community Involvement Plan is provided in **Attachment B (draft of Exhibit B of the Resolution)**. The draft plan includes a preliminary list of the types of

engagement to be conducted for different aspects of the project, how community comments/input will be documented, reported, and considered/incorporated. The plan also addresses the City's inclusive outreach goals and methods.

Details of community involvement opportunities and reporting of that feedback will be posted on the project page at www.Redmond.gov/Redmond2050.

PREVIOUS DISCUSSION

The Planning Commission has discussed the scope and engagement plan at the following meetings:

- January 22, 2020 (preliminary)
- May 27, 2020
- August 12, 2020

The City Council has discussed the scope and engagement plan at the following meetings:

- March 24, 2020
- April 14, 2020
- May 19, 2020

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – Scope and Timeline (draft of Exhibit 1 of the Resolution)

Attachment B – Community Involvement Plan (draft of Exhibit 2 of the Resolution)