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**DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE  
AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS  
ON SCOPE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**Redmond 2050 Comprehensive Plan Update**

Date of Issuance | October 12, 2020

Lead Agency | City of Redmond

Agency File Number | SEPA-2020-00934

**Description of Proposal**

The City of Redmond is preparing an update to its Comprehensive Plan. The plan will refine and implement the community vision, values, and objectives, and update each element of the Comprehensive Plan considering key themes of economic resiliency/recovery, equity and inclusion, technology forward ("smart city"), and sustainability.



The Redmond 2050 Plan will address growth consistent with the State's Growth Management Act (GMA) and regional planning requirements for updates. The majority of growth allocated to the City of Redmond will be planned for the Urban Centers and transit-oriented development (TOD) areas such as Overlake, Downtown, and Marymoor. Some growth will occur in areas outside of the Urban Centers and TOD areas (on vacant lots, etc.). With the engagement of the community, Redmond will determine how growth will be accommodated, what it will look like, and how to meet community needs. In coordination with the Comprehensive Plan Update, the City will consider coordinating updates of implementing plans and regulations, such as the Transportation Master Plan and the Redmond Zoning Code (see Scoping Document).

The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will study alternatives including the No Action Alternative (continuation of the current Comprehensive Plan) and two Action Alternatives that consider different growth levels and patterns, infrastructure investments, and service needs.

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## Location of Proposal

Redmond City Limits and Potential Annexation Areas within the Redmond Urban Growth Area.

## Determination

The City of Redmond has determined that this proposal is likely to have a significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is required under RCW 43.21C.030 (2)(c) and will be prepared. A Scoping Document indicating likely environmental impacts is available at the project website: [Redmond.gov/Redmond2050](http://Redmond.gov/Redmond2050).

The SEPA scoping period will seek input from the community on the topics to be evaluated in the EIS. The lead agency has anticipated the following: Natural Environment (earth, water, plants, and animals), Air Quality/Greenhouse Gas (GHG), Land Use and Socioeconomics, Aesthetics, Transportation, Public Services (police protection, fire and emergency medical services, parks, and schools), and Utilities (stormwater, water, and sewer). In addition, the themes of economic resiliency, equity and inclusion, technology forward ("smart city"), and sustainability will be evaluated in the EIS as applicable.

The City anticipates the EIS will address the use of tools to facilitate growth that is consistent with the Redmond 2050 vision, including a planned action update for Overlake under RCW 43.21c.440. The City may also explore the use of planned actions or infill exemptions under RCW 43.21c.229 for other areas of focus in Redmond's Urban Centers or transit-oriented development (TOD) areas such as in Downtown and/or Marymoor.

## Scoping

Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on the scope of the EIS. You may comment on alternatives, mitigation measures, probable significant adverse impacts, and licenses or other approvals that may be required. The method and deadline for giving us your comments is:

## Written Comments:

[Send written comments no later than 5:00 PM on November 25, 2020.](#)

Please include in the subject line "Redmond 2050 Scoping Comments" and your contact information, including a valid mailing address (an address is required to be considered an official party of record).

Please send comments to: [Redmond2050@Redmond.gov](mailto:Redmond2050@Redmond.gov). Submittal of comments by email is preferred. You may also mail comments to the **Agency Contact:**


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Other opportunities to learn about the Redmond 2050 project and share your ideas include:

**Virtual Lobby:** The City has created a Virtual Lobby to provide an online, interactive opportunity to learn more and provide input on several topics. Content in the virtual lobby will change depending on the phase of the project.

**Public Workshop:** The City will be holding a virtual community meeting in November on the alternative growth scenarios. The date and time will be posted to [Redmond.gov/Redmond2050](http://Redmond.gov/Redmond2050) once the event has been scheduled.


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DATE: October 13, 2020

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**Appeal process:**

*Any interested person may appeal pursuant to the procedures set forth in RCDG 21.70.190,*