

MEMORANDUM

To: Planning Commission

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Subject: Redmond 2050 Update, briefing on environmental review (SEPA Scoping), parametric model, and November community workshop

PURPOSE

Staff will provide a briefing on the environmental review (SEPA Scoping) and a first look at how we will engage the community to determine where growth will go. Staff will also give a brief overview of the topics that will be discussed at the community workshop on November 18th.

REDMOND 2050 ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

On September 13, 2020, the City issued a SEPA Determination of Significance and Request for Comments on the Scope of Environmental Impact Statement (SEPA Scoping Notice). An Environmental Impact Statement will be prepared for this project.

The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will study alternatives for accommodating the growth that will be assigned to Redmond, including different growth patterns and distribution, infrastructure investments, and service needs.

Public engagement opportunities open now!

The public is invited to share their thoughts on topics under discussion in the Virtual Lobby:

- **Gains & Pains** - What would you want the City look like in 30 years? What are your concerns about how the City grows?
 - **Environmental Review Topics** - We need your help to identify the most important natural or built environment topics in the environmental review and analysis.
 - **Favorite Places** - Help us identify where survey respondents live, work, and play in Redmond.
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The SEPA scoping period is open now and seeks input from the community on the topics to be evaluated in the EIS, which may include:

- 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).

Email comments to: Redmond2050@Redmond.gov.

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).

The City will review the comments received and determine which topics will be included in the EIS. In addition to environmental topics, the sustainability, resiliency, equity and inclusion, and technology forward (“smart city”) themes will be evaluated as applicable.

**Send written
comments no later
than 5:00 PM on
November 25, 2020.
Email comments are
preferred.**

HOW WILL WE ACCOMMODATE GROWTH?

Staff will provide an overview of the parametric modeling process that is part of the Redmond 2050 visioning work. The parametric model being developed by the Visioning & Land Use consultant will help us evaluate and answer the question “Where should growth go?”. The results of this will inform the SEPA work on the preferred alternatives and help answer the question of “what growth should look like”.

Public involvement will inform and guide goals and policy updates for the Comprehensive Plan by helping to identify:

- Community priorities for future development;
- Where future growth should be directed;
- How the transportation system should evolve to advance the community’s vision; and
- Environmental concerns and priorities for analysis.

The outcome will be a Comprehensive Plan that reflects the community’s vision for the future of Redmond.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

A number of opportunities are available to learn about the Redmond 2050 project and share 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. A questionnaire on Environmental review topics will be open in the Virtual Lobby through November 25th, but the Pains & Gains questionnaire will close November 8th.
- **Community Workshop:** The City will be holding a virtual community meeting on November 18th, from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. This workshop will include information about the project, alternatives that will be considered on how to accommodate growth, and a discussion of the trade-offs and community priorities.