

REDMOND »»» 2050

Community Workshop on Accommodating Future Growth

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.



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Workshop Agenda

- Redmond 2050 – What is it? Why are we here tonight?
- Breakout Rooms to Discuss Priorities & Trade-offs
- Demonstration of the Modeling tool
- Q&A

*As Mayor Birney explained, the state Growth Management Act requires us to accept a certain amount of growth. Over the past two decades, Redmond has done a lot of outreach and planning for growth; the work we are doing now **builds** on that past planning and **continues to move us forward** in a way that meets our community needs and vision.*

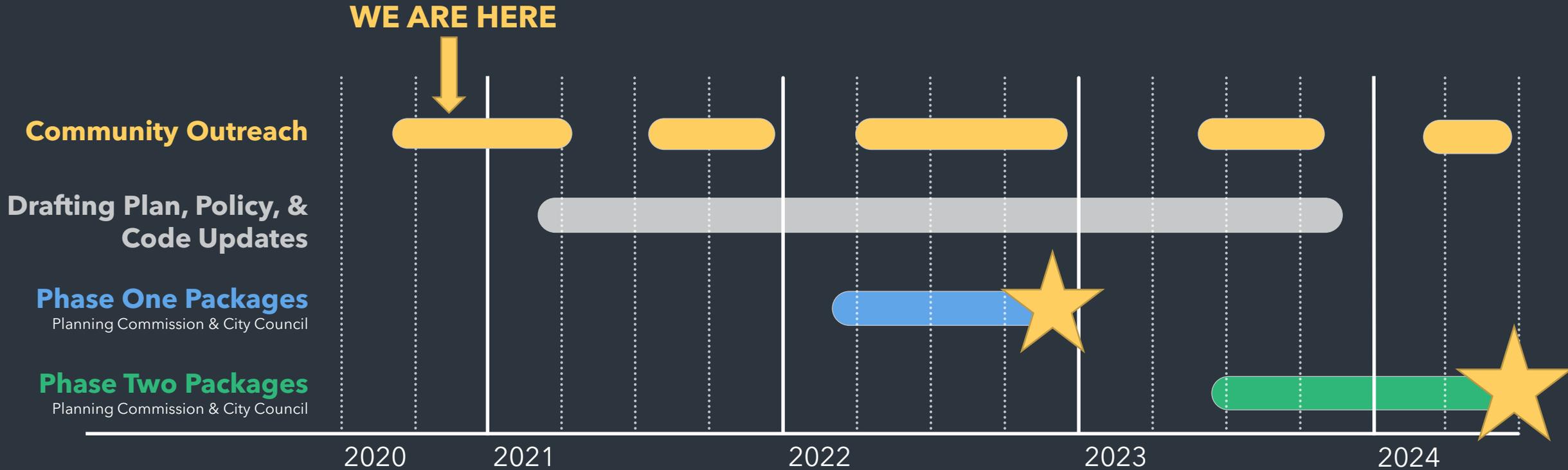
Planning Context

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Comprehensive plans are the **centerpiece of local planning efforts** and articulates a series of **goals, objectives, policies, actions, and standards** that are intended to **guide the day-to-day decisions** of elected officials and local government staff.

Redmond 2050 Timeline



Phase 1 Priority Items address critical needs, expiring programs, etc.

Legally required to have our update completed before July 1, 2024



Redmond Comprehensive Plan Elements



PHASE
ONE ITEMS

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CENTER

Video player interface showing a woman speaking. A green video icon is above the player. A loading progress bar indicates "Loading... 75%". The "REDMOND 2050" logo is in the bottom left corner of the video frame.

ELEVATORS

Vertical display titled "REDMOND 2050" and "Community Vision". It features a photo of a modern building and asks: "Where will growth go? What should it look like? What are the impacts of these options?". The Redmond logo and website URL "Redmond.gov" are at the bottom.

Vertical display titled "REDMOND 2050" and "Environmental Review". It features a photo of a waterfall and asks: "What environment is required?". The Redmond logo is at the top.

CURRENT PHASE:

Looking at Priorities & Trade-offs

Environmental Topics Questionnaire (SEPA) - Closes 11/25

Transportation Questionnaire

Transportation Project Map

Pains & Gains Part 2 - Priorities

Where will growth go, Phase 1

Where Should Growth Go?

- The purpose of this discussion is to get your feedback on the benefits and tradeoffs of different growth alternatives.
- We **start** with the assumption that **growth will be concentrated in Redmond's urban centers (Overlake & Downtown)**
- An **opportunity to consider shifting some growth into other areas**, such as along some major roads or to create neighborhood centers at major intersections.
- These **decisions have implications** on things that you and your neighbors care about—such as traffic, building heights, housing type options, and environmental impacts – so understanding your priorities and why is important!

Creating Growth Alternatives

Alternatives we will develop/study:

- ✓ **(No Action) Alternative 1** | Current Comprehensive Plan land use designations & zoning densities/uses
- ✓ **Action Alternative 2 - Focused Centers & Stations** | Growth focused into Overlake, Downtown, & around the light-rail station areas
- ✓ **Action Alternative 3 - Distributed Centers & Corridors** | Exploring options for neighborhood centers and growth along major roads outside of Overlake & Downtown

- An alternative describes a different means of achieving a proposal.
- Alternatives could vary:
 - **Growth** - where and how distributed
 - **Land Use** - housing types, job types, etc.
 - **Transportation**
 - **Parks**
 - **Utilities** - type of infrastructure needed and planning for future

Parametric Modeling



Where Should Growth Go?

- How do current regulations perform against growth targets?
- What are options for accommodating job & population growth?
- What are the trade offs between different scenarios?
- What does the community prefer?

How should we evaluate the alternatives?

Environmental Sustainability

- Vehicle Miles Traveled
- Tree Canopy
- Energy Consumption

Equity

- Housing Diversity
- Housing Affordability
- Displacement Risk

Resilience

- Access to services (food, parks, schools, transit)

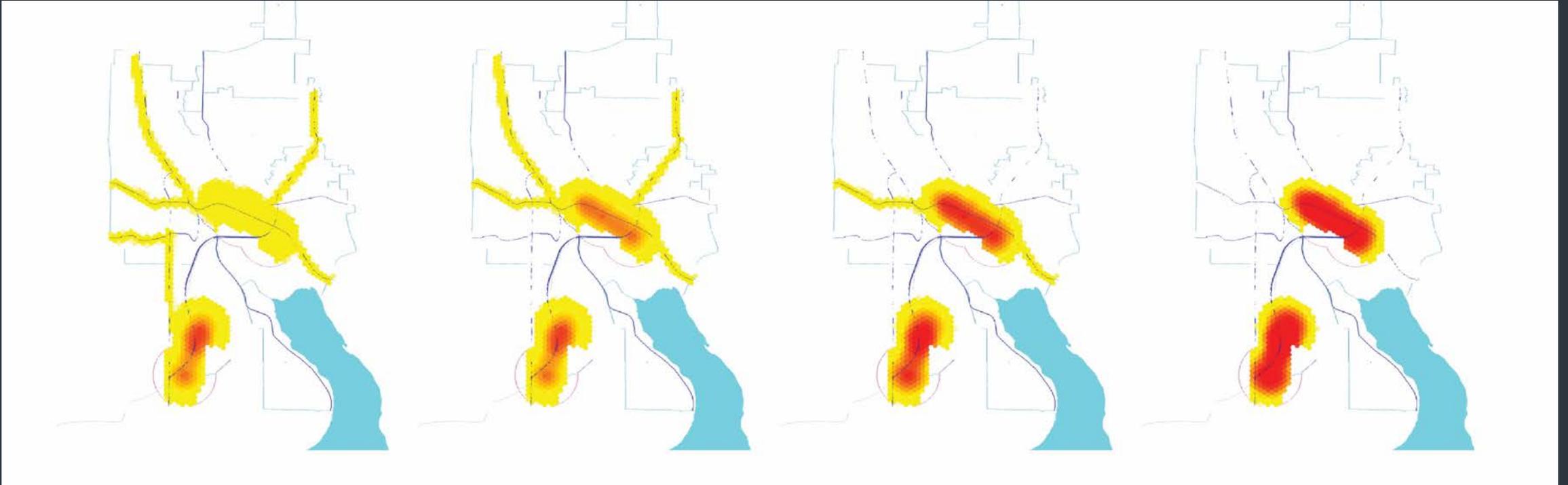
What we need today

- Breakout Rooms & new online engagement tools
- Community Priorities
- Trade-offs & Balancing the Three Pillars of Sustainability

- **Where should growth go?**
- **How should we evaluate different alternatives?**

Pick Top Three	Rank Priorities	Trade-off Choices
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Modeling Growth Alternatives



We will demonstrate the growth modeling tool -- that you will have a chance to experiment with -- after our breakout groups return to this main room.

How will we use results of tonight's meeting and scoping comments?



- Develop our range of growth alternatives
- Identify priorities and ranking to help with weighting and evaluation of alternatives
- Finalize list of EIS environmental topics
- Identify potential mitigation measures and priorities
- Lead to next discussion: What growth should look like

Under the GMA, Redmond can't say "no growth," but we can say where growth will go and what it will look like

Environmental Review Process

An **environmental impact statement (EIS)** provides information to the public and decision-makers about the environmental effects of plans or projects on the natural and built environment.

What should be studied?

- Environmental Topics
- Growth Alternatives
- 30-day+ Comment Period

Scoping



What are the implications?

- Compare Alternatives
- Impacts
- Mitigation Measures
- 30-day+ Comment Period

Draft EIS



What's the best alternative for Redmond?

- Create Preferred Alternative
- Respond to Comments

Final EIS



WE ARE HERE

**Scoping Period Closes
5 PM on 11/25**

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Your Participation Matters

- Participate in the breakout room discussions.
- Add questions and comments in the chat box.
- Provide scoping comments by 5 pm November 25, 2020 to:
Redmond2050@Redmond.gov.
- Respond to survey questions in the Virtual Lobby: [redmond.gov/Redmond 2050](https://redmond.gov/Redmond2050).
- Check the project website for interactive meetings and activities:
[redmond.gov/Redmond 2050](https://redmond.gov/Redmond2050).



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Small Room Discussions

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