

MEMORANDUM

To: Planning Commission

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Subject: Redmond 2050 Monthly Update

PURPOSE

Staff will provide the monthly update on the Redmond 2050 project, including briefing on the on the Comprehensive Plan Community Workshop held on November 18th and other community involvement opportunities. Staff will also demonstrate the growth model that is available for experimentation and comment.

ENGAGEMENT TO-DATE

A summary of engagement statistics to date has been provided below:

- Redmond 2050 web: **1,965** visits to www.Redmond.gov/Redmond2050
- Virtual Lobby: **2,319** visits; 266 visitors to our alternative lobby
- Let's Connect Site: **1,236** individuals informed; 302 engaged participants
- Email subscribers: 534 subscribed; **1,568** delivered messages (6 bulletins sent)
- Questionnaires & Other Tools
 - Gains & Pains Part 1: 58 responses (closed)
 - Gains & Pains Part 2: 56 responses
 - SEPA Scoping: 90 responses (closed)

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- TMP Questionnaire: 78 responses
- TMP Projects Map: 86 entries
- Favorite Places: 15 entries
- Community Workshop: Over 100 registered and over 50 attended

To date we have received comments/ideas in English and Spanish. We are currently reviewing the demographic information of participants to date (where available) to determine next steps to engage hard to reach segments of our community.

WORKSHOP OVERVIEW

Background

On Wednesday, November 18th, 2020, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., the City hosted a Community Workshop with approximately 50 community attendees. In accordance with best health practices in the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the workshop was held virtually.

The overall goal for Redmond 2050 community engagement is to actively and continuously engage the community with transparency about how their input is being incorporated. Specific objectives of this workshop event included:

- Help workshop participants understand what decisions are being made through Redmond 2050 by educating workshop participants about the Growth Management Act (GMA) and Redmond's regional responsibilities.
- Inspire workshop participants to both engage in upcoming opportunities to provide input and inform their neighbors about these opportunities.
- Educate participants on the potential tradeoffs associated with prioritizing equity and inclusion, environmental sustainability, or economic resiliency.
- Gather input from workshop participants to inform the scope of the environmental analysis and review process.

The results of the workshop will provide weighting for the topics that are to be evaluated with the parametric modeling.

Breakout Room Sessions

The initial educational presentation included everyone at the workshop. The workshop attendees then joined distinct breakout rooms. Each breakout room had one staff or consultant discussion facilitator and one staff or consultant note taker.

At the conclusion of the breakout groups, all workshop attendees were brought back into a single virtual room. Each facilitator spent a couple minutes reporting back highlights from their session and the growth model was demonstrated.

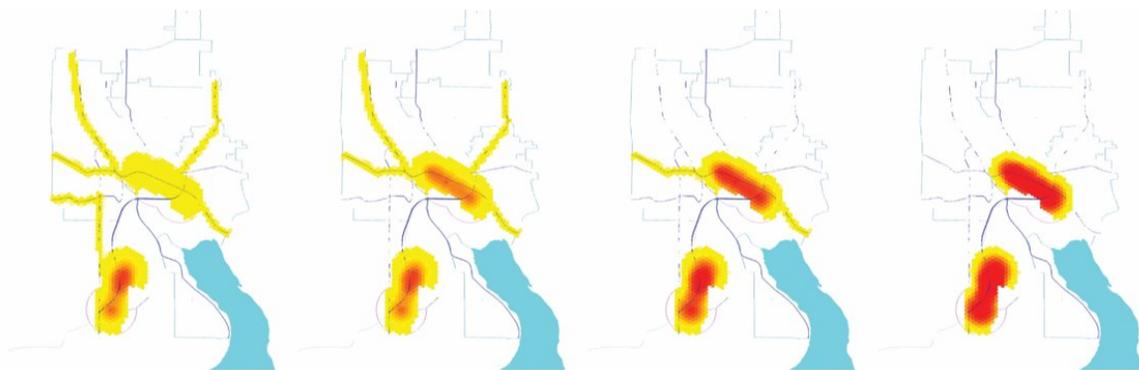
Materials & Summary Report

Staff and the consultant team are reviewing the meeting notes and preparing a summary report. The materials and video have been posted online at www.redmond.gov/1495.

GROWTH MODEL

One of the other ways we’ll be asking the broader community for feedback on the location of future growth is with the parametric model. This model is based on game theory, with a specific growth goal assigned and lets the user decide where and how much growth they want to put across different locations in the city.

You can play with the options, like putting all the growth in our Urban Centers or more growth to Overlake. You can adjust and tweak the scenarios until you like what you see. You can play with the options and then submit what you think is the best scenario. The series of images below show just a few of the many potential outcomes, with the darker color representing more growth.

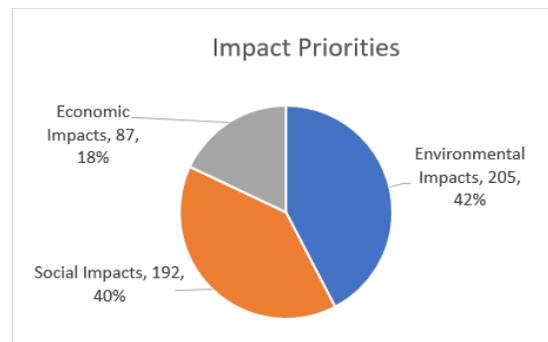


The more models we get from our community, the better idea we’ll have on our community preferences which we can then evaluate in more detail, so please take it yourself and then share with other people in your household or who work with you.

SEPA SCOPING QUESTIONNAIRE

The Environmental Topics Questionnaire was held open through the Thanksgiving holiday weekend and closed on Monday, November 30th. This closes the SEPA Scoping period. By law the minimum scoping period is 14 days, but we had a scoping period of 49 days (from October 12 thru November 30) due to our combined processes.

There were 90 responses to the questionnaire, and no agency comments during the scoping period. Staff is reviewing comments and will be preparing a report for your next monthly update.



TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN UPDATE QUESTIONNAIRE AND MAP TOOL

The initial Transportation Master Plan (TMP) Update questionnaire is live through December 13, 2020. The questionnaire focuses on the vision, principles, and strategies for transportation in Redmond. The questionnaire has received 78 responses to date. In addition, community members are invited to identify problem areas or project ideas using a map tool. The suggested problem areas/project ideas are then displayed for other community members to view. To date there are 86 entries on the map.

NEXT STEPS

Community Involvement Opportunities

Don't forget to visit our [Virtual Lobby](#) to provide your input! Please share these links with your networks and take a minute to give feedback yourself. The following are currently open for community input:

- [Transportation Master Plan Questionnaire](#) | How will you get around in 2050? Closes 12/13/20
- [Transportation Projects Map](#) | Tell us about your transportation project ideas and concerns on our map. Closes 12/13/20
- [Pains & Gains Community Priorities](#) | What's working & what needs improvement?

You can also view the [growth model](#) now for your experimentation and you may submit your initial feedback and ideas through the model interface (instructions are posted at <https://www.redmond.gov/1506/Location-of-Growth>). Please note the model might load and refresh a bit slowly due to the size of the model and depending on your internet connection and/or browser.

Staff Evaluation & Preparation

- Staff is evaluating the demographics of participants (where available) to help determine next steps for targeted outreach to community members that have not traditionally participated in planning.
- Staff is reviewing engagement statistics to see engagement levels for each outreach method to determine improvements and usability enhancements.
- Stakeholder groups and a Technical Advisory Committee will be formed in the first quarter of 2021.
- Staff and the consultant team are currently working on the second phase of the growth modeling, which is the building of the alternatives that will be evaluated. This will include synthesizing community feedback on locations and impact priorities from the engagement that just opened.

Mini Workshops

Staff is working on a mini-workshop format that we can take on the road and are encouraging groups that would like city staff to present this workshop at their organization or community group to contact Redmond2050@Redmond.gov. Staff can join a group to do a mini workshop (45 minutes - 1 hour) at board meetings, HOA meetings, with non-profits, employees, etc. Staff would enjoy engaging the community at their regularly scheduled meetings (remotely) or

schedule something that works for them to discuss priorities and trade-offs and get additional feedback on what should be considered as we look at where future growth should go.

Staff encourages the Planning Commission and the community to share this unique opportunity with their networks. We are particularly interested in engaging individuals who have not traditionally participated in planning processes. **Workshops will be scheduled upon request through the end of January.**

Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

The first CAC meeting was held on November 12, which provided the CAC members with an overview of the project and planning context and introduces some of the key resources and their roles. The next two meetings of the CAC, on December 10th and January 14th, will be dedicated to review of the Existing Conditions Report chapters (same topics as PC review).

Existing Conditions

Following the monthly update, staff will review the existing conditions preliminary draft chapters for the introduction, economic vitality, and housing (more information is provided in a memo and presentation for that agenda item). The remaining topics will come to the Planning Commission for their review in January:

- Jan 13th: Transportation, Capital Facilities, Utilities
- Jan 27th: Land Use, Natural Resources

These draft chapters are preliminary only, and we are seeking input from the Commission, the CAC, and stakeholders on the following questions:

- What did you find useful?
- What information is needed to inform policy choices?
- What other ways could these reports be improved?
- What additional policy considerations should be added?

Existing Conditions report provides an overview of the current conditions in the City of Redmond and is designed to provide an agreed upon “starting point” by which to move forward with the creation of the community’s vision

Once we’ve received input on these preliminary drafts we will revise and share with Council in February/March 2021. The trends and policy considerations will then inform the drafting of Comprehensive Plan Element updates.

Growth Allocations

King County has begun conversations with the cities about growth targets, but it is in a very preliminary format, with wide ranges. Staff is participating in Core Cities caucus meetings to review and provide input on how growth will be distributed to each City. We hope to have more concrete information to share with the City Council and Planning Commission in January. Once we have a draft number, we will evaluate our current capacity to determine what additional capacity needs we will have to address with this update.