

MEMORANDUM

To: Planning Commission
From: Beckye Frey, Principal Planner
Date: February 17, 2021
Subject: Redmond 2050 Themes

PURPOSE

The Planning Commission will hold a study session to discuss the Redmond 2050 Themes and provide input on the working definitions and provide input on how they would like to see the themes integrated into the Redmond 2050 updates.

THEMES

The City Council adopted four themes for the Redmond 2050 project, and will be woven into each element throughout the process:



Equity & Inclusion



Sustainability



Resiliency



Technology Forward

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COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Staff developed working definitions (shown below) for each of these themes and will be taking those definitions as well as a larger discussion on what those themes mean for community discussion over the next 4 to 6 weeks.



Working Definition: Equity & Inclusion

All residents can fully and effectively access city services, influence city policy and direction, and feel a sense of belonging and safety. Impacts and opportunities are distributed fairly throughout the community so that all can benefit from community resources.



Working Definition: Sustainability

Foster a thriving, healthy, diverse, and resilient Redmond for all generations while advancing the community's environmental vitality, social equity, and economic prosperity.



Working Definition: Resiliency

Capacity of communities to adapt and grow through chronic or acute stressors in the system. Action during unexpected events is allowed.



Working Definition: Technology Forward

A collaborative approach to the modernization, optimization, and personalization of city services through the use of technology and data-informed policies.

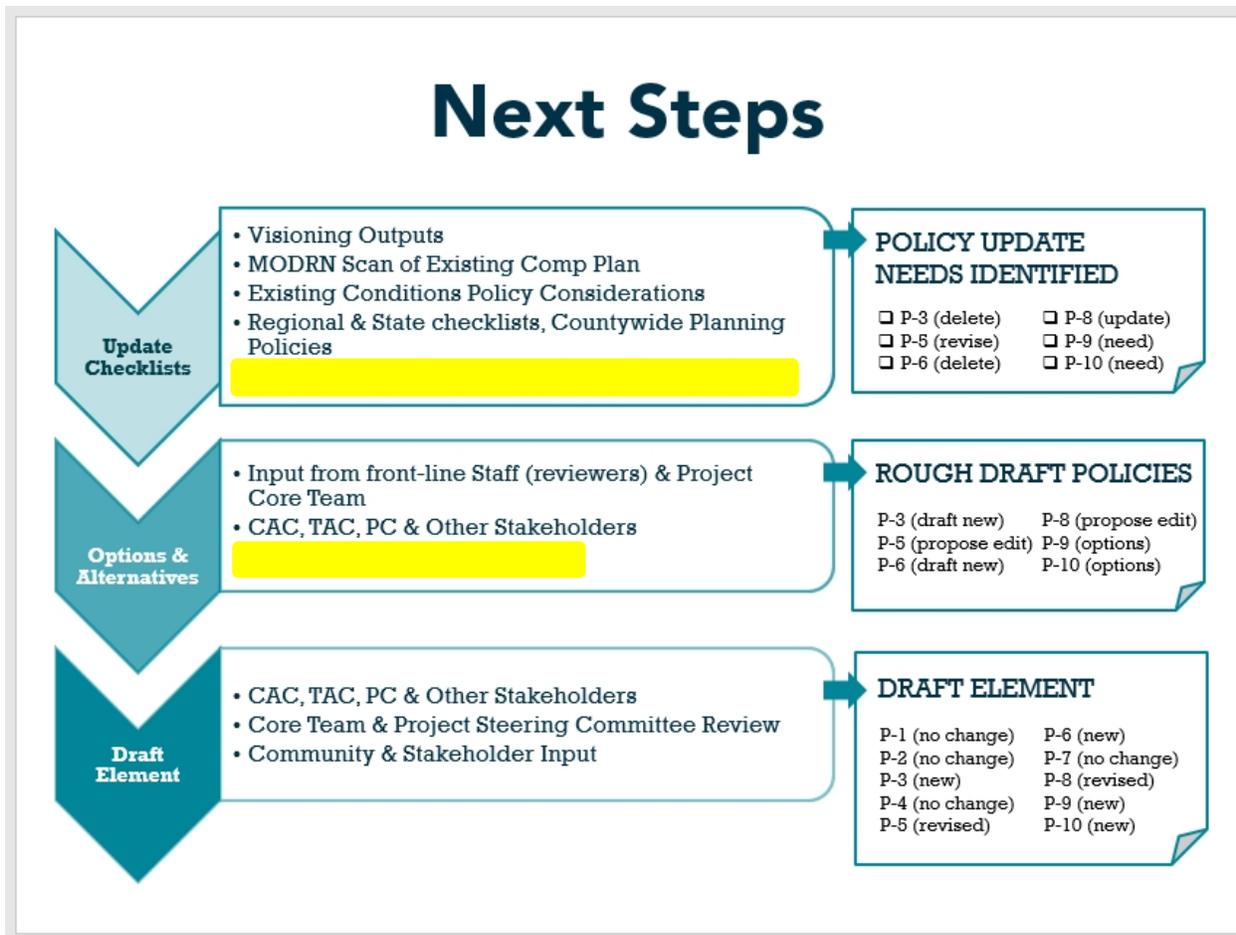
The community will be asked to provide their thoughts on:

- What does this theme/concept mean to you? Does our working definition need any adjustment?
- What does [theme] mean to your daily experiences in our community?
- What stories would you like to share that would help us understand your thoughts on this theme?
- How does/should [theme] impact our built and natural environment?

Staff will be asking for Commissioners input on those questions during the study session. We encourage the Commissioners to provide their thoughts on where our existing Comprehensive Plan policies might need to be reviewed and/or updated to advance these ideals and/or remove barriers so that staff can add those items to the Element updates checklists that are being developed.

HOW THEMES WILL BE INTEGRATED

As mentioned in our monthly update for this month, staff is currently developing Element update checklists for each of the Phase 1 Elements. One of those inputs is a thematic review, which will take place in two phases.



The first round of thematic review and community input will help to identify policies that need to be updated and/or added as a part of Redmond 2050. The community inputs are described above; the staff review will include reviewing the element to determine:

- Strengths and deficiencies of the Element in regard to advancing the theme; and
- Identifying if there is anything missing, or any changes needed, to support advancing these themes.

Then staff will draft revisions, where the update is clear and simple, or will research options and alternatives where additional policy discussion is needed. Before taking options and alternatives and draft language forward for review, policies will be evaluated based on:

- Whether the policy option/alternative/draft language advances or hinders the theme; and
- Alignment with the reoccurring community themes and community priorities.