

MEMORANDUM

To: **Planning Commission**

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Subject: **Housing Action Plan Strategies and Implementation Plan**

Staff will provide an update on the Housing Action Plan project, which is scheduled for Council adoption on March 16, 2021. These draft strategies are the result of nine months of analysis of key findings from the Housing Needs Assessment and Public Involvement Report.

The strategies and actions included in the Housing Action Plan will guide the City's housing actions over the next 20 years and will provide a roadmap for creating more housing, diversifying the housing that is built, and focusing on solutions that address issues of housing disparity and affordability.

UPDATES AND NEXT STEPS

Public Input Process

As part of the Phase II public outreach effort, the draft plan was published on Let's Connect, along with a Housing Strategy Questionnaire asking for input on community priorities (e.g. affordability, diversity of housing, increased production, etc.). In addition, the plan was shared with key stakeholders and partners who participated in Phase 1 Housing Action Plan engagement process. The Housing Strategy Questionnaire

summary report is provided in **Attachment B**. Phase II community engagement provided important feedback on community priorities for implementation. The questionnaire was open from January 2, 2021 to February 1, 2021, over which time 150 surveys were submitted. The following feedback was captured in by the questionnaire.

- o Housing affordability and diversity are the two highest priorities for the Housing Action Plan.
- o Townhouses, rowhouses, low maintenance senior housing, and duplexes are the most preferred missing middle housing types.
- o More respondents strongly favor or somewhat favor a housing levy than those who strongly oppose or somewhat oppose a housing levy.
- o Parking and traffic were the two biggest concerns of integrating missing middle housing types into established neighborhoods.

Final Revisions to HAP Plan and Implementation Plan

Staff continues to invite final comments and refinements to the Housing Action Plan from the Planning Commission, internal stakeholders, community members, and A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH). Additionally, staff will be finalizing the Housing Action Plan Implementation Plan provided in **Attachment D**, which will outline funding implications, timelines, and other key considerations for each action.

Council Adoption | Timeline

The Housing Action Plan must be completed by April 1, 2021, to comply with contractual requirements and the Department of Commerce deadline.

- Staff presented version 2 of the Housing Action Plan at the February 9, 2021 City Council study session.
- The final draft plan and detailed implementation plan will be presented to City Council at the March 2, 2021 City Council meeting.
- Staff is seeking City Council approval and adoption of the Housing Action Plan at the March 16, 2021 City Council meeting.

Housing Action Plan | Implementation Plan and the upcoming Housing Element Update

Release of the Implementation Plan represents a key milestone in the development of a Housing Action Plan for the City of Redmond. For each action, the Implementation Plan identifies:

- A timeline for implementation;
- The responsible staff and partners;
- Considerations and challenges; and
- Needed resources (staff time, city investment, and/or funding resources).

The Housing Action Plan will provide Redmond with appropriate actionable strategies to assist the City in meeting current and future housing needs. The Housing Action Plan will also assist the City in addressing the growing need for more affordable housing and more diverse housing choices. Finally, the Housing Action Plan will inform the mandatory Housing Element Update as part of the Redmond 2050 Periodic Review. Much of the important policy work identified in the Housing Action Plan will be considered for inclusion in the Housing Element.

This will provide the framework and support for the programmatic and regulatory action that will follow.

Attachment A: HAP v2

Attachment B: Let's Connect Community Questionnaire Summary Report

Attachment C: HAP Presentation

Attachment D: Draft Implementation Plan