

MEMORANDUM

To: Planning Commission

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Date: May 26, 2021

Subject: Public Safety Functional Plan Updates

PURPOSE

City staff requests that the Planning Commission add “Public Safety Functional Plan Updates” to the 2021-2022 annual amendment docket.



BACKGROUND

Updates to public safety functional plans were included on the 2020-2021 annual docket of Comprehensive Plan amendments (Ord. 3002). At the Commission’s April 28, 2021 meeting, Redmond Police Chief Darrell Lowe asked that the item be removed from the 2020-2021 Annual Docket. In requesting the removal Chief Lowe cited: the need for a public safety levy to address public safety funding, an enhanced focus on citizen oversight requested by the City Council, and recent changes in state law that could result in the need for additional reforms.

Therefore, City staff request s that the Planning Commission add a new item to the 2021-2022 docket called “Public Safety Functional Plan Updates ”.

SCOPE AND RATIONALE

The Police Functional Plan was last updated in 2013. The Fire Department Strategic Plan was last updated in 2015. Near-term updates to these plans are needed to respond to changing community conditions including:

- Public safety facility needs,
- Public safety service demand associated with the extension of light rail as it relates to increasing density and congestion,
- Enhanced redundancy of critical emergency services such as 911 and emergency communications systems, and
- Technology needs to improve community service delivery.

These updates would be “bridge” updates, with a comprehensive update to be completed as part of Redmond 2050 Phase 2.