



MEMORANDUM

To: Planning Commission

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PROJECT UPDATES

Existing Conditions Report Finalized

Staff has completed the Phase One Existing Conditions Report. The final report and a change matrix that shows what was updated from the draft version have been published to the Redmond 2050 Documents page, at <https://www.redmond.gov/1442/Documents>.

Themes

Staff and leadership have reviewed community and stakeholder feedback on the preliminary working definitions for each of our themes (equity & inclusion, resiliency, sustainability, and technology forward) and are preparing revised definitions, intent statements, and implementation tools ("lenses" for reviewing policies/elements). We anticipate bringing updated materials to the community and Planning Commission in June.

Growth Allocations

The PSRC Growth Management Policy Board will review the County's proposed allocation of housing units and jobs at their May meeting, which includes 20,000 jobs and 20,000 housing units for Redmond. The targets may be adjusted based on their comments/direction, especially

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jobs targets for the Core Cities (Redmond is one) since not all the jobs allocated to King County Core Cities have been allocated.

Growth Scenarios

We are working with the consultant to develop reports on the Visioning process that developed the growth scenarios and will be publishing those reports soon. We will also be connecting with stakeholders and focus groups that were a part of the process to report back to them on how their input was used and next steps.

Staff is working to export data from the growth scenarios for use in the SEPA analysis and travel demand modeling. We anticipate “report cards” for each of the growth scenarios in August/September for community review.

Overlake

Work related to Overlake continues two fronts. Planning staff are finalizing the draft proposed “gap package” as a part of the Annual Code Revisions (see [February 24, 2021 briefing on the Zoning Code Rewrite](#), slides 9-11), while separately staff are developing potential urban center boundary revisions. Communication on these topics will go out in combined messaging to Overlake stakeholders in the next few weeks. We are also working with Sound Transit on transit-oriented development at the Overlake Village Station. We will share a link to Sound Transit’s survey that they will be sending out to the community soon.

Staff has developed criteria to be used to update the boundary for the Overlake Metro Center. A draft map will be developed based on criteria that include:

- Must meet PSRC Metro Center criteria
- 10-minute walkshed from light rail stations to be included in center
- Include as much of the existing business parks as possible/practical
- Follow street centerlines and other physical features apparent to pedestrians

This draft map will be analyzed to ensure it meets the PRSC criteria and doesn’t conflict with our assigned growth allocations. Staff will also evaluate what zoning changes would accompany the boundary revision.

We anticipate a virtual, in-person, or hybrid community event in June or July. Property owners that will be impacted by the proposed changes will be notified by mail in addition to the general neighborhood outreach that will be conducted.

Transit-Oriented Development (TOD)

Staff has reviewed the [TOD research completed by the PSRC](#), with particular attention to the Growing Transit Communities strategies. Based on the work completed at the regional level, staff is proposing to adopt the Growing Transit Communities definition of TOD as a 10-minute walkshed from the light-rail stations. We will map a 10- and 15-minute walkshed from each station to evaluate current access and potential projects that might improve access to the stations.

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We are also proposing to adopt the PSRC definition of **Equitable Transit Communities** , “transit-served neighborhoods that provide housing and transportation choices, a mix of services, amenities and businesses, and greater social and economic opportunity for current and future residents.”

The PSRC focus on Equitable Transit Communities parallels the city’s Redmond 2050 theme of equity & inclusion and many of the implementation strategies are the same. Community outreach on TOD will focus on how we bring this concept into physical reality - what it means on the ground - and what policies, regulations, incentives, etc. will be needed to implement this goal. We will also be looking at the other themes as well. Community engagement on this topic is also anticipated for June/July.