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Sherri Nichols, Chair
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Honorable Chair and Commissioners,

City staff requests that the Planning Commission consider including public safety functional plan updates in the 2022 Annual Docket of Comprehensive Plan Amendments.

The Capital Facilities Element requires that the City develop and regularly update functional plans to assess capital facility needs, strategies for addressing such needs, and changes to anticipated service provision. The Comprehensive Plan further provides that changes to anticipated service provision based on new analyses, assumptions, or implementation strategies be incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan planning process. Proposed amendments will allow for capital facility needs, identified in Public Safety Plans currently in development, to be fully integrated into the Comprehensive Plan. This will include both the Police Functional Plan and the Fire Strategic Plan (both studies underway).

Public Safety Plan studies are needed to inform policy changes considered as part of the Redmond 2050 periodic review and the Public Safety Levy ballot measure anticipated in 2022. The updates proposed for the 2022 annual docket would be “bridge” updates, and will amend existing functional plans adopted as part of the Comprehensive Plan to:

- Address emerging public safety facility needs,
- Respond to public safety service demand associated with the extension of light rail as it relates to increasing density and congestion,
- Enhance redundancy of critical emergency services such as 911 and emergency communications systems, and
- Improve technology needs to improve community service delivery.

Respectfully,

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