

## Redmond 2050 -Sharing What We Heard

### Redmond Mayor Angela Birney

Hello, I'm Mayor Angela Birney. I want to thank you for being a part of our Redmond 2050 project and helping us plan for the future of Redmond.

Since November 2020, we've been engaging with the community to understand what matters to you when it comes to how we plan for the housing and job growth that is expected. And over the last year, so many of you have shared your thoughts and vision for our community.

I thought it would be conducive for city staff involved in the project to share some of what we heard, and how we are using your input in planning for Redmond 2050.

### Beverly Mesa-Zendt, Redmond Planning Director

Hello, I'm Beverly Mesa-Zendt Deputy Planning Director. The pandemic required us to change how we engage, but it also created innovative opportunities to reach people in new and different ways.

We kicked off visioning for the future last fall with an online open house. Nearly 60 community members participated and shared their aspirations and concerns for Redmond's future.

And for the last seven months, we've held a virtual lobby which has served as a hub to share, discuss, and collaborate on activities around your preferences for where to focus growth and what that new growth should look and feel like.

To ensure we reached Redmond's historically underrepresented communities, we conducted targeted engagement to communities of color, immigrant and newcomer residents, small business owners, people living with disabilities, and youth.

We did this with small online discussion groups, one-on-one meetings, and a questionnaire translated into multiple languages. And you had a lot to share with us!

### Ian Lefcourte, Redmond Planner

Hello, I'm Ian Lefcourte a Redmond city planner. When asked what matters most to you, many celebrated Redmond's diversity and expressed a desire to see our community grow in a way that supports people from a range of backgrounds, incomes, ages, and abilities.

Some of the other themes we heard many times included walkability, traffic mitigation, environmental sustainability, access to parks, and supporting local businesses.

When we asked about the design of our city, you favored traditional building styles and furnishings, illuminated public spaces, variety in building materials, and natural plantings.

Each of these factors are now included in our development of growth scenarios which help measure the impacts of things like putting growth in our urban centers and light rail station areas only, versus also including growth along some corridors like Willows Road. With this information we can better understand how we can grow in a way that encourages housing affordability, advances sustainability, and reduces congestion among other factors.

This summer, you'll have another chance to help us by further refining these scenarios so we can finalize a preferred growth alternative next year.

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We are thrilled with the breadth and depth of feedback we've received from you and so many of our community members so far. We've taken it to heart, by incorporating your preferences into the choices for Redmond's future.

Please help us reach as many people in our community as possible by encouraging your friends and neighbors to participate in future engagement opportunities.

Thank you again for taking part in the Redmond 2050 project and in turn helping us chart the best course for our future.