MEMORANDUM

To: **Redmond 2050 Community Advisory Committee**

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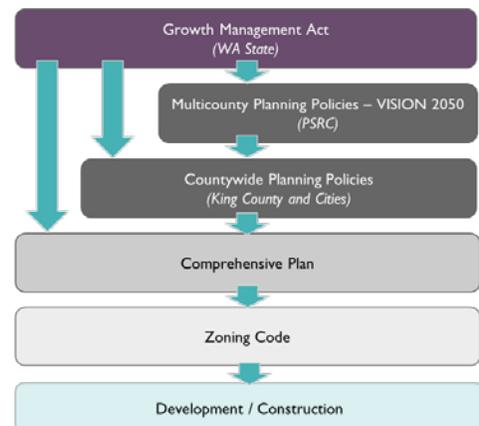**Subject:**   **Required Updates to the Urban Centers Element and Overlake
               Neighborhood Plan**

OVERVIEW

Staff will provide an overview of the required updates to the Urban Centers Element of the
Redmond Comprehensive Plan and the Overlake Neighborhood Plan. Required updates are
those updates arising from state, regional, and county mandates. Staff will also describe the
proposed approach for amending Overlake-related policies and regulations, which span
multiple parts of the Redmond Comprehensive Plan and Redmond Zoning Code.

BACKGROUND

The Growth Management Act (GMA) requires all
planning done under the GMA to be consistent both
within plan documents and across plan documents. This
means that when there are changes to state law or
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Comprehensive Plan must be updated for consistency.

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REQUIRED URBAN CENTER UPDATES

Required updates to Urban Centers policies include:

1. Aligning with legislative changes related to:
    a. Urban housing supply & capacity, and
    b. Potential use of the optional SEPA categorical exemption for infill development.

2. Aligning with VISION 2050, the Multi-County Planning Policies, and King County Countywide Planning Policies[1] including:
    a. Updating references from Overlake Urban Center to Overlake Metro Center and the new Center boundary[2];
    b. Showing sufficient zoning capacity to accommodate population and job growth targets and ensuring that land use plans and zoning;
        *   Reflect the requirement that 65% of new housing growth and 75% of new job growth be in centers;
        *   Support and promotes affordable housing near high-capacity transit;
        *   Adopt TOD and equitable TOD definitions and maps for the light rail station areas;
        *   Prioritize multimodal investments in centers and high-capacity station areas; and
        *   Mitigate displacement risk (housing and businesses).
    c. Prioritizing transportation and economic development investments in centers;
    d. Increasing the resilience of the transportation system and support security and emergency responses;
    e. Ensuring long-term stability and sustainability of the urban growth area consistent with the regional vision; and
    f. Locating community facilities and services, including civic places like parks, schools, and other public spaces, in centers and near transit, with consideration for climate change, economic, social and health impacts.

PSRC is developing monitoring requirements and procedures for regional growth centers that might impact our Redmond 2050 work to see where and how it might impact updates to the Urban Centers Element and Overlake Neighborhood Plan.

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[1] On June 23, 2021, the King County Growth Management Planning Council recommended approval of the 2021 King County Countywide Planning Policies. The CPPs redlines can be found online at: https://kingcounty.gov/depts/executive/performance-strategy-budget/regional-planning/CPPs.aspx.

[2] The draft Overlake Metro Center boundary map can be found online at www.redmond.gov/DocumentCenter/View/19871/2021_07-07---Memo-Attachment-B---Overlake-Center-Boundary-Revision-PDF.

REQUIRED OVERLAKE NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN UPDATES & RECERTIFICATION

Required updates to the Overlake Neighborhood Plan (via Addendum) include aligning with the updates listed above and addressing other requirements for PSRC's recertification of the Center plan. This generally includes, but is not limited to:

1. Describing how equitable community engagement shaped the plan's goals, policies, and strategies;
2. Prioritizing services and access to opportunity for people of color, people with low incomes, and historically underserved communities;
3. Incorporating environmental and climate change priorities;
4. Demonstrating how we meet the Metro Center requirements, including job and employment density (activity units) of at least 85 activity units per acre;
5. Eliminating superblocks through innovative site design and public/private partnerships;
6. Identifying policies that reduce the risk of residential and commercial displacement and/or mitigates displacement impacts;
7. Describing the relationship to regional high-capacity transit and local transit (including references to existing and planned transit service); and
8. Ensuring facilities and services are provided consistent with targeted growth to meet the needs of businesses and residents.

The PSRC certification requirements can be found in the draft Regional Growth Centers Checklist (**Attachment A**).

PHASE 1 UPDATES

HOW UPDATES WERE IDENTIFIED
Attachment B provides an overview of the process for updating the Comprehensive Plan Elements. It includes the workflow diagram and explains the various inputs that led to identifying what changes need to be considered and an overview of the change matrix. The results of this process as they relate to Overlake are identified below (required updates discussed above).

MODRN Scan Inputs

The MODRN scan looked for edits that are needed due to Misplaced text, Outdated language and references, and/or Duplicative, Regulatory, or Nonsensical language.

- The Urban Centers Element contents are **often duplicative of, or substantially similar to**, text and policies that are found in other chapters. One of the goals of this updates is to reduce duplication and streamline the Comprehensive Plan to a more manageable size, so staff will be proposing a large number of strikethroughs in this Element.
- **Outdated language will be removed** (e.g. preparing for light rail) or to updated (e.g. new Centers typology).

- **Regulatory language is being removed** and items that are so specific that they are more appropriate for a neighborhood plan or other function plan(s) will be relocated to those documents.

Existing Conditions Policy Consideration

The Land Use section of the Existing Conditions Report included Urban Centers Element topics. The report indicated the following policy considerations that are relevant to Overlake:

- **Maximize the opportunity presented by Transit Oriented Development.** Lands around TOD should be zoned to leverage opportunities provided by access to transit, such as walkable neighborhoods, reduced reliance on automobiles, and affordable housing.
- **Consolidate and reduce the number of Land Use and Zoning Categories.** Simplify the land use designation and zoning structure with the goal of increasing flexibility, resiliency, and economic vitality. Simplification and consolidation of similar zoning categories will provide clarity to developers and the Redmond community.
- **Review policies and outcomes around neighborhood character.** Review neighborhood character while addressing community concerns about development erasing Redmond's character. Ensure high quality for how our city looks and feels through open space, design standards, etc.

The Redmond 2050 CAC reviewed the draft Land Use Existing Conditions reports in early 2021. After feedback from the Committee members, community, and City Council, staff prepared and published the final Phase 1 existing conditions report online at https://www.redmond.gov/1442/Documents.

Themes Checklist/Lens & Other Inputs

Staff is reviewing the Element and policies to determine updates that are needed to advance the themes of Equity & Inclusion, Sustainability, and Resiliency. Several themes-related community discussion items of particular interest to Overlake include:

- Sustainability action items
- Resiliency needs that will be different because of, or specific to, the large concentration of growth (and non-car owning population) and taller buildings in Overlake
- Inclusive Design / Universal Design features
- Housing Action Plan implementation items

Visioning outputs will impact many of the Overlake updates in several ways:

- **Distribution of Growth.** The two scenarios that we are evaluating have different amounts of growth allocated to Overlake, different building heights, etc.
- **Equitable Transit-Oriented Development (TOD)**[3]. The adoption of TOD definitions and maps will impact Overlake in some very direct ways (we are exploring zoning changes

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[3] The Planning Commission discussed Equitable TOD at their July 7, 2021 meeting.

that will be based on if a property is within the TOD area), but the equitable TOD (eTOD) conversation will also result in policy and regulatory updates. How we translate equity and inclusion into our built environment will require code updates and potentially revisions to our incentive packages, partnerships, programs, etc. Outcomes from the discussion of Inclusive/Universal Design will be folded into the Overlake update.

- **Overlake as an International District.** If the update of the vision for Overlake includes establishing Overlake Village as an International District that will impact policies and regulations. Design standards and details, public art, social/cultural spaces and uses, wayfinding, and other elements may be updated to reflect this vision.

UPDATES PLANNED TO THE URBAN CENTERS ELEMENT

In Phase 1 of Redmond 2050 we will be updating the text, maps, and policies related to Overlake and the Urban Centers in general where needed to implement the Overlake changes. Additional changes will take place in Phase 2 related to Downtown and Marymoor and potentially other centers[4] if we choose to implement them. We will be making related updates to the Land Use Element and in other Elements as needed to implement the Overlake updates.

Phase 1 updates in the Urban Centers Element will include, but not be limited to, the following items:

☐ Rename the chapter (new title TBD but reflective of the Regional Growth Centers structure in Vision 2050)[5],

☐ Update text and policies to reflect the updated vision and growth strategy (not anticipating many changes to Residential Area policies[6]),

☐ Update text to reflect new Centers terminology from Vision 2050 and the King County Countywide Planning Policies[7],

☐ Remove all policies that are applicable citywide and ensure they are covered in the appropriate chapter (transportation policies in the Transportation Element, etc.),

☐ Move policies and information that is very specific to the Neighborhood Plan Addendum and ensure what remains in the Comprehensive Plan is high-level policies,

☐ Update policies with the Themes "lenses"[8],

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[4] We are exploring the potential for a new SE Redmond Countywide Industrial Center and transitioning Marymoor from a Local Center to a Countywide Growth Center. We would implement those text, map, and policy updates in Phase 2 if we choose to adopt those changes.

[5] https://www.psrc.org/centers

[6] For example, if there is an identified barrier to implementing a HAP action item in the Overlake residential area we would update the text/policy to remove that barrier.

[7] https://kingcounty.gov/depts/executive/performance-strategy-budget/regional-planning/CPPs.aspx

[8] See Planning Commission study session materials from July 14, 2021 for more information on the Redmond 2050 Themes - https://www.redmond.gov/1527/PC-Meeting-Materials.

☐ Add in the Metro Center requirements from the PSRC Centers checklist[9], and

☐ Update Overlake maps.

UPDATES TO OTHER PLANNING DOCUMENTS

- **Related Elements.** Elements that reference Urban Centers and Overlake will be updated in Phase One where needed to implement the Overlake vision/policies. If a change is needed to an Element that is part of Phase 2, minor edits that are not impactful (such as relabeling maps, etc.) will wait until that Element is updated.

- **Functional Plans.** Functional plan updates that are needed to implement Overlake changes will be included, with a full update of those plans to take places as they're currently scheduled to be updated (many are with Redmond 2050 Phase 2).

- **Neighborhood Plan.** Updates will be made to the Overlake Neighborhood plan to be consistent with the updates to the Comprehensive Plan and to accommodate the regulatory language that was removed from the Plan. Any additional items required for recertification will be address as well.

- **Planned Action.** A new Overlake Planned Action will accommodate projected growth will be included in Phase 1.

REGULATORY UPDATES

Overlake Zoning District Changes

Staff is beginning to look at what changes may be needed or desirable to the structure of the Overlake zoning districts. There are currently seven Overlake zones, with many similarities across multiple districts. Properties that are proposed to be brought into the new expanded Metro Center boundary do not fit neatly into any of those districts and so might require adding an eighth zoning district. Alternatively, staff is considering restructuring the zoning districts to streamline the code and/or organize the zoning and development standards on the new TOD maps. We will explore several options and questions, including:

- Do we need a new zoning district for the parcels proposed to be added within the Metro Center boundary?
- Do we want to consolidate districts?
- What do we want to propose for TOD areas? Do we restructure the districts to be TOD-based instead?
- What do we need to do to accommodate growth in either growth scenario?
- What other zoning-related changes will be needed to achieve the vision for Overlake?

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[9] Additional information about the updates required for certification and the draft Centers checklist can be found in the Planning Commission study session materials from July 14, 2021 - https://www.redmond.gov/1527/PC-Meeting-Materials.

RZC Text and Map Amendments Related to Overlake

While the specific regulatory updates for Overlake have yet to be drafted, we have identified that all sections of code and all maps related to Overlake will need to be revised.

NEXT STEPS

Staff will incorporate required updates into the Comprehensive Plan Element and Neighborhood Plan addendum drafting process. Discussions related to Overlake and TOD requirements will be held with boards and commissions, stakeholders, and the community over the summer and fall to explore policy options and alternatives. The Redmond 2050 CAC will see how required updates are incorporated when it reviews policy options and alternatives for each Plan element, and again when it reviews drafts of the element and addendum.

ATTACHMENTS

A. PSRC Centers Certification Checklist
B. Element Update Process
C. Staff Presentation

DRAFT Tool for Regional Growth Center Plans

Purpose

This tool is designed to assist jurisdictions in developing, updating, or amending center plans and identifies key planning expectations for Regional Growth Center plans (beyond the general requirements for comprehensive plans). These expectations are based on VISION 2050 and the Regional Centers Framework (2018). The tool can be used at various times in the center planning process:

- **Plan Scoping:** Use checklist items as guidance for scoping the extent of center plans.
- **Draft Plan Review:** Submit draft center plans to PSRC prior to adoption. Completing and submitting this tool and providing early drafts to PSRC helps identify potential consistency issues early in the process.
- **Certification Review:** Along with the adopted plan, a completed tool will assist PSRC's review of the plan. Demonstrating inclusion of all of the necessary information in the checklist helps facilitate full certification. *Note: The PSRC Executive Board is the final decision-making body for plan certification.*
- **Regional Collaboration:** The tool provides an opportunity for jurisdictions to highlight innovative policies and programs and supports sharing of best practices across the region.
- **Regional Centers Monitoring:** PSRC will conduct another centers monitoring period in 2025, following the 2024 local plan updates. This tool helps jurisdictions ensure updated center policies address regional guidance and that Framework criteria is met.

Relationship to the Comprehensive Plan

Center plans can be a separate element in the comprehensive plan or developed as a stand-alone subarea plan. When done as a subarea plan, it must be fully consistent with the comprehensive plan and the requirements of the Growth Management Act.

Resources

- Regional Plans: VISION 2050, Regional Transportation Plan, and Regional Economic Strategy
- Regional Centers Framework (2018) and Centers webpage – access centers planning resources
- Plan Review Manual webpage and Certification Reports– access information about the review and certification process, find PSRC resources by policy area, and view jurisdictions' past reports to identify areas for future review
- VISION 2040 → VISION 2050 – summary of what changed in VISION 2050
- VISION 2050 Policy Matrix – a comparison of multicounty planning policies and actions from VISION 2040 to VISION 2050

Submittal Information

Submit draft and adopted plans by uploading via the <u>Plan Review Manual webpage</u> or emailing to PSRC at <mark>planreview@psrc.org</mark>
Please complete the following information.

Jurisdiction _____ Staff name, email, phone number _____

Consultant name, email, phone number (if applicable) _____

Submittal Type:

☐ Draft plan, anticipated completion of Planning Commission review _____

☐ Final plan, date adopted _____ link to ordinance _____

What type of regional growth center does this plan address?

☐ Regional Growth Center – Urban

☐ Regional Growth Center – Metro

Weblink to center plan _____

Weblinks to supporting documents

SEPA determination _____

Staff report _____

Public Involvement Plan/Webpage _____

Comprehensive Plan _____

What ordinances were adopted concurrent with the center plan? (Planned Action ordinance, development regulations, etc.)
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Commerce PlanView ID number for plan submittal _____

Checklist at a Glance

The plan should:	Page Reference
▪ Describe key econo[...] the center.	
☑ Demonstrate the ce[...] odating future population and job growth.[4]	
The plan should include policies and identify programs that:	**Page/Policy Reference**
▪ Encourage the use of economic development tools to promote retention, expansion, and growth of employment opportunities within the center.	
◌ Work to reduce th[...] placement strategies.	

Indicates criteria from the Regional Centers Framework

Indicates new or expanded emphasis in VISION 2050

Indicate where to find the best or most complete example. It is not necessary to list all relevant pages/policies. Some items may be addressed by the comprehensive plan or other plans, programs, or strategies.

Center Plan Concept (Vision) / Regional Collaboration

The plan should:	Page Reference
▪ Include a vision statement that promotes accommodating growth through compact, pedestrian- and transit-oriented development.	
▪ Describe the center's role within the city, county, and region.	
▪ Clearly identify the area as a designated regional growth center and describe the relationship of the center plan to the city's comprehensive plan, countywide planning policies, and VISION 2050.	
◌ Describe or reference how equitable community engagement shaped the plan's goals, policies, and strategies.	
The plan should include policies and identify programs that:	**Page/Policy Reference**
◌ Encourage coordination with tribes, ports, military installations, and special purpose districts, and adjacent jurisdictions, when applicable.	
◌ Prioritize services and access to opportunity for people of color, people with low incomes, and historically underserved communities.	
◌ Prioritize local investments in the center, including a list of specific transportation planning investments and programs and other public infrastructure investments.	

Environment and Climate Change

The plan should:	Page Reference
▪ Identify significant environmental features in or near the center, including streams and shorelines.	
▪ Describe existing and planned parks, trails, and open space, including public and civic spaces.	
⚙ Recognize the role of land use, development, and transportation on greenhouse gas emissions.	
The plan should include policies and identify programs that:	**Page/Policy Reference**
▪ Protect and enhance critical/environmentally sensitive areas, parks, and open spaces.	
⚙ Identify and minimize gaps in equitable access to parks and open spaces.	
▪ Support innovative stormwater management.	
⚙ Avoid or mitigate environmental impacts for vulnerable populations.	
⚙ Support achievement of state and regional greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals.	
▪ Reduce air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions by increasing alternatives to driving alone.	
▪ Expand electric transportation infrastructure.	
▪ Promote innovative green building practices in design, materials selection, construction, and maintenance.	
⚙ Encourage retrofitting of existing buildings to reduce building energy use.	

Land Use / Development Patterns

The plan should:	Page Reference
☑ Include the size of the center and describe whether the center boundary changed as part of the planning process. The plan should fully encompass the designated regional center and	

demonstrate defined boundaries and shape for the center, including consistency with size requirements for regional centers. Urban Growth Centers should be between 200-640 acres in size. Metro Growth Centers should be between 320-640 acres in size (may be larger if served by an internal, high-capacity transit system).	
▪ Describe and map the mix, distribution, and location of existing and future land uses (such as residential, commercial, civic, public, etc.).	
☑ Include the existing activity unit[1] density of the center. Urban Growth Centers should have a minimum existing density of 18 activity units per acre. Metro Growth Centers should have a minimum existing density of 30 activity units per acre.	
☺ Recognize the role of the center in achieving the adopted VISION 2050 goal of attracting 65% of regional population growth and 75% of employment growth to centers and high-capacity transit station areas.	
The plan should include policies and identify programs that:	Page/Policy Reference
☑ Establish residential and employment growth targets that accommodate a significant share of the jurisdiction's growth, in support of VISION 2050 and the Regional Growth Strategy. Residential densities and building intensities should have capacity to accommodate higher levels of growth. [2] Urban Growth Centers should plan for densities of at least 45 activity units per acre. Metro Growth Centers should plan for densities of at least 85 activity units per acre. **Please complete Table 1 below.**	
☑ Encourage a mix of complementary uses, with a goal for a minimum mix of at least 15% planned residential and employment activity in the center.	
▪ Establish design standards for pedestrian-friendly, transit-oriented development and other transit-supportive planning that orients land uses around transit. Eliminate superblocks through innovative site design and public/private partnerships.	
▪ Promote infill development, particularly on underutilized parcels.	

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[1] An activity unit is a person or a job.
[2] Growth targets are the amount of growth a jurisdiction has agreed, through the countywide process, to plan for throughout its comprehensive plan elements over the 20-year horizon of the comprehensive plan. The targets include both the baseline density (current) plus the 20-year growth. Distinct from growth targets, zoned development capacity is not time-bound and, therefore, can allow higher levels of development.

▪ Increase access to opportunity, including employment and education opportunities and improved neighborhood quality of life.	

Table 1 Growth Targets	Existing (Baseline) Conditions	Adopted Center Growth Target*	Zoned Development Capacity (meet or exceed target)	Page Reference
Population				
Housing Units				
Employment				

*The plan's land use assumptions for travel modeling must be consistent with the adopted center growth targets.

Housing

The plan should:	Page Reference
⊛ Document the total existing housing units, including a breakdown by type, affordability (including subsidized housing), and special housing needs.	
▪ Assess future housing need in the center as part of the jurisdiction-wide housing needs assessment.	
The plan should include policies and identify programs that:	**Page/Policy Reference**
▪ Address density standards and development regulations to ensure a variety of housing types for all major household income categories are allowed.[3]	
▪ Demonstrate how housing targets and goals will be met.	
⊛ Work to reduce the risk of residential displacement through a variety of anti-displacement strategies, including leveraging growth opportunities to provide new affordable units and preserving existing affordable housing.	

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[3] VISION 2050 uses the following household income categories and definitions to track regional housing affordability: Middle (80-120% of area median income (AMI)); Moderate (50%-80% of AMI); Low (Below 50% of AMI); and Very Low (Below 30% of AMI).

▪ Encourage coordination with housing organizations and community groups to address issues of homelessness, fair housing, anti-displacement, etc. Partnering with housing program and service providers can promote more equitable housing opportunities within the center.	

Economy

The plan should:	Page Reference
▪ Describe key economic sectors and industry clusters in the center.	
☑ Demonstrate the center's market potential for accommodating future population and job growth.[4]	
The plan should include policies and identify programs that:	**Page/Policy Reference**
▪ Encourage the use of economic development tools to promote retention, expansion, and growth of employment opportunities within the center.	
☺ Work to reduce the risk of commercial displacement through a variety of anti-displacement strategies.	
☺ Expand access to economic opportunities through actions such as adopting a priority hire ordinance, encouraging workforce development partnerships, and identifying pipeline education or training opportunities.	

Transportation

The plan should:	Page Reference
☑ Describe relationships to regional high-capacity transit (including bus rapid transit, commuter rail, light rail, ferry, and express bus) and local transit. Existing and planned transit service in the center should be referenced.	

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[4] A market study is recommended for all jurisdictions with centers. Market studies are required for designation of new centers and regional growth centers that have existing density levels below the level required for new centers at the time of the 2025 monitoring review. See pages 9-10 of the Regional Centers Framework for more information.

▪ Demonstrate coordination with transit agencies.	
▪ Identify planned transportation investments, programs, and resources, including transit, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, and projects to eliminate superblocks or modal conflicts and promote safety and connectivity.	
▪ Include a map of existing and planned pedestrian and bicycle facilities and determine what links are required to improve connectivity.	
▪ Include a map of the existing street pattern and determine what links are required to improve connectivity.	
The plan should include policies and identify programs that:	**Page/Policy Reference**
▪ Support an integrated multimodal transportation network, including pedestrian and bicycle facilities, and linkages to adjacent neighborhoods and districts.	
▪ Plan for streets that serve all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, vehicles, and – where appropriate – freight.	
▪ Support context-sensitive design of transportation facilities.	
▪ Encourage environmentally friendly street ("green street") treatments.	
▪ Adopt level-of-service standards and concurrency provisions tailored for the center to encourage transit.	
▪ Establish a parking management strategy that addresses supply of parking, on-street parking, and mitigating effects of parking.	
▪ Identify strategies to achieve a mode-split goal that advances a more sustainable mix of auto, transit, and non-motorized trips.	

Public Services

The plan should:	Page Reference
▪ Describe or reference local capital plans for infrastructure specific to the center, as well as their financing (such as sewer, water, gas, electric, telecommunications).	
The plan should include policies and identify programs that:	**Page/Policy Reference**

▪ Ensure facilities are provided consistent with targeted growth.	
▪ Ensure availability of public services, including K-12 education, to meet the needs of businesses and residents.	

Engagement & Innovation

The following questions address the Regional Centers Framework's intention for more inclusive, equitable development and engagement in centers. Responses are an opportunity for the jurisdiction to highlight the most noteworthy aspects of the plan and the planning process. Responses also help tell the PSRC boards how the plan is working to implement VISION 2050 and how the plan meets certification requirements.

How were different stakeholders (e.g., community members, business owners, tribes, ports, military installations, and special purpose districts, and adjacent jurisdictions, when applicable) engaged during the planning process? Were any new or innovative engagement techniques employed to reach historically underrepresented groups?
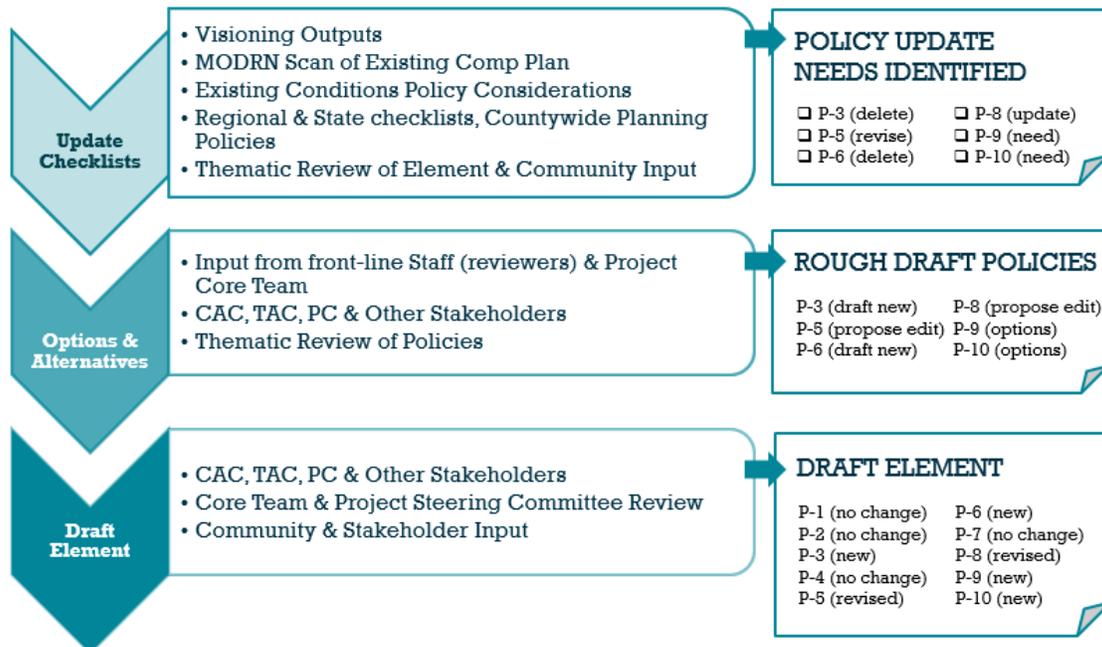
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Are there any additional innovative policies or programs to highlight from the center plan?

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Element Updates Process

HOW UPDATES ARE IDENTIFIED

The process for revisions is illustrated in the flow chart below, generally following the process of:

1. Creating checklists for what updates are needed (based on a number of inputs described more fully below),
2. Researching and developing Options and Alternatives, and
3. Drafting Element language updates.

Update Checklists
- Visioning Outputs
- MODRN Scan of Existing Comp Plan
- Existing Conditions Policy Considerations
- Regional & State checklists, Countywide Planning Policies
- Thematic Review of Element & Community Input

POLICY UPDATE NEEDS IDENTIFIED
- ❏ P-3 (delete)
- ❏ P-5 (revise)
- ❏ P-6 (delete)
- ❏ P-8 (update)
- ❏ P-9 (need)
- ❏ P-10 (need)

Options & Alternatives
- Input from front-line Staff (reviewers) & Project Core Team
- CAC, TAC, PC & Other Stakeholders
- Thematic Review of Policies

ROUGH DRAFT POLICIES
- P-3 (draft new)   P-8 (propose edit)
- P-5 (propose edit) P-9 (options)
- P-6 (draft new)   P-10 (options)

Draft Element
- CAC, TAC, PC & Other Stakeholders
- Core Team & Project Steering Committee Review
- Community & Stakeholder Input

DRAFT ELEMENT
- P-1 (no change)   P-6 (new)
- P-2 (no change)   P-7 (no change)
- P-3 (new)   P-8 (revised)
- P-4 (no change)   P-9 (new)
- P-5 (revised)   P-10 (new)

MODRN SCAN

The first step to identify what needs to be updated and/or added as a part of Redmond 2050 was through what we refer to as our MODRN scan, looking for:

- **M**isplaced text | Items that are not in the correct Element

- **O**utdated language and references | Updating terminology, removing policies that are no longer relevant, etc.

- **D**uplicative language | Items that are substantially the same within that Element or with an item in another Element will be combined/updated

- **R**egulatory language | Removing regulations and specific methodology from the Comprehensive Plan and ensuring they're included in the relevant functional plan, codes, etc.

- **N**onsensical language | Removing or revising language that is unclear or that could be interpreted in more than one way

Where possible, we are looking to simplify/consolidate, update, and remove items that shouldn't be in the Plan but perhaps in a functional plan or in regulations instead. The goal is to have a much shorter, much easier to use Comprehensive Plan.

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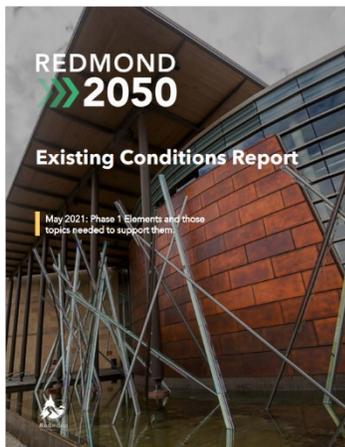
The second input is the Existing Conditions Report. Each topic/section in the report includes a review of the policy considerations that will be discussed during the update and their relationship to the Redmond 2050 Themes of Equity & Inclusion, Sustainability, and Resiliency[1].

The Redmond 2050 CAC reviewed Existing Conditions reports in late 2020 and early 2021. After feedback from the Committee members, community, and City Council, staff prepared and published the final Phase 1 existing conditions report online at https://www.redmond.gov/1442/Documents.

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[1] The Existing Conditions report for Phase 1 also references the Theme of Technology Forward. That theme has been incorporated into the other three themes.

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Sources for required updates include:

- The Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA) – Chapter 36.70A RCW
- Vision 2050 (the regional growth management plan, regional growth strategies)
- The King County Countywide Planning Policies
- Other legislative requirements
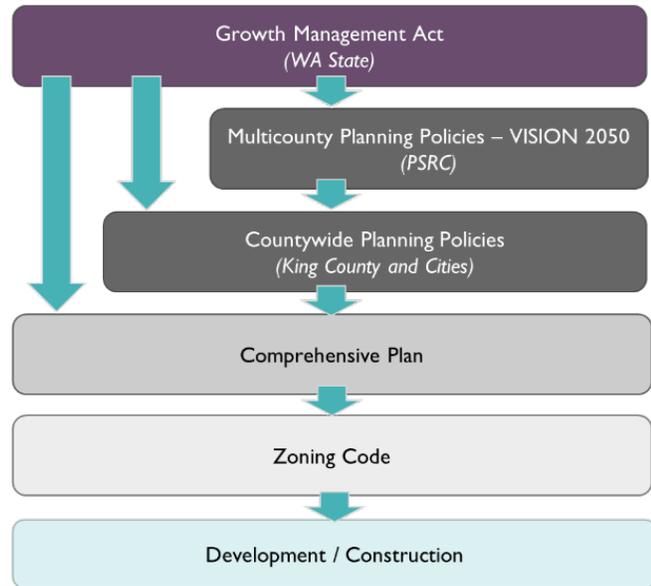
Documents are posted online at the **Redmond 2050 Documents archive**, which includes Planning Commission, City Council, and Community Advisory Committee documents: https://www.redmond.gov/1442/Documents

THEMES CHECKLISTS / "LENSES"

The main themes for the Redmond 2050 update are:

Equity & Inclusion   Sustainability   Resiliency

The first round of thematic review and community input will help to identify policies that need to be updated and/or added as a part of Redmond 2050. The staff review will include reviewing the element and community comments to determine:

- Strengths and deficiencies in regard to advancing the themes; and
- Identifying if there is anything missing, or any changes needed, to support advancing these themes.

Then staff will draft revisions, where the update is clear and simple, or will research options and alternatives where additional policy discussion is needed. Before taking options and alternatives and draft language forward for review, policies will be evaluated based on:

- Whether the option/alternative/draft language advances or hinders the theme, and
- Alignment with the reoccurring community themes and community priorities.

COMMUNITY INPUT

Comprehensive Plan text and suggested policy ideas that from the community involvement opportunities (held throughout the Redmond 2050 project) will be collected, documented, and responded to in the change matrix for transparency. Ideas that are similar may be combined to streamline review. See the change matrix explanation below for more information about how the matrix is built and will be used.

OTHER UPDATES

Other work being done that may result in items for the update checklist include the visioning outputs, the SEPA consulting team's Best Available Science update, Housing Action Plan implementation items that can be addressed through Redmond 2050, legislative updates being considered, and the Temporary Construction Dewatering project.

CHANGE MATRIX

A Change Matrix is being created that identifies what changes are being made as part of Phase 1 to provide maximum transparency and to "show our work". The matrix is designed to provide a quick way to review all the changes contemplated, the action proposed, the reasoning for the action, input received and revisions based on that input, and the final adopted language.

The matrix outlines all the policies that might need to be removed, updated, or added and why (regulatory requirement, regional planning alignment, advancing a theme, etc.). Every existing policy, policy requirement, suggested policy, and policy options & alternative will have a row in the matrix and will be evaluated and documented (at a high level) via different columns to show:

- Modern scan results
- Relevant plan(s)
- Visioning relationship
- Redmond 2050 Themes relationship

As we progress through the update process, additional columns to the right will be added that will include:

- Draft 1.0 language proposed,
- Input from staff, stakeholders, CAC, and the Planning Commission,

- Draft 2.0 language, and
- Final language revisions for Council Action.

Where analysis in any column identifies that it will be deleted (duplicative), moved/relocated, or combined with another policy to streamline, the change will be noted (with cross-references is applicable) and the following columns are shaded out to indicate no future review/action needed for that line.

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