

MEMORANDUM

To: Planning Commission

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Subject: Redmond 2050 Monthly Briefing

PURPOSE

This month's staff briefing on Redmond 2050 provides a general project update including staff work and community engagement.

OVERLAKE ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

In October, staff concluded a series of eight community workshops on housing, economic vitality, transportation, Overlake, and equity in our built environment that began in August. Each workshop was offered twice, once at noon and again at 6 p.m. Over 70 individuals participated live (many attending more than one workshop) and recordings are posted online at Redmond.gov/Redmond2050 for on-demand viewing.

The three workshops completed since the September monthly update were:

- **Equity in our Built Environment:**
 - General Needs of our Community; Services & Amenities Needs
- **Future of Overlake, Policy Options Part 1**
 - What do we want Overlake to look like?
 - Do we want to designate Overlake Village (or a part of it) as an International District?

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- **Future of Overlake, Policy Options Part 2**

- Maximizing the opportunity for Transit Oriented Development around the new light rail stations
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- Intro to regulatory updates

Staff used the input received to build an Overlake-focused questionnaire that is now live at LetsConnectRedmond.com/Redmond2050. The questionnaire explores policy options related to where growth will be directed in Overlake and the mix of uses in Overlake.

ELEMENT DRAFTING UNDERWAY

Staff has begun to draft updates to the Housing, Economic Vitality, and Transportation Elements utilizing community input beginning in late 2020 and continuing through summer 2021. We expect to publish first drafts in early 2022 followed by a period of community engagement. Overlake policy will follow about one month behind drafts for the other elements. The schedule for PARCC Element drafting will be solidified once the PARCC Plan consultant is on board later this year.

GRANT APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED

Earlier this month staff submitted two grant applications to the state Department of Commerce to support Redmond 2050. The Housing Action Plan Implementation grant would accelerate the City's ability to optimize the inclusionary zoning and multifamily property tax exemption programs. The grant would fund consultant work to conduct a market study that would inform potential changes to programmatic components. The Transit Oriented Development Implementation grant would fund ongoing Redmond 2050 environmental review and potentially allow the City to explore and complete SEPA planned action ordinances for Downtown and Marymoor Village. The Department of Commerce will announce grant decisions by October 29.

NEXT STEPS

Other work underway and upcoming includes:

- Travel demand modeling to support the Transportation Master Plan and Redmond 2050 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) (Nov-Dec).
- Draft EIS preparation is underway, with publication expected at the end of Q1 2022.
- Staff is developing a zoning district package for consideration that would consolidate the current 9 districts in Overlake to 3.
- Stakeholder meetings are being scheduled for next several weeks with Overlake residents, business, the school district, etc.
- Questionnaire on Overlake policy options and alternatives is live now through Thanksgiving weekend.