ATTACHMENT B

Redmond 2050 Community Involvement Summary
Third Quarter 2022

The Redmond 2050 Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) was published on June 16, 2022. The focus of Redmond 2050 community engagement during the summer was on community discussion of the growth alternatives and impacts studied in the DEIS.

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ENGAGEMENT METHODS

City used multiple methods to solicit input on growth alternatives and preferences, with approximately 1,500 active engagements and over 5,100 comments received (see table below).

Input Method	Number Engaged	Comments Rec'd
Let's Connect Online Questionnaire	112+	1,440+
Derby Days & Other Community Events	675+	2,790+
Pop-Up Events	580+	864+
Focus Groups	23	
Community Workshops	34	
Public Hearings	11+	
Comment Letters		33
Staff Workshop and Engagement Activities	50	

Engagement Methods	
Online StoryMap Visits	910+
LetsConnect Site Visits	610+
Redmond 2050 Site Visits	2,439
Redmond 2050 GovDelivery Email Recipients	15,248

Staff also attended meetings of, or provided information to, selected Redmond boards and commissions to share information and obtain input and feedback. Engagement included:

- Planning Commission
- Library Board
- Redmond 2050 Community Advisory Committee
- Redmond 2050 Technical Advisory Committee

In addition to the activities listed above, staff met with Lake Washington School District and Bellevue School district staff, planning and transportation staff from the cities of Bellevue and Kirkland, OneRedmond, and Microsoft. Additional engagement occurred through direct email to stakeholders, phone conversations, hybrid and in person drop-in opportunities, and various city email and social media blasts.

Inclusive Outreach

Redmond is committed to equitable and inclusive outreach. Community engagement for growth alternatives addressed common barriers to participation to ensure an equitable planning process. We utilized the following strategies to overcome participation barriers.

- Social media and other outreach engagement materials that represented the diversity of our community.

Examples of imagery used in engagement

- Provided a variety of in-person and online venues for gathering input, including options at different locations and times of day.
- Use of "Plain Language" that is easy to understand and easy to translate.
- Built upon existing partnerships and personal relationships with target population(s) and organizations – asking them to forward information about events and opportunities to

engage utilizing their organizations newsletters, group email lists, etc. to reach community members through trusted community sources.

- Increased accessibility by having events and information accessible in community gathering places and times that directly reach the people who don't typically engage through our social media, workshops, etc.
    - Activities to engage with BIPOC community members: Cinco de Mayo, HOLI festival, LWSD Students of Color Conference, Asian Pacific Islander Unity Festival, translations and interpretations of workshop and other engagement materials, BIPOC focus groups.
    - Activities to engage with disabilities stakeholders: focus group meetings, stakeholder emails, building additional stakeholder connections, LetsConnect forum.
    - Activities to engage with young families: library pop-ups, Derby Days, pop-ups at parks, RYPAC engagement, LWSD Students of Color Conference.
- Translation and interpreter services was provided for community workshops, key videos, posters, handouts, email invitations, children's activity sheets, etc. in the top five languages: Spanish, Chinese, Russian, Hindi, and Arabic.

Examples of translated engagement materials – poster, coloring page, utility bill insert, workshop announcement.

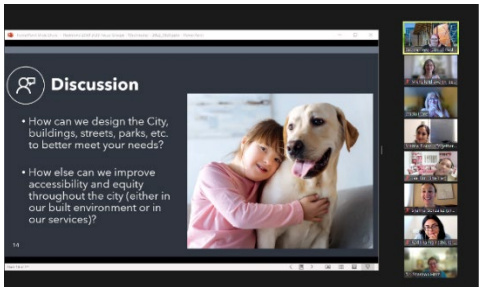
HIGH-LEVEL SUMMARY OF INPUT

Redmond community members provided a wealth of valuable input to the draft EIS and growth alternatives. Staff identified several themes as described below.

Redmond community members want **walkable, complete communities**, where jobs and housing are located near each other, near services, and near transit. Community members are looking for **educational, cultural, and recreational services and amenities** to enhance quality of life for a diverse community.

Community members identified **housing affordability** and **environmental sustainability** as important planning priorities. Staff heard about **equal support for Alternative 2 – Centers and Alternative 3 – Centers and Corridors**. As part of the discussion of growth alternatives, staff heard:

- Strong support for developing **vibrant centers** *and* support for **equity** when considering how the benefits and impacts of growth are distributed geographically;
- A desire to make the most of **light rail and frequent bus transit**, noting that both are used and needed to provide mobility throughout the community;
- Support for the idea of an **industrial growth center in SE Redmond,** with special attention to protecting the natural environment
- **90th & Willows** – support for ideas, but concern about executing and need for more discussion of how to implement
- **Housing goals** – use higher than the target housing unit capacity to create a buffer and leave room for market forces to act in different ways/places



WHAT WE HEARD

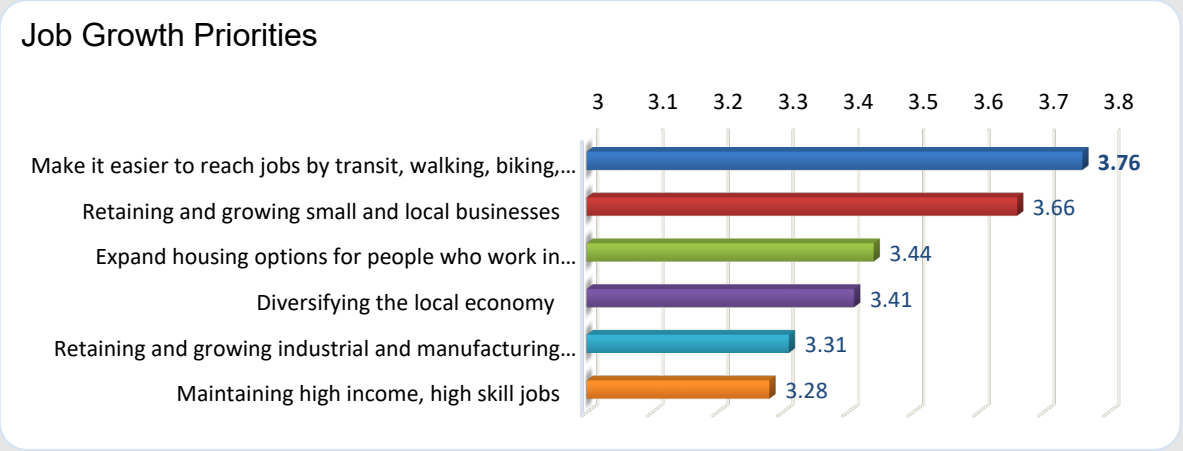
Let's Connect Questionnaire

The City hosted a Draft EIS online questionnaire from July 11 to September 9, 2022. 112 people had completed the questionnaire. The questionnaire asked about:

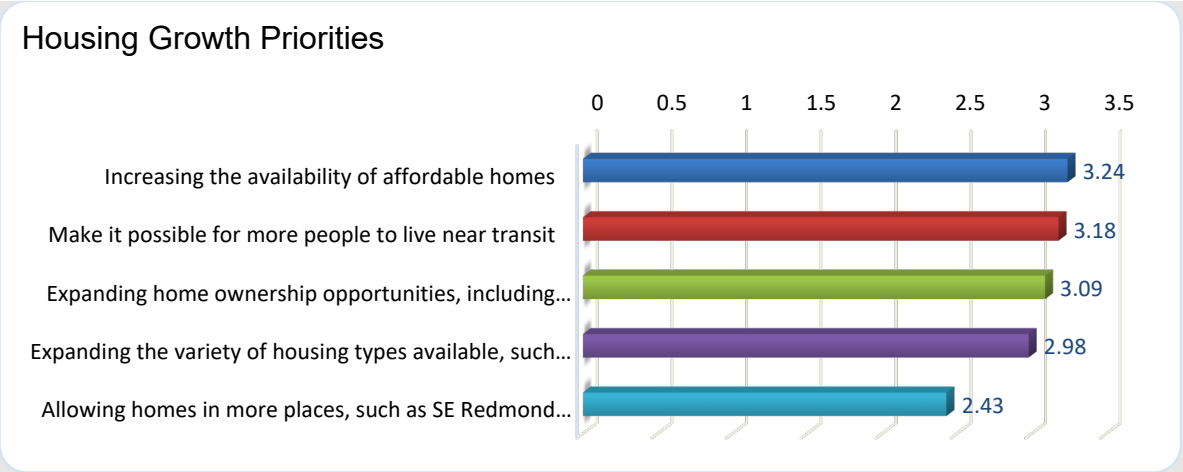
- Job, housing, quality of life, and environmental protection priorities;
- A potential industrial growth center in Southeast Redmond;
- A potential local center in the 90th St. and Willows Road area;
- Growth alternatives relative to the community's future needs;
- Elements of each growth alternative that should be kept; and
- Demographics of respondents.

Quantitative Summary: Planning Priorities

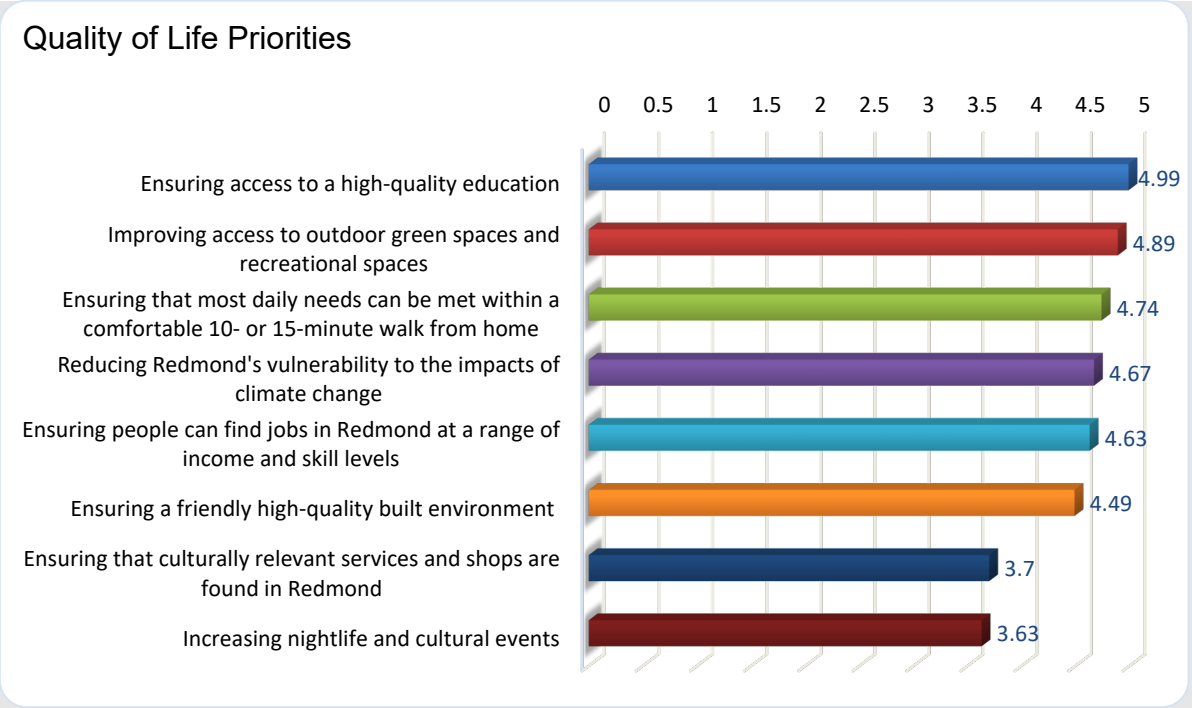
- *Jobs priorities (1 = least important; 5 = most important):* making it easier to reach jobs by transit, walking, biking, or rolling and retaining and growing small and local businesses were the top two priorities. All other options also scored above 3.00.



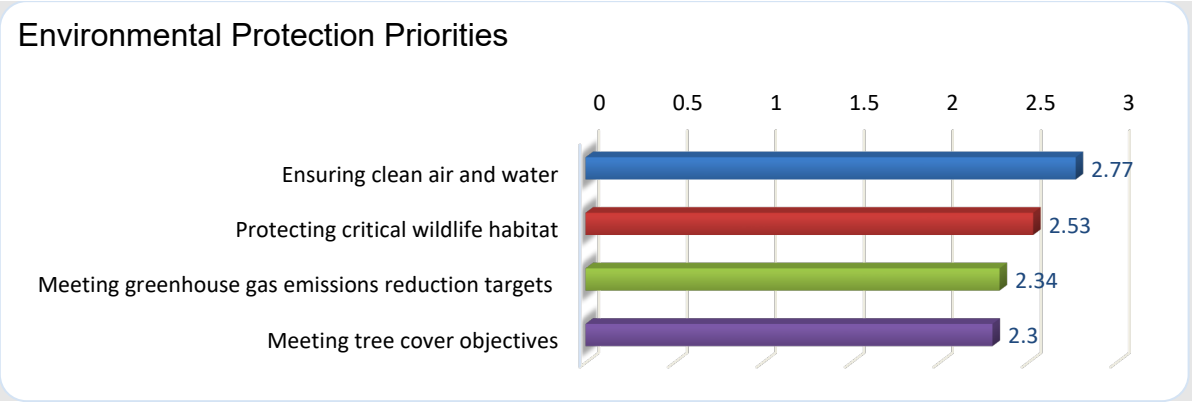
- *Housing priorities (1 = least important; 5 = most important):* increasing the availability of affordable homes and making it possible for more people to live near transit were the top two priorities.



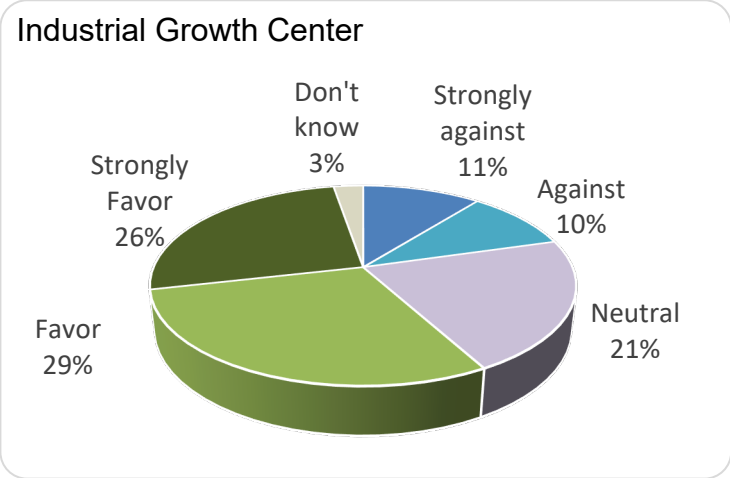
- *Quality of life priorities (1 = least important; 5 = most important):* ensuring access to a high-quality education, improving access to outdoor green spaces and recreational spaces, and ensuring that most daily needs can me met within a comfortable 10- or 15-minute walk from home were the top three priorities.



- *Environmental protection priorities (1 = least important; 5 = most important):* ensuring clean air and water and protecting critical wildlife habitat were the top two priorities.



Quantitative Summary: Southeast Redmond Industrial Growth Center

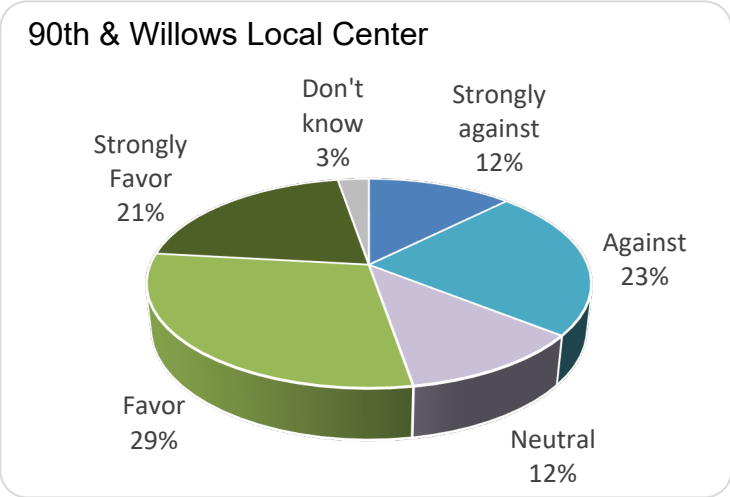


Level of support: 55% of respondents support the idea of an industrial growth center in Southeast Redmond. 21% were neutral.

Reasons for support: most supporters cited a desire to keep manufacturing and industrial jobs and services in Redmond and maintaining business diversity as reasons for supporting this idea.

Reasons for opposition: a majority of those opposed cited environmental concerns, with others saying that keeping such jobs and services in Redmond was not important, there is a lack of demand for such businesses, or some other reason.

Quantitative Summary: 90th & Willows Local Center



Level of support: 50% of respondents support the idea of a local center in the 90th St. & Willows Road area. Another 12% were neutral.

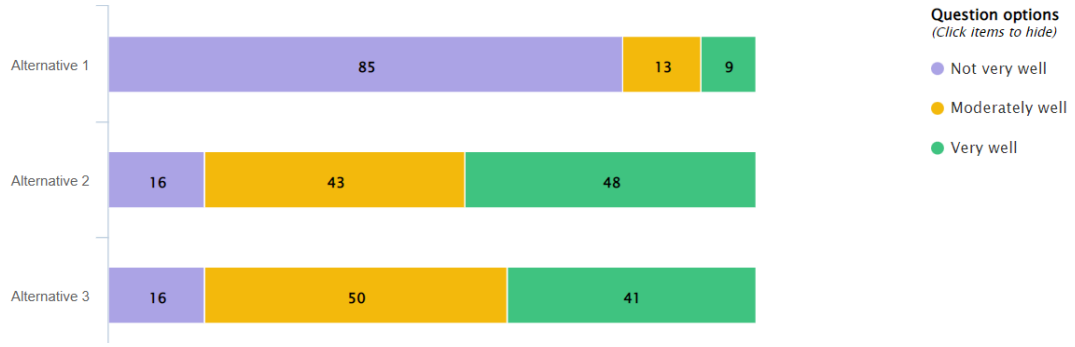
Reasons for support: most supporters cited housing affordability and improvements to the walking and bicycling environment as reasons for support.

Reasons for opposition: a majority of those opposed cited business

displacement concerns, with others citing traffic congestion, transit access, cost of redevelopment, or another reason.

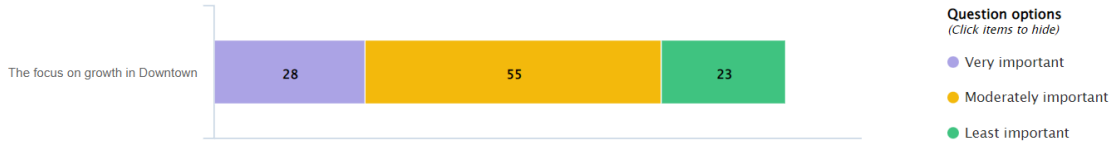
Quantitative Summary: Growth Alternatives

Overall, respondents believed that either Alternative 2 – Centers (91 "well" or "very well") or Alternative 3 – Centers and Corridors (91 "well" or "very well"), would meet community needs much better than Alternative 1 – No Action (22 "well" or "very well").

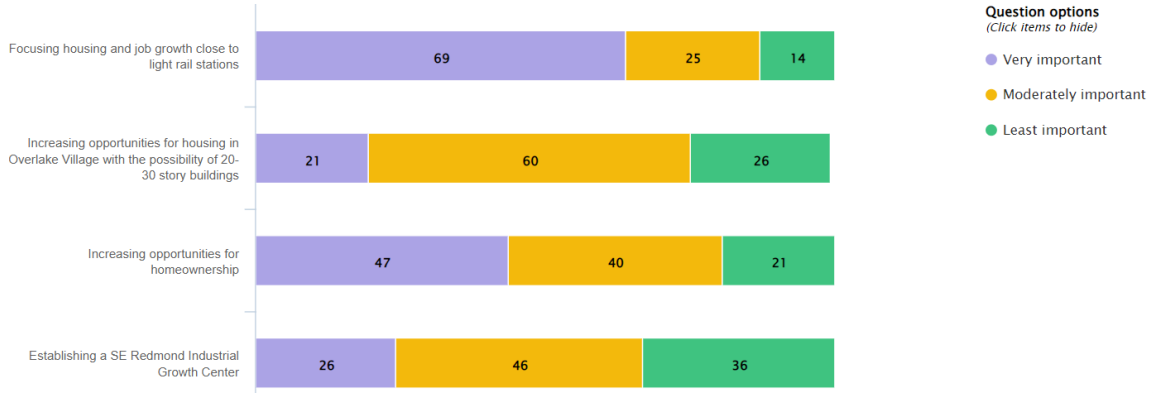


Quantitative Summary: Elements of Growth Alternatives to Keep

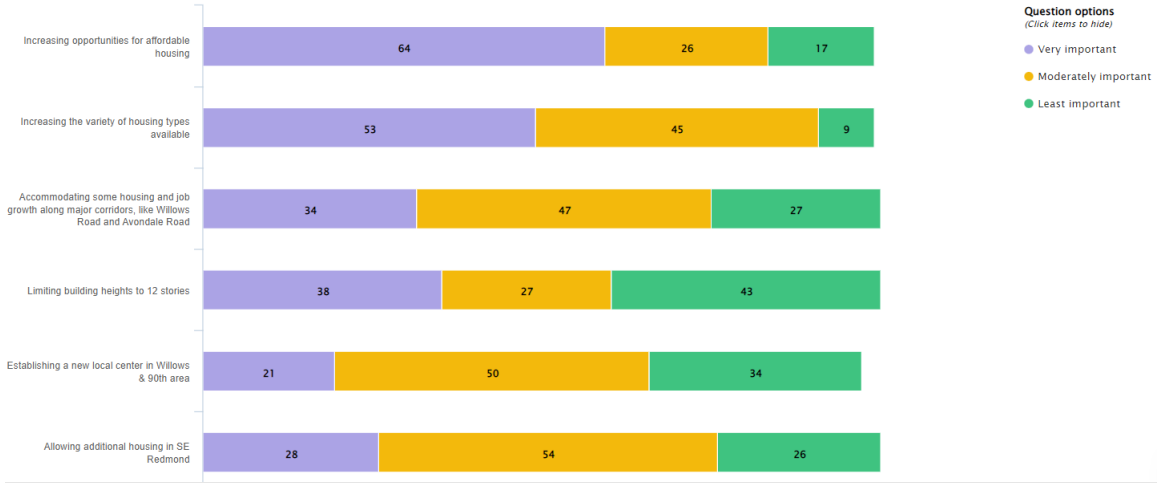
Alternative 1 – No Action: most respondents (74%) believed that keeping the focus on growth in Downtown was a moderately or very important element of Alternative 1.



Alternative 2 – Centers: the most important element identified by respondents was focusing housing and job growth close to light rail, with 64% rating it as very important and another 23% rating it as moderately important. Increasing opportunities for housing in Overlake, increasing opportunities for homeownership, and establishing a Southeast Redmond Industrial Growth Center were all rated moderately or very important by most respondents.



Alternative 3 – Centers and Corridors: the two most important elements identified by respondents were increasing the variety of housing types available (92%) and increasing opportunities for affordable housing (84%). Accommodating some housing and job growth along transit corridors, limiting building heights to 12 stories, establishing a 90th & Willows Local Center, and allowing additional housing in Southeast Redmond were all rated moderately or very important by most respondents.



Quantitative Summary: Respondent Demographics

- *Gender:* 50% female, 45% male, 1% transgender or gender variant, 5% prefer not to answer
- *Age:* 18% born before 1960, 47% between 1960 and 1979, 30% born 1980 or later, 5% prefer not to answer
- *Relationship to Redmond:* 90 of 111 live in Redmond, 85 shop/dine/socialize/recreate in Redmond, 50 work in Redmond, 10 own or operate a business in Redmond, 6 attend school in Redmond.
- *Neighborhood:* 58% live in a Redmond neighborhood other than one of the centers, 19% live Downtown, 7% live in Overlake, and 16% live outside Redmond.
- *Race and Ethnicity:* 60% white, 13% Asian American / Pacific Islander, 10% Latina/o/x, 5% African American / Black, 4% multiracial, 2% Native American / Indigenous, 11% prefer not to answer.
- *Having or living with a disability:* 83% no, 9% yes, 8% prefer not to answer.

Community Events

DERBY DAYS

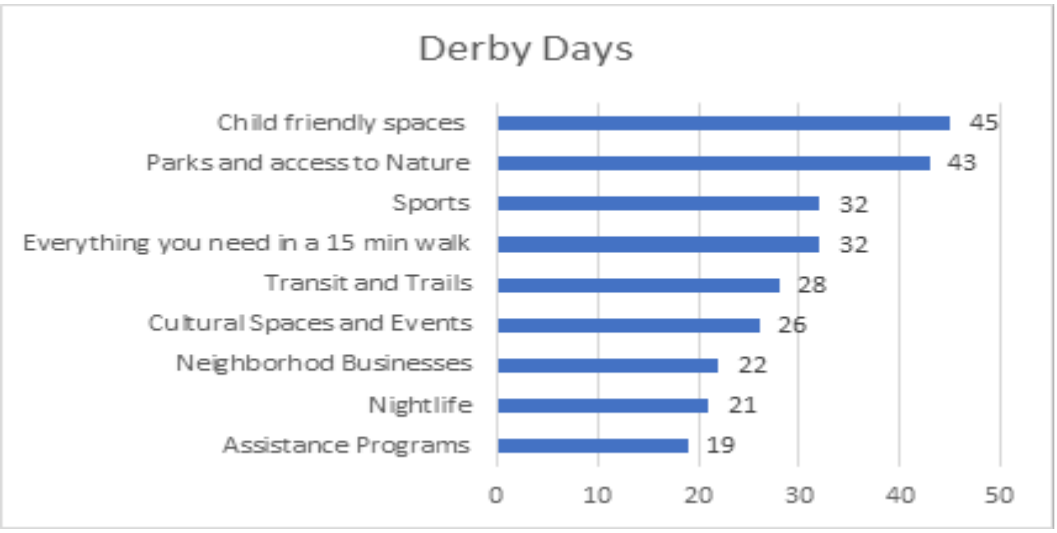
The City hosted a Redmond 2050 booth at the annual Derby Days festival on July 9, 2022. This festival takes place at City Hall campus and was in person. Staff estimates that 261 participated in one of the activities, which provides a minimum number of people engaged.

Penny activity. Individuals would be handed four pennies and told to drop their pennies in the jar(s) that best aligned with their priorities for the City to include in upcoming plans. The categories, as well as the number of pennies they received, are listed below. The three categories with the highest number of penny votes were (in order): housing affordability, jobs proximate to transit/walking, and retain/grow small business.

Penny counts	Count 1	Count 2	Total
Homes in more places	38	13	51
Housing variety	-	61	61
Housing affordability	-	224	224
Return/ grow small businesses	88	55	143
Live near transit	57	24	81
Home ownership	38	24	62
High income / skill jobs	-	104	104
Jobs in transit/ walking	139	46	185
Diverse economy	-	112	112
Retain grow industrial/ manufacture	N/A	24	24
Total			**1047**

*4 pennies per person 1047/4 = 261.75

Dot survey. Participants were provided with three dot stickers, and instructed to place them on a poster board in alignment with different community priorities that they would like to see emphasized in upcoming plans. The different categories, as well as their dot counts, are listed below. The three categories with the most dots were (in order): Child friendly spaces, parks and access to nature, and Sports and Everything you need in a 15-minute walk (tied for third).



Sticky note poster. The final activity at the booth was a poster labeled "In the future, I hope Redmond _____" where participants could write how they would complete that sentence on a sticky note and place it on the board. Seventy-two (72) comments were placed on the board. Many of these comments focused on outdoor amenities, such as safer walking and biking routes and increased park and green space throughout the city. Concerns about construction and growth also were shared on many post-it notes.

Future of Redmond Post-it Notes (72):

- When apartments and condos are newly built, especially in downtown, require ground/street level retail space. Those retail spaces are what makes a city neighborhood walkable and busy, which in turn makes it safer, because there are always people around
- Have more libraries
- Repave Old Redmond Rd
- Bike Lane East-West down Redmond Way!
- Have a direct walking route from town center to Marymoor Park
- All-inclusive parks for kids with special needs
- Better elementary school playgrounds
- Parks for kids of all ages, NOT just for kids under 10
- Support for small businesses
- Has more affordable housing continues to limited (sic) the heights of buildings and preserves the trees and open space
- Public swimming pool
- Michelada bar
- Have more parks and trails (maybe with water features)
- Easy Parking
- More Art. Less "progressive" programs
- Move Saturday market to a park :)
- More basketball courts and wider sidewalks
- Airbnb Zones
- More handicapped parking by door
- Do Not Increase Density as a result of the Vision 2050 process. Start getting serious about Redmond being sustainable
- Create a bigger mountain bike park
- An art and culture multipurpose center
- Senior Citizens care and meetings
- More support for solar panels
- Language support
- More affordable housing!!!
- To see beautiful people, with kind, warm
- Please build an Arts and Culture Center

- I agree with it, Arts and Culture center
- Water Park
- Redmond Lights needs to be brought back how it used to be
- More bike lanes and downtown events
- Stop destroying trees for buildings
- Have Dog Parks
- Have less construction on roads and buildings, more stores
- More game stores
- + Bellevue
- Will be a very peaceful place
- I can keep living in beautiful Redmond, affordable homes
- Have more kid/toddler friendly facilities
- Will have more FREE EV charging stations
- Can have Affordable Housing
- Keep "Local" a priority
- More parks and more din-in-dot ice cream
- Be an inclusive environment and provide good-standard and safe schools for kids
- Retain local and control construction (yes)
- Less construction. Redmond's losing touch
- Bring back Lights of Redmond way it was
- Has less construction and apartments. Feels like living in a concrete box these days
- Bike lane on Redmond way! PLEASE!!
- Increases accessibility and more affordable living spaces!!
- Allow more ADUs
- Has affordable housing
- Affordable housing!! To feel like home and not so commercial. Playground structures closer to downtown
- Less construction
- More nature on streets, love the hanger flowers around
- Less construction and more bookstores. More theme parks
- Less construction. Preserve Redmond!
- Adds on to the library. More building space is needed
- Nonslip surface on the Downtown Park stage. It's super slippery with wet feet
- Safer Parks. Recently it is becoming unsafe
- Stop polluting oceans
- More trees and parks
- More playgrounds for 7-12 crowd and accessible trails
- Increase the swimming pool capacities in Redmond. Now we only have Redmond pool with limited capacities and hours
- More basketball courts
- Get rid of all the Teslas
- Secede from the United States and become and independent nation
- Yeah!! Civil was 2.0!
- Annex Kirkland
- Less liberals, less vaccines : (
- No (arrow pointing to previous comment), COVID
- No more vaccine mandates

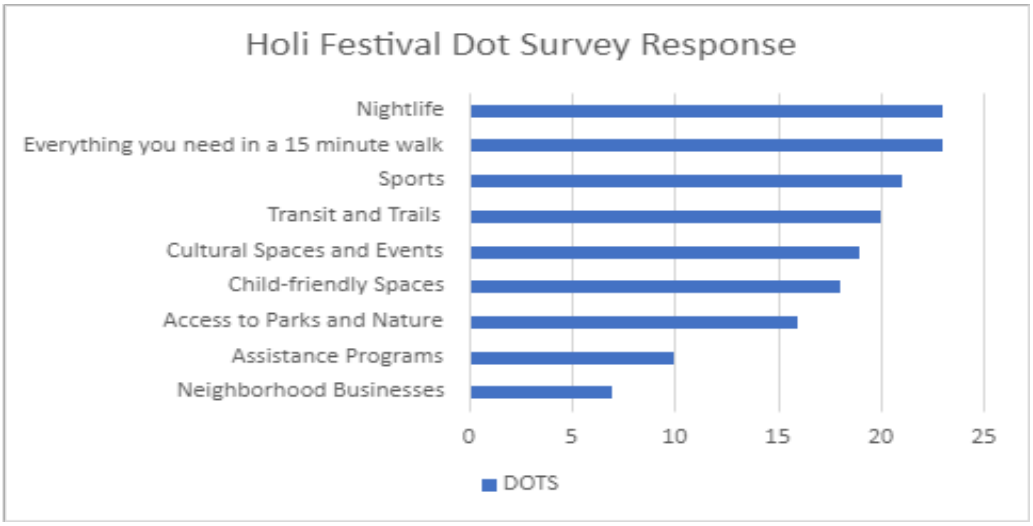
Conversations:

- Want medium density housing, not luxury
- Should support non-tech jobs, everyone should coexist
- Quit rigging elections
- Affordable commercial space w new development
- Grocery
- Enjoys the hiking trails
- Music/ arts programs here in Redmond- Bellevue, Kirkland, Woodinville have more

- Good schools and jobs here, but there is more to life (?) full complete person, physical and spiritual
- Love the library
- More aquatic services
- Planning commission folks should volunteer
- Parks had some commissioners

HOLI FESTIVAL FEEDBACK

At the HOLI festival, staff talked to over 50 individuals and engaged with a dot survey and a Future of Redmond poster.

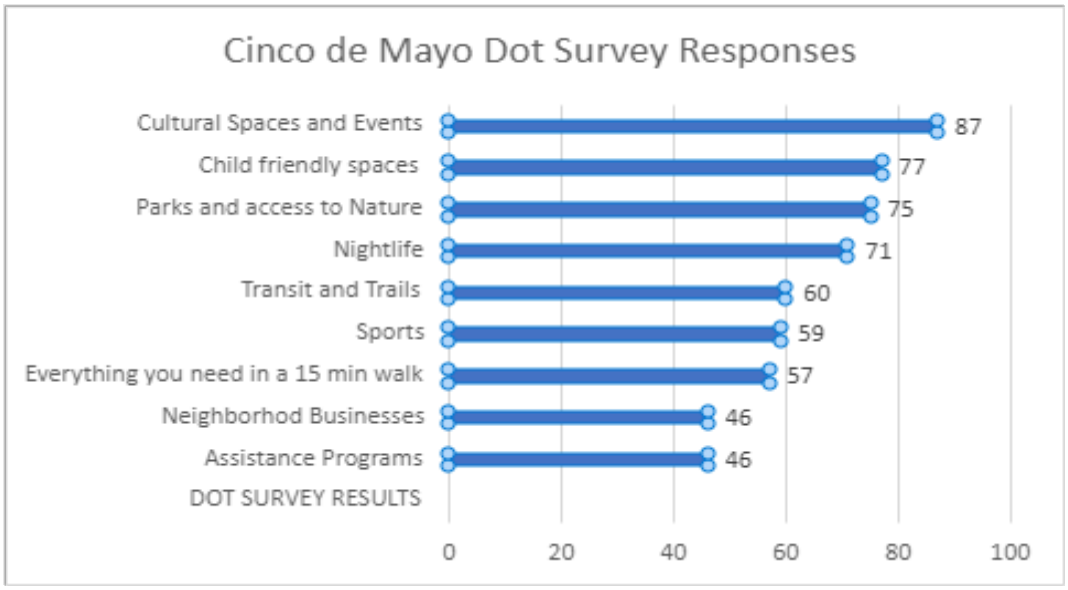


Future of Redmond Post-it Notes:

- Build & hold events @ community & Senior centers (2 dots)
- Create affordable housing for police, fire, teachers, and essential staff!
- Create affordable housing (2 dots)
- Affordable housing (2 dots)
- More honey buckets on the trails! :)
- Water fountain on the trails
- Parent toddler activities (1 dot)
- More bike lanes! (3 dots)
- Protected bike lanes
- Protected bike facilities
- Kids park swimming pool
- Indoor pool in downtown
- Pools (2 dots)
- Free pools
- Asian Restaurants / sports / crafts courses
- More art & craft events & workshops
- Has more fun things to do
- More night events
- More community / participatory events
- Safe walking spaces for walkers
- Vegan food options <3
- More vegetarian food options (3 dots)
- Vegetarian food trucks (2 dots)
- Redmond Planetarium
- Redmond planetarium (place to watch stars, planets)
- Roller skate rink
- Better bus stops + lights on power-line trail
- MTB trails +4
- Sky scrapers
- More trees! (3 dots)
- More superchargers / chargers for electric cars
- More Ukrainians! (two words written in Ukrainian)

CINCO DE MAYO FEEDBACK

At the Cinco de Mayo festival booth, staff spoke to over 200 families.



Future of Redmond Post-it Notes (90):

- Farmers Market Downtown (Please/ Por favor)
- Farmers Market Larger and Longer
- Farmers Market in Downtown
- Farmers' Market Downtown
- Farmers Market Downtown
- Farmers Market Downtown (got one dot)
- Farmers Market back in downtown PLZ (got one dot)
- Farmers Market Downtown x100
- Farmers Market in Downtown with lots of vendors Please!!
- Cultural Events
- Cultural Spaces and Events
- Cultural Events
- More Cultural Events
- More Fairs and Cultural Events
- Community Events/Cultural
- Medieval Fair
- Tamale Festival and live music
- More live music!
- More Parking
- More Parking around green spaces/ parks
- Does not continue to allow vehicles to be stored on city streets including neighborhoods
- Marymoor Access by foot + bike, it feels like a Parking lot (got a dot)
- Outdoor restaurants
- Al fresco Dinning
- Less Multifamily and more Multiuse, commercial
- Stop closing small business
- Michelada Bar
- This one (pointing to Michelada Bar)
- Hispanic Clubs/ restaurants
- More events, Mexican businesses
- Support more small business
- Cafes Larger, good seating, long term stay
- Raise Taxes on Microsoft (they pay 2x the price in Bellevue) / (got 2 dots)

- Tax Microsoft
- 100% Fare Collection
- Pride Event
- Gay Pride, Nightlife
- I love Redmond
- More Buildings. More real-estate projects
- I hope Redmond is not one giant apartment building
- I also hope Redmond doesn't become 1 big apartment building
- Nightlife, clubs
- Nightlife
- Cares for people who are poor-struggling economically
- Assistance Programs
- More Parks
- More Playgrounds for kids in Downtown
- More Playgrounds for kids Downtown
- More Dog Parks
- Nature Preserve
- Preserve Nature
- More Parks with games
- More Pickle Ball!!
- More Parks
- Parks
- Cricket Stadium
- Cricket Stadium
- Playparks
- A water park
- Green Space
- More Green Space
- Way more trees!
- More trees
- Flower/trees more of them. A safe neighborhood to take night walks
- Stop cutting trees down
- Roof covering and events
- Transport to SeaTac in less than 30 min
- No cars, bus lanes
- More support and understanding of Autistic Adults
- Safe Place
- Protected Bike Lanes
- More bike/hike friendly trails
- More bicycle lanes! (e.g. Redmond way)
- Please more bike lanes also more Parks
- More walkable, cyclable street in downtown area
- Sound Transit
- Bullet trains that go from one part of the city to the next
- More bus stops
- More art spaces
- Public recycle/ compost bins
- More purchasable property (condos, townhomes) in Downtown
- More affordable housing (got a dot)
- Less Construction
- Less ugly unaffordable apartments
- Reasonable and Affordable Housing and Nightlife
- More spaces/ Activities for Teens
- Rooftop hangouts!!
- End the construction!
- More colorful art and art studio
- More books

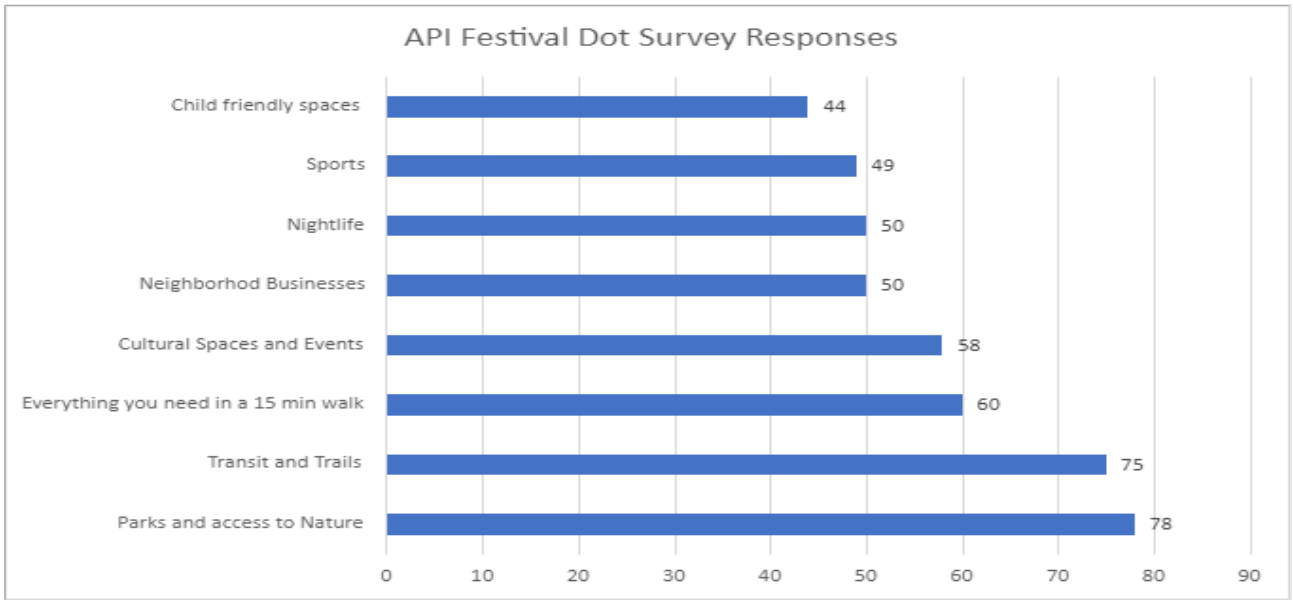
Conversations:

- More cultural events
- Asking when light rail was coming to Redmond
- Public Art, use railway light sculpture for performance art
- Public dances in the evenings in Downtown Park (nightlife + cultural event)
- More events, live music

- Mixed use buildings, no cars, pedestrian areas only. Tax on gas cars, incentives for electric cars, surveillance cameras
- People liked dot survey
- People came from Tacoma, Lynwood, Kirkland, Bellevue, Marysville, Renton to the event
- More affordable housing came up several times
- Collaborate with surrounding cities to have events for latinx
- Loss of businesses because of higher rents
- Liked to have someone that spoke Spanish, felt more included
- Many did not know anything about the Comp Plan or the Parks survey
- Asked about a website where people can find out about events in Redmond

ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER UNITY FESITVAL FEEDBACK

At the API Festival staff spoke to approximately 160 individuals.



Future of Redmond Post-it Notes:

- Pools
- Aquatic Center (+1)
- Baseball Park
- Activities that include people of all abilities (got 2 dots)
- Redmond have more games
- Indoor play space for all ages!
- Dog Park
- More Dog parks (got one dot)
- Educate people about not littering or throwing garbage on public spaces. Cleaning campaign (got one dot)
- No more cops in Redmond schools
- Performance Center
- Performance Center
- Gets more zoos
- Affordable parking in apartment
- Parks, more
- Cricket ground
- Public restrooms on trails (got 2 dots)
- Updated playgrounds
- More affordable houses
- Affordable Housing! (Not just wealthy white nerds like me)
- Affordable housing (got 2 dots and a check mark)

- Protected (behind barriers, car parking) bike lanes like Amsterdam
- Council members of color/culture
- Underground metro
- Accessible City Council people
- More events
- More Events (got one dot)
- More community and free events
- More events for families

LWSD STUDENTS OF COLOR CONFERENCE

Staff spoke with 25+ students and staff at the Lake Washington School District Students of Color Conference.

Future of Redmond Post-it Notes:

- Has more fun things to do
- Good transportation to get everywhere
- More parks
- Make rent cheaper
- More opportunities for people or immigrants
- More public parks and trails
- Clean energy, transportation
- Clear and concise communication
- More college help (prep books)
- Clean energy transportation, less overall carbon emissions
- More equitable funding and causes, when looking onto places, opportunities for equity
- To be more open about mental health
- Ethnic art works in public places
- Community that helps Hispanic people
- More transportation and parks
- More public trails and events for everyone
- More Parks
- More basketball courts

Pop-Up Events

The team hosted several pop-up events throughout the city to reach individuals who had been unaware of the project or unable to attend formal workshops or focus groups.

Post Doc:

On Monday, August 8, 2022, staff held a pop-up event at Post Doc Brewing,17625 NE 65th St Ste 100. Staff set up the Lego exercise at tables to encourage conversation around growth. There was a poster board with a QR code to link directly to the questionnaire. Staff engaged with patrons at the brewery and those that were curious to what we were doing. The event was to seek input about the growth alternatives but also raise awareness of Redmond 2050. We heard concern about the type of industrial uses being expanded in Southeast Redmond and concern from businesses owners about displacement. Participants discussed that they liked the small businesses in Redmond in contrast with more corporate stores in Bellevue. Staff engaged with at least twenty-five people many of which were new points of contact who had not previously engaged with Redmond 2050.

Grass Lawn Park: On August 17, 2022, staff held a pop-up at Grass Lawn Park in Redmond. This consisted of a tent and table, coloring sheets and other handouts, and two posters. One of these posters was a map of the city with the different centers identified, the other was a poster that said "in the future, I hope Redmond_____" with sticky notes for individuals to write on. The map poster was used for individuals to place dot stickers symbolizing jobs and housing in the city where they felt an increase of jobs or housing could be useful. The sticky note poster was for participants to share their thoughts about the future of Redmond. Staff interacted with about 25 individuals, including children. Many of these people shared that they had previously lived in Redmond and moved away due to housing costs but continue to come to Redmond for the parks and other amenities.

Rockin' on the River: on August 18, 2022, staff set up a Redmond 2050 booth at the Rockin' on the River concert at City Hall. Staff shared the booth with the Waste Management team. Redmond 2050 staff had magnets to hand out, as well as Go Redmond t-shirts for individuals who signed up for email updates. Staff had a poster with a map of the city and dots for people to add to show where they felt new housing and job units should go, in addition to the "In the future, I hope Redmond_____" poster. Many of the comments on the poster from this pop-up highlighted a need for more community events in Redmond, such as bringing back past festivals that were held before Covid-19, creating new spaces for events and festivals to be held, and creating museums or tourist attractions within the city. Parks were also a frequent topic discussed on the board, both creating new parks within Redmond as well as updating and maintaining Redmond's current parks. The dot map mainly

showed growth within the centers, while also having a decent amount along Willows Ave and up in the Education Hill neighborhood.

Library: On August 16 and 17, 2022 staff went to the Redmond Library to help inform the community of the Redmond 2050 project. Over the course of the two days staff interacted with about 45 adults and children. Staff had magnets, business cards, and coloring sheets for children. Staff also took dot posters and maps to help teach people about the project and get their input on priorities. Most people were interested in how the project would impact housing costs, and if new parks would be built. Many of the people staff interacted with were parents with children, and they were interested in impacts to child friendly facilities in the city, as well as the impact that growth would have on traffic and schools. Staff did notice an uptick in survey responses after the library pop-up events, although these cannot be directly tied to the events.

Downtown Park: On Wednesday, August 24, 2022, the Redmond 2050 team went to the Downtown Park from 11am-1pm to interact with people during their lunch breaks. Staff took a tent, magnets, business cards, coloring sheets, and a bowl of candy. The park was not as crowded as expected, likely due to extreme heat, but staff still interacted with roughly 25 individuals. Most of the conversations were more informative, helping people understand that growth is coming to Redmond. Business cards and magnets were handed out, and people were encouraged to visit the project website to learn more, as well as to fill out the survey. Staff also left magnets stuck to park information signs for others to find.

Esterra Park in Overlake Village: On August 25, 2022, staff held a pop-up in the Overlake neighborhood, near the intersection of 152nd and Turing Street. This pop-up lasted from 7:30am to 10am, with the hope of interacting with people who were commuting to work, attending the nearby gym and doggy day care, or out for a morning walk. Staff set up a table near the bus stop with two poster boards. One was another "in the future, I hope Redmond_____" board, and the other had a large QR code that led to the project survey that was open at the time. Staff had donut holes from a local bakery as an incentive for people to stop by, in addition to Redmond 2050 magnets and Go Redmond t-shirts. Most of the post-it comments on this board pertained to public safety, and the desire to maintain a safe area. People also were looking for better transportation and communication regarding transportation, especially with the light rail coming into the Overlake neighborhood. Overall staff talked with about 22 individuals, none of whom were aware of the Redmond 2050 project before their interactions with staff.

Wine Walk: On August 26, 2022, staff set up a Redmond 2050 station at the Wine Walk, hosted by OneRedmond at Redmond Town Center. Staff was able to interact with roughly 380 individuals. In addition to providing information regarding the Redmond 2050 project, staff had a poster for individuals to place dots on, informing staff of their priorities for the city. The top three categories were Transit and Trails, Nightlife, and Cultural Events and Spaces.

In a penny jar activity, where individuals would be handed four pennies and told to drop their pennies in the jar(s) that best aligned with their priorities for the City to include in upcoming plans. The categories, as well as the number of pennies they received, are listed below. The three categories with the highest number of penny votes were (in order): Housing affordability, retain/grow small business, housing near transit.

Category	Pennies
Increase the availability of affordable homes	99
Retain & grow small and local businesses	77
Make it possible for more people to live near transit	38
Expand the variety of housing types	32
Maintain high income, high skill jobs	32
Retain & grow industrial and manufacturing businesses and jobs	25

BIPOC & Disability Stakeholder Focus Groups

On August 24 and 26, 2022, the city conducted focus groups specifically to discuss the growth alternatives and ensure that we are incorporating input from BIPOC and disabled community members into the consideration for the Preferred Alternative. Twenty-three (23) individuals participated in the discussions, with representatives from:

- Eastside for All
- Iglesia Cristiana
- Muslim Association of Puget Sound
- Indian American Community Services (IACS) (formerly IAWW)
- The Emotional Abuse Discussion
- The ARC of King County
- Bridge of Promise
- Lake Washington School District
- The Together Center

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What are your likes, needs, or concerns about the Redmond 2050 growth options being studied and their effect on the community?

- I like the third alternative especially using mass transit and bus lines, as well as spreading out the affordable housing options in the community. Closeness to the job centers will be especially important.
- What does the accessibility look like at the light rail stations?
- It's important to have everything accessible through mass transit and light rail options. If affordable housing is spread out throughout the city, it's important to have businesses and services within walking distance or a quick bus ride without transfers. That can lead to one trip versus making multiple trips.
- Not building affordable housing into the plan would be a red flag. Both affordable housing and the services need to be easily accessible.
- The difference between the Centers and Corridors alternatives relies heavily on the idea of a Center at the 90th and Willows Road Corridor. It allows the City to overreach its housing target and provide a new place to build housing. But it would require heavy planning because it does not currently have schools or many services beyond 1-2-story office buildings. The City could also overreach its housing target in locations that currently have more infrastructure to support.
- How do you make housing affordable?
- Why is affordable housing a problem?
- When Redmond doesn't have enough affordable housing, we not just meeting the needs of certain segments of the community; we're not meeting the needs of a lot of segments of our community.
- Please clarify the boundaries of the Overlake area
- I like the center and corridors alternatives. But even with light rail, it won't solve all of Redmond's problems related to affordable housing and transportation. The senior

community population will double. If the City focuses everything in the center, it won't be easy to accommodate everyone. The City must develop new areas that are not just in the center to accommodate seniors, low income, and diverse populations.
- Cultural exchange is necessary. I'd like to see the expansion of cultural centers in the City.
- How is the City addressing the overcrowded schools?
- Redmond doesn't have a city or community pool. The closest one is the YMCA Sammamish pool.
- I appreciate the idea of Business and Human services liaison teams to directly connect with the key communities impacted by the growth initiatives.
- New green space and/or playgrounds will bring more kids into the City. Is the City considering adequate parking spaces for the new developments? Light rail would only connect the main points. Will more bus lines also be added to help access these expansion areas?
- Affordable housing, intergenerational housing with retail, and childcare spaces going post-modern for creating thriving inter-generational communities are key
- What percentage of affordable housing could be condominiums and apartments to purchase versus rent?
- What does affordable housing mean for the community? What price points are being considered?
- 90% of the Hispanic community do not have a college degree. Many of them do not own a home here. They work on the eastside and rent an apartment. If they have an opportunity to buy, they move to South King County. The City has to be very intentional to involve people if they are not able to buy a house. Without intention, Redmond will remain as a high-tech city with only homeowners who have good jobs. Affordable housing can be based on annual income. Transportation is also important. If you want to keep a good workforce near Redmond, it requires good salary and good transportation.
    - We hear the exact same issues in our conversations with Latino community members for housing justice. This is also true for many other communities who have lower paying jobs.
    - It's also an issue for survivors of domestic violence, especially LGBTQ youth survivors and survivors of color. The lack of affordable housing is cited as the main reason survivors do not leave.

Housing and Job Growth

The focus group then focused its discussion on the type of housing needed to best serve the community. Staff mentioned that feedback from an earlier focus group included that condos might not work for certain members of this community, due to parking location. However, there is a balance with needing to be close to buses and light rail. The focus group focused on the following discussion question:

- What type of housing units best serve your community? Where are the best locations for those housing units?
- For those building housing, are you facing barriers in Redmond? What kind?
- What type of jobs do you want included in that growth and where?

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- These units should follow universal design to be truly accessible.
- It's important to offer more than one type of unit. It is not just single apartments; people with disabilities need 1, 2 and 3 bedrooms as well. The units should be family-friendly or multiple people friendly. One accommodation doesn't fit everyone's needs.
- Response: Yes, the City hears that. It's not just family members but also people that need 24-hour caregivers too. We're hopeful that the updates to our incentive package will help.
- Also, parking can be an issue while also finding a balance of having the bus and light rail accessible.
- Response: Absolutely. The resident in the unit with the disability may not need the parking space, but their caregiver or multiple caregivers do.
- Make sure it isn't just affordable housing at the 80% AMI, but rather at the 30-60% AMI, and below 30% as well.
- Sometimes the ADA units are not going to ADA tenants, especially the affordable units.
- It's important to create jobs for people with disabilities, but we need to keep in mind not to just give them low quality types of jobs
- Increase the number of remote options for jobs.
- Hire people with disabilities. The City and the school district are often the big employers. But there are many agencies that can support adults and provide job coaching and training. It creates a sense of belonging when the employees look like the people around them.
- There was significant support from the attendees for job variety. The overarching goal would be that, no matter one's education or background, a person can find a job.
- A participant would like to see access to vocational training and similar opportunities
- Make sure that Redmond resident gets to know what assistance is available.

Community Design and Overall Accessibility Improvement

The focus group then focused its discussion on the overall City's design and improving accessibility and equity throughout the City's built environment, particularly in its redevelopment. The focus group focused on the following discussion question:

- How can we design the City, buildings, streets, parks, etc. to better meet your needs?
- How else can we improve accessibility and equity throughout the city (either in our built environment or in our services)?

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- The accessibility of our built environment and how the City builds its community can make things easy or difficult for people to fully participate in their daily life.
- Make sure the playgrounds and park design are accessible.
- Does the City have an accessibility team that supports the planning of city events or looks at city facilities?
- ADA is a low threshold in terms of meeting accessibility needs. Other considerations at large events include having quiet spaces, the location and information about restrooms

and facilities provided ahead of time, etc. These considerations can change someone's ability to access and enjoy an event or activity.

- The Lake Washington School District is posting communication words around elementary school playgrounds. This enables children who are nonverbal or have language delays to communicate their interests and needs to their peers.
- Promote the idea of businesses posting stickers to communicate that they are accessible or a safe, supportive space. It could be similar to the "LGBTQ" stickers that businesses post.
- Extend training to staff who work in the public space, so they are aware of how to create a welcoming environment for all. Build awareness and understanding so they too can recognize when someone may be showing self-stimulating behaviors or may need a sensory break. Behavior is just another form of communication.
- Do community members have accessible sidewalks with crosswalks and curb cuts? Can the sidewalks accommodate a wheelchair? Also, think about the sidewalk grade and exposure to weather. At minimum, provide one main route to get to public transit from each neighborhood
- Ensure that accessible infrastructure, like swings, are not far away from everyone else.
- The City should acknowledge invisible disabilities as well. This includes offering low cost and/or accessible mental health services or ensuring people can get emergency support in crisis situations.

Other Stakeholder Meetings

OneRedmond Government Affairs Committee

Staff briefed the OneRedmond Government Affairs Committee on July 21, 2022. Key issues discussed were:

- The amount of growth allocated to Downtown in the studied alternatives, with a desire to see additional growth studied for Downtown;
- The ability to study allocating additional growth in Downtown within the framework of the draft EIS;
- The need to plan for housing to support anticipated growth;
- The connection between housing supply and affordability; and,
- The proximity of housing to the proposed Southeast Redmond Industrial Growth Center.

OneRedmond also provided verbal testimony and a comment letter at a draft EIS public hearing.

Community Workshops

Staff hosted three community workshops, all with the same information. The first was held on July 18, 2022, at the Muslim Association of Puget Sound (MAPS) facility in Marymoor Village, with Arabic translation available. The second was held on July 20, 2022, at City Hall, with virtual meetings available simultaneously in Spanish and Chinese. The last workshop was held on August 17, 2022, and took place entirely online. All these workshops started with a brief presentation about the Redmond 2050 project, and then participants completed the "Lego activity". This activity involved small groups all having a large map of Redmond on a table. On the map, white and tan Legos were set up in the centers and neighborhoods to represent the current jobs and housing units. Each Lego represented 1,000 jobs or housing units, and participants were informed that these locations on the map were not exact, but a general demonstration for visual purposes. Participants were then given 25 Legos representing housing and 30 Legos representing jobs. Staff instructed participants that these Legos represented the new growth that Redmond must plan for and asked them to work in teams to place the Legos on the map where they felt the growth would be best for Redmond. A similar activity was done during the virtual workshops using Miro boards rather than physical maps and Legos.

MAPS Workshop: 11 people attended this workshop, and two groups were formed to complete the activity. Both groups placed a higher number of jobs in Overlake and spread the rest fairly evenly though Redmond. One group spread the housing needs throughout the city and included all centers, while the other concentrated housing in Overlake, Marymoor, and Outside Centers. Conversations occurred concerning the SE Redmond Industrial Center, and how this would impact pollution in the area, about the growth that is currently happening in Overlake, and how different types of housing

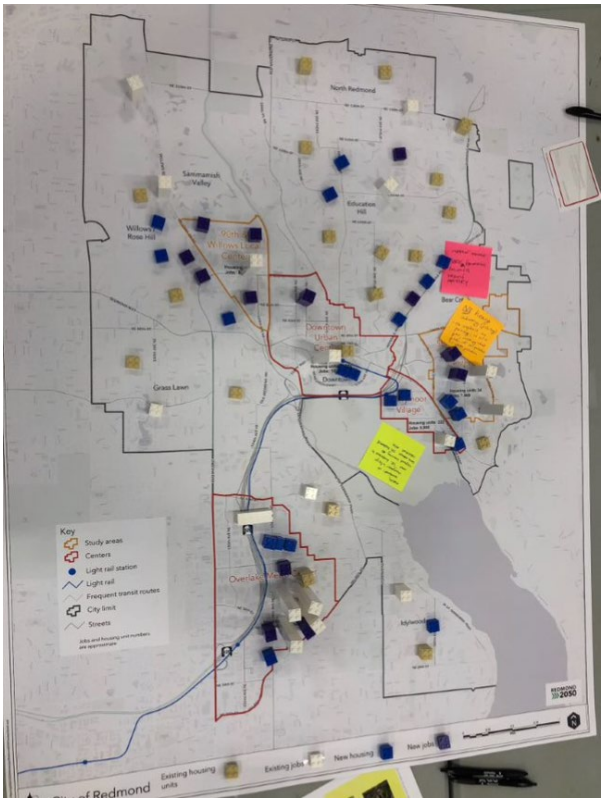
could be spread throughout the city. There was time for some brief conversations about building types.

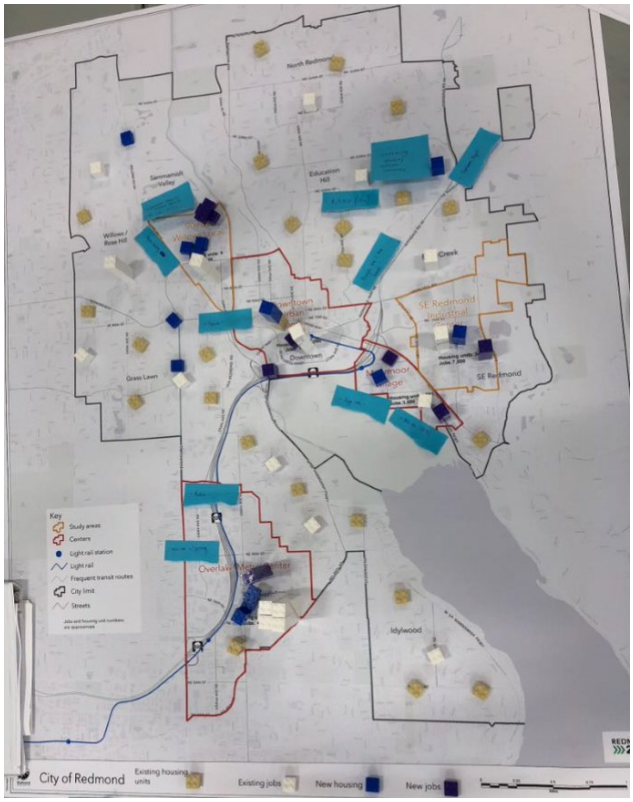
Table 1

Center	New Jobs	New Housing
Overlake	9	6
Marymoor	0	8
Downtown	4	2
SE Redmond	6	0
Willows	6	0
Outside centers	5	9

Table 2

Center	New Jobs	New Housing
Overlake	9	6
Marymoor	6	2
Downtown	5	5
SE Redmond	5	4
Willows	5	3
Outside centers	0	5





City Hall Workshop: 15 people attended in person, and 1 person attended the virtual workshop offered in Spanish. Walkability and density were the principal concerns, as some felt as though the city would not be able to grow to meet the capacity needed. People were also interested in knowing how virtual jobs impacted the numbers of projected jobs needed in the city, and whether the light rail would be reliable for transportation. The groups at this workshop had a varied spread of placement for housing and jobs, and one group did not place all the Legos, but rather left some off the map to show their lack of approval of growth in Redmond.

Table 1 results

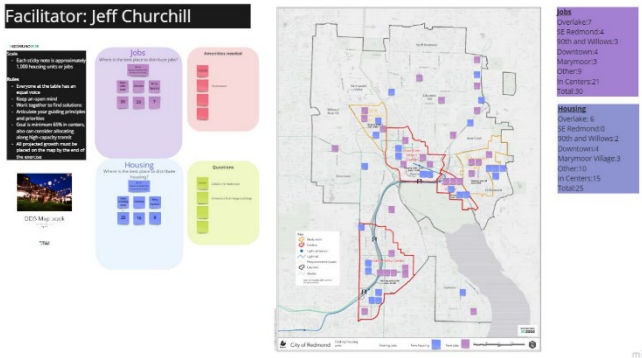
Center	New Jobs	New Housing
Overlake	16	0
Marymoor	2	3
Downtown	4	6
SE Redmond	1	0
Willows	1	0.2
Outside centers	5	4
Total	29	13.2
Unassigned	1	11.8

Table 2 results

Center	New Jobs	New Housing
Overlake	5	11
Marymoor	2	1
Downtown	3	2
SE Redmond	8	5
Willows	5	2
Outside centers	7	4
Total	30	25
Unassigned	0	0

Table 3 results

Center	New Jobs	New Housing
Overlake	6	9
Marymoor	3	2
Downtown	9	2
SE Redmond	3	2
Willows	2	2
Outside centers	6	2
Total	29	25
Unassigned	1	0



Online Workshops: On August 17, 2022, staff held an online workshop using the Miro board in place of physical Legos. There were six participants at this workshop, and ultimately the group split into two breakout rooms for the activity. The groups discussed the proposed centers at Willows and 90th and SE Redmond, and whether they felt jobs or housing would fit there. There was some interest in mixed-use buildings and shifting the feel of some neighborhoods on the fringes of centers, but both groups felt as though Overlake should take more growth than the other centers. The groups disagreed on how high

new developments should go, as some felt that Overlake should go higher to accommodate growth, while others felt that shorter buildings help to maintain Redmond's character.

	Housing	Jobs
Overlake	6	7
SE Redmond	0	4
90th and Willows	2	3
Downtown	4	4
Marymoor	3	3
Other	10	9
In Centers	15	21
Total	25	30

	Housing	Jobs
Overlake	7	9
SE Redmond	1	6
90th and Willows	4	4
Downtown	2	3
Marymoor	1	1
Other	10	7
In Centers	15	23
Total	25	30

DEIS Public Hearing Testimony and Comment Letters

Who Provided Comments

The City hosted hybrid Draft EIS public hearings on July 28 and August 25, 2022. Eleven people testified at the hearings. A written DEIS comment period was open from June 16 to August 26, 2022. Thirty-three (33) letters from individuals or organizations were submitted.

Verbal or written comment was provided by:

- 10 individuals who live in Redmond
- 3 individuals who live outside of Redmond
- 1 individual whose residence is unknown
- 2 Redmond businesses
- 7 owners of multifamily or commercial property in Redmond
- 3 other private entities
- 1 public agency
- 1 attorney representing unspecified clients

Some people provided both written and verbal comments, multiple written comments, or multiple verbal comments.

Comment Summary

Comment	Count
Environmental protection	
Air quality impacts not adequately addressed	1
Carbon-neutral scenarios should be studied	1
Building design and location should be informed by ability to support carbon-neutrality objectives	1
Protect agricultural lands for agriculture	
Reducing or eliminating temporary construction dewatering should be paired with allowing above-grade parking that does not count against height calculations	2
Eliminating temporary construction dewatering (TCD) will significantly impact City's ability to meet its growth targets; DEIS does not analyze impact of eliminating TCD	1
Support for planned action ordinance and infill exemptions	1
We must protect the viability of our aquifer for future growth.	2
Conduct additional study of impacts and mitigation of developing in floodplain considering Climate Vulnerability Assessment	1
Steep slope and landslide hazards are not a concern for Downtown construction and should be dismissed	1
Building codes for multistory buildings should be significantly upgraded in seismic risk areas	1

Comment	Count
Downtown should not be a focus for growth due to seismic risks	1
Uncertified wood stoves should not be permitted in Redmond	1
Trees that are removed should be replaced	1
Growth Alternatives	
General opposition to growth plans	1
Support for Alternative 2	3
Total job capacity should be at least 30,094 (as in Alternative 2)	1
Explain why Alternative 2 has less growth in Downtown	1
Resolve discrepancy in language about focusing growth in Downtown	1
Support for concepts contained in Alternative 2 and Alternative 3 to be carried forward into preferred alternative	2
Support for Alternative 3	2
Support for Alternative 3 with request to consider additional growth at north end of Willows corridor	1
Support for considering additional growth in areas that are close to transit hubs in Kirkland	1
Support for as much dense housing as possible	1
City should study what would happen if planned densities in, for example, Overlake, do not materialize	1
Medium-density housing should be accommodated in the Avondale Road corridor	1
City should analyze whether zoning restrictions will undermine growth potential	1
Alternatives are not clearly defined	1
Preferred alternative should include 1,400 dwelling units on CIM Group site	1
Allowing additional housing and protecting industry are not mutually exclusive	1
Concern that areas of city where seniors and low-income community members live will experience greater impacts from construction, density, and loss of trees	1
The Meadows, Bristol, and View Ridge are areas that should be protected from the spread of Microsoft or other commercial development	1
City should adopt the "Manufacturing Park Overlay" for the property located at 9840 Willows Road	2
Willows corridor is a good place to accommodate jobs	
Interest in learning more about options for additional employment in Southeast Redmond and the concept of a countywide industrial growth center	1

Comment	Count
Slight concern about additional employment along Willows Road due to lack of infrastructure and lack of housing within easy walking distance; interest in learning more about a 90th & Willows local center concept	1
Language about more seismic vulnerability in Downtown due to older structures is confusing since growth will be in new structures	2
Consider how critical aquifer recharge area affects potential use of ground-source heat pumps	1
Plans are too focused on transit and density – City should be accommodating growth along arterials like Avondale Road	2
Density along Avondale should be increased as much as possible	1
Draft EIS is deeply flawed, in particular because they fail to place significant growth in Downtown Redmond and instead create urban sprawl	1
Downtown should be considered as best suited to accommodate significant growth	1
City should study significant expansion within the existing Downtown zone before expanding Downtown	1
Housing should be accommodated on both sides of Redmond Way in Southeast Redmond	1
Expand growth north along Red-Wood Road	1
Infrastructure	
Modify language related to regional stormwater facility to be less specific about location	1
Arterials should have center islands with trees that are protected for the long term so that they have time to grow and provide aesthetic and health benefits	1
Building and Site Design	
Relax proposed floor-plate limits for towers	1
Allow buildings up to 240 feet, and regulate the height of buildings in feet, not stories	1
Support for buildings 30 stories or potentially taller	1
Midrise residential projects should be exempt from design review to accelerate permit timelines	1
Alternatives to Overlake design standards must be reviewed	1
Consider flexible ground-floor use requirements	2
Buildings should not be visible from boats on Lake Sammamish	1

Comment	Count
Dense low-rise development (6-12 stories) best support City's carbon emission reduction goals	1
Downtown regulations should be revised to create walkable communities	1
Schools	
DEIS does not adequately mitigate impacts to school capacity, and should consider additional specific mitigation measures	1
School-related data should be updated to reflect most LWSD's most recent planning documents	1
Student generation rates from multifamily housing may increase compared to current	1
Proximity of housing and schools is essential to reduce traffic congestion, livability, and meet emissions reduction goals	1
DEIS indicates that school capacity is not as impacted in eastern part of Redmond	1
Community Spaces	
Plan for community spaces like schools, churches, and art institutions; the 90th & Willows area would be a good location for these uses	1
Transportation and Mobility	
Impacts to Willows Road from Alternative 3 would negatively impact LWSD operations	1
Final EIS should incorporate reduced off-street parking minimums in centers and near transit, or eliminating off-street parking minimums	1
Final EIS should study VMT reductions resulting from allowing growth near Totem Lake/Kingsgate stations	1
Transportation analysis does not account for the proposed road network in Overlake	1
Transportation analysis does not account for trips associated with pipeline projects	1
Protect the regional Bridle Trail through Redmond and encourage final construction on west side of the Sammamish Slough	1
Transportation Master Plan should fund 160th Ave NE extension north to SR 202	1
Transportation Master Plan should fund remaining improvements to NE 116th St.	1
Transportation Master Plan should fund traffic signal at NE 124th St. / NE 122nd St.	1
DEIS includes street alignment for 151st Ave. NE that negatively impacts ability to build housing in Overlake	1

Comment	Count
The FEIS must analyze the "linear alignment" of 151st Ave. NE as shown in Seritage Master Plan and unadopted Overlake South Infrastructure Plan	1
Support for move away from car-centered streets toward safe and pleasant streets for walkers and bikers	1
Build diverging diamond interchange on SR 520 at NE 40th St.	1
Maximize opportunities for transit-oriented development near light rail stations	1
More people should have the option to live car free	1
City should be building protected bike network for all ages and abilities	1
Redmond needs a broad bus network	1
More bus service is needed along Avondale Road	1
Centers	
Overlake Metro Center should include Microsoft RedWest campus on 148th Ave NE north of NE 51st St.	1
Support for SE Redmond Industrial Growth Center	1
Opposition to SE Redmond Industrial Growth Center	1
Opposition to industrial center located over critical aquifer recharge area	3
Alternatives unclear for Overlake	1
Additional density and height should be studied and assumed in Downtown in the preferred alternative	1
Downtown zoning standards should be simplified	1
DEIS should acknowledge Comprehensive Plan Amendment made for Onyx and Eaves properties in 2018	1
Onyx and Eaves properties should be part of Overlake Village subarea with zoning capacity like the OV4 zone	1
Housing	
Support for modifying MFTE program to support housing production	1
Final EIS should provide additional information and analysis on affordable housing proposals	2
City should review its MFTE requirements to incentivize program use	1
Dense housing and development is the green option	1
Need housing options to meet demand for what people want	1
Support for housing variety	1

Comment	Count
Support for housing affordability	1
Jobs and the Economy	
Concern about business displacement	1
Coordination	
Request to coordinate with Kirkland, specifically related to growth in NE 124th St corridor	1
Review Adequacy	
DEIS does not disclose or evaluate the entire proposal	1
Environmental review should be phased	1
City should reconsider phased approach to Redmond 2050	1
DEIS does not appear to address numerous pipeline projects	1
Impacts of proposed mitigation should be reviewed	1
Infill exemption needs additional information and analysis for Downtown and Marymoor	1
Study of English Hill potential annexation area was inadequate, including relationship to opening gate to vehicles at 172nd Ave NE and NE 124th St.	1
Discussion of significant unavoidable adverse impacts related to air quality/greenhouse gas emissions is inadequate	1
Other	
Neighborhood plans should be developed to address unique assets	1
City needs to consider supply chain disruptions, COVID restrictions abroad, and war in its planning	1

Staff Workshop

The Redmond 2050 team and environmental consultant hosted about 40 City staff from multiple departments on July 18, 2022 for a staff workshop on the Draft EIS and growth alternatives. The objective was to describe the findings of the DEIS and understand questions and concerns from staff technical experts. Key findings from the staff workshop are summarized in the table below.

Topic	Findings
Overall sense of draft EIS	Participants felt that the draft EIS results rung true
Housing	• Participants believed that Overlake should accommodate the most housing (38% of total)

	• Participants believed that the centers collectively should accommodate the most housing (74% of total housing) • Participants cited opportunities for transit-oriented development, including proximity to jobs and services, as the top reason for recommending that most housing be accommodated in centers • Participants favored a mix of all scales and types of housing
Jobs	• Participants believed that Overlake should accommodate the most jobs (40% of total jobs) • Participants believed that the centers collectively should accommodate the most jobs (80% of total) • Participants cited opportunities for accommodating jobs near transit as the top reason for recommending that most jobs be accommodated in centers • Participants favored a mix of both high-rise and mid-rise building typology opportunities
SE Redmond Industrial Growth Center	• Participants favored designating an industrial growth center in Southeast Redmond • Participants had environmental concerns that they believed should be addressed
90th & Willows Local Center	• Participants favored this idea for its ability to improve the walking and bicycling environment, and to improve housing affordability • Participants were concerned about traffic congestion and business displacement
Topics to further explore	• Utility operations and maintenance impacts • How utility impacts were measured • Vehicle miles of travel and congestion measures • The differences between focusing growth along Willows Road vs. in Southeast Redmond • The possibility of accommodating some growth in residential neighborhoods and annexation areas • Recommendations for meeting Parks level-of-service standards

Boards & Commissions

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission reviewed the draft EIS and growth alternatives during two meetings in July 2022.

Topic	Discussion Summary
Study Area: SE Redmond Industrial Center	• Emphasis on environmental protection • Consider impacts to existing businesses • Consider a local designation

Study Area: 90th & Willows	• Consider need for schools • Concern about business displacement • Prime for arts-industrial activities • Consider "activity zone" for activities with large footprints • Walkability concerns • Local center or not, area needs a vision for when change comes
Jobs	• Interest in why alternatives show less growth in Downtown • Downtown needs all-day activity, which can come from a variety of sources
Housing	• Interest and questions about home ownership opportunities

Library Board

- Not currently planning another library in Redmond (may in future), so primary concern is getting people to/from the library. Need to have great transit from all parts of the City to Downtown.

Redmond 2050 Community Advisory Committee

Topic	Discussion Summary
Housing	• Affordability is top of mind • Affordability, variety, and ownership-opportunities all go together • We need an all-of-the-above approach • Consider the needs of people with disabilities and those on fixed incomes • Affordability challenges can seem overwhelming, but we have tools we can use
Jobs	• Maintaining a diverse economy a major theme • Hedge against remote work, other unknowns • Diversity helps retain and grow small businesses • Places where small businesses can incubate and grow
Study Area: SE Redmond Industrial Growth Center	• Would provide certainty in land use policy • Hard to envision manufacturing/industrial over 20 years – a lot could change • Economic diversity, but would need corresponding diversity in housing price points
Study Area: 90th & Willows	• Opportunities for employment and affordable housing • Consider need for schools • Mitigate business displacement • Concern about unintended consequences

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Study Area: SE Redmond Industrial Center

- Current uses are more distribution than manufacturing
- Consider excluding corner of Redmond Way/180th
- Consider reverse commuting
- Encourage green jobs and industry
- Concern for any additional freight traffic

Study Area: 90th & Willows

- Significance of Willows as a transportation corridor and potential increased congestion
- Use building types that support businesses and/or housing including live-work spaces
- Need as much flexibility and options as we can get for growth