

MEMORANDUM

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Subject: Redmond 2050 Monthly Briefing

PURPOSE

This month’s Redmond 2050 briefing includes:

- Engagement calendar, including kick-off events for Southeast Redmond and Marymoor Village outreach
- Update on grant-funded work

ENGAGEMENT CALENDAR

The 2023 engagement season kicks off in March and will run through August as we finalize Phase 1 topics and get community feedback on Phase 2 topics, including work related to Marymoor Village, SE Redmond, Downtown, and commercial in residential neighborhoods. These topics touch every part of Redmond, so community input will be vital to preparing these updates.

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<p>Tuesday, March 28 8:00 - 9:30 a.m. Pomegranate Bistro, 18005 NE 68th St A-150</p>	<p>Southeast Redmond Business Breakfast</p> <p>OneRedmond and the City of Redmond are co-hosting a business forum to hear from business owners and leaders about their needs and vision for the future of Southeast Redmond. If you currently own a business in the area, are looking to move to the area, or have a manufacturing or industrial business anywhere in Redmond, we invite you to join us for a breakfast forum on March 28.</p> <p>As Redmond grows over the next 30 years what is the future of business and industry in Southeast Redmond?</p> <p>RSVP Required (space is limited)</p>						
<p>Thursday, April 6 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. City Hall or on Teams 15670 NE 85th St.</p>	<p>Overlake Code Revisions Office Hours</p> <p>Staff will be available in person and online for discussion of draft code revisions and updates on work in progress. Drop in any time to the City Hall conference room135 or drop in online via Teams.</p>						
<p>Thursday, April 6 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Marymoor Community Center, Room 202 6505 176th Ave NE</p>	<p>Southeast Redmond Open House</p> <p>The open house will have three stations. Attendees can rotate through all the stations or spend time with staff at the stations that most interest you. There will be no formal presentation but instead will have information and engagement activities at each station.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="565 1117 1453 1747"> <tr> <td data-bbox="565 1117 1453 1171"> <p>Redmond Way Corridor</p> </td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="565 1171 1453 1306"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gathering community input on how we can improve pedestrian mobility in the corridor • Zoning and land uses between the centers (north/east side of Redmond Way) • Light Rail Accessibility and Routes to Rails information </td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="565 1306 1453 1360"> <p>Marymoor Village</p> </td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="565 1360 1453 1537"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rezoning to accommodate growth (between the E. Lk. Samm. Trail and Redmond Way) • Center boundary change - request to consider expansion across Redmond Way • Design Standards updates • Pilot project for inclusive neighborhood </td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="565 1537 1453 1591"> <p>SE Redmond Industrial / Manufacturing Area</p> </td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="565 1591 1453 1747"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allowed uses / focus of center • Boundary confirmation • Impacts of the new industrial center designation for existing businesses and property owners </td> </tr> </table>	<p>Redmond Way Corridor</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gathering community input on how we can improve pedestrian mobility in the corridor • Zoning and land uses between the centers (north/east side of Redmond Way) • Light Rail Accessibility and Routes to Rails information 	<p>Marymoor Village</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rezoning to accommodate growth (between the E. Lk. Samm. Trail and Redmond Way) • Center boundary change - request to consider expansion across Redmond Way • Design Standards updates • Pilot project for inclusive neighborhood 	<p>SE Redmond Industrial / Manufacturing Area</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allowed uses / focus of center • Boundary confirmation • Impacts of the new industrial center designation for existing businesses and property owners
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Wednesday, April 19 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. Redmond Library 15990 NE 85th St	Redmond 2050 Pop-Up Engagement on community design and commercial in residential neighborhoods.
Thursday, April 27 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. (possibly later) Postdoc Brewing 17625 NE 65th St Ste 100	Redmond 2050 Pop-Up An informal, drop-in opportunity to connect with City planning staff. Learn about how the City is planning for the future and provide input on topics that range from accessing light rail, changes coming to SE Redmond, and ideas on how we can improve access to services to in residential neighborhoods.
Thursday, May 4 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Office Hours	Overlake Code Revisions Office Hours Staff will be available in person and online for discussion of draft code revisions and updates on work in progress. Drop in any time to the City Hall conference room135 or drop in online via Teams .

Staff is continuing to schedule other engagement activities related to Phase 2 topics, including community design and complete neighborhoods. Also being finalized are events that include community festivals, pop-ups at parks and businesses around Redmond, and other informal events where staff can meet with community members at locations and times that are convenient to them. These include:

- May 7 - Cinco de Mayo Festival
- May 19 - LWSD Students of Color Conference
- July 15 - Derby Days

Staff is also available on request to join HOA and other meetings. For example, staff recently provided a briefing to the OneRedmond Government Affairs Committee and attended the Windwood Village HOA Annual Meeting.

GRANT-FUNDED WORK: ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW, HOUSING, INCENTIVE PACKAGES, OUTREACH

Redmond is fortunate to have received four grants from the Washington State Department of Commerce to support Redmond 2050. This section provides a brief update on grant-supported work.

Transit-Oriented Development Implementation (TODI) Grant (\$250,000). The TODI grant is supporting Redmond 2050 environmental review, including the environmental impact statement and update to the Overlake Planned Action. The major work product to date is the Draft Environmental Impact Statement published in June 2022. The DEIS analyzed the environmental impacts of multiple growth alternatives. This year the City will produce a supplemental draft EIS and a final EIS, completing the citywide environmental review. In early 2024 the City will finish an update to the Overlake Planned Action. A “planned action” is a detailed environmental review

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that a city can conduct for a subarea (like Overlake) to identify impacts and mitigation measures for an entire subarea. Then, projects that are consistent with the planned action can take advantage of expedited environmental review.

Housing Action Plan Implementation (HAPI) Grant (\$100,000). The City is using the HAPI grant to evaluate Redmond's inclusionary zoning and multifamily property tax exemption (MFTE) programs. The City's consultant is building a financial model to test different scenarios, such as incentives or requirements for deeper levels of affordability. Work for this grant is expected to be complete by June.

Middle Housing Grant (\$120,000). This grant is supporting the City's efforts to identify barriers to the construction of middle housing (duplexes, triplexes, townhomes, etc.) and conduct a housing racial equity analysis. One requirement of the grant is to engage with community-based organizations (CBOs) to highlight community voices. Redmond is pooling its CBO funding with four other ARCH communities to make the most of this opportunity. ARCH has selected Eastside for All as the lead CBO for middle housing outreach. Work for this grant is expected to be complete by June.

Periodic Update Grant (\$175,000). The periodic update grant is supporting two efforts: economic analyses of incentive packages for Overlake, Downtown, and Marymoor Village; and additional outreach led by CBOs. The contract for the economic analyses is on the Council's agenda for approval on March 21. The request for proposals from CBOs closed on March 17 and staff is reviewing proposals.

OTHER UPDATES & WORK UNDERWAY

- As part of the Transportation Master Plan update, a Routes to Rails questionnaire was active until March 15. Staff is reviewing responses in order to select a pilot project for light rail station access to be implemented in early summer. Learn more at LetsConnectRedmond.com/TMP.
- A related effort is the Light Rail Accessibility Project. Staff is leading tours and facilitating focus groups to understand the light rail station access needs of people with disabilities. The project is currently in the stakeholder outreach phase. Learn more at redmond.gov/1924/Light-Rail-Accessibility-Study.
- The first drafts of Human Services and Annexation and Regional Planning policies are expected to be published in April, with Planning Commission review beginning in May.

ATTACHMENTS

None.