

Transportation



Redmond is expanding transportation options with easy ways to commute by bike, bus—and in 2023—light rail.

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Summary:

The Puget Sound region is growing, and so is Redmond's community. To maintain our community character and increase mobility options, the City has implemented a balanced approach to transportation that includes more street connections, roadway efficiencies such as two-way grids, and providing more choices like light rail and buses, with a heightened emphasis on walking and bicycling for shorter trips. City policy prioritizes preserving Redmond's community character higher than roadways that may negatively impact the look and feel of the city.

Solutions:

To implement this balanced approach, the City has focused on developing partnerships within Redmond and the region. We have worked with the Washington State Department of Transportation to create more efficient access to freeways for Redmond residents and workers, and partnerships with Sound Transit and Metro have helped us improve access to transit within and outside of the community. Locally, we are creating easier connections from your neighborhoods to Downtown, improving pedestrian and bicycle access, and improving access by developing a grid of two-way streets that provide more than one option to get you from one side of town to the other.



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Milestones:

Bear Creek Parkway extension to Redmond Town Center completed

2009

Central Connector opened

2013

Completion of Redmond Way to two-way
New segment of Redmond Central Connector opens (2017)

2017

2010

NE 36th Street bridge completed

2016

Light Rail construction begins (summer)
Cleveland Street conversion to two-way begins (summer)

2023

Light Rail comes to Redmond

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These projects fill in the gaps and support the vision of connected communities within Redmond, of helping the City be connected to the region, and of keeping community character and values.

Downtown

- Completed Phase I of Redmond Central Connector east-west pedestrian and bike trail. Phase II began May 2016
- Added parking on NE 85th Street
- Creating a connected street grid and converting one-way streets, (Cleveland Street and Redmond Way), to two-way streets (begins mid-2016 and will be completed by the end of 2017); adding parking on Redmond Way

Overlake

- Created a partnership with Microsoft to improve traffic flow on 51st Street and 31st Street and to build a new pedestrian bridge over SR-520; partnership was funded through a Community Facilities District (CFD)—a public-private funding mechanism for infrastructure projects that support growth
- Construction of pedestrian bridges over SR-520 to connect with future light rail stations are expected to begin in 2017 with anticipated completion dates in 2019
- Improve SR-520 access ramps at 40th Street and 51st Street (westbound complete and eastbound in 2017)
- In partnership with Washington State, will construct new access ramp at 148th to connect directly to 152nd Avenue NE (in design with construction anticipated to start in 2019)

- Building a street grid that improves connectivity within Overlake Village

Strategic efforts to improve access to transit

- City representation on the Sound Transit board; East Link Light Rail comes to Overlake in 2023
- Design of Downtown Redmond East Link Light Rail Extension starts in 2016 and will open in 2024 if Sound Transit 3 ballot measure passes in the fall of 2016
- Funding partnerships with Microsoft, Issaquah, Sammamish, and Metro for additional service on routes #269 and #244
- ‘Real time ridesharing’ alternative transit service project in SE Redmond and Willows where you can download an app and find a carpool on-demand (see “icarpool” page on Go Redmond link listed below)
- The new Redmond LOOP neighborhood shuttle circulates around the edge of Downtown connecting Downtown, Education Hill and SE Redmond between 9 am–3 pm
- Created Go Redmond (formerly R-TRIP) to incent people to use commute options and incite employers and employees to support alternatives to driving alone

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