

Developing and Implementing Plans for Redmond's Future

Progress Update – December 2012

Planning staff work with the community to preserve and enhance Redmond's high quality of life by updating and implementing Redmond's Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code. The table below describes the type of actions taken since the last update, as well as specific progress made within each category.

Type of Action	Progress
Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code Updates	<p>Redesigned print version of Comprehensive Plan completed and distributed in October 2012</p> <p>New digital version of Comprehensive Plan completed and launched November 2012</p> <p>2012-13 Comprehensive Plan docket approved by City Council in July 2012. Of items on the docket, status to date includes:</p> <p><i>Council adopted:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update to Comprehensive Plan Glossary • Update to Natural Environment Element <p><i>Planning Commission has completed recommendations; Council will review during first quarter 2013:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Downtown Zoning Code Amendments and establishment of Downtown Growth, Transportation and Efficiency Center (GTEC) • Privately initiated request to amend Redmond's General Sewer Plan <p><i>Planning Commission review, recommendation upcoming during first half of 2013:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Privately initiated request for Zoning Code and Comprehensive Plan Amendments for Tree Removal Exceptions and Definition of Technical Committee • Overlake SEPA Planned Action update • Transportation Master Plan Update • Privately initiated Comprehensive Plan and potentially Zoning Code amendments related to sustainability and design • Privately initiated Land Use Map and Zoning Map (MP to GC) amendment for property in Willows-Rose Hill neighborhood <p><i>Other upcoming for Planning Commission and Council review, action:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bear Creek Design District policy and regulations

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	<p>update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amendments to utility undergrounding policy and code • Southeast Redmond Neighborhood Plan Update • Overlake Urban Center boundary • Parking policy and regulations update • Proposed Electrical Facilities Map update in Utilities Element • Economic Vitality Element update in support of One Redmond objectives • Land Use and Transportation policy updates resulting from updated Transportation Master Plan • Stormwater policy updates in Utilities Element • Watershed Management Plan • Sammamish Valley Neighborhood Plan update
Plan Implementation for Urban Centers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formal outreach for East Link light rail final design and construction commencing in 2013 • Developing strategy for achieving transit-oriented development near Overlake Village light rail station • Worked with Sound Transit to update Sound Transit's TOD policy • Met with dozens of areas brokers and others in real estate community to share vision for Overlake and answer questions and get feedback regarding doing business in Redmond • Designing pedestrian-bicycle bridges for light rail stations at Overlake Village and Overlake Transit Center • Sound Transit began permitting process for light rail stations and associated infrastructure in Redmond • Working on strategies to implement the vision for Overlake as part of the Puget Sound Regional Council Growing Transit Communities program • 164th Avenue NE extension to Redmond Town Center under construction • Cleveland Street streetscape construction drawings under development • Phase I of Redmond Central Connector under construction

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Other Plan Implementation Efforts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received the Governor’s award for <i>Vision Blueprint: Redmond’s Capital Investment Strategy for 2013-30</i>. Continued with implementation actions for <i>Vision Blueprint</i>, including creation of a new categorization system to aid in prioritizing investments (pay up, keep up, catch up, step up). • Initiated and worked with City staff teams to carry out a new approach for the CIP offers for Downtown, Overlake, Neighborhoods and Citywide Programs to develop and describe a six-year CIP strategy that is consistent with the long-term strategy developed in <i>Vision Blueprint</i>. • Capital Investment Strategy work plan for 2013 reviewed by Director’s team • Cross-departmental staff team developing scope for district energy feasibility study • TDR program – 428 acres preserved to date; \$22.6 million transacted.
Data Collection and Reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross-departmental staff team exploring new approach for collecting, editing, maintaining and sharing planning-level capital project data • Produced Redmond demographic profile; staff team working on dissemination of information • Investigating parking demand for high-tech business cluster • Advising/reviewing on release of new land use data forecast products from Puget Sound Regional Council • Continued to provide data and analysis in support of a variety of projects, including the Transportation Master Plan update, development of the Watershed Management Plan, economic development and planning for East Link. • Completed GIS map revisions as part of the updated Zoning Code, the Comprehensive Plan Update, and other changes to zoning independent of the updates. • Maintaining annual reporting to Office of Financial Management, Lake Washington School District, US Census Bureau • Continuing annual review of PSRC employment estimate • Researching latest technology and scoping initiative to advance Redmond’s ability to produce high-quality visualizations of planned vision through time.

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Annexation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently, supporting localized interest in annexation in English Hill PAA • Jones Annexation, two parcels adjacent to Red-Wood Rd just north of city limits, underway. Council action expected in 1st quarter of 2013. • City will pursue changes in property addresses for areas east of 132nd Avenue NE in Redmond's Potential Annexation Area after annexation is complete.