

***Regional Transportation Planning and Advocacy***  
**Progress Update – December 2012**

City staff provide active and effective advocacy to advance Redmond's regional transportation interests, including the community's need for convenient and accessible solutions for traveling within Redmond and between Redmond and other destinations. Planning staff together with staff in Public Works and the Executive's office assist the Mayor and City Council in forming alliances with other Eastside communities to ensure the promotion of common transportation interests. The table below describes activities since the last progress update, as well as specific progress made within each category.

<b>Type of Action</b>	<b>Progress</b>
Sound Transit 2 (ST2) Plan	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The ST2 Plan—approved by voters on November 4, 2008, ST2 includes the following transit projects and services for Redmond:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. East Link Project—construction and operation of an approximately 14-mile light-rail line with ten new stations between Redmond-Overlake, Bellevue and Seattle via I-90. Due to lower forecasted tax revenue, Sound Transit has adjusted the project schedule and approved a realignment of the ST2 capital program, while still maintaining a commitment to build this project. The Federal Transit Administration and the Federal Highway Administration issued Records of Decision (ROD) for the East Link Project in November 2011. The Sound Transit Board approved the alignment of the project.</li> <li>b. ST has selected the HNTB, Jacobs Engineering, and Hatch Mott MacDonald team for final design of East Link. ST expects to complete final design work in 2015, and start construction shortly thereafter. Passenger service between Redmond Overlake and Seattle begins in 2023.</li> <li>c. Regional Express—in coordination with tolling of the SR-520 Bridge, Sound Transit added additional bus trips on Route 545 between Redmond and Bellevue in 2012, and will add some peak period trips to Route 545 in 2013.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Additional ST2 related City staff work has included:</li> </ol>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Overlake Village Station area planning;</li> <li>b. Working with Microsoft and ST on the Overlake Transit Center Station;</li> <li>c. Support to Redmond’s Mayor and staff regarding Sound Transit Board and committee meetings.</li> </ul>
<p>Eastside Transportation Partnership (ETP)</p>	<p>Staff attended one to two ETP meetings per month in support of Redmond’s two Council members appointed to represent the City. Key regional transportation issues discussed and advanced at ETP include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Sound Transit East Link Project planning;</li> <li>2. Follow up on Metro’s Transit Strategic Plan for Public Transportation 2011-2021 and Transit Service Guidelines;</li> <li>3. ETP’s 2013 legislative agenda; and</li> <li>4. Briefings on state legislative session issues for 2012, state initiatives, transportation funding, including SR-520 tolling and current federal transportation funding issues.</li> </ul>
<p>King County Regional Transit Committee (RTC) Staff Workgroup, King County Regional Transit Task Force (RTTF)</p>	<p>City staff attend one to two meetings per month, representing City interests related to transit service operations in Redmond, the Eastside and system-wide. The key issues considered include Metro Transit’s implementation of the Strategic Plan for Public Transportation, 2011-2021 and Service Guidelines, adopted in June 2011, the first Baseline Annual Services Guidelines Report, review of possible refinements to the Strategic Plan and Service Guidelines, and Five-Year Implementation Plan for Alternative Transit Services.</p>
<p>SR-520 Corridor Program</p>	<p>Funding for the replacement of the SR-520 Bridge portion of the corridor is secured; however, work continues on the bridge approach design in Seattle. Construction work on the Eastside approach has begun, including new interchanges and in-line freeway bus stations.</p> <p>Tolling of the SR-520 Bridge began in January 2012. Staff is participating in the SR-520 Toll Monitoring Group, for the purpose of reviewing the potential impacts of planned SR-520 tolls on Eastside arterials, I-405 and I-90. There have been no significant impacts on Redmond’s streets due to tolling. Transit use is up significantly since tolls were introduced. Redmond's Park and Rides are mostly full by 8:30 a.m. on weekdays and demand for on-street parking permits has</p>

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	<p>increased.</p> <p>City staff are continuing to work to support specific improvements within the SR-520 Corridor, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. An Overlake Access Ramp project (a new slip ramp at 148<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE from SR-520 to 152nd Avenue NE) and</li> <li>2. Completion and implementation of a SR-520 Multimodal Corridor Study between I-405 and Avondale Road.</li> </ol>