# Southeast Redmond Neighborhood Plan Open House - Comments

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Topics in **Big Blue Text** 

Draft vision concepts in standard text with some bolding

Comments in gray boxes in italics

### Neighborhood

Southeast Redmond is a neighborhood in which **people enjoy living, working, recreating, shopping and more**. It has evolved into a neighborhood where **diverse land uses** coexist for the benefit of residents and employees, and where investments in transportation, parks, and the environment have **improved the quality of life for everyone**.

We need responsible and proactive business to make this city neighborhood a success

Southeast Redmond maintains a **strong sense of inclusiveness and awareness** through continued communication within the neighborhood and with the City

#### **Land Use**

Southeast Redmond provides a high quality of life with places to live, work, shop, and recreate

**Transition areas** between differing land uses and activities help maintain a cohesive and neighborly community

Maybe include sections on how development has changed over the years? (x2)

The City has worked to help **retain manufacturing and other businesses** in the neighborhood and elsewhere in Redmond.

Like this: industrial and manufacturing land needs to be close in for employees (x3)

More walking trails: by car wash? (sidewalk ends)

Southeast Redmond provides a variety of land uses, helping ensure long-term neighborhood resiliency and enhancing Southeast Redmond's high standard of livability

**Walkable destinations** such as small-scale commercial businesses help create additional employment opportunities, strengthen the local economy, and offer places for community gathering and culture.

Like it (small-scale)
Safe walking corridors separated from trucks! (x3)
Possibly some crosswalks in parking lots, etc. (owner responsibility)

Southeast Redmond continues to be **strong in manufacturing, and has welcomed additional retail and service businesses**, especially in existing commercial centers and near the light rail station.

New traffic management

What happened to Costco?

Manufacturing not good

Excited to see images for proposed light rail stations

Very concerned about over-development

Heavy and polluting industries <u>need</u> to be phased out of Southeast Redmond area to outskirts. This area is fast transforming into residential area. Mixed use business/homes is the way to go.

Nighttime noise in community high and needs to be dealt with.

The light rail station area at the intersection of Redmond Way and SR-520 provides a vibrant destination and lively neighborhood sub-area by supporting additional opportunities for living, employment, community gathering, education, shopping, and commuting to other Redmond and central Puget Sound destinations

Where is park & ride planned? We do not have enough parking spaces as of now! Need a huge P&R capacity.

This area has good multi-modal transportation connections to the rest of the neighborhood

Investigate vertical separation of transportation modes

It would be good to have more viewing of art in this area – and art/city projects – I wish

More parking areas

PARKING – even the new Redmond Transit Center is overfilled

#### **Transportation**

**Street and non-motorized connections** provide good circulation options and make it easier to reach popular destinations, such as transit hubs, parks, shopping, employment areas, and other Redmond neighborhoods

*Like it (non-motorized connections)* 

Need more parking

**Trucks carrying freight** continue to have safe and efficient access in and out of Southeast Redmond while minimizing impacts on residential areas of the neighborhood

Yes!

How will we deal with noise and pollution? Big problem already.

Must ensure traffic flows including signals meet the needs!

Hopefully there will be bypass routes (roads) for trucks (x2)

The new **light rail station** is a walkable transit hub, and is well-connected to the rest of Southeast Redmond and the community

When is it due?

Regional traffic has good access between SR 520 and major arterials leading to/from Redmond

SR 520 hill a traffic mess even with construction improvements

**Transit service** has improved so that more people can access home, jobs and other destinations by transit; bus transit is well-integrated with rail transit, and is an attractive alternative to driving alone

Best idea ever!

Lack of bus routes for East Lake Sammamish Parkway

Horrible traffic in the intersection with Redmond Way (and East Lake)

Need more frequent buses if this is to be successful

Pedestrians, bicyclists, and truck drivers **all travel safely** through the neighborhood by keeping non-motorized corridors separate from truck routes or by designing corridors to safely accommodate all modes.

Yes! Investigate vertical separation of modes.

Traffic is sometimes congested along major arterials, but all **streets function well** and can be safely crossed by pedestrians.

Vertical separation will help with long waits/congestion/pollution

Sometimes traffic lights seem to be very slow

SR 520 – a mess still

### **Housing**

Southeast Redmond remains a desirable and attractive neighborhood

Beautiful

Overdevelopment

Heavy industry and quarry is making this a not desirable place to live. Houses are being sold because of this.

Better buffers have been created over time between existing residential and non-residential uses

Excellent idea! (x2)

Sound and traffic

Why are Southeast parks not being developed for use?

Flood lights not good

Southeast Redmond has a variety of housing options serving a variety of lifestyles and household types, and affordable to people at all income levels.

Many people live near and can walk to the light rail station

Exciting ©
Great idea! (x2)

### **Economics and Community**

As a vibrant and major employment location within the City, the Southeast Redmond neighborhood continues to provide a variety of employment and business opportunities.

Gathering places such as plazas, parks, and community facilities provide a variety of opportunities for those who live, work, and visit Southeast Redmond to meet and to engage while building a strong sense of community

Yes - enjoying concerts in the park, etc.

Need to utilize Marymoor Park (x2)

#### **Environment**

Redmond continues to enjoy clean drinking water from the aquifer under Southeast Redmond

The health of Bear Creek and Evans Creek has improved over time

Please encourage and support use of water gardens for fun-off

Businesses work to **minimize dust and odors** associated with business operations as a good neighbor gesture

We need ordinances and active monitoring to eliminate heavy/unhealthy dust and odors. Cadman (contractors) and Watson Asphalt are worst offenders currently How can we do this today? EPA not supporting city residents

**Storm drainage systems** support business activity and a healthy environment for the community and for flora and fauna.

Having an open quarry and dump site for waste from all our Seattle metro area will not help stormwater health. Creeks are polluted with mineral runoff

#### Parks and Recreation

A variety of parks, open space, trails, and other community facilities help ensure opportunities for passive and active recreation and support all ages and abilities

Love all the parks and trails

We need tennis and soccer (basketball) fields put in place in Southeast Redmond Park
No heavy noise activity or late night hangouts (no flood lights) as we have houses around

People in Southeast Redmond enjoy access to a network of trails, such as the Bear and Evans Creek trail system, that provide access to area parks and to other parts of Redmond and neighboring communities.

Love the clean [illegible]

Trails, sidewalks, and bike lanes provide a strong sense of connection between the neighborhood and Marymoor Park. The boundary of the park blends with adjacent land use, helping define this area as a neighborhood asset

## **Additional Thoughts**

Ideas for preserving water quality – in emails to area companies and people who live here. Fliers in water bill too

Other cities such as Kirkland provide financial and other support for the use of  $\underline{rain}$   $\underline{qardens}$ . Redmond should do the same. (x3)

Maybe make use of roofs of industrial areas as rain run-off?

Poor water quality due to adding fluoride