

Appendix F - Comments of the Puget Sound Regional Council on the Proposed Transportation Master Plan Document

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Hi Lori,

Thank you for sending a draft of Redmond's 2013 Transportation Master Plan update. The city has clearly invested substantial energy in the planning process, and I appreciate the chance to review it while in draft form.

There are many outstanding aspects of the draft Transportation Master Plan, including a clear commitment to the downtown and Overlake regional growth centers and balance of modes throughout the plan. The TMP reinforces key concepts in VISION 2040, such as the focus on maintenance and preservation, support for the regional growth strategy, and developing a sustainable transportation system. The plan includes a vision that supports environmental sustainability and mobility, a robust measurement and monitoring framework, and strategies to address the needs of cars, trucks, transit, cyclists and pedestrians.

I have a couple comments on areas that could be strengthened in the draft plan:

- While the plan includes excellent technical information, there are a couple items I'm not seeing clearly addressed. GMA (RCW 36.70A.070(6)(ii)) states that plans should include estimated traffic impacts to state-owned facilities resulting from land use assumptions, and I'm not seeing this clearly presented in the draft. Jurisdictions address this requirement in different ways – please let me know if you'd like me to pass along any examples. The TMP indicates that travel forecasts have been completed for the update, but discussion of the forecast is very limited -- the plan would benefit from additional discussion of the travel forecast to ensure it is fully addressing GMA expectations for including a forecast (RCW 36.70A.070(6)(iii)(E)).
- The plan has strategies that will serve transportation users with special needs, but includes limited explicit discussion about serving these populations. This aspect could be strengthened by adding additional discussion of special needs transportation. For reference, the Transportation 2040 section on special needs transportation can be found here: http://www.psrc.org/assets/4887/Appendix_K_-_Coordinated_Transit_Human_Services_Plan_-_FINAL_-_August_2010.pdf

Thanks again for sharing the draft - I hope these comments are useful as you move toward final adoption of the plan. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Best regards,

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