



## Downtown East/West Corridor Study Thursday June 19, 2008 Public Meeting

### Why do this study?

It is the vision of the community "...to reclaim our downtown as an economically healthy, people-friendly place enhanced by the movement of pedestrians, bikes, cars, and a diversity of businesses." That was first stated during the Downtown Transportation Master Plan process in 2002. It was then that stakeholders expressed the desire to reconnect the downtown grid, route through traffic onto Bear Creek Parkway and SR 520, remove barriers separating the different areas of downtown, improve the pedestrian environment, and return to two-way streets.

The Downtown East/West Corridor Study will explore design alternatives to revitalize Redmond's Downtown core by returning Redmond Way and Cleveland Street back to two-way traffic and improving street connections.

### Is there a "road map" for this project?

Yes. The following project principles will help guide City staff and the community towards the envisioned goal for Redmond's Downtown:

- **Circulation:** Streets should provide connectivity and circulation for all modes of travel while maintaining a level of traffic flow consistent with an urban environment.
- **Parking:** Parking should be available for businesses, residents, visitors, and local deliveries and should support the pedestrian environment and the viability of transit.
- **Travel Choices:** Facilities and services should be designed to support the goal to have transit, walking, bicycling, and carpooling comprise a significant share of the trips to and from Downtown.
- **Parks and Open Spaces:** Streetscape, parks, and open space should create a sense of place, be linked, and serve a variety of purposes.
- **Land Use:** Streets should accommodate and encourage the future land use vision.
- **Great Streets:** Downtown streets should contribute to and reinforce this area as a destination and the heart of Downtown by creating economically vibrant and pedestrian supportive streets.
- **Cleveland Street:** Cleveland Street should be a traditional "Main Street" promenade.
- **Railroad Right-of-Way:** Any design should take full advantage of this asset, including high capacity transit, non-motorized trail, and other opportunities.

### What is the purpose of the public meeting tonight?

Tonight's meeting is part of an extensive community involvement effort, which includes City Council, City boards and commissions, the Chamber of Commerce, local business and the broader community to help determine the future for Downtown. During this first public meeting, City staff and study consultants will talk about:

- two-way traffic on Redmond Way and Cleveland Street
- Cleveland Street as the City's traditional "Main Street"
- new street and woonerf connections in Downtown (a woonerf is a street or a group of streets where pedestrians and bicyclists have legal priority over vehicular traffic)
- wide sidewalks and plaza space at street corners
- on-street parking
- ideas for the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) trail and future Sound Transit rail alignment
- the phasing plan for this project

### What about the extension of Bear Creek Parkway (Redmond Way to Leary Way)?

Construction should begin this August and run through the summer of 2009. Upon completion, Bear Creek Parkway will include a travel lane in each direction, a center turn lane, on-street parking, and 14 foot-wide sidewalks. Other amenities include new signalized intersections, a trail connection from the SR 520 and Sammamish River Trails to the future NE 161 Street connection to the Park and Ride lot, enhanced storm treatment facilities, and the first section of the upgraded sewer for downtown. Project updates can be found on the City's website at [www.redmond.gov/insidecityhall/publicworks/construction/bearcreek.asp](http://www.redmond.gov/insidecityhall/publicworks/construction/bearcreek.asp). Background information on this project, including printable aerial maps, can be found at [www.redmond.gov/connectingredmond/projects/bearcreek.asp](http://www.redmond.gov/connectingredmond/projects/bearcreek.asp). For more information, contact Lisa Singer, Project Manager, at 425.556.2726.

### Following are the four phases of implementation for this project:

#### Phase 1. Bear Creek Parkway Extension

- Design: Complete
- Construction: 2008/2009

#### Phase 2. Convert the one-way couplet to two-way traffic plus Cleveland Street build-out and central promenade\*

- Design: 2009/2010
- Construction: 2010/2011

#### Phase 3. New connections and Redmond Way build-out\*

- Design and construction: 2010+ on-going by City and private development

#### Phase 4. Sound Transit\*

- Preliminary design and environmental impact statement (EIS): 2007-2009
- Design and construction: pending a future plan

\* Phasing contingent upon adequate funding and property acquisition

Get up-to-date info about the Downtown East/West Corridor Study at

[www.redmond.gov/connectingredmond/studies/dewcs.asp](http://www.redmond.gov/connectingredmond/studies/dewcs.asp)