

List of key concepts discussed by the Planning Commission

Goals, Vision, Framework Policies

- In response to public comment, modified proposed new policy (FW-7.5) to address both the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and mitigation of impacts
- Supported staff recommended changes to provide opportunities to support improved human health and economic vitality
- Recommended that text and policies should recognize and describe role and importance of both urban centers and other neighborhoods in a sustainable community
- Consider adding policy on integration of gray water systems in new construction as part of Natural Environment or Utilities elements

Land Use Element

- Discussed the 2030 growth targets and whether they can be sustainably supported and whether they provide for a sufficient amount of commercial growth (in anticipation of high-tech development in Overlake); agreed they do for both
- Sought clarification of City's policy toward agricultural, rural and recreational uses; language summarizing Redmond's policies regarding agriculture uses to be added to the LU Element in the form of explanatory text or policy after Council action on A/UR zoning issue
- Discussed LU-36, which encourages access to commercial areas and services through a "well-distributed system" of services throughout the City and supported policy as recommended. Agreed to revisit if necessary following Council's decision on Neighborhood Commercial amendments.
- Discussed and supported policies regarding access to healthy food sources, community and corporate gardens and pea patches; noted that definitions are needed

Urban Centers

- Recommended change to policy DT-3: “small and independently-owned locally-owned businesses”
- Recommended strengthening language regarding preservation of mid-block pathways.
- Recommended that new development on both sides of the Central Connector integrate with the Central Connector.
- Recommended reorganization of Urban Centers Element to reduce duplication of policies that are common to Downtown and Overlake
- Agreed to review Redmond Connector policies again after completion of the trolley feasibility study
- In response to public comment:
 - Discussed and retained policies regarding parking at various locations in Overlake including near light rail station
 - Supported clarifications to text and policies to more clearly provide for consideration of increased height in the Employment Area while maintaining character elements, such as “campus-like”, and retaining non-residential development target of 19.9 million square feet. Specific language regarding views of treelines is pending.
 - Supported future reconsideration of Overlake Urban Center boundaries to include properties west of SR- 520

Transportation

- Modified proposed policy TR-4 to recognize the City’s complete streets ordinance
- Discussed and supported policy TR-20 which supports consideration of reduced parking ratios as more travel options become available
- Discussed and supported policy TR-32 which is intended to recognize the importance of equally valuing community character and transportation capacity, and where there are conflicts, to take steps to minimize or mitigate the impacts