

# Exhibit B – Item 22 - Recommended Amendments to Vision Statements in Individual Elements for Consistency with the Goals, Vision and Framework Policies Element

## Participation, Implementation, and Evaluation Element

Future Vision for Redmond: Participation and Implementation

Redmond ~~is has~~ an effective, responsive local government that responds to and anticipates the changing needs of the community. Many ~~people citizens~~ actively participate in Redmond's planning process and system improvements, and their preferences are incorporated so that Redmond continues to be the ~~place community~~ desired by ~~members of the community~~ ~~its citizens~~.

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In ~~20222030~~, Redmond citizens describe their community as one that is complete, offering a wide range of services, opportunities and amenities. ~~As a result of planning for the long term, Redmond has sustained the health of the natural environment, the vibrancy of the local economy, and the ability to provide fair and equitable access to services. It's a community that has gracefully accommodated growth and change, while ensuring that Redmond's high quality of life, cherished natural features, distinct places, and character are not overwhelmed. It's a community that has acted to maintain a balance among the three pillars of sustainability while gracefully accommodating growth and change: as a result, Redmond's high quality of life, cherished natural features, distinct places, and character are enhanced. The community's evolution has successfully woven the small town feel of older, established neighborhoods with the energy and vitality of Redmond's urban centers. The result is~~ ~~it's~~ a place where people are friendly, ~~often meet others they know and feel comfortable and connected. It's a place where~~ diversity and innovation are embraced, and ~~collaborative~~ action is taken to achieve community objectives. It's a place that is home to people from a variety of ethnic backgrounds, which contributes to the richness of the City's culture.

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Achieving a balance between accommodating growth and preserving Redmond's unique features and livability was challenging, but over the past 20 years through the clear, shared direction contained in the Comprehensive Plan, the vision has taken shape, and throughout Redmond the results are apparent.

## Annexation and Regional Planning Element

Future Vision for Redmond: Annexation and Regional Planning

~~Redmond has accommodated growth through annexation while protecting rural and agricultural areas outside the Urban Growth Area.~~ The City has reached its ultimate size, having annexed all remaining territory in its Potential Annexation Area so that residents may receive a full range of urban services. The new neighborhoods have been seamlessly interwoven with existing neighborhoods. The process of annexation ~~was logical and orderly, has allowed the City to provide these~~ new ~~residents to enjoy areas with~~ high-quality facilities and services.

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**Redmond is an integral member of the regional planning community.** As was the case in 2010~~04~~, Redmond continues to work cooperatively in regional planning with neighboring jurisdictions, King County, neighboring counties, State agencies, and other jurisdictions. Redmond is an active member of regional planning organizations where it simultaneously advances the interests of Redmond community members, citizens and works toward regional goals.

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## Transportation Element

Future Vision for Redmond: Transportation

Redmond's 2030 transportation system offers people a variety of real choices for how we get between where we live, work, shop and play. Each year, more people walk, bicycle, carpool, or use transit to travel within the City to access the regional bus and light rail system because land uses that reflect our vibrant community character have created a strong market demand for these options. Our transportation infrastructure reflects this by prioritizing more people-oriented travel that supports Redmond's land use, manages our limited roadways most efficiently, and provides a transportation system that embodies the City's sustainability principles and achieves Redmond's land use pattern and vision.

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The City has invested strategically and leveraged regional funds to ensure a safe, well-maintained system, improve transportation choices and mobility, and support our two Urban Centers, Downtown and Overlake. Neighborhoods have increased access to the hubs of Downtown and Overlake, neighboring cities, and the region. Significant investments in SR 520, I-405, and regional and local transit routes have improved mobility for people and goods. In Redmond, roadway projects have been built where needed to improve safety and operating efficiency, or to create more accessible connections. The City continues to maintain an effective system of access and circulation for delivery and freight. Streetscapes are attractive, well designed, and enhance environmental quality for various travel modes.

In responding to significant energy costs and new vehicle fuel options and technologies, the City has developed alliances with other agencies and the private sector to create new opportunities and efficiencies. In turn, these alliances support easy access to electric vehicle charging stations and other alternative fueling infrastructures as well as access to information about travel conditions, incidents, and transit arrival and departure times.

## Urban Centers Element

Future Vision for Redmond: Urban Centers

In 2030, Redmond's two urban centers – Downtown and Overlake – are thriving centers of residential and commercial activity. Downtown is an outstanding place to work, shop, live and recreate and is a destination for many in Redmond and in the region. Attractive offices, stores, services, and residential developments have contributed to a new level of vibrancy while retaining a comfortable, connected feel that appeals to residents, business and visitors. Many

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more people live Downtown, and housing choices include a wide range of pricing options. Strategic public and private investments have created a true multi-dimensional urban center with several new and expanded public amenities, including the City Hall campus, Downtown Central Park and the Redmond Central Connector that are gathering places for the community as well as an arts and community cultural center,, a pedestrian connection to Marymoor Park, a vibrant Saturday market and a variety of quality arts and cultural programs and performances.

Various portions of Downtown have their own identities, design and appeal, and it is easy to walk, bicycle, use transit or drive between them as well as to the rest of Redmond and the region. Many visitors walk or take transit to get to their destinations or park in one of the conveniently located garages. The congestion of 20 years ago has been tempered primarily by providing convenient and effective transportation alternatives together with improved operations and then increased capacity in strategic locations, such as SR 520 and important connections in the street grid.

Old Town thrives as a focus for retail activity that attracts pedestrians, providing a distinctive selection of stores, restaurants, boutiques, and theaters, as well as varied housing opportunities. New buildings blend with refurbished buildings, retaining the area's historic character. Cleveland Street is a pleasant place to walk or sit and people fill the street during the day and evening. The Redmond Central Connector, (the former railroad right-of-way), has been transformed to an urban green space that people of all ages enjoy, with convenient access to light rail as well as places to stroll, gather and talk with others, celebrate, or stop and peek in store windows while walking to Old Town or Redmond Town Center.

Large open spaces, such as the Sammamish River, Downtown Central Park, the Redmond Central Connector, Anderson Park, and Bear Creek, as well as abundant landscaping and a system of parks and other gathering places, create a sense of Downtown as an urban place within a rich natural environment. A network of walkways, trails, vista points, and plazas enable people to enjoy the natural beauty of the river, views of surrounding hillsides and mountains and other points of interest. Recent developments along the Sammamish River are oriented to and embrace the river, while maintaining adequate natural buffers.

**Overlake has become a regional urban center** that is the location of internationally known companies, corporate headquarters, high technology research and development companies, and many other businesses. While intensively and efficiently developed, the employment areas retain their campus-like feel due to attractive landscaping and the protection of significant trees and other important natural features.

During the past 20 years, redevelopment of Overlake Village has brought retail storefronts closer to the street and improvements to streetscapes to reflect the green character of Redmond, making the area more hospitable to transit, pedestrians and bicyclists. This portion of Overlake has also become much more diverse, featuring small neighborhoods with a variety of housing choices, small-scale shopping and services to serve employees and residents, and connections to a network of parks, sidewalks, trails and transit services. In many ways Overlake has demonstrated that high technology uses can thrive in a sustainable urban setting that offers opportunities to live, work, shop, and recreate to an increasingly diverse workforce.

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## Land Use Element

### Future Vision for Redmond: Land Use

**Redmond is treasured for its character, natural assets, friendly and welcoming atmosphere, diversity, safety and quiet settings.** Redmond includes a broad choice of housing types at a range of prices, including affordable homes. During the past 20 years, there has been much more variety in the types and prices of newly constructed homes, including more cottages, accessory dwelling units, attached homes, live-work units and other smaller single-family homes. New homes blend with existing homes and the natural environment, retaining valued characteristics of neighborhoods as they continue to evolve. While single-family neighborhoods have remained stable, the number and variety of multi-family housing choices have increased significantly, especially in mixed-use developments in the Urban Centers. Through careful planning and community involvement, changes and innovation in housing styles and development have been embraced by the community. Residents enjoy a feeling of connection to their neighborhoods and to the community as a whole.

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**Redmond has acted to maintain a strong economy and a diverse job base.** The City is the home to many small, medium-size and locally owned businesses and services, as well as nationally and internationally recognized corporations. Redmond is widely recognized as a community that is inviting for advanced technology, and businesses are proud to be partners in the community. The City provides a positive business climate that supports innovation and attracts sustainable development to the community while retaining existing businesses.

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**Redmond in 2030 has maintained a very green character.** Citizens benefit from its livability which contributes to the general quality of life. The City is framed within a beautiful natural setting and open spaces and an abundance of trees continue to define Redmond's physical

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appearance, including forested hillsides that flank the Sammamish Valley, Lake Sammamish and Bear Creek. A system of interconnected open spaces provides habitat for a variety of wildlife. The City prides itself for its environmental stewardship, including an emphasis on sustainable land use and development patterns, landscaping that requires little watering, and other techniques to protect and conserve the natural environment while flourishing as a successful urban community. The open space and agricultural character of the north Sammamish Valley has been maintained and is highly valued by the community. Through the joint efforts of Redmond, King County, and Washington State, the areas north and east of the City remain rural.