

Attachment E: Summary of Studies and Other Work Relevant to Leary Way

The following studies and other work will contribute to the planning and management of transportation in the Old Town Historic Core, including along Leary Way. Though included here, not all of the studies and work listed are fully underway at this time.

Sidewalk Café/Right of Way Use Permit: Staff is developing a Sidewalk Café Permit. This takes into account clear zones and through travel, meeting ADA standards. The permit would be renewed annually by respective applicants in which case, the updates to the permit would go into effect at the next annual renewal for those seeking to use the right of way for activities such as sidewalk cafes.

ST3 Planning: Sound Transit is currently developing the ST3 System Plan, which will be the basis for a potential November 2016 ballot measure. One of the candidate projects under consideration for inclusion in ST3 is the extension of East Link light rail from Overlake to Downtown Redmond. Based on the alignment in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and resulting Record of Decision, Link light rail will travel along the Redmond Central Connector corridor and the Downtown Redmond station will be located between Leary Way and 161st Ave NE. The City will be analyzing integration of bus and rail based transit in downtown Redmond and ensuring multimodal access to the station. This process will be done in coordination with Sound Transit.

Pedestrian Strategic Plan: The intent of the Plan is to set a stronger rationale for the City's level of investment in pedestrian facilities. This will include identification of missing sidewalks and missing crosswalks and likely culminate in a set of thematic investment scenarios for Council to consider.

Parking Strategies Project: The purpose of this project was to focus on identifying parking strategies necessary for Redmond to achieve its goals and future vision for Downtown. The project consultant worked with stakeholders and City staff to identify four strategy themes: 1) there must be a departure from current parking practices; 2) the City must take a more active and expanded role in managing parking; 3) parking needs to be recognized as a community resource; and 4) current trends have led to an oversupply of parking that must be addressed at the policy and regulatory level. The project report states that it is necessary for the City to develop more on-street and public parking facilities because off-street private parking lots are inconsistent with Redmond's goals and future vision.

The Parking Strategies Project Final Report was completed on Oct. 27, 2014. On Jan. 27, 2015, the Council held a study session to review and discuss the report's recommendations. The following issues and questions were raised by the Council:

- Clarify what is meant by market based parking solutions.
- Concern about restrictive parking regulations that result in potential building tenants being unable to lease space.
- How are market forces taking advantage of our regulations?
- How are public parking facilities financed?

The Council asked staff to return in the fall of 2015 with responses to the issues raised at the study session. However, no date has been set.