

## **REDMOND PASSES COMPLETE STREETS ORDINANCE** Cascade Bicycle Club Advocacy Efforts Successful

**SEATTLE** – On Tuesday, September 4, Redmond City Council voted unanimously to become the latest Puget Sound area city to pass a complete streets ordinance. As advocated by Cascade Bicycle Club, a leader in creating more livable communities through bicycle advocacy, events and education programs, the home of Microsoft has joined Seattle and Kirkland in a commitment to laws requiring consistent bicycle and pedestrian thoroughfares.

The routine inclusion of bicycle and pedestrian routes in roadway planning will incrementally improve the region's transportation network, reduce traffic congestion, and allow more residents to complete day-to-day errands without a car. The ordinance will require most new and reconstructed roads include bikeways and walkways. Designated bicycle and pedestrian areas will increase safety for all roadway users, including motorists.

"It's a great step in the right direction," said Redmond City Councilmember Kim Allen. "This ordinance strengthens the work we've done through Redmond's Transportation Master Plan by making bicycle and pedestrian accommodations the rule, not the exception. As more Puget Sound cities adopt Complete Streets, it gives us a common language regionally around multi-modal transportation."

Other cities in the state considering Complete Streets ordinances include Auburn, Renton and Shoreline.

"We are excited to see another Puget Sound city prioritize commuting options for their residents and employees," said Chuck Ayers, Cascade Bicycle Club executive director. "Redmond's acceptance of the ordinance benefits all commuters and has a positive impact on the region, particularly with the large number of travelers to the city."

In the Puget Sound region, Cascade Bicycle Club works steadily to secure the principles of complete streets in the laws of regional cities. One year ago, Cascade Bicycle Club helped Kirkland pass Washington State's first complete streets ordinance. Seattle followed suit in early 2007 with encouragement by a coalition including Cascade Bicycle Club, Sierra Club, Bicycle Alliance, Transportation Choices Coalition, and Seattle Great City Initiative. Now Redmond, one of the major Eastside job centers and growing residential hubs, has joined this group of forward-looking municipalities.

Founded in 1979, Cascade Bicycle Club is a 7,400-member, non-profit organization based in Seattle, serving more than half a million cyclists in the Puget Sound community. The club is operated by a nine-member volunteer Board of Directors, 15 professional staff, and thousands of volunteers. More information about the Cascade Bicycle Club's programs is available online at [www.cascade.org](http://www.cascade.org) or by calling 206-522-3222.

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## **Redmond Complete Streets Ordinance**

### **12.06.10 Complete the Streets**

The City of Redmond will plan for, design and construct all new transportation projects to provide appropriate accommodation for bicyclists, pedestrians, transit users and persons of all abilities in comprehensive and connected networks.

#### **Section 12.06.20 Exceptions**

Facilities for bicyclists, pedestrians, transit users and/or people of all abilities are not required to be provided:

- (a) Where their establishment would be contrary to public health and safety;
- (b) Where there is no identified long-term need; or
- (c) Where the Public Works Director grants a documented exception which may only be authorized in specific situations where conditions warrant. Such site-specific exceptions shall not constitute general changes to the standards set in RMC 12.06.10.

