



CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Information and updates for the Mayor and City Council

July 8, 2026

Upcoming Events & Meetings

Meeting/Event	Date	Time	Location
City Council Executive Session City Council Business Meeting	July 15, 2026	5 p.m. 6 p.m.	City Hall Council Chambers/Virtual
City Council Work Session	July 22, 2026	4–6 p.m.	City Hall Council Chambers/Virtual
City Council Executive Session City Council Business Meeting	August 5, 2026	5 p.m. 6 p.m.	City Hall Council Chambers/Virtual
City Council Work Session	August 12, 2026	4–6 p.m.	City Hall Council Chambers/Virtual

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Public Agency & Community Partner Updates

League of Oregon Cities Bulletin

The latest edition of the **LOC Bulletin** highlights:

- **Voting now open for 2027-28 Legislative Priorities:** The League of Oregon Cities is asking every member city to help shape its 2027–28 legislative agenda.
- **LOC seeks City Input on Water Reuse Challenges:** The LOC is asking member cities to share their experiences with recycled water and water reuse projects.
- **Oregon Department of Energy** is accepting applications for its Building Energy Reduction Incentive Program
- **Oregon Department of Transportation** is seeking public feedback on an updated Transportation Safety Action Plan.



Envision Bend Update

Envision Bend released its latest **Vision Pulse** newsletter, highlighting:

- Vision Progress Dashboard tracking implementation of the 2024-28 Vision Action Plan
- A community petition related to neighborhood commercial development.
- An upcoming City Club Forum, "Redefining the Region: Urban Renewal in Central Oregon."
- The Environmental Center's Summer Action Nights (2nd Thursdays).
- The popular Munch and Music free concert series in Drake Park.

Additionally, Envision Bend is sharing information about several upcoming City of Bend meetings and events:

- Affordable Housing Advisory Committee – July 7
- Housing Options Made for Everyone (HOME) Committee – July 9
- Core Area Advisory Board – July 16 and August 20
- Go Electric! Efficiency and Comfort for Renters – July 23
- Transportation Bond Oversight Committee – August 25

For more information regarding Envision Bend, contact Amber Thacher, Administrative Manager, at info@envisionbend.org.

Population Research Center Update

The Population Research Center at PSU has released their latest round of population forecasts for Deschutes County and the Urban Growth Boundaries within the County.

Councilors are encouraged to view both the **Coordinated Population Forecast 2026-2076** report and the **data** spreadsheet.

Bend Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Safety Action Plan Update

The Bend Metropolitan Planning Organization (BMPO), working with the City of Bend and regional partners, is updating its Transportation Safety Action Plan, which was last adopted in 2019. The update supports the community's goal of eliminating fatal and serious injury crashes through data-driven investments and policy actions, guided by the US Department of Transportation's Safe System principles.

Councilors are encouraged to review a **memorandum** outlining current transportation safety conditions and key findings. This work will help identify priority safety areas, recommended countermeasures, and location-specific improvement concepts, while also strengthening competitiveness for state and federal transportation safety funding.



Next Steps

- The consultant team is currently evaluating 10–15 intersections and several roadway corridors for potential safety improvements.
 - High-level improvement concepts are expected to be available in October.
 - A draft Transportation Safety Action Plan is anticipated for release in December/January.
 - Councilors interested in a more detailed briefing are invited to contact Tyler Deke, Metropolitan Planning Organization Manager, at tdeke@bendoregon.gov.
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Department Updates

Employee Recognition: Public Works Paving Crew

The City recently received a note of appreciation from a local business owner recognizing Public Works Technician Lead Josh Oliver and the City's paving crew for their work on a downtown paving project.

In an email, the owner of a construction business praised the crew's professionalism, efficiency, and teamwork, noting that Josh's leadership and knowledge of both the project and City policies were evident throughout the work. The community member also shared that Josh and the crew represented the City of Bend in a manner that reflects positively on the organization and highlighted their dedication to serving the community.

Transportation & Mobility Director David Abbas commended the City's paving crew for the great work and Josh for exemplifying the qualities of a Public Works Technician Lead, including outstanding work, effective leadership, professionalism, and meaningful service to the community.

City Manager Eric King also recognized the accomplishment, thanking the team for their continued efforts to "keep Bend moving."

Thank you to Josh Oliver and the paving crew for their excellent work and commitment to serving the Bend community.

Public Comment Open: Deschutes County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan

As part of the City Council's Public Safety Goal, Bend Emergency Management has been working closely with Deschutes County to update the Bend Addendum to the Deschutes County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan.



Key dates to note:

- Public comment period is open through July 13.
- Deschutes County will host a public meeting on August 18 from 4:00–5:00 p.m. (location to be determined).

Councilors, please review the accompanying **memo** from Carrie Karl, Director of Risk and Emergency Management, for additional information, background, and the full project schedule.

City Hall: Highest & Best Use Final Report

Following City Council's June 10 work session, staff and the advisory team have finalized the City Hall **Highest & Best Use/Recommendation Report**, which provides a comprehensive evaluation of potential City Hall sites, delivery methods, and long-term financing strategies.

The report outlines key findings from the Highest and Best Use and Value for Money analyses, along with recommendations to guide future decision-making. As the final phase of this assessment effort, the report serves as an important resource for understanding the opportunities, tradeoffs, and next steps associated with planning for Bend's future City Hall.

Fourth of July Public Safety Efforts

The Bend Police Department has completed its review of public safety operations for the 2026 Fourth of July holiday.

Through continued efforts in proactive staffing, community engagement, public education, and targeted enforcement, the City experienced another successful holiday with significantly fewer public safety concerns than those seen several years ago.

Councilors, please see the full **memorandum** from Chief Mike Krantz for details and analysis.

July Bend Buzz

The July edition of the **Bend Buzz**, the City's employee newsletter, is packed with updates, recognition, and information to keep employees informed.

Highlights include details on the upcoming Citywide Employee Appreciation Event on July 29, opportunities to learn through the Listen, Learn and Do Better series, and updates from employee resource groups and City departments. Additionally, there is a link to watch the June Lunch and Learn series recording, "Equity and the World Cup."



Employees can also read about recent City Hall room changes, major construction and transportation projects across the community (including the Wilson Corridor and 15th/Ferguson Roundabout, Galveston Corridor Safety Project, and Franklin Avenue Project) and meet Bend Fire & Rescue's newest recruits as well as the City's interns.

The newsletter also features Councilor Megan Norris' June Council Recap, highlighting Council actions related to infrastructure and safety improvements, transportation investments, budget updates, climate action efforts, ongoing discussions about City Hall and downtown parking, as well as approval of Visit Bend's strategic plan to support the local economy.

June Social Media and Media Report

For the month of June, the top community topics and themes observed in media and social media by the Communications & Engagement Department included:

- Construction: Media coverage and social media updates on the various road work projects taking place around town.
- Climate Pollution Fee: Coverage of the newly approved fee.
- Automated Traffic Enforcement: Coverage of the new speed and red light cameras implemented around the city.

For more information, including media coverage of the City and social media engagement, see the **June Social Media and Media Monitoring Report**.

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