

# NEWPORT CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS

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CITY OF BEND

## Reducing Impacts in the Deschutes River

A major goal of this project is to protect the Deschutes River by improving the quality and reducing the quantity of stormwater that is discharged into the River. Failing stormwater infrastructure is being replaced with new pipes. Tree protection, green infrastructure and filtering facilities are being added to meet the latest stormwater permit requirements to protect our River. These improvements, including the new stormwater planters are designed to capture, help treat the stormwater within the project corridor and reduce flows to the river. (See planter graphic at right.)

## A Unique Project in a Historic Area of Bend

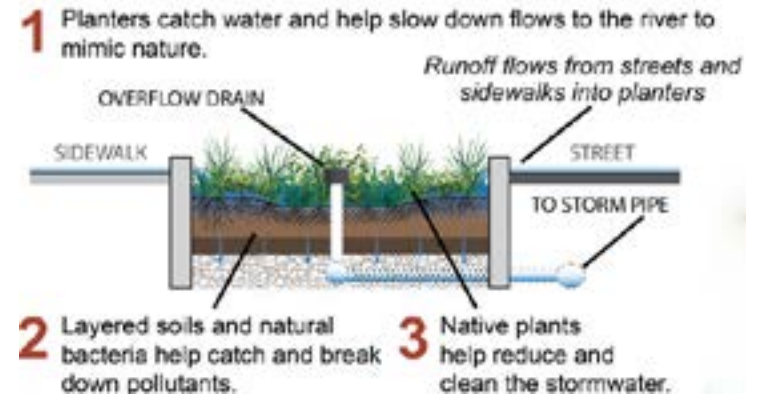
Under the charming neighborhood along Newport Avenue there is infrastructure... old infrastructure. There are miles of water, sewer, stormwater and natural gas pipes. Some pipes are as old as the little bungalows that line the street. All those old utility pipes are currently being replaced as part of the Newport Corridor Improvements Project. The hundreds of homes and business depending on this aging infrastructure are at risk until the failing pipes are replaced.

## Maximizing Project Efficiencies

This is a “synergy project”: the City of Bend uses this term to describe a single project where all deficient and near-deficient City infrastructure will be replaced, resulting in significant savings of cost, time and future construction impacts to the community.

Closing a roadway as busy as Newport Avenue is disruptive and difficult. This “synergy project” takes the opportunity to collaborate during planning and construction to complete all of the transportation and needed utility repairs/ replacements with a single project. Thank you for patience while this important project is completed.

## THREE WAYS STORMWATER PLANTERS HELP



**Find these new stormwater planters at the 9th Street roundabout and along Nashville Avenue.**



**Newport Ave. was recorded on this 1917 map of Bend. The population was noted as 5,200.**

## Learn More

Visit the project website at

[bendoregon.gov/newportimprovements](http://bendoregon.gov/newportimprovements)

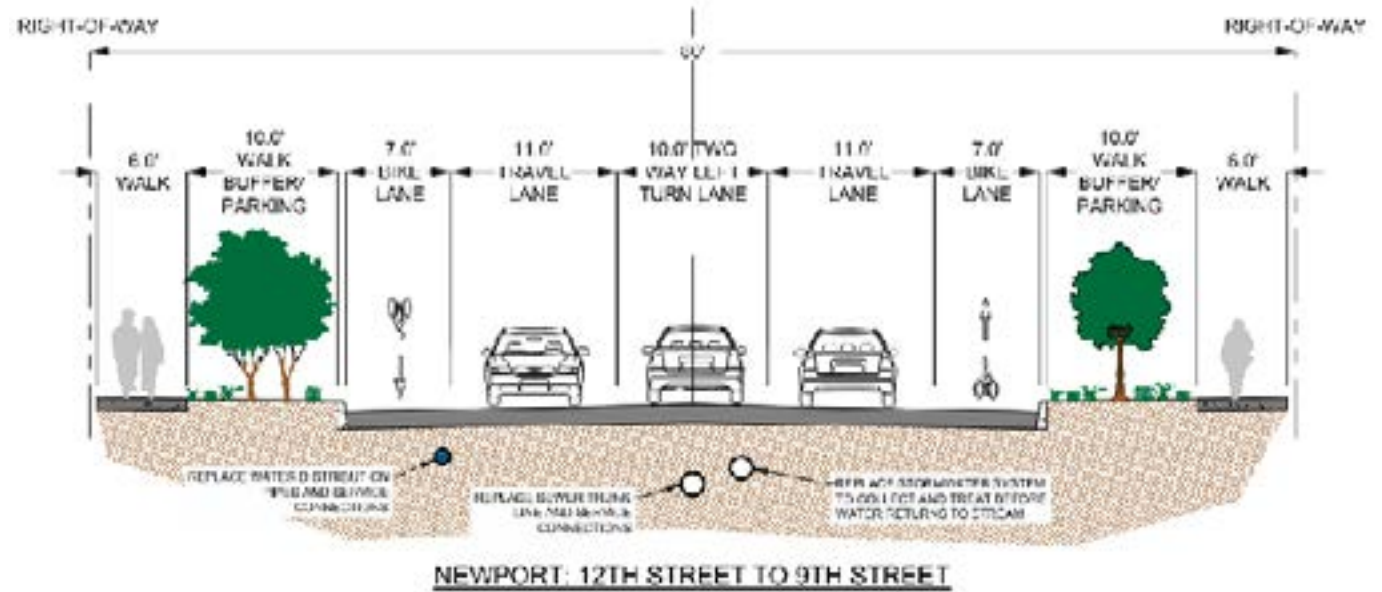
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## Accessibility and Connectivity

Creating an inclusive and accessible community by connecting the residents and visitors to the businesses, park and river.

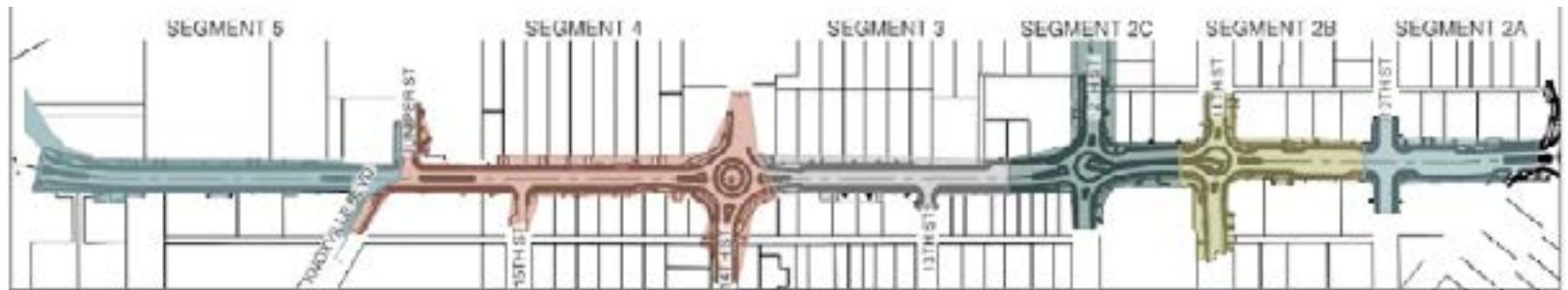
- ✓ Providing continuous sidewalks throughout the project corridor from College Way through 9th Street.
- ✓ Pedestrian safety improvements at key intersections.
- ✓ Removing obstacles and barriers in the bike lanes. (Such as grates from existing stormwater inlets).
- ✓ Improving operations and safety through significant intersection improvements at 11th Street and 12th Street.
- ✓ Upgrading pedestrian paths to the latest ADA standards.
- ✓ Transit stop improvements.



## What to Expect During Construction

Crews will close smaller sections, a little over a block at a time, in the business district to minimize impacts (See map below). Road/lane closures will be required in active construction areas. Detour signs and specific business access signs will designate vehicular access points and pedestrian access routes. Primary access will be through alleyways behind businesses. Access to alleyway entrances may be disrupted for short periods. Maps and signs will be available for each segment during construction.

## ACCESS TO BUSINESSES WILL REMAIN OPEN AT ALL TIMES



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