



CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Information and updates for the Mayor and City Council

March 18, 2022

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

MEETING/EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Council Meeting	April 6	5 p.m. Work Session 7 p.m. Regular Meeting	Virtual
Joint Meeting with Deschutes County	April 8	10 a.m.	Deschutes County
Council Meeting	April 20	4 p.m. Quarterly Update 5 p.m. Work Session 7 p.m. Regular Meeting	Virtual

[VIEW THE FULL COUNCIL SCHEDULE](#)

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

New GO Bond Video

We are excited to share our new GO Bond video, highlighting upcoming GO Bond projects. This video will be released publicly on social media and in the City e-newsletter soon.

Watch it here! <https://youtu.be/EOjcy5Unx3o>

Utilities Department Kudos!

Eric King received an email from a very pleased Bend resident regarding the professionalism and workmanship of our City of Bend Utilities crew, led by Paul Brick, working on a backed-up sewage pipe on NW Vicksburg Rd. The resident described the crew as “courteous, affable, hard working, and very efficient throughout the somewhat dirty job.”

Well done team!

PROJECT AND PROGRAM UPDATES

CouncilAll Email Summary

[View the current CouncilAll Summary Report.](#)

2022 Legislative Short Session Wrap Up

The 2022 Legislative Session recap from Erik Kancler is outlined below:

Useful Legislative Summaries:

- LOC: <https://www.orcities.org/resources/communications/bulletin/2022-session-quick-summary>
- Oregon Housing Alliance: <https://www.oregonhousingalliance.org/2022-legislative-recap-400-million-housing-package/>

Legislative Victories:

- **House Bill 4123 - Houselessness Pilots.** This was our top priority. The City of Bend originated and developed the concept, secured the chief sponsorship of Rep. Kropf, the support of LOC and AOC, and the support of statewide housing and houselessness leaders. We worked alongside Rep Kropf, LOC, and AOC in advocating for the bill's passage, and with Deschutes County and the cities of La Pine, Sisters, and Redmond to secure full support for the Deschutes County pilot portion of the bill.
 - <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2022R1/Measures/Overview/HB4123> (Bill page)
 - <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2022R1/Downloads/PublicTestimonyDocument/36442> (Deschutes County local govt testimony)
- **State Investments in Houselessness.** The City of Bend work very closely with Oregon's other large and mid-sized cities, as well as LOC, to secure this \$28m investment, playing a lead role both in collaboration amongst the various cities and in direct advocacy with legislative leadership, our legislative delegation, and others.
 - HB 5202 (Section 379) \$25m direct to cities and counties including \$1.5m to Bend for houseless investments.
 - HB 5202 (Section 379) \$3m direct to cities including \$400k to Bend for houseless investments.
 - <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2022R1/Measures/Overview/HB5202> (Bill page)
 - <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2022R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/254578> (See page 26 for local govt spending limitations.)
- **Senate Bill 1518 REBuilding Taskforce.** SB 1518 original began as the Reach Code bill and would have established the Reach Code as an alternative statewide building code standard for local consideration. The votes were not there to pass the original version of the bill. Instead, a legislatively-led task force was created that would look not just at potential Reach Code implementation but at a broader range of policies and investments to reduce the carbon footprint of both existing and new buildings. The City of Bend played, along with a small handful of other cities, an important role in working with the larger coalition to develop the revised concept and support for it. We advocated and testified in favor of its passage.
 - <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2022R1/Measures/Overview/SB1518> (Bill Page)

- <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2022R1/Downloads/PublicTestimonyDocument/34784> (Our testimony)
- **House Bill 4105 - Automated Traffic Enforcement.** HB 4105 allows police officers or traffic enforcement agents to review and issue traffic-camera citations. The bill established criteria for authorization. Previous legislation only authorized police officers to review data and issue citations. The purpose is to increase enforcement capacity in light of local revenue limitations. Th City of Bend testified and advocated in favor of HB 4105 along with LOC and other cities.
 - <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2022R1/Measures/Overview/HB4105>

Legislative Losses:

- Local Marijuana Revenue:
 - **Measure 110 Backfill Funding (Budget Ask / Senate Bill 5202).** Local govts sought \$50m from the state to backfill local revenue losses due to M110 implementation. The Legislature declined to support.
 - **Senate 1506 - Local MJ Tax Increases.** SB 1506 would have increased the cap on local marijuana taxes. The Legislature declined to support.
 - <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2022R1/Measures/Overview/SB1506> (Bill)
 - <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2022R1/Downloads/PublicTestimonyDocument/34947> (City Sign-On, incl. Bend)
- **House Bill 4155 - CyberSecurity Funding.** HB 4155 would have, among other things, authorized state funds for cybersecurity measures that would have also helped secure federal funds. The Legislature declined to support.
 - <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2022R1/Measures/Overview/HB4155>
 - <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2022R1/Downloads/PublicTestimonyDocument/38537> (Stakeholder sign-on, incl. Bend)

Other Notable Legislation:

- **House Bill 4063 - Substantial Completion and Residential Building Permits.** The City of Bend played a co-lead role (With Washington County) on behalf of local govts in successfully negotiating revisions to HB 2306 (2019) related to substantial completion policies and the manner in which residential developers may apply earlier for local building permit approval. One primary impetus for this legislation was getting residential projects to market more quickly in light of the ongoing housing crisis. The bill seemed on its way to passage in light of the agreements we reached with the Oregon Homebuilders but ultimately did not advance.
 - <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2022R1/Measures/Overview/HB4063>
- **House Bill 4051 - Emergency Shelter Siting Sunset Extension, etc.** City of Bend, along with other cities and LOC, supported this legislation. However the City of Bend played no significant role in its passage.
 - <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2022R1/Measures/Overview/HB4051>
 - <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2022R1/Downloads/PublicTestimonyDocument/36888> (LOC testimony/summary)

Police Reform: (Just FYI)

- **Senate Bill 1510 - Consent Searches**
 - <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2022R1/Measures/Overview/SB1510>

- **House Bill 4008 - Crowd Control/Training**

- <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2022R1/Measures/Overview/HB4008>

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