

City Manager's Report

Information and Updates for the Mayor and City Council

October 14, 2022

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

MEETING/EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Council Meeting	October 19	3 p.m. Work Session 7 p.m. Regular Meeting	Council Chambers / Virtual
Council Meeting	November 2	5 p.m. Work Session 7 p.m. Regular Meeting	Council Chambers / Virtual

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PUBLIC AGENCY AND COMMUNITY PARTNER UPDATES

Bend Vision Project Environmental Scan

Envision Bend, sponsor of the Bend Vision Project, is pleased to provide the **updated Environmental Scan** to our Leadership Alliance members, Project Investors and Project Partners. (An earlier version was previewed by a group of reviewers this summer and its findings highlighted in the Vision Project's Snapshot Report.)

As key supporters of Vision Project this report is being made available to you in advance of its general public release later this fall.

The Scan provides a broad overview of emerging trends—global, national, and regional—along with related local information to inform the community's dialogue on the future of greater Bend and



development of a community vision and action plan. While impossible to present all relevant information, it reflects our commitment to a dialogue that is as complete and current as possible.

The Scan will be updated once more before the end of the year, and along with a Community Input Report summarizing findings of all community engagement activities to date, serve as a resource for our Action Teams that will begin their work on the plan early next year.

With its diverse perspectives on the future, we hope that you will find the Scan useful in your own organization's ongoing planning and initiatives.

Thanks to all of you for your continued support of Envision Bend!

2022 Southern Crossing Neighborhood Association General Membership Meeting

Council Liaison: **Barb Campbell**

Southern Crossing Neighborhood Association will hold a VIRTUAL General Membership Meeting on **Thursday, October 20, 5:30 - 7:00pm**.

Come and learn about big developments not only near and around the Old Mill and Box Factory areas, but across the Southern Crossing neighborhood. These plans include nearly 1200 new housing units plus 45,000 square feet of new retail space. We will also give an update on what's happening with the Central Oregon Irrigation District (COID) land, including the trails, as well as traffic plans for Southern Crossing.

Advance registration is required. Register to attend! You will be sent a confirmation email containing information on how join the Zoom meeting.

Note to Council: Southern Crossing needs board members! Please let Makayla Oliver know if you have any connections in the area (business owners, residents) that might be a good fit. You can reach out to Makayla Oliver, moliver@bendoregon.gov for more information or to share these connections.

PROJECT AND PROGRAM UPDATES

Grant Applications Update

This week the City submitted two more applications to competitive grant programs through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA):

- Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program to fund construction of the Hawthorne Avenue Pedestrian and Bicyclist Overcrossing, and
- Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant Program to fund environmental clearances and preliminary engineering for the Reed Market railroad overcrossing project.



The **Reconnecting Communities** and **Railroad Crossing Elimination** project narratives are included for reference.

In addition to support from City Council, the City also received support from Senator Merkley, Senator Wyden (forthcoming), ODOT, Bend MPO, and Bend Chamber. The Reconnecting Communities grant additionally received letters of support from: Central Oregon LandWatch, Central Oregon Community College, Bend Park & Recreation District, Bend Central District Business Association, Bend La Pine Schools, Oregon State University-Cascades, and over 180 community organizations, local businesses and Central Oregonians. The Railroad Crossing Elimination grant additionally received letters of support from: BNSF Railway, Bend Police and Fire & Rescue, Economic Development for Central Oregon, Central Oregon Builders Association, and Central Oregon Association of Realtors.

For the Reconnecting Communities program, the City applied for funding to support the Hawthorne Overcrossing based on the specific grant criteria for this program (for which Greenwood and Franklin crossings would not be competitive projects). The City applied to take full advantage of this first funding cycle, understanding the CAAB and TBOC recommendations were not yet complete, and knowing these may need to be revisited if the City is awarded funding through the grant program.

Grant Program	Project	Community Benefits	Federal Funds Requested	Timeline of Award Announcements
Railroad Crossing Elimination (new – IIJA)	Reed Market Grade Separation project development (preliminary engineering, NEPA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mitigate congestion on a major east-west arterial that provides access to core services in a growing part of the City of Bend • Enhance safety for those walking, biking, and rolling with improved facilities as part of the project design • Reduce risks of vehicular/rail incidents and accidents • Improve access for emergency vehicles • Reduce exhaust emissions from idling vehicles • Improve railroad corridor safety, security, and hardening • Enhance freight railroad operating safety, efficiency, and velocity • Remove barriers to equity, community development, and economic opportunity 	\$1,050,000	February 2023



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Reconnecting Communities (new – IIJA)	Hawthorne Avenue Pedestrian and Bicyclist Overcrossing construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bridge the east and west sides of Bend; railroad and highway infrastructure have exacerbated socioeconomic divides between the historically County/rural east side of Bend from the high-amenity, historic west side • Improve travel between Downtown Bend and Bend Central District, an area identified to accommodate a significant portion of Bend’s future housing and employment growth • Provide safe and comfortable walking and biking opportunities between east and west Bend • Catalyze private development to support the vision for the Core Area of Bend • Develop equitable infrastructure in Opportunity Zones in the heart of the City of Bend • Increase access and safety in an Area of Persistent Poverty (Census Tract 16) • Support the community’s desire for transportation improvements in the Core Area • Leverage GO Bond funding to support expensive capital projects identified in the Transportation System Plan 	\$12,250,000	February 2023



DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Bend Fire & Rescue Open House

Join Bend Fire & Rescue in celebrating National Fire Prevention Week at the Bend Fire and Rescue Open House, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, October 15, 2022 at the North Fire Station, 63377 Jamison Street.

Free fun for the whole family!

- Meet your firefighters and emergency responders.
- Tour the fire station and climb aboard a fire engine.
- Watch the rescue team perform special operations.
- Witness a Bend Police Department K9 bite demonstration.
- See an Airlink Helicopter land and meet flight medics.



Learn about:

- Wildfire and home safety.
- Emergency preparedness from the American Red Cross.
- Health and wellness from St. Charles Health System.
- Hands-only CPR and how to stop bleeding emergencies.

Plus, delicious Eberhardts Ice Cream for everyone!

October BendBuzz Employee Newsletter

The October BendBuzz Employee Newsletter features information regarding the Budget development process, employees working to make our streets safer, and an introduction to the “Know Your City” video series now available for public viewing!

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Accommodation Information for People with Disabilities

To obtain this information in an alternate format such as Braille, large print, electronic formats, etc. please contact Meghan Goss at mgoss@bendoregon.gov or 541-323-7165.

