

# City Manager's Report

Information and Updates for the Mayor and City Council

April 14, 2023

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

MEETING/EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Council Meeting	April 19	3:30 p.m. Work Session 7 p.m. Regular Meeting	Council Chambers / Virtual
Council Meeting	May 3	5 p.m. Work Session 7 p.m. Regular Meeting	Council Chambers / Virtual

[VIEW THE FULL COUNCIL SCHEDULE](#)

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## PUBLIC AGENCY AND COMMUNITY PARTNER UPDATES

**Juneteenth Celebration June 17-18 – Sign-Up for the City’s Booth!**



As a title sponsor of The Father’s Group Juneteenth Celebration, an official City event, the City of Bend will host a booth on Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup> for City Councilors and City Staff to volunteer and provide City of Bend information to event attendees.

Sign-up for one (or a few!) timeslots here: [City of Bend Juneteenth Booth Sign Up](#)

All City Councilors and City Staff are welcome! Please direct questions and your department’s promotional materials to Sara La Torre [slatorre@bendoregon.gov](mailto:slatorre@bendoregon.gov). Thank you for your support of this important event!



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## Coordinated Houseless Response Office Strategic Update

Cheyenne Purrington, Executive Director of the CHRO, provided the following updates.

- New team member **Chris Ogren** joined the team this week from COIC! We're very excited to welcome him aboard. He'll still provide part-time support to COIC until a replacement is hired and trained, at which point his duties for CHRO will expand to include more projects.
- The latest **Strategic Update memo** outlines major initiatives and projects CHRO staff are currently focused on. These will naturally evolve and expand now that Chris is on board.
- I continue to update the **draft work plan** presented in our last meeting, incorporating Board member feedback and cross-referencing to the strategic plan developed by EHTF last year. As instructed by the Board, we'll work with COIC and HLC to ensure that these strategies are included in any broader regional planning efforts.
- For our **working session** next week, I'm recommending that we engage a facilitator to support our discussion and decision-making. I received recommendations for Ruth Williamson and Jen Rusk, please let me know if you have any thoughts before I move forward.
- Regarding the **working session agenda**, I recommend that we cover the following topics:
  - Public agency roles, responsibilities, and relationships
  - Advisory council membership and operating framework
  - Strategic plan, work plan, and budget review
- I'll send out **working session materials** later this week based on your feedback to the items above, and County staff will post them online.


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## REACH's Safe Parking Update for ARPA Reporting

Mickie Derting has begun the process of collecting reports from ARPA Community Grant awardees and will create a report visual for distribution in the coming months. In the meantime, Mickie shared Stacey Witte's/REACH's Safe Parking report:

REACH has provided case management and/or outreach to over **1,200 unduplicated/unique individuals in the past 12 months.**

It has been a challenging year with a lack of housing opportunities, limited shelter beds and extreme weather conditions but we continue to celebrate successes. We have had 26 people participate in Safe Parking in the past 18 months, we are so excited that **14** of those program participants have moved into **permanent housing**. One family of four that called Nativity



Lutheran home for many months ***had a baby*** while in the safe parking program and have now **moved into housing**. Several ***veterans*** left safe parking for **permanent housing**, **one young man moved into the COCC dorms** after months of doing his schooling while living in his vehicle.

Since 2020 when safe parking first started, we have welcomed **55 people** to safe parking sites and **28 individuals have moved into permanent housing**. For those that have not moved into housing almost all are on the ***CES list awaiting housing vouchers and placement***.

REACH has provided outreach and case management to over **1,000 unduplicated individuals in the past year**. Our greatest success is the **relationships** we have built, **trust** that has grown and our commitment to treating everyone with dignity and respect. ***We could not do the work we do without the support of the City of Bend.***

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## Bend Vision Project Quarterly Update

Matt Muchna, Envision Bend Executive Director, shared the **Bend Vision Project quarterly update**.

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## Building a Better Bend 2023 Lecture Series

The first event of the **Building a Better Bend 2023 Lecture Series** is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 – 8:30 PM at Open Space Event Studio**. City of Bend is a presenting sponsor of this first lecture, titled “Part 1: How Did Oregon Get So Unique? The Last 50 Years.”

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## EDCO Annual Luncheon

Economic Development for Central Oregon (EDCO) is hosting their **Annual Luncheon** on **May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, 11:00 am – 1:30 pm at the Riverhouse**. Ben Hemson has secured a table for up to 10 guests to attend the luncheon. Please contact Ben at **[bhemson@bendoregon.gov](mailto:bhemson@bendoregon.gov)** if you would like to attend.

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# PROJECT AND PROGRAM UPDATES

## TBOC Bond Monthly Update



A quarterly video for the Bond was recently released on several social media platforms. This was our first outreach effort to distribute the **Bond Performance Dashboard**. See below for a link to the Facebook posting and please continue to distribute the dashboard website to the community.

**Watch | Facebook**

### **UPCOMING OPEN HOUSES:**

1. **Pettigrew and Bayou Sewer Project** Pre-construction Informational Open House  
**April 20, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at First Missionary Baptist Church, 21129 SE Reed Market Road**  
Project website: [bendoregon.gov/pettigrew](https://bendoregon.gov/pettigrew)
2. **Wilson Avenue** - Final Phase Pre-construction Informational Open House  
**April 26 between 5 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. at Larkspur Community Center**  
Project website: [bendoregon.gov/Wilson](https://bendoregon.gov/Wilson)

### **ACTIVE BOND PROJECT UPDATE (APRIL, 2023)**

- **Wilson Corridor** – Construction is continuing on the 15<sup>th</sup> & Wilson roundabout with anticipated completion May 2023. Following completion, work will be initiated between 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and 9<sup>th</sup> Street; amendment (GMP 4) to be presented to council for approval during a regular meeting in April 2023. An informational open house for GMP 4 is scheduled for April 26, 2023 at the Larkspur Community Center at 5 p.m. Construction is anticipated to be complete in Spring 2024.
- **Purcell Extension** – Construction started at the Neff and Purcell intersection and Purcell extension on February 22, 2023. Substantial completion for the extension is anticipated for mid-summer 2023 and the intersection will be dependent on relocation work by franchise utilities.
- **Neighborhood Street Safety Program** – Construction drawings are complete for the 2023 projects, which have been bid out, and a contractor has been selected. City staff have determined a scope and fee for the design of the 2024 projects. Both contracts for 2024 design and 2023 construction will be presented to City Council at the April 19, 2023 regular meeting.
- **Butler/Boyd Key Routes** – Design continues for Butler/Wells intersection improvement, primary focus has moved to the alternatives analysis of the Boyd/Butler key routes. The project team is currently planning an open house for the Key Route segment in early June 2023. An invite will be sent to TBOC members once the date is confirmed.
- **Portland Key Route** – This project will be designed and built as a synergy opportunity with the Awbrey Butte Waterline Improvement project. As mentioned during the February TBOC meeting, the intended intersection improvements at 9<sup>th</sup> and Portland were found to be



infeasible and alternative improvements along the corridor are being considered instead. The design team is currently compiling an Alternatives Analysis to present to the public in the next couple of months in a workshop setting. The workshop is intended to provide the design team a more solidified scope of work as they progress through design of the improvements along Portland Avenue.

- **Midtown Crossings** –The project team hopes to issue a request for proposals for design and construction of the next phase to include the following: Greenwood: phase 1, and Franklin: Harriman to 4<sup>th</sup> Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Street: Franklin to Greenwood, Hawthorne Overcrossing (design only), in June 2023. The project will be delivered with a progressive design build delivery method, which includes the designer and builder under one contract. Construction is expected to start in early 2024.
- **Olney Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements** – The alternatives analysis phase of the project has begun and includes efforts in public outreach, stakeholder engagement, and preliminary design. A public open house with both virtual and in-person components will take place between July 6-19, 2023. The alternatives analysis phase will be followed by final design and construction in 2024.
- **Aune Street Extension (East)** – The contract for this study was reviewed and approved by City Council at the regular meeting on April 5, 2023. The project kickoff is anticipated for next week.
- **Bear Creek Road and 27<sup>th</sup> Street** – Design services proposals have been received, scored, and scope and fee negotiations are underway. Staff are anticipating a City Council date for review of the contract in June 2023.

#### ODOT Projects – GO Bond Contribution Included

- North Corridor: **Oregon Department of Transportation : Project-Details : Projects : State of Oregon**– The Kiewit Design-Build team is under construction on several fronts while they finish design on other elements slated for later in the year. Swalley Irrigation facilities have been rerouted and updated to accommodate the transportation elements. The Hwy 20/Cooley Road Roundabout is nearing the halfway point. Kiewit will swap the traffic control in mid-April to finish the easterly half of the Roundabout. This work includes 1,300 feet of new City of Bend waterline. Kiewit has also initiated City sewer line relocation in the area of Nels Anderson near the railroad. This will be followed with waterline relocation in the same area to make way for the new Parkway, parallel the railroad.
- US 97 at Reed Market Road Operations and Safety Study – The project has initiated with Sinclair Burr as the City liaison and Kim Ely as a TBOC advisor member. Alternatives evaluation is nearing completion. Expect an update to TBOC at our May 2023 meeting.



## Wall Street Journal Highlight's Bend's Eliminated Parking Minimums

The Wall Street Journal's article **America Has Too Much Parking. Really.**, highlights Bend as a smaller city participating in the trend to eliminate parking minimums for new construction.

"Dozens of cities across the country have eliminated at least some minimum-parking requirements, including big coastal cities such as New York City and San Francisco, and smaller cities such as Norman, Okla., and Bend, Ore. Last year, California abolished parking minimums statewide for new construction near public transit."

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## DEPARTMENT UPDATES

### Bend Fire Monthly Accountability Review

**The Bend Fire Department's Accountability Review** is complete through March 2023. Staffing an Advanced Life Support engine at the Pilot Butte station has had a very positive impact on our response times.

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### April BendBuzz Employee Newsletter

The **April BendBuzz Employee Newsletter** is now available. Things you'll find in this month's newsletter include, but aren't limited to: acupuncture, drones, the Transportation GO Bond, an ongoing scavenger hunt, and a chance to weigh in on how a parent (biological or otherwise) influenced your career choice.

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### Accommodation Information for People with Disabilities

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