

City Manager's Report

Information and Updates for the Mayor and City Council

November 3, 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

MEETING/EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Council Meeting	November 15	5 p.m. Work Session 7 p.m. Regular Meeting	Council Chambers / Virtual
Council Meeting	December 6	5 p.m. Work Session 7 p.m. Regular Meeting	Council Chambers / Virtual

[VIEW THE FULL COUNCIL SCHEDULE](#)

PUBLIC AGENCY AND COMMUNITY PARTNER UPDATES

League of Oregon Cities Bulletin

Read the most recent LOC Bulletin here. Of note, the Public Safety Coalition released an 11-point outline to reform Measure 110 and public comment is sought on the Broadband Office Draft Digital Equity Plan.

Thank You Note From Matt Muchna at Envision Bend

Dear Bend City Council,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide an update on the Vision Action Plan and learn from your questions Wednesday evening. You can view the digital document and project reports on our website:

www.envisionbend.org/vision



Thank you for your foundational support and ongoing partnership to make this effort a success. The Vision Action Plan is truly a framework; many specific actions and detailed implementation steps still need to be outlined. We look forward to developing these strategies alongside partners like the City of Bend in the years to come.

Along with our gratitude, I have a couple follow up items to share:

Philanthropy example

The Vision Action Plan is similar to a recent effort in Wenatchee, WA labeled "Our Valley Our Future". This community-driven plan has gained the attention of large donors like the Gates Foundation, via **Philanthropy Northwest**, who donated \$130,000 to be distributed to organizations listed in the plan through microgrants to further benefit the region.

City of Belonging

Bringing the right people together to explore this idea further is a needed next step. We want to ensure this strategy best addresses community needs and significantly moves the needle towards creating belonging, access, and psychological/physical safety in our community. St. Charles has identified addressing "**Loneliness and Belonging**" as a key funding priority for the coming three years, so there is some synergy happening. There is overlap between this strategy and the Alliance of Equity Partners strategy in terms of needed groundwork and coalition building, which Eric King spoke to.

CFEC & working with Developers

Certainly this is a challenge beyond conversations, but we hope to use the language in the community's plan to amplify community support for Climate Friendly and Equitable Communities in new developments like the SE Area Plan, Juniper Ridge, and Southern Development Zone. Envision Bend can help facilitate conversations to bring developers into these conversations early to increase buy-in and outline potential workarounds to barriers. We can celebrate developers who do work aligned with this strategy to further incentivize behavior.

Railroad Switchyards

This is one of the most aspirational strategies in the plan. It is one that may take 10+ years. But in 10+ years the land surrounding the switching yards will be that much more important as we increase urban density. Also, it opens a fabulous Rail-with-Trail option to move N/S through the City on the eastside of the parkway. I am curious to work on what a first step looks like here with you all, as this is a large visionary item that would require state and federal action and significant groundwork.



Thank you all for your service to our community and our region. Envision Bend is fortunate to have your support.

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PROGRAM UPDATES

PRO Housing Grant Application Submitted!

Last week, the PRO Housing grant application was submitted after a cumulative effort of many departments and team members. Thank you to Mayor Kebler and all the City staff who contributed to this effort!

Please take a moment to review the extensive list of **Partnership Letters and Letters of Support** included in the grant application to see how much our community supports this request.

Pavement Projects – Feedback from Bend Bikes

David Green, Board Secretary at Bend Bikes, provided the following message to our Transportation & Mobility paving projects team with some positive feedback.

As you know, members of Bend Bikes provided input into the pavement and striping projects you did last year. As those projects are completed now, we revisited them to see the results. The **attached report** summarizes what we saw. Since we don't know exactly what is possible during the pavement and striping project, we may be asking too much from this sort of work, but know that, in general, the work looks great and many of the suggestions we had were accomplished. We will probably always ask for more than is possible. Please let your street crew know that we really appreciate the quality of the work they do.

We also want to thank you for looking ahead and acquiring the equipment that will make maintaining the future protected bike lanes and shared use paths possible. That's the sort of proactive planning that will help move the city to meeting its goals.



DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Monthly Social Media & Media Report

For the month of October, the top community topics and themes observed in media and social media by Communications Department staff included:

- Housing: Media coverage of the grants and projects aimed to help alleviate the housing crisis.
- Transportation Fee: Media coverage and social media conversations around the proposed Transportation Fee.
- Transportation Projects: Media coverage on the GO Bond projects and other various construction projects happening around town.

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

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