

City Manager's Report

Information and Updates for the Mayor and City Council

February 23, 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

MEETING/EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Transportation Fee Listening Session	February 26	4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Council Chambers / Virtual
Community Building Subcommittee Meeting	February 28	1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Council Chambers / Virtual
Transportation Fee Listening Session	February 29	9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Council Chambers / Virtual
Council Meeting	March 6	5 p.m. Work Session 7 p.m. Regular Meeting	Council Chambers / Virtual

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PUBLIC AGENCY AND COMMUNITY PARTNER UPDATES

League of Oregon Cities Bulletin

Read the most recent LOC Bulletin here. Access the latest news for cities from the legislative session, including updates on Measure 110, Recreational Immunity, School Bus Safety, Governor's Housing Bill, and Housing and Infrastructure Investment Proposals.

Additionally, the **2024 State Shared Revenue Report** and the **2024 State of the Cities Report** were shared in **last week's LOC Bulletin**.



Deschutes County Commission Declares a State of Emergency to Address Fentanyl Crisis

The Deschutes County commissioners have voted to declare a 90-day state of emergency to address Central Oregon’s growing fentanyl crisis. The Board issued an emergency order on Wednesday, recognizing the growing threat to public health. Commissioner Phil Chang abstained from the vote, stating he thought it was not fully developed yet. [Read the complete news release here.](#)

Legislative Session Funding Requests

Sewer Infrastructure Funding

The City of Bend submitted an ask to our Representatives to consider wastewater infrastructure funding this legislative session, which is essential for catalyzing housing production in Bend. The City requested \$12 million for the Southeast Expansion Area sewer project and \$15 million for Bend’s Central Interceptor Upgrades, citing that 7,000+ homes and another 7,000+ jobs rely on their completion. See this [one-pager](#) for more information.

Shelter Funding

Last week, Mayor Kebler and Mayor Pro Tem Perkins met with key legislators and testified at the legislative session to advocate for shelter funding. Kebler and Perkins spoke of the City’s success with its shelters and safe parking sites, and the positive impact this has had on the community. See this [one-pager](#) for more details on our shelter accomplishments and funding needs.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

February BendBuzz Employee Newsletter

The [February BendBuzz Employee Newsletter](#) is available. This month’s newsletter talks about roundabouts, Bend Fire & Rescue's Training Academy, a major milestone for the Stevens Road Tract, a new way to brush up on benefits the City offers, and much more.

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