

**City of Bend  
Council Community Building Subcommittee  
February 28, 2024**

The meeting of the Bend City Council Community Building Subcommittee was called to order at 1:32 p.m. on Wednesday, February 28, 2024, in City Council Chambers, 710 NW Wall Street, and online.

**1. Roll Call:** City Councils Anthony Broadman, Ariel Méndez, Megan Norris

**2. Public Comment**

- Deborah Hogan spoke about the Neighborhood Street Safety Program and expressed concerns regarding elements that might be missing, such as program evaluation criteria, to include re-evaluation and when to consider the program completed.
- Brian Potwin, representing Commute Options, spoke regarding the subcommittee's goals and how his group might support them, and provided suggestions for road treatments to improve safety on roadways.

**3. Approval of the December 13, 2023, Meeting Minutes**

Councilor Broadman moved to approve the December 13, 2023, Community Building Subcommittee Meeting Minutes. Councilor Norris seconded the motion.

Voice Vote Councilor Broadman, Méndez, Norris Yes 3 No 0

**4. Neighborhood Street Safety Program (NSSP) Process**

Project Engineer Christian Williams and Engineering and Infrastructure Planning Director Ryan Oster presented the staff report and shared the NSSP projects for 2025-2030.

Williams stated that phase one of the program included 25 projects. 17 of the 25 projects have been built, five additional projects will be completed by summer 2024 and the final three projects are anticipated for completion in 2025, for a total of approximately \$4.5 million of General Obligation bond funds. Phase two of the program includes 46 potential projects, 16 of which scored highly in the scoring criteria and may be worth pursuing with the remaining \$3.5 million set aside from General Obligation bond funds. The prospective project list is available on the City website.

The subcommittee inquired about equity in the scoring criteria used to make decisions on which projects to include in the program. Staff explained that in phase one, every neighborhood association was allowed two projects. Phase two projects were determined based on a criterion that considered transportation disadvantages, distance to a school or park, crash data, cost, and federal poverty line and car ownership data at the census block level.

In response to an inquiry from the Subcommittee about constraints, staff explained that capacity for City's project managers limits the number of projects that can be completed to about five projects each year.

The Subcommittee provided feedback that proximity to affordable housing should be considered as a criteria factor and requested that the list of 16 prospective projects indicate which projects are on the Bend Bikeway.

## **5. Bend Bikeways Alternatives**

Project Engineer Kevin Howard and Engineering and Infrastructure Planning Director Ryan Oster presented the staff report.

Slides included:

Current final engineering scope

- Shared-used/Protected Paths (SUPs)

- Neighborhood Greenways

- Enhanced intersection crossings – Franklin Ave. and Sixth Street. Butler Market Road and Boyd Acres Road included for conceptual design only.

- Accessibility improvements

- Modal filters / Traffic diverters

- Wayfinding

Map image

- Shared-used/Protected Paths (SUPs)

- Concept drawings

- Neighborhood Greenway / Model Filter example

- Accessibility Improvements

- Schedule

- Financial Resources

- Possible design additions

- 15<sup>th</sup> Street SUP Alternative Route

The Subcommittee and staff discussed the 15th Street SUP Alternative Route project, north and south of Reed. City Manager Eric King stated that these projects would be included in upcoming CIP discussions.

## **6. Adjourned at 3:45 pm**

Respectfully submitted,

Morgen Fry

Deputy City Recorder