

**Bend City Council Public Safety Open House + Neighborhood Roundtable
Presentations and Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2024**

Public Safety Open House took place from 5:30 – 7 p.m. on Monday, June 10, 2024, at the Bend Municipal Court (555 NE 15th Street, Bend).

1. City of Bend Presentations – Three E’s of Traffic Safety: Education, Engineering and Enforcement
 - Bend Police Chief Mike Krantz discussed how the Bend Police Department addresses traffic safety using education and enforcement.
 - Presentation
 - Assistant City Engineer Janet Hruby discussed how the Transportation and Mobility Department addresses traffic safety using education and engineering.
 - Presentation

The Neighborhood Roundtable was called to order at 7:01 p.m. on Monday, June 10, 2024, at the Bend Municipal Court (555 NE 15th Street, Bend) and online. Present were Mayor Melanie Kebler, Mayor Pro Tem Megan Perkins, Councilor Anthony Broadman, Councilor Barb Campbell, Councilor Ariel Mendez, Councilor Megan Norris and Councilor Mike Riley.

1. Welcome & Introductions
 - Roundtable attendees introduced themselves and their affiliation.
2. Purpose & Ground Rules
 - Mayor Melanie Kebler discussed the purpose of the roundtable and ground rules for participation.
3. Menti Poll Results & Discussion
 - Mayor Melanie Kebler highlighted the results of a pre-roundtable prompt: What concerns do you have about traffic safety in Bend?
 - This poll was taken by attendees of the Public Safety Open House from 5:30 – 7 p.m. and the questions were provided to neighborhoods to discuss with members prior to the roundtable.
 - Menti Poll Results: Public Safety Roundtable - Mentimeter
 - Mayor Melanie Kebler asked roundtable attendees to reflect on and share what responses were gathered from neighborhood members.
 - i. Feedback included: Cut-through traffic experienced on neighborhood streets, speed of traffic when cutting through neighborhoods, high speeds on arterials and collectors that go through neighborhoods, abrupt ending of infrastructure like bike lanes and sidewalks, high traffic volumes on local roads from cut-through traffic, sudden transitions into neighborhoods from arterials and collectors.
4. Public Safety Goal Background & Discussion (25 minutes)

- Bend Police Chief Mike Krantz discussed the Public Safety Council Goal which includes the use of technology for capacity building. He gave an update on the goal progress and status.
- Mayor Melanie Kebler asked roundtable attendees to share what they were most concerned with regarding the coming Automated Traffic Enforcement Program.
 - i. Feedback included: would like more information on Request for Proposal process (vendors, profit motive, municipal court involvement, fee escalation and cost equity, vendor discretion in citations), use of funds collected, data privacy, ability to place cameras on local roads, prioritize mobile units and neighborhood input on placement, consider crash data points for location placement may be skewed due to learned behaviors from past unsafe experiences, communicate process regarding officer review of camera citations, be mindful of cameras driving people to parallel roads trying to avoid citations, focus efforts on school zones or consider a mobile unit strictly for school zones, consider technology that is objective and considers implicit bias during vendor selection, consider prioritizing neighborhood enforcement for areas not impacted by signal enforcement, routes that are built for high speeds and also intended for alternative modes of transportation need enforcement, consider equity plan for the program to address issues that may arise with use of technology, consider using any excess funds brought in to fund more mobile units

5. Transportation & Mobility Goal Background & Discussion (25 minutes)

- Assistant City Engineer Janet Hruby discussed the Transportation & Mobility Council Goal focusing on improving transportation safety. She gave an update on the goal progress, programs that are included in this goal and status.
- Mayor Melanie Kebler asked roundtable attendees to share what they wanted City Council and staff to know or think about regarding traffic safety and infrastructure design.
 - i. Feedback included: physical infrastructure works best but is costly and takes time to implement, consider quick builds as temporary solutions to address issues timely, consider sign placement and ensure visibility, consider line presentation which might signal drivers to behave unfavorably such as with separated crosswalks that create false safety for pedestrians and unintended turn lanes upon entering in a vehicle, consider using more modal filters (diverters) as an option for local roads, quicker action/quick builds for problem areas, quick builds are good for mass filtering because they are temporary and can be adapted in community emergency situations, consider that we are a car-centric community still when implementing all of these different infrastructure projects, consider community programs that would provide data through bike/ped volunteers about dangerous areas, consider prioritizing transportation routes to air

conditioned spaces like libraries and community centers for those who do not have safe spaces, consider educational signage for roundabouts throughout the city, consider options like rumble strips and annoyances to drivers that will keep them inside the roadways and can still be maintained by our new mini-tools, kudos for the Neighborhood Street Safety Program and the success it has had in addressing a lot of issues on local roads, continue to communicate what is being done with community input

6. Wrap-up

- City Councilors discussed their values and reactions to the discussion throughout the evening.
- Reactions included:
 - Councilor Mendez: Showcasing new way to engage with community in a different way, highlight that enforcement and engineering working together to address these problems.
 - Councilor Riley: Recognizes the structural issues with Orchard and Old Bend that cause safety issues and cut through traffic, recognizes the need for faster solutions.
 - Mayor Pro Tem Perkins: Hopes to increase the tools in the toolbox to help stop behaviors from multiple angles.
- Mayor Melanie Kebler and Communications & Engagement Director René Mitchell summarized themes heard during the roundtable discussion.
- Mayor Melanie Kebler shared with roundtable attendees that the City would follow-up with information on what was discussed and utilize this information in decision-making as possible.

7. Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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