

# City Manager's Report

## Information and Updates for the Mayor and City Council

November 8, 2024

### UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

MEETING/EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Council Stewardship Subcommittee	November 15	8:30 a.m.	Council Chambers / Virtual
Council Meeting	November 20	5 p.m. Executive Session, followed by Work Session 7 p.m. Regular Meeting	Council Chambers / Virtual
Council Meeting	December 4	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.](#) Of note,

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) is updating the Oregon Trails Plan. This process will identify priorities for future funding through the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) and ATV grant programs and help determine what tools and resources to include in the plan to support your trails work. More information can be found [here](#) regarding the survey which will be open through November 11.



The National League of Cities (NLC) and its coalition partners are asking city leaders to sign onto a [letter](#) urging the U.S. Congress to pass a clean disaster assistance appropriation bill. Specifically, the NLC is asking Congress to:

- Fully fund the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s recovery efforts for recent and future disasters;
- Replenish the Small Business Administration Disaster Assistance Loan Program sufficiently to help business owners and homeowners rebuild;
- Ensure Tier-1 funding for the Economic Development Administration’s on-the-ground response programs;
- Provide flexible funding for the U.S. Department of Transportation Emergency Relief funds to repair essential state and local roads, enabling residents to return to their homes and work;
- Provide funding to support long-term recovery efforts through Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Resilience program, which is essential for helping communities sustainably rebuild their infrastructure, housing and economy;
- Increase funding for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program for families and children impacted by major national disasters since 2023;
- Allow flexibility of funding for local governments to address the specific recovery needs of their communities.

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## **January City Council and Advisory Body Summit**

The City is planning a new engagement event on January 14, 2025 for advisory boards, commissions and committees with the City Council ahead of Council Goal Setting for 2025 – 2027. The Summit is an opportunity for advisory body members to meet with Council in an informal setting. One member from each advisory body will briefly share their body’s top accomplishments from 2024 and their top priorities for Council consideration heading into goal setting for the upcoming biennium. All advisory body members and staff liaisons are invited. The City Recorder’s Office will notice the Summit as a public meeting of the City Council and the Advisory Boards, Commissions and Committees.

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## **Regional Housing Council: 2025 Session Housing Policy "Soft" Priority List**

Regional Housing Council members were recently surveyed regarding very broad categories of types of housing-related legislative advocacy efforts. These categories were created by a process of:



- Reaching out to regional and statewide groups that indicated that they were developing housing-related policy agendas for the 2025 session. This [document](#) shows all of those groups with more detail on what they are proposing;
- COIC combining policy ideas into the categories you see in the [survey findings](#).

Once the RHC finalizes categories, more specific details on each will follow.

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## DEPARTMENT UPDATES

### Transportation and Mobility Department First Annual Report

The Transportation and Mobility department has released its first [Annual Report](#), as mentioned in the November 6<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting. When the City Council adopted a new Transportation Fee in March 2024, part of a multi-faceted transportation funding strategy, it came with a plan to establish an annual report and public-facing data dashboard to illustrate our operations and finances associated with the new revenue. The new [Bend Transportation Hub](#) dashboard can also be found on Transportation & Mobility Department's landing page, [www.bendoregon.gov/streets](http://www.bendoregon.gov/streets). The annual reports will be posted at [www.bendoregon.gov/transportation-fee](http://www.bendoregon.gov/transportation-fee).

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### October Social Media and Media Report

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

- Juniper Ridge: Media coverage and social media conversation about the creation of the Temporary Safe Stay Area with Deschutes County to jointly manage the land at Juniper Ridge.
- Transportation Projects: Coverage of the various construction projects occurring around town.
- Camping Code Update: City Council approves updates to the camping code to align the application of vehicle and tent camping.

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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