



CITY OF BEND

City Manager's Report

Information and Updates for the Mayor and City Council

September 19, 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

MEETING/EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Council Work Session	September 24	4-6 p.m.	Council Chambers / Virtual
Joint City/County Meeting	September 29	4-6 p.m.	Deschutes Services Building - Barnes & Sawyer Room, 1300 NW Wall Street
Public Contracts Subcommittee Meeting	September 30	9-10:30 a.m.	Awbrey Butte Conference Room
Council Business Meeting	October 1	6 p.m.	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 final steps for Oregon's 2025 Special Legislative Session regarding its Transportation Package have been delayed. While the House passed HB 3991A, a revenue bill, and HB3992, a budget bill, on September 1, the Senate has been unable to hold a floor session due to the illness of Senator Chris Gorsek.



- During the LOC Annual Business Meeting on October 4, city officials attending the LOC Conference will elect the 2026 LOC Board of Directors. Each city must name their one voting delegate by September 24.
 - ODOT's annual Road and Street Finance Questionnaire collects receipts, expenditures, and debt data required by the Federal Highway Administration. All cities with populations of 5,000+ must complete it to ensure accurate reporting and federal compliance.
 - The LOC is seeking statements of interest for service on its seven policy committees beginning in March 2026. Apply by October 20 to bring your expertise and perspective to help shape the state's legislative agenda.
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City of Bend and Partners Host Guided Bike Tour

Join the “Get There Challenge” on October 3rd for a guided bike tour to explore new travel options in downtown Bend. Check out enhanced street crossings and protected intersections with City staff and Bend Bikes volunteers during the “Get There Challenge,” a “Week Without Driving” initiative. The ride departs at 5:30 p.m. from the Commons Café and ends at the same place at 6:30 p.m. Commute Options and CET will be tabling at the Commons that evening for First Friday, with live music starting at 6:30 p.m. Bend Bikes volunteers will support logistics and help direct traffic and the City’s Janet Hruby will lead the ride and talk about infrastructure projects at three different locations en route. For more information, questions, and to RSVP, please contact Derek Hofbauer at dhofbauer@bendoregon.gov. Event flyer [linked here](#).

One Water Student Video Contest Winners

Each year, the City of Bend partners with Central Oregon Daily and BendFilm for the One Water Student Video Contest, where local 6-12 graders make commercials to teach people to conserve water or protect our river and groundwater aquifer. The grand prize winner gets to work with a TV producer to adapt their video into a professional TV commercial! Learn more: [One Water Student Video Contest](#) | [City of Bend](#)

Two students from Caldera High School, Alivia Sullivan and Lily Clark, won the City’s 2025 Student Video Contest by sharing some fun tips on how to protect our waters. Their video is about how storm drains in Bend flow directly into the river or our groundwater and reminds the community to make sure nothing but stormwater goes into those storm drains. Check it out at: <https://youtu.be/IG-IqdfA4bw>. It will also be screened at the upcoming [Bend Film Festival](#)! Remember: Only rain in the storm drain!



DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Bend Airport Receives FAA Funding Award

Bend Municipal Airport is receiving a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) funded award under the Airport Improvement Program in the amount of \$3,930,621. This grant funds Phase 2 of the Taxiway A and B Rehabilitation Project which provides new taxiway edge lighting along both parallel taxiways to enhance operational safety for aircraft on the ground. Additionally, the project will complete maintenance needed to prolong the life of Bend Airport's two parallel taxiways. The pavement project will maintain the structural integrity of Taxiway A and Taxiway B pavement, minimize debris, and extend the life of the pavement. The edge lighting will enhance operational safety of aircraft on the ground and bring the airport into conformity with current FAA standards. These improvements are part of the City of Bend's continued commitment to the safe and efficient operation of the Bend Airport, the third most active of 97 public use airports in the state of Oregon.

General Obligation Transportation Bond 2025 Annual Report

City of Bend staff and the Transportation Bond Oversight Committee (TBOC) have completed the General Obligation (GO) Transportation Bond 2025 Annual Report. The Bond is intended to fund transportation projects totaling \$190 million to be completed over a ten-year period. Funds from the GO Bond have been used to leverage additional state and federal grant funding to support infrastructure improvements throughout the City. The report summarizes the progress of the Bond program to-date and includes completed and upcoming projects as well as financial metrics. Full report [linked here](#).

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