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To: Karen Swirsky <kswirsky@bendoregon.gov>
Subject: Re: Bend's Transportation Plan -- Upcoming meetings

Hi Karen,

Maybe I'm being too skeptical, but with the extreme lack of funds for highway/street improvement and new additions to deal with known and anticipated congestion resulting from a growing population and employment, how can the "consultant led" bike brigade be allowed to cannibalize existing roadway to play to the fiction that bikes will be the panacea for Bend. If this is to be the bed-rock for a new transportation plan for Bend, it will be laughed at especially by the "money/budget" holders who now stand around the rear of the meetings plotting how to minimize any real transfers from their rice bowls.

Parking cars in street thorough-fare to create safe bike lanes few use is jousting at windmills here in Bend where few streets are wide enough to do this safely. Look at the boon-doggle on the south side of the revamped Mirror Pond parking lot toward the Library side. The city is going to be sued by drivers hit by persistent traffic as doors are torn off and the drivers/passengers injured by the cars/trucks passing.

Bend does have a Winter. The period of decent bike riding is likely less than 6 mos. Even now the bike lanes are not painted and dirt/rocks remain on many. Much of this study will just fill up the shelf for Bend's "official Transportation Plan for 2020 - 2040." Dedication of funds needs to be directed at the Big-Rocks first, then the nice to have. PUT THE ISSUE TO A REFERENDUM VOTE by the Public. Just like the Mirror Pond issue should be.

Sincerely,

Scott Nunns, resident of the Boyd Acres Community..