

Public Comments directed to Bend's Transportation Plan Steering Committee Part 3
(6-18 through 6-21 2019)

To Whom It May Concern:

Please address the lack of a safe pedestrian crossing at the intersection Empire Ave. and the on ramps to the Parkway/Hwy. 97. This is a busy and dangerous intersection and very risky to cross on foot or by bicycle. Because of this, the many residents who live in the area of 18th and Empire have a difficult time going West without having to travel up Butler Market.

Also, I support CTAC's recommendations. Thank you.

Susan Wittwer
Bend resident

Sent from my iPhone

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Dear Steering Committee,

The CTAC recommendations have come about with the result of a lot of public input. Numerous meetings and workshops have been held with very good turnout by the citizens of Bend. We have attended several of them.

Therefore we urge you to adopt the recommendations that have come out of all this hard work. They support the communities desire for increased safety number one. And a transportation system that is equitable, diverse, works for all members of our community and incorporates needed improvements to transit, bicycling and walking, thereby making them viable options for many.

Thank you for your service.

Wendy and Alan Holzman

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For goodness sakes, be bold! Bend is behind the curve. The street system in Bend is a hodge-podge of disconnected arteries. "You can't get there from here." The capacity of our street system cannot handle current traffic loads much less ever increasing loads. Connect the "go nowhere" streets. Widen our streets. Create connections and by-passes for east-west Hwy 20 and north-south Hwy 97. Truck traffic can't get through town efficiently.

Invest in electric vehicle infrastructure. It is the future.

Create comprehensive "green-ways" for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Treat the Deschutes for the natural treasure it is, not a private pond.

Bring passenger rail back to Bend.

Be bold. Think outside the box. Business as usual is not solving the problem.

James Scott
Bend

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PLEASE make sustainable transportation more accessible and safe in this city. I love to ride a bike or walk everywhere and we are lacking sidewalks and bike lanes in many areas. If you build it, the people will use it!

Thank you,
Katie Reeves

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- Dear Steering Committee Members,
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- I believe that we need safer streets and a transportation system that is designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and provide easy alternatives to driving for all members of our community. We must move away from outdated 20th century car-centric transportation planning in order to create a healthy and sustainable city. The new TSP should prioritize investments in walking, biking, and transit networks. We need a complete network of wider sidewalks and bike lanes and paths that are physically separated from traffic. A skinny painted line does nothing to increase safety or encourage people to ride bikes.
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- Please support the recommendations of the Citywide Transportation Advisory Committee for a sustainable transportation system in Bend.
- Thank You,
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- Ross Winsor

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Greetings,

It really is quite simple: what we plan for and invest in, is what we will see in the future. For too long we have talked about but never written nor adequately funded strong plans for a clean, safe, multi-modal transportation future for Bend.

Many countries and cities have created much more livable cities by planning for and funding such forward looking transportation systems. It is long past time for Bend to join them.

Please endorse the very strongest TSP and CIP to fund a safe, clean, multi-modal future. Anything less will just create more of the unsafe, polluted, congested streets — and contribute to a grim climate future.

Please take strong action now so that you can look your grandchildren in the eye and say you did all you could to create a livable future for them.

Thanks,

John Schubert

PS I do my part by biking, walking, teleworking, taking transit and only rarely driving a solar-fueled electric car. Let's make it easier for others to do the same!!

Dear Citizen Volunteers,

I appreciate the time and effort you are contributing to this very challenging planning process. As you consider the options, I hope you will err on the side of more options for moving Bend.

In our neighborhood meetings, the majority of folks want sidewalks and bikeways so they may travel within and around their neighborhood. They want connectivity to reach commercial centers.

While all of us are frustrated by congestion, it will be addressed when more of us in our individual cars have the option to walk or take convenient public transit.

Thanks for your efforts,

Joette Storm

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Hello TSP Steering Committee,

Providing safe routes for biking and walking are essential to Bend's future development as a progressive, welcoming community. Our economy, especially the tourism factors, is supported by outdoor activity. Our transportation infrastructure needs to foster connectivity across the community with transit, biking and walking improvements.

The recommendations of the Citywide Transportation Advisory Committee should be implemented.

Thank you for your hard work in making Bend a wonderful place to live, work, and play.

Regards,

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“Dear Steering Committee,
I believe that we need safer streets and a transportation system that is affordable and works for all members of our community. The recommendations of the community survey are on the right track. Although a avid walker and biker there are 6 good reasons for better streets (November, December, January, February, March, and sometimes April). Please consider the public survey recommendations.”

Mark Scott

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Dear Steering Committee,

I believe that we need safer streets and a transportation system that is affordable and works for all members of our community. The recommendations of CTAC are on the right track. I'm excited to see the project list includes transit, biking, and walking improvements. Please adopt CTAC's recommendations.

Regards,

Kristin von Eschen

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Dear TSP Steering Committee members,

In order to grow sustainably Bend needs a TSP plan that:

prioritizes investments in walking, biking, and transit networks;

is safe and healthy for Central Oregon's residents and the environment;

improves equity by better serving low-income, minority, disabled and other underserved populations;

makes affordable transportation investments that are right-sized for our community.

Please vote yes on CTAC's recommended project list and their recommended criteria for prioritizing projects in the TSP.

Thank you,

Ann Brayfield
Citizen

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Hi Transportation Committee,

Thank you for all your hard work. I very much support the work that CTAC has recommended for safer streets and affordable transit in Bend. I personally know several people that have been hit by cars while riding their bikes through Bend. I don't ride my bike as much because of that. Please do all that you can to make biking and walking safer without cars being too confused by the changes. Also please consider more bike lanes off the streets like the one up Century Drive.

Thank you again,

Maureen Sweeney

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Hi,

I just want to voice my support for more infrastructure and pathways to better biking around Bend. It still feels dangerous to many of us, and although a great job has been done with designated bike lanes, intersections are still a worry when out biking.

As Bend's population grows it would be great to develop more off the main road bikeways and maintain lines on the roads to make sure cars don't drift into bikeways. Maybe some wayfinding signage would also assist both bikers and drivers, icons that tell you what to do at roundabouts and intersections.

Maybe we need color coded boxes where only bikes are supposed to be... something that signals that the city recognizes biking as a viable alternative to driving and wants to send that signal to drivers.

Thank you,
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