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Subject: Comments on Bend's TSP

Hi,

I'm a resident of Bend and I'm writing in support of some particular points in Bend's Transportation System Plan.

1. I support investments in walking, biking, and transit. These are incredibly important environmentally and socially. They encourage exercise, they make transportation more accessible, and they help to lower our greenhouse gas emissions. As Bend grows rapidly (as well as our world population), infrastructure for these non-car orientated modes of transportation is extremely important!
2. I would like to see all bike and pedestrian Key Route investments moved into the near-term priorities list.
3. I believe the following projects and programs should be added to the near-term priorities list:
 - Program funding for the entire bike/ped "Low-Stress Network" and citywide sidewalk infill. It's incredibly unsafe not to have consistent sidewalks for pedestrians, and it's important that our bikers feel safe and respected on the roads.
 - More money for transit support. This is a more accessible means of transport for low-income families and it helps to reduce our carbon emissions. When public transport infrastructure is prioritized by the city it makes it much easier for residents to utilize it on a consistent basis.
 - 27th St. and Butler Market Rd. corridors complete street improvements.
 - Core area intersection improvements (Olney, Greenwood, and Franklin Ave at 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Streets)
4. I would like all three midtown bike/ped connectivity projects (Greenwood, Hawthorne, and Franklin) to remain near-term priorities (see above for reasoning).

Overall, I hope the TSP will prioritize:

- High capacity transit
- Mobility hubs
- Bike/ped projects (bike lanes and sidewalks)
- 2 or 3 lane roads as default design (not 4 or 5 lane)

Thank you for your time!

Warmly,

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