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To CTAC members,

As you move forward with prioritizing TSP projects for Bend, I would like to share my thoughts.

I think it's very important to support investments in walking, biking and transit, and hope they will continue to emerge as priorities. In addition to meeting the communities goals for the TSP, these projects support the Bend Climate Resolution as well.

Therefore I think all bike/ped Key Route investments should be moved to the near-term priority list. These are relatively inexpensive projects compared to the bigger ticket items, and should be done first. More bang for the buck, and they help address safety concerns for vulnerable road users.

Additionally I feel strongly that the three midtown bike/ped connectivity projects should remain as near-term priorities (Greenwood, Franklin and Hawthorne). These are important connectors for our community and they need improvements to make citizens feel more comfortable using them.

As a member of the Deschutes County Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC), I attend many transportation related meetings. My recommendations are my own and I am not speaking for BPAC. However, I am very aware of the concerns that cyclists, pedestrians and transit users have in Bend. And I think we all know that safety is the big one. I feel strongly that these projects are necessary to meet the communities goals and should be on the near-term priority list.

Thank you for the time and commitment you are making to our community. I appreciate it.

Sincerely,
Wendy Holzman