

From: webmaster@bendoregon.gov <webmaster@bendoregon.gov>
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 10:52 AM
To: GMDTransportationSystemPlan <tsp@bendoregon.gov>
Subject: comments on TSP

Message submitted from the <City of Bend> website.

Site Visitor Name: Jason Walsh
Site Visitor Email: j.xander.w@gmail.com

Hello CTAC,

I submit these comments to be part of the public record for the plan.

- 1.) Safety and congestion have been pointed out again and again as the primary concerns for Bend residents. You can not fix either of these problems by adding more infrastructure for vehicles. You will only exacerbate existing issues and add more accidents, unsafe pedestrian and vehicle routes and more cars.
- 2.) Building more protected bike lanes and adding incentives to move people out of cars is the only way to keep Bend pleasant.
- 4.) The car is the problem. Our children cannot walk to school because of the car. Our children cannot ride their bikes to school because of the car. You won't ride your bike because of the danger of the car. Traffic is a problem because you keep adding more cars and creating more space for cars.

Here are my specific suggestions to assist:

- Bike lanes should always be protected. This should not even be debatable. If you want families and children and citizens to ride their bikes then this must happen.
- There should be dedicated bike/pedestrian routes across the city. No car zones. This should also facilitate east Bend residents moving across from east to west and north to south. Don't just make west bend bike friendly.
- Bike lanes need to always connect safely to a "safe zone" where the cyclists can wait for lights/intersections or traffic. Many bike lanes currently end into a ditch or nothing or a sidewalk.
- Have dedicated crossings of major roads for pedestrians and cyclists - more overpasses and underpasses.

I realize this is radical for America and that you won't and can't implement these policies and infrastructure changes. But, I love this town and I want it to be the future, not the past. I want my children and your children to move safely without vehicles. I see the future and it is better than traffic congestion.