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I'm a long time cyclist, not a motorist. I refuse to own or use a car for transporting my old broken body around town. It's immoral. Global warming kills. There is no excuse for driving, it's mass suicide. Cut and dried.

For over ten years, I've been riding my bicycle around this city for all my transportation needs and have noticed that aggressive driving is now becoming a real problem. I seem to dodge death daily. This fear factor really hampers getting new riders on bikes and out of their cars, which should be a priority, if fighting global warming and easing traffic woes is actually a transportation priority for the city of Bend.

I NEED you to prioritize safe cycling infrastructure and traffic calming, ASAP. It's scary out there. The BEST solution to Bends coming/existing gridlock, is to make driving less appealing by having a solid cycling infrastructure prioritized over the car culture. Electric micro vehicles, electric bikes and fit healthy people should be a transportation priority, not greater Co2 levels.

Change is hard, but HARD decisions need to be made to ween off of gasoline. Prioritization of cycling infrastructure is not a hard decision. It's a no brainer and the moral, proper thing for a government to do.

The better and safer the cycling infrastructure, the better the community becomes, for ALL residents of Bend. More bikes equals less car traffic which makes motorists happier.

All I ask.....is not to die on the streets of Bend.

Thanks for your support for a healthier, calmer, happier community.

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