

Public Comments directed to Bend's Transportation Plan Steering Committee
(6-18 through 6-20 2019)

To the Steering Committee,

Thank you so much for all the work you have put into planning a more sustainable, equitable system of transportation for Bend. I am a cyclist, but because commuting by bike in town is difficult, most of my riding is recreational. I would rather be able to ride to work or to run errands.

You are aware that it has been shown that providing safe alternative forms of transportation does indeed lessen driving, and all of its attendant issues with congestion, parking, carbon dioxide emissions, etc. And above that, it increases the likelihood that people will walk or bike. This increases livability of the community, has increased health benefits, and provides transportation alternatives for those who are not able or cannot afford to drive. There are so many benefits to getting people out of their cars and onto bikes or into walking, but there must be safe routes for everyone or they won't get out there.

Of course, I am preaching to the choir. I hope this plan is taken seriously and implemented so we may all enjoy the benefits of the plan.

Thank you!

Mary Monica Welch
Bend

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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. The more we separate pedestrians and cyclists from motorized traffic the more likely I'll be riding my bike around town instead of driving out of fear of a serious accident. Please adopt CTAC's recommendations.

Calli Madrone

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For me personally the biking projects will contribute significantly to my willingness to bike commute around town, which right now is pretty low. Bike commuting is something I have always taken great pride in, and did daily when I lived in Salem, Oregon, Seattle, Washington and Sevilla in Southern Spain, however my bike routes here are often disjointed, not linear, and involve a lot of really committing moves (I race bikes and they are committing for me!). I strongly support any improvements to bike infrastructure and know that they are greatly needed and would be greatly beneficial in traffic alleviation and increased commute options for more individuals.

Cheers
Kellie

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TSP Steering Committee,

I fully support the TSP recommendations of the CTAC. Bend needs a TSP that will:

- prioritize investments in walking, biking, and transit networks;
- be safe and healthy for Central Oregon's residents and environment;
- improve equity by better serving low-income, minority, disabled and other underserved populations;
- make affordable transportation investments that are right-sized for our community.

I hope you will adopt the CTAC recommendations.

Thank you'
Michele McKay
Bend, OR

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Dear Steering Committee,

We need safer streets for ALL users and a transportation system that is affordable and works for ALL members of our community. The recommendations of CTAC are on point and are aimed at safer streets for ALL users.

I urge you to adopt CTAC's recommendations.

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I support the recommendations of the Citywide Transportation Advisory Committee. I want a sustainable transportation system in Bend.

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

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"If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything." Mark Twain

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Dear Steering Committee,

As someone who bikes and walks around Bend as much as possible, but frequently with fear for my own safety, I am deeply interested in our city developing a Transportation System Plan that not only provides safer, more efficient, and more connected pedestrian, bike, and bus infrastructure, but also one that massively reduces our greenhouse gas footprint.

I believe that the Citizen Transportation Advisory Committee's recommendations are a good starting point for Bend. I encourage you to consider their recommendations as you work to provide affordable, climate-friendly, and safe transportation options to the whole city.

Thank you for your work on this important issue.

Sincerely,
Fiona Noonan

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Dear Steering Committee,

I appreciate that yours has been a long and thoughtful process, and thank you for your work. As a resident who both lived in Bend in the 1970's and who then returned to a Bend that has grown tremendously (and will continue to do so) I know we need safer streets and a transportation system that is affordable and works for all members of our community. Having watched this project and being aware of the options considered, I support the recommendations of CTAC and am happy to see the project list includes transit, biking, and walking improvements. Please adopt CTAC's recommendations.

Sincerely,
Connie Peterson

[REDACTED], Bend, OR 97703

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Dear Steering Committee,

The recommendations of CTAC for a future transportation system are encouraging. I would like to highlight the need for non-car-dependent transportation in the future: climate change. Climate change demands we innovate in our transportation sector, and this is the opportunity to do so. The prioritization of near term projects will greatly determine how Bend evolves as a community in years to come. To avoid the most catastrophic consequences of global warming, emissions must be cut drastically in the next decade. So we have 0 time to waste in making climate-conscious decisions. It should be at the forefront of all our decision-making.

But while our hands are tied by this unfolding emergency, we should recognize that this is a great opportunity to positively redefine our community! A non-car-dependent transportation network will greatly increase Bend's quality of life. I'd like to mention some the advantages of non-car-dependent transportation.

- Investment in pedestrian and bike infrastructure and affordable public transit increases casual community interactions in the public sphere; I'm a big believer that these know-your-neighbor interactions foster connections that create a strong communal fabric.
- Accessibility. Affordable public transportation, bike paths, and pedestrian walkways are more equitable than requiring car ownership to take advantage of public infrastructure. These options should be friendly to physically-disabled individuals.
- Besides greenhouse gas emissions, cars also emit other air pollutants, which pose a public health risk.
- Noise pollution from automobile travel is so prevalent now that we barely notice it; but it is degrading to the everyday life of Bendites, except for those who can afford to live further away from major roads.
- Lastly, maintaining roads and parking for automobiles is a huge land-use demand for our city. By investing heavily in non-car transportation (which generally requires less space in our rights-of-way than cars), we can free up space for public tree plantings, which provides a multitude of sustainability and quality-of-life benefits for our city. In fact, trees should go hand-in-hand with new sidewalks and bike paths.

Please adopt CTAC's recommendations and bear my comments in mind when prioritizing projects.

Thanks for all you do!

Andy Taylor
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Prioritize the Hawthorne overpass for bikes and peds. The parkway is like a border wall, inhibiting the city's economy and culture. It's great for intra state commerce, but the benefits are at the city's expense. An Eastside bypass would have been so much better. It's time to do some repair work and get the city reunited

Ken Brinich

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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 for a future transportation system are a great start. I'm excited to see the project list includes transit, biking, and walking improvements - and I would like to stress the need for these non-car-dependent transportation options for Bend's future viability in the face of a changing climate. Climate conscious decisions should be at the forefront of all of our decision making, especially as it relates to the our transportation system - a great opportunity to cut emissions through city planning!

To avoid the most catastrophic consequences of global warming, emissions must be cut drastically in the next decade. Let's embrace this as an opportunity to create meaningful and lasting change in Bend's community!

Please adopt CTAC's recommendations - and thank you for the hard work you put in to making Bend a better place.

Cheers,
Hana Sant

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Hi there,

As I resident of midtown, I strongly support the recommendations of the Citywide Transportation Advisory Committee. In my neighborhood (and throughout the city) it is apparent that our community is very much in need of improvements to our walking & biking infrastructure, as well as public transit infrastructure.

Please adopt CTAC's recommendations.

Thank you,

Jamie Dawson

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