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**Subject:** Bend City Streets

Dear Karen,  
We spoke the other day and you suggested that I send you an email regarding some issues and suggestions.

The 1<sup>st</sup> issue evolved from the Bend Bulletin of Saturday, 2/16/2019 regarding road congestion. The article stated that there is a “decades-old city policy” prohibiting the widening of 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Newport Avenue and Galveston Avenue. I see that policy as a real problem for the community now in 2019! We now have both COCC and OSU-Cascades along with numerous new homes in the Shevlin area which are all causing tremendous backups on all the said main roads daily. A new Bend Bulletin article in Sunday, 3/16/2019 states that there are plans for 650 more residences above NW Crossing!!!! This is really becoming a Huge concern to me, so much so that I plan to attend the planning commission meetings.

My suggestion: Widen Portland Avenue from NW College Way to NE 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Portland Avenue is a main artery that offers access to NE 3<sup>rd</sup> Street as well as the 97 parkway and could well reduce some of the NW community traffic congestion on the other roads. It also has two 4-way stop signs, one at 5<sup>th</sup> Street and one at 9<sup>th</sup> Street to keep the traffic speeds down.

My 2<sup>nd</sup> issue is that I live on NW 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and I understand that at some point (before I purchased my home) the city of Bend made 3<sup>rd</sup> street, between Newport and Portland avenues, a thorough fare and only allowed west side of the road vehicle parking. This has been an issue for the 20 residents on this street for many years because of the high speeds of the drivers anxious to get from one end of the block to the other!!!! The recent snow caused major problems because there was only 1 snowplow pass done by the city, straight down the middle of the street and it was not done until Thursday 2/28/2019! Even with the use of my personal snowblower, I was unable to get out of my driveway for a week, until I paid someone to remove the snow in front of my home with a Bobcat. It was then possible for me to get my vehicle out of my driveway and, allow the numerous “thorough fare” drivers to have an area to pull over when 2 vehicles are on the street.

My suggestion: Change the thorough fare to 5<sup>th</sup> Street, where there is a 4 way stop sign on Portland Avenue and only 10 residents on 5th street. 5<sup>th</sup> street also has a cross street, Ogden Avenue, which the residents could use for extra parking needs.

To alleviate the traffic on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, the city can place speed bumps on our street and put up signs at either end of the block to direct the traffic to the new 5<sup>th</sup> Street thorough fare.

The residents on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street would be happy to get together with you sometime soon to discuss these ideas or any other possible solutions you might have.

I look forward to your response. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Melissa Baldwin, RN