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I have read through all the website and done the survey, but cannot find a place to send my individual comments on the Transportation Plan. If you are not the correct person, please forward these to the Committee/or person responsible for collecting comments.

1. Make it easier to comment on the plan. (A link to a contact person at the city.)
2. The plan for bicycles and alternative transportation is not at all adequate for the population growth anticipated over the next 20 years. Clearly, automobiles are the priority in the proposed plan.

Firstly, everyone on the advisory committee and staff should walk, ride bikes or take transit from their home to downtown or work for an entire week. Only by attempting to commute in these ways will you understand the obstacles the City puts in the way of alternative to the automobile.

Secondly, the roads chosen for bike lanes or road sharing are not safe or adequate. I ride from COCC downtown, and I always take Milwaukie because it has less traffic. (I have lost several bike lights because Milwaukie has so many bumps and potholes.)

Every street should have a bike lane! This is the only way drivers will get used to sharing the road. Every roundabout should have a bike entrance painted on it so drivers and bikers know that bikes are "like cars" and have the right of way inside the roundabout.

The roads chosen for bikeways are not the "easiest" path for biking. Bikers will not climb the hill to get to Portland Ave. More lanes need to be improved on "the flats." And, especially on roads that do not carry the automobile traffic.

Thirdly, there is no "vision" in the TSP for how Bend can become less dependent on cars. I continually stress to the City of Bend, that the overall land use plan needs to have communities/neighborhoods, connected by transit, bike paths and roads. All great cities are made up of neighborhoods with one strong core. Communities with neighborhood commercial and high density residential scattered throughout Bend would provide a sense of place within the larger city. These higher densities will allow transit to actually work, and connectors for bike more obvious.

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