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1	GROWTH
2	Comments received: 68
3	Top Themes
4	Preserving green spaces: Many respondents emphasized the importance of maintaining green spaces within the city to promote health, well-being, and environmental sustainability
5	Balancing development and preservation: There is a call for thoughtful growth that balances new developments with the preservation of natural beauty and spaces.
6	Concerns over rapid development: Respondents are worried about the pace of development, which they feel is too fast and negatively impacts the city's character and infrastructure.
7	growing population was highlighted.
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9	Responses Verbatim:
10	I think there is a delicate balance in our city on how to develop as needed and preserve open spaces within city limits. The UGB expansions seem to ruffle a lot of feathers and perhaps more education is needed here on what is required by the state (I'm learning myself!). The communication and stance of the city on new developments
11	The city of Bend is building too many homes too fast. It is disheartening to see the trees mowed down and the wildlife displaced. It's criminal to watch and the small-town vibe has been destroyed. Leave the trees alone.
12	Keeping Bend a thoughtful community with rational growth
13	Less growth please, we do not want the more development and better signage for Newport Avenue with all the traffic being diverted from Portland Ave, there are so many unreported accidents.
14	The most important issue facing Bend is to save our green space. Urban green spaces promote health and mental well-being for everyone. Trees help mitigate urban heat islands and the effects of climate change. Green spaces provide places to recreate and enjoy the outdoors without driving outside the city. It is important to
15	Overdevelopment: you need to slow down and allow some time to absorb all of the new development that has been added recently. These things are cyclical. You can't build your way to affordable housing, but you certainly can ruin the character and quality of life that makes Bend special by lowering development standards and adding too much, too quickly. 50 years from now Bend residents will still be regretting the development
16	Slow down urban growth - thrive without development
17	Strike a balance between preserving natural beauty and supporting sustainable economic growth
18	Bend is a snake eating its own tail. While the city's population grows, many of the resources that draw people here have become stretched due to poor investment, poor planning, and a general deference to growth and development without necessary infrastructure. One thing we CAN do is protect green and open space -- a part of the attraction of this town for so many. We must demand that existing high-value/contiguous undeveloped
19	As Bend continues to grow, I wanted to advocate for a major emphasis on preserving as much large and natural green space as possible. More home building is not going to achieve the goal of lower housing costs. However, one of the unique features on Bend is the access to open trails and natural spaces within or near our
20	U of O Sustainable City Year Program
21	Water availabilty compared to growths
22	Cutting trees for housing is affect our air and quality of life
23	More jobs! Careers!
24	Awareness of populations who speak Ukrainian, Russian, Mandarin, Cantonese, Tagalog, etc. (pop. Growth)
25	More live music venues
26	Enable industry + biz dev to grow + be invited to build

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27	We should concentrate growth along transit lines
28	We need to preserve green space not manicured parks
29	How is growth affecting our water supply?
30	Tax the rich! + the richest!
31	More efficiency & speed in permitting projects both small & large
32	Fill in lots in city before expanding city boundaries
33	Create a culture where Bend is a welcoming city (consider welcoming week) + will celebrate the diverse folks
34	Welcoming, inclusive, and a community of belonging for all.
35	Too much growth. Expensive homes taking away green space, quality of life, infrastructure, etc. Bend cannot support all of this growth. Water tables are low, natural areas are shrinking. The entire look and feel of the town
36	How can we accommodate growth with limited infrastructure? Hospitals, jobs, open space, trades
37	Bend needs to be more strategic in building more housing + balance development with preservation of open green spaces. Climate change is an existential threat and we need to protect natural spaces and trees that
38	Growth: Relook at the opportunity and expansion areas--and what areas have value in terms of green space and
39	Master plan for area w. [west?] of new Costco (library's property)
40	Business development and job creation
41	Preserve Bend's green spaces, especially Deschutes Canyon South, a vital recreation and wildlife area. Rapid development on the west side worsens traffic, strains infrastructure, and diminishes quality of life. With ample land to the north, south, and east, focus on balanced, sustainable growth. Protect Bend's natural beauty and
42	Partner with U of O Sustainable City Year Program to investigate and explore issues related to alternate housing solutions, infill infrastructure, missing middle housing development and financing options, bike infrastructure, BCD housing design, single-point access buildings and code limits/alternate means and methods.
43	To preserve green space in Bend--there are opportunity and expansion areas in Bend that are critical to the quality of life of residents that helps climate (urban tree canopy, heat islands), transportation (people can have areas close to their homes). These areas contain significant green space and should be preserved. Green space
44	Lower cost of living and provide sustainable living wages careers.
45	Encourage mural art as an inexpensive way to enhance the charm of Bend
46	Consider benches in high pedestrian areas. Maybe even take out a parking spot to make room for a bench or
47	Growth: look at other cities that 10,15,20 years ago looked like us, shared our values and have been successful at growth (population size, geography/topography, weather)
48	More job opportunities; difficult as an immigrant to find well-paying work
49	support for working parents (programs, support groups)
50	Federal grants for infrastructure, rent increase % caps for full time renters (help bendites), no cap for vacation
51	Restrict new growth of large single family houses, particularly with large lots, emphasize density, apartments,
52	Bend is at a turning point on what kind of community we want to be. We need to be more strategic in our development. Assess and amend building codes (eg. Ensure buildings incorporate fire resistant materials, greater protection of green spaces that combat climate change, require more affordable housing in large
53	Health care costs and access to services
54	Inconsistency with permitting as a builder. Last year one permit took 3.5 months and another more complicated permit took only 3 weeks. Everyone at permit counter is really helpful though.

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55	I think you are missing the point in your fragmented approach to bend planning. The suggestion here is that you focus on the "whole" not the parts. So the question I pose is what is your standard of livability? After years here (and 23 spent in portland) I believe the City's approach to "growth" is degrading the quality of life here in ever facet. Lack of protection of habitat, noise, lack of environmental protection standards for vehicles, trendy bicycle designs when no one bicycles, congestion, no design standards for housing and those huge subdivisions which lack open spaces - and on and on. Sorry to sound negative, but Bend is going backwards not
56	Slow it down. Bend is encouraging more and more driving by not keeping existing trail systems in new
	Spend the time to thoughtfully respond to issues. Bend is growing and facing challenges in several aspects. Respond, don't react. Ex.: Housing is a known issue across the country. Learn from others, apply lots of techniques. Ex.: Climate requires long-term investment. How can we use new development to that advantage?
57	Regulate developers and new builds. Incentivize for those already here. Ex.: Bend is a growing and diverse
58	Do not allow anymore subdivisions along the Deschutes River - our most important resource.
59	Plan for enough parking spaces for new homes and create more spaces for downtown customers.
60	Urban growth boundaries that support buildable lots for affordable housing.
61	Build up and in. Learn from current Urban Development projects and proven similar efforts elsewhere - where
62	Stay within current UGB.
63	Ensure each new part of town has "community spaces", retail for local coffee shops/markets/etc. In NE we have nothing and we bought our home with the idea that Palish would be putting in commercial developments that
64	Growth is good. Encourage it.
65	Urban growth boundaries - do we have them?
66	Better building practices can't we force developers to leave some trees or replant appropriate species.
67	Don't allow more building in urban forest areas - like near Shevlin Park
68	Mandate stronger regulations for commercial and residential builders to support sustainability initiatives.
69	Expand US post office with more parking and more employees
70	Do we have a long term plan for an east side bypass or other route around town when Bend has 200,000+
71	Be sure all subdivisions do not create more traffic on roads not able to handle it.
72	Massively curb large development. Keep greenspaces available to public
73	Advocate for growth for younger community members to find success and have opportunity to plant boots here.
74	Require long term plan for all developers that includes greenspace, non-vehicle routes, transportation, access and growing food waterwise landscaping, and native
75	Put guardrails into being to stop big money/power development. Ask neighborhoods for input. Ask those in low
76	Prioritize local businesses/developers over PDX developers. Make it easier to get building permits for businesses
77	Ensure that local artists/makers businesses community interests are represented and able to engage in all of our

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1	HOUSING
2	Comments received: 90
3	Top themes
4	Affordable housing: The lack of affordable housing options for various income levels emerged as a concern.
5	priority.
6	employees, and low-income families.
7	Regulations and incentives: Suggestions include implementing regulations for property management companies and providing incentives for affordable housing development.
8	Creative housing solutions: Ideas such as mixed zoning, down payment assistance programs, and innovative housing models like 3D printed homes were proposed.
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10	Responses Verbatim:
11	Homelessness
12	Affordable housing for specific critical workforce, namely medical and teachers
13	Homeless living on streets or in forests
14	Home ownership should be not be a business. Second home owners should not live out of state.
15	Affordable housing
16	Quit wasting money on homeless. Move them along legally.
17	Goods are too expensive/ Affordability/ high rents
18	There is currently too big of a gap between 80% AMI income restricted housing and those that can afford market rate housing. Currently according to a beacon report hosted on the cities affordable housing page you need about 150% AMI to afford market rate housing . It doesn't make sense to me to restrict housing options to that huge gap of 80-140% AMI earners. Why should a single teacher with a stay at home partner have options that a
19	Housing affordability and financial education around this
20	Affordable housing and houselessness/homeless
21	removing barriers to more housing thoughtfully and the building options for uhoused neighbors (thank you for
22	Houseless Population - Public safety, littering & walking in different areas in town
23	Houseless Population - Finding them permanent residences
24	Homelessness is ruining our city, and using our hard-earned tax money is not getting to the root of the problem. Why can you look at other city failures (LA, SF, PDX, SEA), and LEARN from those failures!
25	Houseless Population - Public safety, littering & walking in different areas in town
26	Consider a housing authority similar to UK buy shares in a house and increase shares over time making the barrier to entry lower, and under a certain percentage your utilities are paid for and you can sell back to housing
27	Housing and affordability
28	Affordability (housing)
29	Housing - at all levels (workforce, young adults, multi-family and single family) all are important and need
30	Houseless Population - Finding them more resources
31	Help the senior population access housing opportunities.
32	Lack of affordable housing. It is really hard to have grown up here and not be able to afford a house that fits our family of five when the city is filling up with people moving here with lots of money buying million dollar homes.

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	I agree with the ECC. Bend should pursue the CACP by limiting new gas lines to reduce hookups as Bend grows. It's too expensive to electrify homes and businesses already using natural gas. By not acting now, the City is locking in an unhealthy, climate altering energy future for Bend residents. Promoting "energy efficiency" is
33	residents' most popular climate action. Set standards for emissions from gas appliances. It would be an
	I would hope that you continue to progress on electrification efforts that were previously recommended. Limiting new gas right of way, incentivizing electric technologies in new construction as well as implementing financial disincentives in using gas in new construction should be encouraged. I would also hope that the city
34	council would advocate for state changes which would allow local authorities to prohibit use of fossil fuels in
35	mini-grants incentives for homeowners,
36	Affordable housing
37	U of O Sustainable City Year Program
38	Implement housing production goals with specific targets for different levels of affordability with strong
39	Provide land for Mountain View Community Development to run safe parking program
40	There is always a demand for affordable housing yet the mass sprawl is not at all affordable.
41	Create regulations for property management companies so they operate in an equitable way with their renters.
42	Affordable housing for buyers + renters
43	What can Bend do support land trust housing like Rooted Homes?
44	Concentrate new housing downtown & in built areas.
45	If you build a house over 2000 sqft you must build an 800-1000 sqft house for each extra 1000 sqft (builders +
46	Provide incentives to densify our existing neighborhoods to reduce need for expanding the Urban Growth
47	Housing: To develop/support affordable housing (not market rate) & requiring it for new developments
48	Bend should research successful inclusionary zoning programs around the country + establish IZ here. We must use every tool to build more affordable housing.
49	Increase in encouragement & empowerment for nonprofits and faith-based organization to help the homeless.
50	New houses or developments with sod/lawn/grass pay a fee-xeriscaped get a free pass
51	Mixed zoning for more walkable neighborhoods
52	Reduce development costs and government fee's for entry level housing.
53	Incentivize small-ish housing (800-1500 sqft)
54	Look at down payment assistance programs. Implement deed restriction incentives. Stop using AMI as only
55	Cap dump in a way to set up a homeless camp on top. No one will build on it anyway. There's no trees to start a forest fire. The neighbors probably won't complain; they've been living next to a dump.
56	Create/provide affordable housing options for public service employees including mid-income earners (they
57	No need to reinvent the wheel. Plenty of proven methods out there that we can replicate!
58	Stop using AMI; it's unrealistic for a large segment of those who need "affordable" housing.
59	Take advantage of the opportunity to be creative before housing crisis gets too bad. Be an example to other
60	Do a study of what other communities with housing crisis and implement working/proven methods.
61	Increase role of Neighborhood Districts to communicate duplex, triplex infill goals, the why, how families
62	Public employee *not just city* housing opportunities and partnerships--City staff, teachers, fire department,
63	Utilize existing housing inventory for affordable housing vs. always building new
64	Simplify and speed up the permit process (for lower income people especially!)
65	"End Hedge Fund Control of American Home Act" implemented locally.
66	More grass/sod removal incentives or workshops or tutelage or work sharing (water-climate or housing)
67	Coordinate with the county for alternatives for the unhoused (managed camps?)

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68	Incentivize housing developers to make neighborhood streets adjacent to new developments safe for walking
69	No short term rentals in working class or middle class neighborhoods
70	For every hotel/motel built an equal # of housing units must be built...
71	This ^ Redmond/Bend could turn dirt world into semi permanent camping area with fire break walls and 6 month
72	Housing for the poor, solutions, 3D printed concrete homes with access to programs for life stability, work with
73	New housing should provide some parking for the new residents.
74	No city support for building million+ homes. Can we build a whole subdivision of middle and low income
75	Stop tax incentives for developers unless there is substantial % of lower income housing
76	Housing: slow down building to let empty housing fill up.
77	Churches churches churches for unhoused.
78	Housing opportunities for getting out of renting to open those rentals for other renters: rent to own, pathways into home ownership for middle class, designing hsg projects, walkability, bikability, busability in mind.
79	Homes over 1 million are occupied by retirees moving here from other states
80	Affordable housing PLUS keeping neighborhoods livable. Examples: the lack of parking reqs for new development - housing development on Knott will require parking for 30+ vehicles, Simpson Ave, 40+ and no
81	#1) issue is housing. It is far too expensive to live here for college graduates or young families.
82	Climate: We need more open green spaces and we need less trees cut down.
83	Stop urban growth to accomodate developers/pocketbooks
84	Help find a long term solution to our houseless issue rather than continuing to push folks around.
85	Support those with money/resources to buy space/land for public use.
86	Firewise guidelines for design of neighborhoods
87	Go up not out in housing (4 floor buildings)
88	Affordable housing pathway to homeownership. Inclusive communities, culturally sensitave spaces.
89	Discourage greenspace destruction by developers at every turn. Keep greenspaces accesble t public for being
90	Improve permitting process expedited for low income population.
91	Clusters of multi-use high density buildings that allow for more car-free (walkable) trips, especially within 1 mile
92	Build up and in. Monitor and enforce new tree code; adjust us needed to preserve trees; further encourage water conservation in residential housing; continue to support affordable housing development; keep within the
93	More affordable housing = more apartments until people can afford to buy a house and pay taxes and
94	Housing is insanely priced. More restrictions on VRBO & AirBnBs my company and others I know can't afford to pay people enough with cost of living and its leading to higher turnover.
95	Save more trees when building housing.
96	Very little housing in Bend is affordable, even though that term is over-used here. we've lost essential aspects of our community due to lack of affordability. No more McMansions.
97	Housing is an ever growing need, but the mansions over ustainable, modest housing is out of control. We need to work tirelessly to incorporate habitat rather than eliminating all of it every time a development goes in.
98	Affordable housing in general. Immediete support for families with children.
99	Affordable housing for educators.
100	Stop allowing the catching up of price gouging by big money of small businesses, of home development, etc,

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1	TRANSPORTATION
2	Comments received: 126
3	Top themes
4	is a key theme.
5	better infrastructure and education is important.
6	management and road planning.
7	critical for safety and accessibility.
8	walking, through incentives and infrastructure improvements.
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10	Responses Verbatim:
11	Transportation & Connectivity
12	Need lighting on walking path next to electrical substation between Portland Ave and Newport Ave
13	Poorly planned transportation updates that are making navigating this town worse than a sprawled out city.
14	Not enough sidewalks (north end by OB Riley)
15	Downtown parking
16	Hawthorn bridge should go over third street.
	Increase public transportation and alternative transportation access. We know that replacing gas cars with EVs just creates a different problem. Connect DRW to cascades lakes via the bridge that has been discussed;
17	continue paved paths everywhere we can for biking and walking; work more closely with the county to connect
18	Bike lane safety
19	Road safety
20	New roadways are confusing (specifically improvements on Old Bend-Redmond Highway)
21	Skyliners and NW crossing needs a roundabout because of congestion when school starts and lets out
22	Sidewalks: If we want to get people out of their cars, they need safe alternative ways to get around
23	Don't like two lane roundabouts - causes mass confusion. Maybe better or more community education?
24	Age friendly sidewalks, benches, lighting
25	Lighting on roads is very bad, hard for seniors to navigate, parkway is awful
26	Transit
	Better traffic flow. This means: Use Hawthorne bridge money to bridge Reed Markets road so train traffic doesn't cause 45" back ups!!! That will really help the East West flow! Time stoplights so you can drive easily from 27th on Hwy 20 to 3rd Street and no hit every single light, Better bus coverage to remove cars from the roads since I
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28	Transportation and connectivity. As a cyclist, thinks bike paths are magical thinking, cant ride a bike 6 months
29	Snow cleanup & plowing
30	Much better snow removal using private contractors in neighborhoods.
	Better movement of vehicles thru town- undo the Greenwood debacle and go back to two lanes in both
31	directions for a start. Stop installing concrete curbs in center lanes of roads impeding left and right turns.
32	Traffic congestion and parking. I see apartments going up all over the westside but do not see any plans to
33	Horrible implementation of the 2020 Go Bond Funds
34	Traffic & roadway congestion
	Supporting transportation alternatives like more and more frequent buses, protected bike lanes/bike-ped paths, dense housing, food and essentials accessibility. Municipal bike share programs, and thorough maintenance of bike lanes (cleaning out the gravel that accumulates during the winter!) Improving transportation will also
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36	In regard to making Bend a more livable community, I know the council is looking at possibly eliminating car traffic from some downtown streets. Has the model from the Netherlands been considered? One of the ways
37	they have made their towns more pedestrian and bike friendly in the recent years is to reduce the speed limit in Littering/ Street Cleanliness
38	Traffic flow. It is getting worse and worse, and the idea seems to be to take lanes away. Bicycles are great, but we have winters here, and most don't ride in the winter. I live in SE Bend and traffic is getting bad.
39	I would use a bus to the Redmond Airport.
40	^2nd this
41	The economy of Bend depends on efficient traffic flow
42	U of O Sustainable City Year Program
43	Improve public transport and incentivize!
44	Complete connector sidewalks
45	City sponsored Bike to Work Day
46	Transportation--to do a coordinated transportation plan for neighborhoods--not by developments & piecemeal
47	Restoration of deteriorating walkways, sidewalks, and streets.
48	When will Bend buy CET?
49	Incentivize non-motorized transportation education
50	Reed Mkt & Bond Traffic Circle - do it in 1/4 of circle phases. Start with east-bound Reed Mkt to cut down on cut thru traffic in Woodriver Village neighborhood. Move bike & walk path to powerline right-of-way.
51	Better east/west bus service and longer hours
52	Pie in the sky: light rail hospital to COCC route (don't laugh)
53	How does the city financially estimate the opportunity cost of the downtown "Parklets"
54	Focus on improving vehicle capacity on main roads. Decrease focus on bikes.
55	I am concerned that there is no bus to the Redmond Airport.
56	Support trail under crossings of arterials and collectors.
57	Keep doing projects like Wilson + 3rd and be able to communicate the "why"--to allow children and seniors, families a safe way to get across town; to increase road carrying capacity by separating bikes + peds from high
58	Strengthen and make public transit robust and an equitable option for all.
59	Better bus service. 15 min max interval.
60	Look for transprotation funding sources that help meet our climate goals to reduce vehicle use. (Gas tax, paid parking downtown.) This could replace the 3rd tier of the TUF.
61	Expand mountain shuttle options
62	Better non-vehicle infrastructure: sidewalks, safe bike lanes, "collector" routes for bikes and [foot? Fast?] traffic
63	Overpass on Reed Market
64	Focus on creating safe and comfortable spaces for people to walk and roll in areas of development and infill housing. Remember the safety impacts due to the increased amount of traffic with new growth. Reducing car
65	Transportation: To work with neighborhoods on a coordinated plan to implement GO Bond projects and TSP to minimize impacts--ie closures on Portland at same time closing intersection of Olney and Portland.
66	More frequent transit. It shouldn't take an hour!
67	Alderwood @ Reed Mkt traffic circle: Put up a do not block intersection sign for eastbound traffic. Post cop at intersection for 5 business days to write tickets. Currently drivers between 3:30-5:30 p.m. block the circle.
68	Benchmark Boulder, CO: RTD, Bike paths, Traffic Engineering. Bend is where Boulder was 30 years ago!!!
69	More protective bike lanes so that people can really feel safe riding bikes for daily activities as well as

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70	Reed Mkt @ 3rd Northbound: Make a double-lane left turn. (1) Have N-bound light green for both straight and left. (2) Paint lanes. (3) Sign it. Currently turn lane gets choked with traffic.
71	Organize a Ciclavia event (see ciclavia.org) which catalyzes public spaces, active transportation and good
72	Streamline and incentivize infill development that takes advantage of existing roads and transpo infrastructure
73	Work on narrowing 3rd St. south of Greenwood. Work with ODOT to calm traffic on US2 through town
74	Skatepark on the westside (with a bowl please!)
75	City sponsored/helped car sharing platform
76	Expand the work on the Bend Bikeways to include a complete network across the entire town accessing all
77	Ensure that all large streets built or rebuilt include: raised bike lanes, raised crossings across all side streets, are as narrow as possible, have safe pedestrian crossings every couple blocks
78	What are the City's strategic objectives for the restricting lanes of East/West roads downtown? How does the City survey and collect data that supports the above objectives?
79	Road "Diet" -- What are the objectives? Why primary east/west river crossing roads? Which population demographic does this serve? Safety objective? What data supports? Publicly available? Bicycle traffic
80	Public transit more frequent, more hubs (CET, not city?)
81	Work w/ Park District to convert all canal trails into walk/bike public access. Support the arterial/collector
82	Becoming a bike friendly city along with strong [??] education through marketing
83	Plans for in 10, 15, 20 years walking, biking, public transit incl. better lighting (lighting and limited light
84	Incentives for businesses/buildings to have bike racks (good bike racks, some are better than others)
85	Please consider a bus route for knott road/27th/empire
86	Smart stoplights to cut down on traffic would help w/ east west side migration
87	Through streets, north-south and east-west, there are only 3 or 4 streets that go through town from one side to another. They are already backed up during busy times, when there is construction or an accident, a detour is a really long way around. Our streets are already busy and there is more construction which will put even more cars on the same busy streets. Expansion wouldn't necessarily mean new avenues, but you could connect
88	Protected bike lanes
89	Long-term - any plans for better connectivity between bend and redmond (less car centric, train?, etc.)
90	Thinking of more pedestrian/bike friendly downtown has the netherlands model of reducing speed limits been
91	We need more streets that go across town, North-South and East-West too many streets that dead end
92	Don't waste our transportation bond funds on the proposed Hawthorne Bridge. It is a terrible waste of money.
93	Improve existing East/West streets to accomplish the same goal.
94	Incentives for walking, biking, busing for individuals, businesses and everyone
95	Bus schedules (longer hours, ending at 5 p.m. isn't accessible - or close to 5 p.m.) Frequency of stops in high
96	Concern for mass transportation - if we can drive, where do we park to get the bus? There are no parking hubs Close downtown bend to autos - full or part time
97	Building a strong network of multimodal transportation routes and especially to connect east/west and north/south neighborhoods, miles making these decisions to connect with locals to listen what is most important as this may differ between each neighborhood. Connect central oregon to the rest of the
98	Continue to develop safer bike routes throughout bend. Link to County, parks and trails.
99	Create more complete communities to limit transportation needs
100	Majority of hwy 97 in town in bend is built like a freeway and on and off ramps. Occasionally there is entry to freeway that's a complete stop with no entry lane to build up speed.
101	Improved transportation options.

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102	Let's make all of downtown 15 mph. This will have a calming affect on area and make a safer for pedestrians &
103	fix Greenwood so 1st responders can get through
104	I'm concerned about adequate travel/evacuation routes if there were a terrible fire here in Bend
105	The Eastside has narrow roads as the major was in/out of our neighborhoods (Empire/Reed Market) Please
106	Approve subdivisions only after all roads are ready to handle the increased traffic [wide lanes, sidewalks, bike
107	To solve traffic is not to make driving easier, it must involve making alternatives better than driving.
108	EVs are not ready for prime time
109	Traffic flow from Sisters to Bend should not bottleneck @ Empire
110	People DO NOT BIKE HERE. Please keep this in mind for future projects. Greenwood was a mistake and is only
111	Building safe multimodal transportation routes to connect our city +1
112	Seriously? BEND you have continued to push Bend in to a driving culture. And now a congested, overly
113	Greenwood traffic restore lanes for public safety
114	More access to EV charging at public locations (parks, govt services, public parking lots)
115	not enough parking spaces downtown
	Continue to support and explore ways to reduce auto traffic while encouraging alternative modes: walk, bike,
116	bus, etc. Support the bridge over Deschutes R. Support adoption of EV charging stations, EV city vehicles.
117	Address Empire/US97! Plan for 2070! +1 Agree! The north end re-route of 97 did not improve the situation.
118	Please do more to encourage biking, not just more bike lanes but real programs to make biking the best option
119	Traffic on Empire needs to be addressed
120	Do not approve subdivisions that have no safe evacuation route.
121	Don't close roads on the westside during fire season
122	More dedicated bike-only routes with barriers separating bike lanes from auto lanes. I don't bike here much yet,
123	Road infrastructure that supports housing development "explosion"
124	Greenwood 3rd St & Empire needs support
125	More off road bike trails that are gravel not offgassing asphalt
126	Lightrail Bend > Redmond > La Pine > Sisters
127	Increase wheelchair w/c compatible rides all-hours of day / night
128	Busses to the Mountain during Summer/Winter Low Cost / FREE Multiple pick-up spots across town to decrease
129	Do away with parklets. (The parking spaces dedicated + paid for by businesses)
130	Don't waste money on any more poorly engineered road work (ex) Franklin it's unsafe, too narrow for cars & the
131	Take seriously every thing that Bend Bikes have proposed for Bike & ped accessible paths all around town
132	Increase FREE bike availability & repair to everyone. Incentivize NOT driving for those who are able
133	Increase transportation for kids to schools & all over town Make bussing, biking & walking "Normal"
	Greenwood and franklin projects: traffic has been backed up to Kenwood Elementary on Newport eastbound with the new restriping. Does the closure of Portland impact Newport/Greenwood traffic and to what degree?
	I'm concerned that reducing greenwood lanes and not expanding franklin will make traffic worse. On some level I understand the decision making (including costs) by the Council in 2023 when these projects we've given
134	approval. I attended Council meetings for several months around this time. I am a strong believer in the City
135	Growth and Transportation: Go back to smaller buses. It seems to be a waste to have large mostly empty buses #2) issue is transportation. Need to build for the future now and stop fixing current issues. Plan and build for higher growth now, it will be less expensive in the long run. We don't seem to learn from prior experience. Need
136	common sense solutions that improve safety for all users. Need better EV connections, need to work with ODOT

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1	PUBLIC SAFETY
2	Comments received: 74
3	Top themes
4	homes, is a top concern.
5	presence were highlighted.
6	Mental Health Support: Need additional and accessible mental health services.
7	cyclists, is a priority.
8	communities, in public safety planning is essential.
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10	Responses Verbatim:
11	Public Safety - home break-ins
12	Public Safety (example given: vehicle break-ins)
13	Public safety, noise, fights, littering, and loitering by Caldera students by the homes on Brosterhous
14	Slow traffic down and enforce
15	Bend needs to hire more police to deal with public safety issues...esp speeding.
16	Public Safety
17	Public safety at downtown parking garage & in the area around the bottle drop on 2nd street.
18	Speeding: w/o enforcement speeding is getting worse and worse
19	Better funded staffing for police, fire as your own survey recently showed we are deficient in.
20	Protect and insure diverse citizens feel included in this community.
21	Police focus on traffic laws (speed, running stop signs, cell phone use, etc) as there is almost zero enforcement
22	Speeding & lack of respect for traffic safety laws
23	Amend Building codes to reduce housing penetrations from sparks, and increase defensible spaces.
24	Gun violence, specifically tied to school threats and potential shootings
25	Drug use
26	Homeless issue: Why do we make it so easy to move here. A real problem with crime + drugs. China Hat.
27	Is the City actively planning for Wildfire evacuation (of the West side)? Which roads/routes?
28	Teens are getting bullied. BIPOC teens get threatened. Do something please.
29	Homeless people camping near people's homes and starting fires, including no camping enforcement and removal of campsites in wooded areas near people's houses. As well as a proper evacuation plan on our roadways, by the city, for people trying to escape their neighborhood while under evacuation orders and allowing fast access for the fire department. Which could mean closing down sections of the highway to allow
30	Homeless congregating near the shelter on franklin. I won't take my family to area businesses because it
	Wildfire evacuation planning: inadequate consideration of evacuation in the event of catastrophic fire. 1. Few east-west routes across the river 2. Likelihood of roundabout bottlenecks, 3. Scheduling of roadwork during fire risk times must not be allowed, 4. Opportunity not to need to evacuate by using westside school complex, 5.
31	Need to plan for evacuation of elderly centers near them (like the schools and churches), 6. Danger isn not just
32	Create a 24/7 liaison for Spanish speakers to have access to Bend PD.
33	U of O Sustainable City Year Program
34	If you can provide/plan to improve traffic flow, perhaps peds + cyclists would be safer and there would be
35	Homeless // Safety: Disallow open camping + fire potential, by creating safe parking and low entry small/tiny
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37	Clear out China Hat. Make China Hat safe again. Please.

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38	Increased and ongoing DEIA training for all law enforcement officers.
39	Immigrants' rights.
40	How are we securing our electrical grids water plants from possible terrorist-style vandalism.
41	Safety: protecting neighborhoods from cut-thru traffic.
42	See local authorities to show up when community members feel threatened.
43	Protect our immigrants
44	Traffic
45	Speeding + noise on Wall Street.
46	There is a balance to be had between "dark sky" and pedestrian and animal safety at night.
47	Having more bilingual officers who interact with regular patrons while doing their rounds.
48	Work with local public land management agencies to streamline fire/fuel management projects in city limits.
49	Having Latino representation within your different departments. Mainly Bend Police.
50	Acknowledge climate change is a public safety priority at all levels
51	Eliminate homeless hanging in Downtown makes locals feel unsafe even in the day with mental ill individuals
52	Mental health support. Just moving unhoused individuals around does not solve issues. It is a Band-Aid.
53	Fire safety - Increase role of Neighborhood Districts to administer grants to increase defensible spaces.
54	Feel included but not targeted by local enforcement.
55	People are emboldened in their hate speech since the election results. Any new plan to keep folks safe?
56	Please hire more police officers! 100 isn't enough for a city of 100,000.
57	Road Diet (cont.): Wildfire evacuation planning from West Side. Are there plans? If huge numbers of cars are heading east how do emergency/fire trucks get to the West Side?
58	Vehicles with illegal dark tinted windows are a serious danger to pedestrians, bikers and motorcycle riders
59	Fire concerns: Evacuation routes. Do residents know which way they go? How do you distribute evacuation so
60	I am concerned about the Nazi party currently seizing power. It is a frightening time for many people. I would like bend to take a stand with a public proclamation and sign when entering Bend that all are welcome.
61	Public Safety: Electric bikes/scooters/bike in general. Suggestion: (1) Public school bike safety programs, k thru 8th grade. For 9th-12th grade focus on electric bike safety. (2) Traffic police officers to stop riders when they're being unsafe and give them warnings and help educate individual riders re: the rules/laws they need to obey. (3) Develop a program like traffic school to require repeat violators to attend. Developed through a community
62	South Bridge (Fire Bridge) to allow walker/biker crossing, but also if fire--one way bridge West to East (16' wide) "emergency" vehicle crossings. Suggest area of Buck Canyon. Also [??] Rd. enhance tree harvesting to develop a
63	Public Safety: Question: In reference to the LA fires - Is the City Council considering how they can make changes/modifications to overall emergency/disaster plans if we have a wildfire emergency in Bend? My suggestions (1) create established emergency evacuation routes throughout the city. (2) Host public awareness meetings to share the above info, and to communicate what YOUR EMERGENCY PLAN is for these types of
64	Pedestrian crossing lights, if crossing over 2 lanes require a flashing light (i.e. 2nd and Greenwood or Franklin) Esp. a lot of houseless neighbors using that spot, shows valuing their lives too.
65	Fires: more encouragement/requirement of defensible space and fire resistant building materials so we can all Safety for our neighbors and visitors who are: Immigrants, LGBTQ+, Black, Asian, Under attack from federal administration, indigenous, latinx, speaking language other than english
66	Community members experience so much hate from other community members. So much so that they hide in their houses. This behavior should be unacceptable. Every human should feel SAFE in their community. That is
67	I would like to change the paradigm around how we perceive "other" (behavior, looks, sounds) & what is
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69	I would like to integrate into schools, workplaces, open spaces, a welcoming of uncomfortable feelings and how
70	Improve fund public education - in schools, publications, etc - that supports people understanding other people
71	Has greatly decreased in Central Oregon. More mental health support for those that desprtatl need it but
72	Stop hot rod cars in bend backfiring and speeding on our streets. Noise pollution. Dangerous.
73	Fire risk, evacuation planning
74	Publish evacuation routes for all neighborhoods.
75	Mental health support for traumatized communities (refugees from conflict zones), including Latinx and Slavic
76	Do not approve expansion of GTx gas pipeline - danger!
77	Do not allow GTx pipeline.
78	Fire safety land maintenence for public lands.
79	Response plan for ICE in area.
80	What is the plan for fire evacuation routes - make public more aware.
81	Fire
82	Emphasize or require fire safe landscaping in all neighborhoods
83	Take a serious look at the number of days we have dirty air. Don't allow houses to be built in forests anymore.
84	Require licenses for all people riding ebikes on public roadways. Children have no business on our roadways.

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1	Environment and Climate
2	Comments received: 75
3	Top themes
4	hardening incentives.
5	for environmental and community health.
6	limiting fossil gas infrastructure, is a key theme.
7	important.
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11	Responses Verbatim:
12	The increased emissions due to the recent transportation "improvements" which have caused significantly
13	Maintaining environmental barriers, trees, water sources
14	Are we prepared for a wildfire of the size of LA
15	Clean up the forests so we don't become California
16	Use wastewater for some things to save cleaner water
17	Incorporate more brick for fire resistance
18	Wildfire smoke & community health
19	Climate solutions with carbon separation
20	Find more funding for water saving measures
21	Water Services
22	Stand for climate change when federal administration does not.
23	Wildfire smoke and community health is an issue. How do we impact air quality - can we do something about unmanned fires or prescribed burns? Glad about wildland/urban management that Bend has and feels really
24	Bend should require defensible space around all homes to help mitigate fires;
25	Home hardening incentives for wildfire resilience
26	Please protect the green space we still have left in Bend. The River Trail is by far the most accessible and most loved trail in Southwest Bend. Like those of our neighbors in the Northwest neighborhoods, who have Shevlin
27	Park, we are so grateful for the easy access to the river and the entire trail from the neighborhood. Please take
28	Dark Sky
29	Focus on wildfire prevention on public properties (city, parks, irrigation districts) such as Archie Briggs Canyon.
30	Do not ban natural gas. Let that be a choice, not a mandate.
31	Put fluoride in water
32	Please act on climate to protect Bend 1. Stop new gas in the ROW and use fees for a JUST TRANSITION 2. Use a
33	pollution Fee and/or set LOWNOX standards for harmful pollutants in buildings, both residential and
34	Dark Sky
35	Protect and preserve Bend's green spaces
36	Make developers leave more trees, replant native species
37	All activities occur under the umbrella of environment and climate. Bend residents embrace practices at the local setting (recycling). We have begun initiatives with far-reaching impact, our contributions at global
38	scope—the climate crisis. The City has set an example of stepping away from fossil-gas, reducing carbon

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36	Please work to preserve the green spaces and old trees within the city. Once these natural treasures are destroyed we can never get them back. Many people in Bend enjoy these areas daily. I live in SW Bend and often am not able to drive 15/20 minutes to get to Shevlin Park or out to the national forest— but on a walk from my neighborhood I can see deer, eagles, & osprey all in the south river canyon open space between Brookswood
37	Use renewable diesel in city vehicles. 80% less CO2
38	Allow, support, and aggressively pursue more neighborhood commercial to make our neighborhoods more walkable and complete. Key to both driving down VMT and improving our quality of life.
39	Facilitate land manager round table to unite and collaborate fire fuel reduction
40	Continue incentive programs for green energy--solar panels, Evs, zero emission vehicles
41	Stricter environmental regulation for developers and builders
42	Losing so many trees is affecting our [are?]. Too much building
43	Fire protection--wild fires
44	Protect critical winter habitat where possible
45	No chem trails [N/H]AARP
46	Fireworks @ NYE (NOT fire-prone) 4th of July (I can dream)
47	U of O Sustainable City Year Program
48	Disincentivize sod/grass in all development.
49	Zero emission vehicles for all city departments
50	Stick to issues that are city related. Let the state tackle this.
51	Education on what climate change looks like in Central Oregon
52	Light pollution COSTCO
53	AI is devastating for the environment. Does the city have a plan in place to limit usage or offset the harm
54	Work to streamline fire mitigation with public agencies in city limits. Planning and code enforcement at odds making fuel work costly, and time consuming. ASI/WO2 fuel projects.
55	Climate: preserve the urban tree canopy by preserving green spaces
56	Decrease greenhouse gases across the board--at every level--personal, city, county, state. Lobby state
57	Keep a common sense approach, such as caring for our natural resources, wildlife conservation, and preparing for draughts and natural disasters. Stop the over regulation.
58	Include research from the CO2 coalition in any climate related discussions.
59	How do we keep our trees/shade/oxygen in town while making it fire safe?
60	Could we work to make our town entirely firewise?
61	Solution to fires: Promote volunteer firefighters, clear evacuation routes out of bend to prepare for the worst
62	Disincentivize gas + oil in new housing AND all new building. Climate tax?
63	Resistant low-tech resistance heat and hot water causes higher CO2 and bills than gas.
64	Climate: incentives for home owners to be _____. Fire safe, etc., Protecting green spaces while growing, look at other cities similar to ours and what's been successful
65	Water concerns re: Golf Courses - I realize they have water rights and keep drilling deeper into the aquifer, but is the priority golf courses or residents? Please no more golf courses.
66	Reduce light pollution, plant native, require shade for parking lots, rain water capture in landscape
67	Shared carpool rides to/from Redmond
68	Continue to encourage low-water landscape conversions
69	More density, less sprawl, less mandatory driving, more to encourage alternatives
70	Massively fund the Environmental Center, Deschutes 350, FFF, Pollinator Pathway, All Youth, Green team work

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71	I'm concerned about fire danger, as well as how smoke has become virtually predictable here in Bend in the
72	Institute water water conservation measures - for both businesses and residential and city property. Study and put forward timely conservation measures that work... probably examples from California.
73	Ensure City backing and renewable resource utilization for energy plans
74	Keep trees to mitigate the effects of climate change.
75	Believe that it is real. Carpooling. Mass transit. Solar on all houses. More bike trails.
76	Save trees.
77	Ensure local food producers can survive, thrive, and be supported.
78	None of your business telling us we can't use natural gas (most efficient source)
79	Bend's impact on the climate is nil. Get real.
80	Electrify Bend's fleet vehicles.
81	Limit/prohibit fossil gas in new construction.
82	Reduce Bend's carbon footprint.
83	Ensure that mass-transit and non-motorized modes of transportation are prioritized in every sector.
84	Box stores accessibility. Empowerment of individuals to support widespread reform to all large businesses.
85	Require solar energy on all new development. Require all developer driven housing is required to be energy
86	Ensure that the city supports every opportunity to abandon waste - generating practices (packing, containers,

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1	OPEN-ENDED
2	WHAT ELSE IS IMPORTANT TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY?
3	Top themes
4	addressing high rates of suicide was noted
5	members, including immigrants, BIPOC, and LGBTQIA+ populations.
6	highlighted as important environmental concerns.
7	homelessness were recurring themes.
8	noise pollution and traffic safety, were noted as priorities.
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10	Responses Verbatim
11	Recycling
12	In this current environment, more than ever immigrants' right
13	Climate change, education (not city per se), affordable housing, equity, diversity and inclusion
14	Rank choice voting in Bend or Deschutes County
15	Sanity in local Gov. +1
16	Clean air - We need less slash burning. We already get enough smoke during Bend's "new" smoke season +2
17	1. Preserve green space in Bend (especially South Canyon) +3. 2. Continue to support low income housing for
18	be transparent w/ federal gov for how it affects our community
19	Have low cost/free places to celebrate our unique, different ways of being in the world
20	Address the educational disparities between East + West
21	Mental health opportunities to all ages and all incomes
22	For everyone to be treated with dignity and respect. Basic human rights.
23	More understandable parking rules downtown
24	protection of our immigrant community that contributes so much economically & culturally +1; access to
25	mental health services, esp for youth & adults who have "fallen through the cracks;" affordable housing for our
26	Supoort for vulnerable immigrant populations who are stressed by the new administrations actions targeting
27	Access to low-cost, abundantly available indoor & outdoor locations to play, read, daydream, learn, make noise,
28	bet quiet, eat & otherwise BE HUMAN. More green open space; More bike & ped accessible spaces
29	To live in a community that protects the environment. Saves the urban forest. Stopes expanding the urban
30	growth boundary. Less urban light pollution. Save South Canyon from developers
31	For families to see Public Institutions as safe places - Library, Districts offices, city office
32	Recycling
33	Quality and affordable family services childcare, enrichment
34	Feel a sense of belonging in every city offices/services. Having bicultural/bilingual employees.
35	Stronger support for suicide prevention and awareness amongst teens
36	Institutions set politices that support our underserved communities
37	2016 Tuesday afternoon council office home.
38	Safety - cross walks, school zones, bike lanes are not being respected. Fun public outreach = YES!
39	Stop w/ the "Bend Nice" it's just a veneer
40	Community spaces where groups can meet to have honest conversations to build consensus on how to more
	More sponsored family activities (ie. Martial arts, camping, hikes, biking, rafting)
	Immigrant rights and equitable experiences
	Community -- save neighborhoods from cut thru; create connections between neighbors; help people help

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41	See local authorities to show up when community members feel threatened
42	Safe schools, community gathering spaces in our neighborhood - the East side is just as important as the West /
43	supporting wildlife conservation efforts, wildlife habitat, wildlife road crossings, wolf depredation
44	put limits on growth and building developments
45	Safe shared public green spaces; public K-12 education support & funding; H2O conservation; science-
46	Community Forums not "ask the mayor" on KTVZ
47	Have homeless had opportunity to give input? Those are our neighbors and community members too, low
48	Always collaboration - other local govt jurisdiction, grassroots orgs specifically under attack from fed admin,
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50	WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE IN BEND THAT YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT
51	Responses Verbatim
52	Co-collaboration with other organizations
53	Mental Health services for adolescents
54	protect our city deer
	I would like to ask the City to go to all schools at drop-off and pick-up times to apartment complexes and areas that support community that would otherwise not make it to the listening sessions. I would bet that most parents don't know about these sessions or the online survey. I would also suggest that most parents, while they
55	parents don't know about these sessions or the online survey. I would also suggest that most parents, while they
56	Politicians listening to "weird stuff" coming from Salem - let's stick to Latin family values
57	Growing divide of "haves" vs "have nots" - hearing all voices
58	Community outreach and shared decision making
59	Noise pollution
60	Not enough resources for mental health & high rates of suicide
61	Securing homeowners insurance for manufactured homes
62	Teen death
63	Access to low cost medications (difficult to do so via OHP)
64	Truth and facts - social media and AI regulation and monitoring, not censorship, truth and facts
65	internal violence & bullying within the Latino community
66	Community belonging and building cultures and safe spaces and events to educate and celebrate
67	City leaders making decisions based off personal idealistic values and not based on reality.
	I'd like to see funding to support the immigrant community in CO that is facing great uncertainty and reduced support at the federal level. The current administration is targeting immigrant communities, including Latinx and Slavic communities that are already established here. Their stress adds to our community's overall stress, and they need our community's support. 2 things come to mind: 1) Immigration legal services. 1 in 3 undocumented individuals have an immediate pathway to legal residency. Securing funding to process applications would be very helpful. LCA and the EMO (ecumenical ministries of oregon) could benefit from
68	funding to these ends to stabilize these populations they can be positive forces in our community. 2) I'd also like
69	Engaging the community in the political process. Many voices are overheard or ignored. Continue to
70	More diverse leaders from all identities, starts in schools, requires mentorship and commitment
71	Locally sourced food/regenerative ranching/ag as a solution for supporting local economy
72	Food security and food equality
73	Improved advocacy for vulnerable populations (BIPOC, LGBTQIA+, Seniors, Low Income).