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Hi Karen,

Following the reading of several articles in the Bulletin, I remorsefully concluded that Bend had painted itself into a corner regarding inter-city travel. Past and present development personnel's efforts to channel all construction into "free money projects", those with funds coming from federal, state, and other sources. Never mind the fact that these funds can not be used for maintenance and upkeep, this allowing all the flora and utilities to wilt and degrade as the "City" did nothing to sequester in the maintenance budget the additional funds necessary for upkeep and preservation.

Past misguided efforts masked the urgent need to build major arterials and especially East/West conduits that would take pressure off the Parkway. So now, what to do?? Especially since the politicians have pandered to every whim of the developers.

PS: The city's plan to moderate parking on narrow streets for snow plowing is a JOKE. Be fun to watch the shenanigans and gnashing of teeth.

1. Buying the railroad right-of-way and moving it (the railroad) way East is not likely: too expensive, they won't sell, and the width is not sufficient to be of value.
2. 27th needs to be widened to 5 lanes (4 traffic and 1 turn). Beg buy or steal the land. Extend 27th beyond China Hat to the South for the future.
3. Hook 27th into Deschutes Market road while you can and run it North as a 4/5 lateral North/South major conduit. Build another 5 lane North-South major avenue to the East beyond the Bend Airport.
- 3a. Build a 5 lane N-S arterial 2-3 miles further East of Deschutes Market Road toward Redmond.
4. Urgently extend Cooley 2 miles to the East beyond the airport. Make Cooley 5 lanes -- NOW. What was the city thinking of with the pipe dream of Juniper Ridges. Get going on it, hook it into the sewer while you have the chance.
5. Make 15th a major artery (5 lanes) and build at least one (1) over-crossing above the Railroad. Two would be better.
6. Force developers to conform to city road plans. Limit cute lanes, courts, circles, etc. Listen to the Fire Department.

Funding:

a. Sewer: pass a 5% universal utility tax on all city and UGB county potentials with a 10% rate on all non sewer subscribers. Then begin an expedited construction project to get the main lines in place. Then connect the not-connected. When connected, they drop from 10% to 5%. Use the tax revenue to accomplish Some of the rest.

I could go on and on. But to what benefit.

Bend has a railroad, a river, and lousy planning of street design for traffic and parking as a heritage. The city fathers may have to think of a new city to the North called Bend North. It will grow up around Juniper Ridge and North on both sides of 27. Won't that make the city fathers and the Desirable West Side happy.

I'm rambling. Please forgive.

Regards, Scott