

The last transportation plan had serious issues that blocked the plan for many years. If you don't specifically direct the city to build a so-called "river-crossing" **outside** the State and Federal Scenic Waterway, you are opening the door for the City of Bend to be the first in the nation to attempt this. By choosing option C to address east-west capacity from Century to 3<sup>rd</sup>, you are directing the city to "study the appropriate location for a new river crossing."

I can guarantee you that this will in turn be met with serious resistance and will be locked in litigation for many, many years (beyond 2040 if need be) by the environmental community, not just in Bend or the state of Oregon, but throughout the U.S.

For those of you who might be unfamiliar, the National Wild and Scenic River Act is a Federal law that limits development along portions of distinctive rivers, including the Deschutes.