



CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

Information and updates for the Mayor and City Council

February 27, 2026

Upcoming Events & Meetings

Meeting/Event	Date	Time	Location
City Council Business Meeting	March 4, 2026	6 p.m.	City Hall Council Chambers/Virtual
City Council Work Session	March 11, 2026	4-6 p.m.	City Hall Council Chambers/Virtual
Joint Meeting with Bend Parks and Recreation District	March 17, 2026	4-5:30 p.m.	Bend Parks and Recreation District/Virtual
City Council Business Meeting	March 18, 2026	6 p.m.	City Hall Council Chambers/Virtual

[View the Full Council Schedule Here](#)

Public Agency & Community Partner Updates

League of Oregon Cities Bulletin

Read the most recent **LOC Bulletin here**. Of note:

- **Legislative Session:** With less than 10 days left in the 2026 session, policy bills have cleared committees, budget reductions are expected soon, and the LOC team continues advancing priority legislation while encouraging cities to stay engaged. Key topics include lowering grant-match requirements for small cities, expanding flexibility in transient lodging tax use, reforming Oregon’s government ethics framework, and establishing an annual “Water Professionals Appreciation Week.”
- **LOC Spring Conference:** The League of Oregon Cities Spring Conference will be held in Pendleton, Oregon, April 23–24. Registration is now open, breakout session proposals



are being accepted, and the League is seeking nominations for innovative community achievement awards.

- **Upcoming Engagement Opportunities:**

- League of Oregon Cities Workshops:
 - Community Engagement Essentials – March 23 (virtual)
 - Mastering Strategic Communication – April 7 and April 9 (virtual)
- Conferences and Webinars:
 - Oregon Latinos in Local Government Winter Conference – March 6
 - Oregon Offshore Wind Energy Roadmap Webinar – March 17
 - Business Oregon Webinar – Overview of the updated Opportunity Zone 2.0 program (available online)
- AARP Community Challenge Grants: Applications are due March 4. Funding supports quick-action projects that improve public spaces, housing, transportation, digital access, and disaster resilience.

Transit Committee Vacancies: Applications Due March 31

Two important regional committees supporting public transit in Central Oregon currently have vacancies and are seeking new members. Councilors and community members with an interest in shaping local and regional transit services are encouraged to apply by **March 31**.

- **Regional Public Transit Advisory Committee**

About the Committee: Regional Public Transit Advisory Committee members are appointed by the Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council Board and help shape current and future transit services across the region. The committee meets every other month and provides recommendations on transit services, fares, route changes and other Cascades East Transit priorities.

For more information, visit the [Cascades East Transit RPTAC web page](#) and review the [application](#).

- **Deschutes County Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund Advisory Committee**

About the Committee: The Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund Advisory Committee recommends how transit payroll tax dollars are allocated within Deschutes County. Members advise the Board of Commissioners on funding priorities, service improvements, and public transportation needs that best serve the community.

For more information, visit the [Deschutes County Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund Advisory Committee webpage](#) and review the [application](#).



Department Updates

City of Bend Sponsorship Program: Spring Application Deadline & Updated Process

The City of Bend provides sponsorship and grant funding to local organizations that help build a more connected, inclusive and engaged community. From neighborhood activities and cultural celebrations to educational programs, these funds support community outreach efforts aligned with City priorities and City Council Goals.

This year, the City is shifting to **two application periods** instead of a continuously open process:

Spring Application Period

- Open: February 1 – March 31
- Review in April; awards issued in May
- For events/programs taking place **June–December**

Fall Application Period

- Open: August 1 – September 30
- Review in October; awards issued in November
- For events/programs taking place **January–May**

Important: The Sponsorship Request Form will close on **April 1** and remain closed until the next window opens on **August 1**. Therefore, the next deadline for interested parties is **March 31**.

Potential applicants should review the [news release](#) and see the [website](#) for details and the Sponsorship Request Form.

BEND MUNICIPAL AIRPORT UPDATE

Airport Manager Tracy Williams **reports** strong progress on construction work being completed at the Bend Municipal Airport:

Airfield Lighting Project

- Phases 1–3 are now complete.
- Phase 4 began February 26 and will continue for approximately 30 days, primarily impacting the west side of the Airport. This is the fourth of five phases in a major improvement program scheduled for completion in May 2026.



- Current work includes crack repairs, asphalt patching, seal coating, installation of LED taxiway lighting to replace reflectors, and updates to runway markings and illuminated sign panels.

Southwest Taxiway Pavement Rehabilitation

- Construction runs March 30–April 30, with full taxiway closures and significant disruptions expected in the Southwest Hangar Area throughout April.
- Work includes pavement removal, excavation with several weeks of rock hammering, repaving, and upgraded stormwater drainage.
- A stakeholder meeting is scheduled for March 4 for affected users.

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