

March 17, 2026



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# City of Bend and Bend Park & Recreation District Joint Meeting



# Agenda

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1. City of Bend Growth Plan and District Comp Plan
  - Context and Updates
  - Tools being considered to meet housing goals such as exemptions, TIF and loans
  - Council/Board discussion
  
2. Transportation System Plan (TSP) Update and BPRD Trail System
  - Coordination and Update
  - Transportation Fee
  - Council/Board discussion
  
3. Joint Projects with BPRD and the City
  - Riverfront
  - Drake Park Bridge
  - Approve IGA for Gilchrist Bridge (Action)



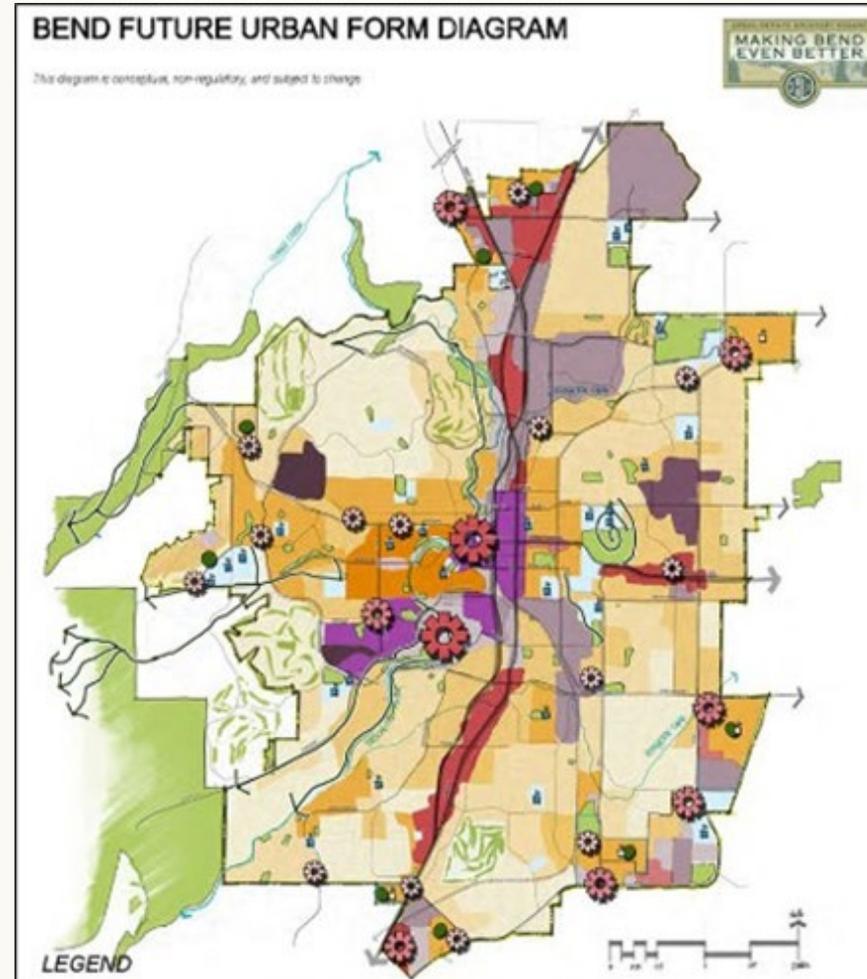
# City of Bend Growth Plan & Bend Park and Recreation District Comprehensive Plan



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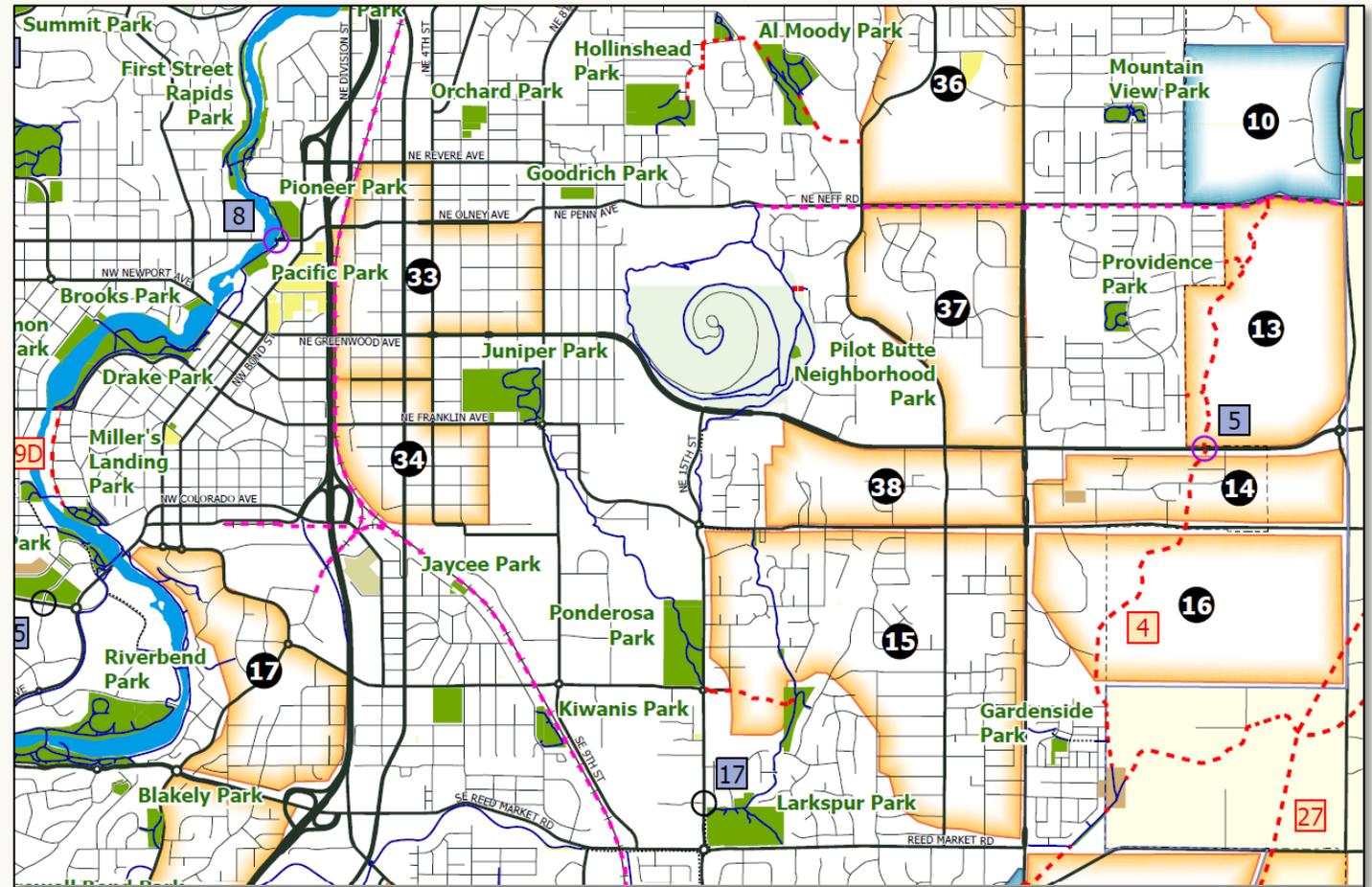
# City of Bend Current Land Use Context

- 2016 was the last City comprehensive update
  - Upzoning
  - Expansion
- Transportation Systems Plan updated in 2020
  - Focus on bike, pedestrian, transit



# Bend Park & Recreation Comprehensive Plan

- Urban Service Agreement, Goal 8 Provider
- Adopted 2018
- Updated 2024
  - rapid growth, changes in local & state planning
- Key inputs: level of service targets, community needs, inequity analysis, watershed analysis, anticipated growth areas



# Updating Our Growth Plan: One Bend. Built Together.

- Updating 20-year Comprehensive Plan, community vision
- Extensive public engagement
- Equity focused
- New, highly integrated approach (Land Use + Transportation + Equity + Visioning)



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# The Growth Plan Will Shape the Future of:



## Housing

Where will we live?

How close are we to work?

What types of housing do we need?



## Jobs

What sectors will be expanding?

What type of land do these need?



## Transportation

How will we travel around the city?

What modes need better accommodation?

How will we reduce reliance on cars?



## Equity and Accessibility

How do we ensure that housing, jobs and transportation are equitably available and accessible by all community members?



## Climate and Resiliency

How can long-range plans help us meet our climate goals?

How can the city best adapt to our risks such as wildfire?



# Key Planning Drivers For The Growth Plan



## Community Input & Council Goals

- Equity-focused and broad-based community engagement to better understand the community's needs

## Housing Targets

- Oregon Housing Needs Analysis (OHNA), Units by affordability level, production, furthering fair housing

## Climate Targets

- Climate Friendly and Equitable Communities (CFEC) targets – greenhouse gas (GHG) reductions and mixed-use Climate Friendly Areas (CFAs)

## Deadlines

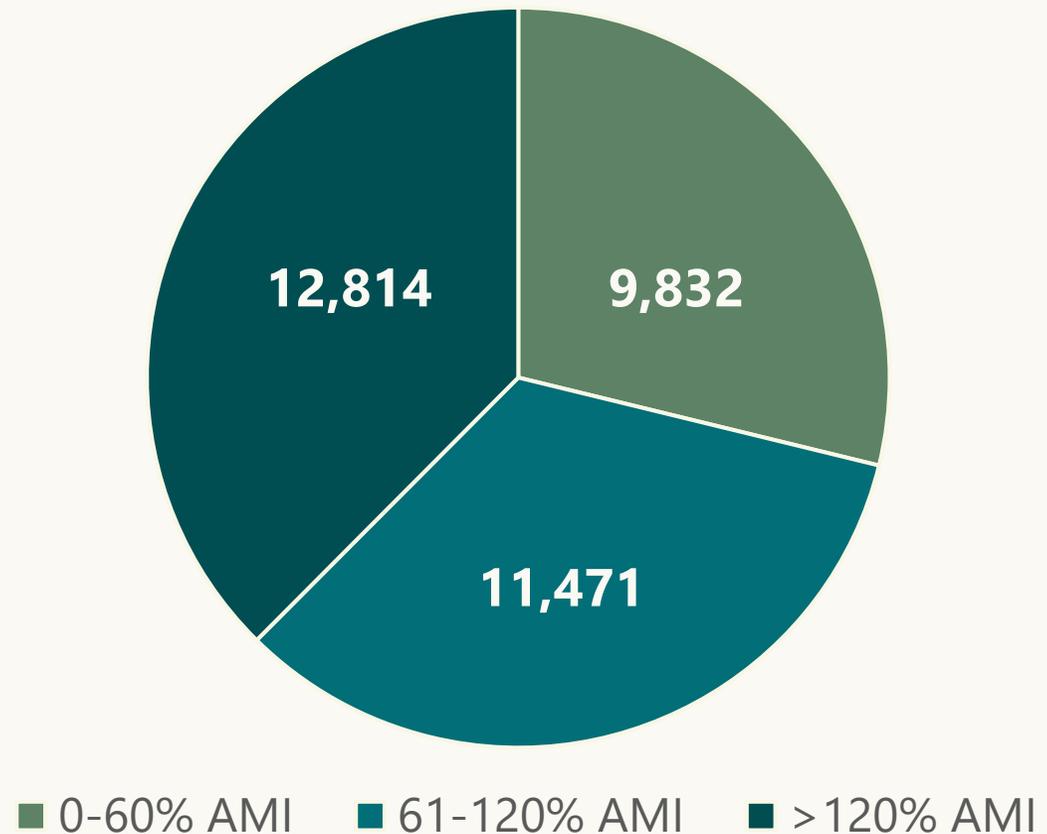
- State mandated deadlines driving timeline and deliverables



# Bend's Oregon Housing Needs Analysis Estimates

- Bend must plan to accommodate over **34,000** new dwelling units
- Numbers of units by affordability levels
- 1/3 of units at less than 60% AMI
- Legal driver for city to adopt incentives, funding sources

Housing Need by Area Median Income (AMI)



# Future Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan

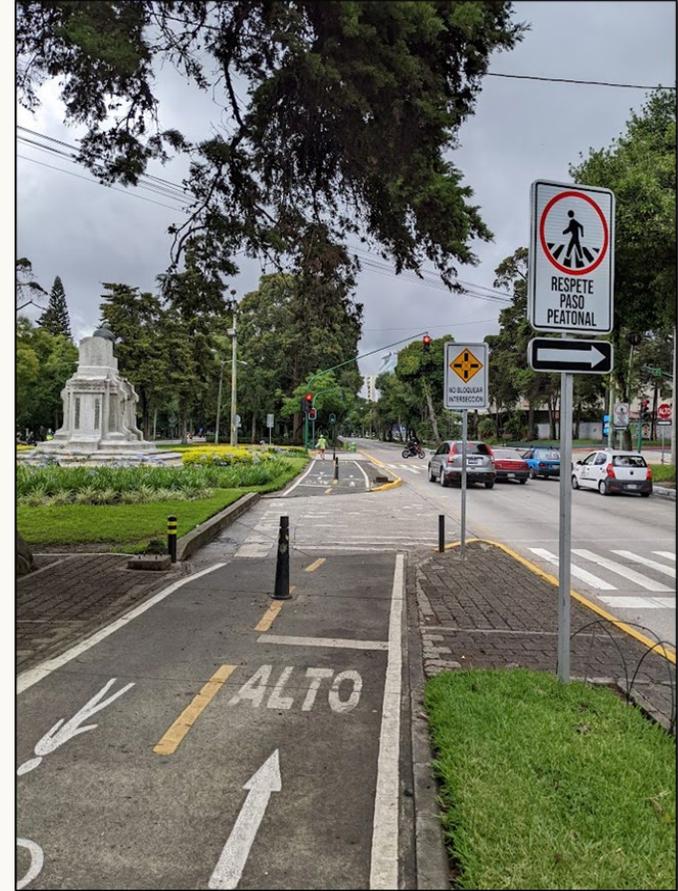
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- Adoption 2028 or 2029
- 10-year planning horizon
- What we are hearing from the community:
  - New parks and trails should be developed in conjunction with new growth
  - Urgent calls for open space preservation
  - Trails, and trail connectivity, are very important



# Future Collaboration Needs

- Park and trail development in areas with proposed higher density
  - Early coordination & plan for multi-functional spaces
  - Collaborate on design standards
  - Strengthen park acquisition & development code
- Open space preservation
- Trail development (next section)
- Housing program impacts to parks funding



# Questions?

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- Given the housing needs and goals, what tools are most viable for coordination and support?
  - Tax Exemptions
  - SDC Exemptions
  - TIF Areas, including park development
  - Tourism cooperation
  - Non-direct monetary support (i.e. code regulations)
- What are the next steps to explore these options?



# Transportation System Plan & Bend Park and Recreation District Trails



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# 2020 Transportation System Plan

- Established system of Key Routes and Low Stress Networks
- Includes Bend Park and Recreation District Comp Plan by reference
- Our bike/ped system links to existing and planned District trails



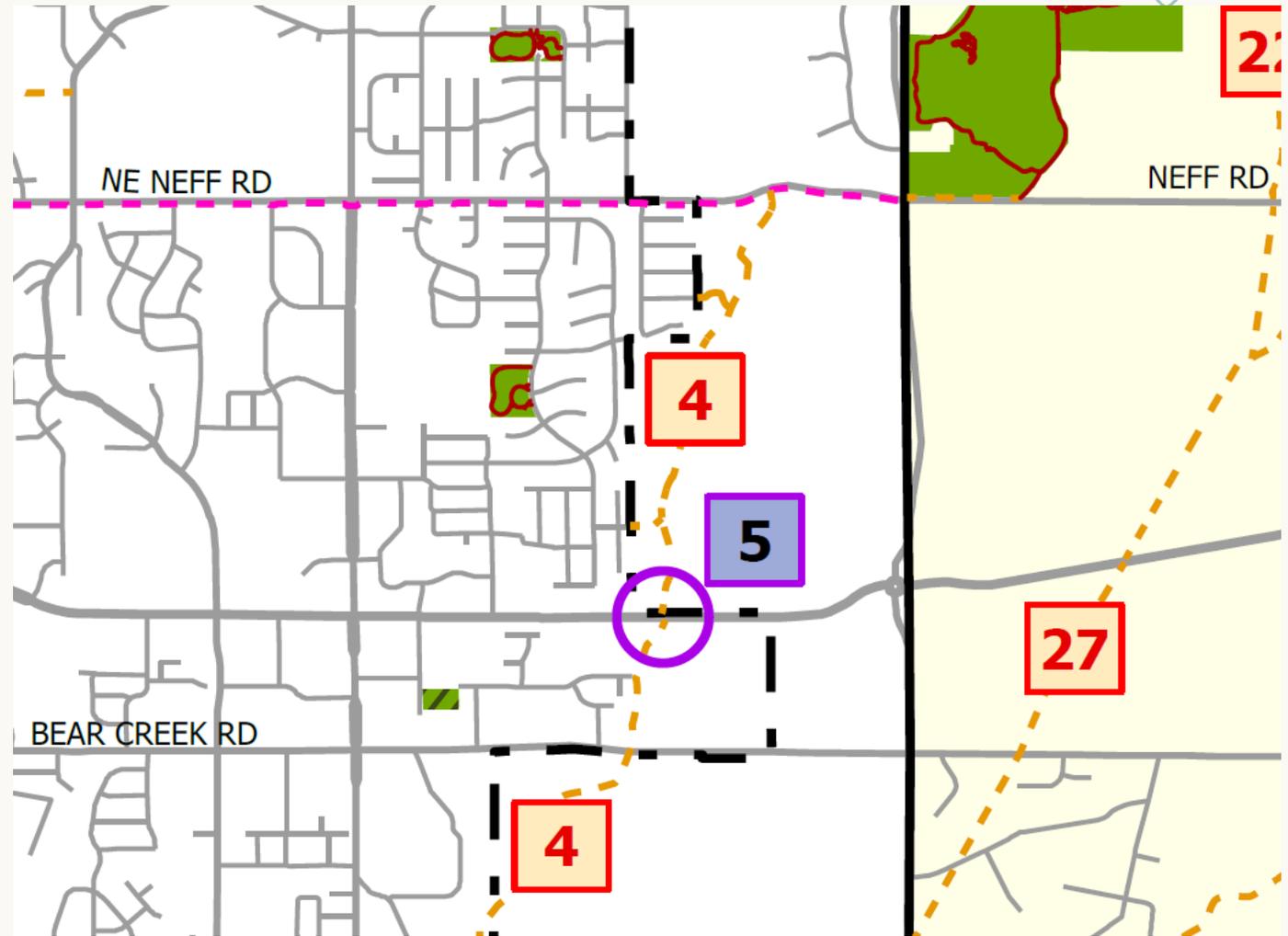
# Trail Planning & Maintenance Intergovernmental Agreement

- Completed 2021 after adoption of Transportation System Plan
- Delineates trail maintenance responsibilities
- Promotes coordinated trail planning
- Updated as trail system grows



# Bend Park & Recreation Trail Plan

- Shows planned trail corridors and safe crossing locations
- Based on: corridors that support safe trail development, Urban Growth Boundary expansion areas, Low Stress Network & Key Routes



# How Are Trails Developed?

- Private development (master plans, etc.)
- City Capital Improvement Project
- Parks Capital Improvement Project



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# Upcoming Transportation System Plan Update

- Strengthening land use coordination to ensure trails can be established at a system-wide level
- Greater emphasis: safe, convenient bike/ ped system that links Key Destinations- community asking for increased separated facilities
- Agency Advisory Group
- Regular staff level coordination meetings



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# Future Parks & Recreation Trail Planning

What we are hearing from the community:

- Soft surface trails just as important as hard surface
- "What canal roads can I use?"
- Strong desire for off-street trails
- Calls for more unified design and connectivity
- E-mobility laws/rules are confusing

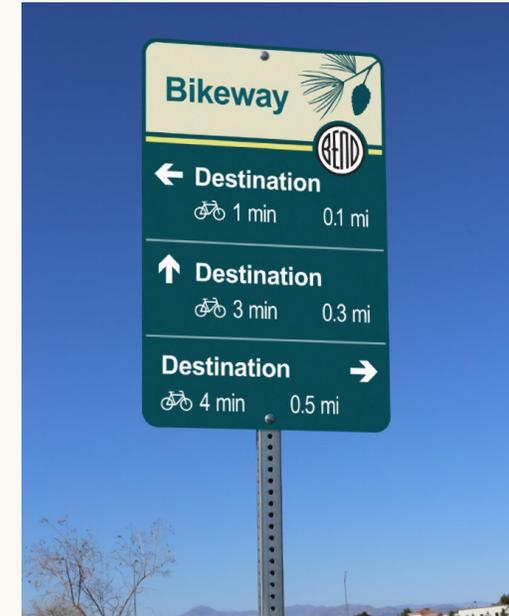


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# Future Collaboration Needs

- Update development code and roadway design standards to strengthen trail development
- Better incorporate district trail plan into City's comprehensive plan
- Strengthen coordination on project design and connectivity
- Evaluate e-mobility needs and rules
- Update trail planning & maintenance agreement to include wayfinding



# Questions

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- Are there codes and planning coordination that would strengthen our overall system of trails?
- What opportunities are there to support transportation and maintenance activities and how does that impact the assessment of the Transportation Fee?
- What additional information is needed to support a more unified enforcement program for trails and shared spaces (i.e. off-leash, e-bikes, etc.)?



# Joint Projects



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# Riverfront Street Project

- Last unimproved section of the Deschutes River Trail through downtown
- Available Funding: \$1,050,350
  - BPRD: \$ 703,600
  - City: \$ 346,750
- Design Contract: \$683,700 (50/50 split)
- Construction Estimate: \$3.5M
  - Estimated remaining funding: \$366,650
- Project Status
  - Finishing Design – Currently at 60%
  - Pursue construction funding (i.e. grants)



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**TUMALO INTERSECTION:  
RAISED CROSSING**



ESTON AVENUE

NW TUMALO AVENUE

NW RIVERFRONT STREET

NW HIXON AVENUE

NW MUELLER AVENUE

ALLEY

525 NW RIVERFRONT ST

537 NW RIVERFRONT ST

611 NW RIVERFRONT ST

615 NW RIVERFRONT ST

333 NW TUMALO AVE

528 NW RIVERFRONT ST

5 NW HIXON AVE

441 NW RIVERSIDE BLVD

560 NW RIVERFRONT ST

620 NW RIVERFRONT ST

307 NW TUMALO AVE

38 NW MUELLER AVE

28 NW MUELLER AVE

516 NW RIVERFRONT ST

NW RIVERFRONT ST

RIVERFRONT ST

49 NW RIVERFRONT ST

# Drake Park Pedestrian Bridge

- City-owned asset
- Joint interest in re-constructing bridge
- Recommendations:
  - City to fund Design (Pending Council Approval)
  - BPRD to manage project
  - Pursue grants for construction
  - BPRD will accept ownership
- Next Steps
  - Develop IGA between City and BPRD
  - BPRD to contract design consultants
  - City to discuss funding May 2026



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# Gilchrist Bridge

- BPRD completed design to 30%
- Desire to construct as part of Columbia Park Project: Fall 2026
- Critical crossing for the Bend Bikeway
- Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) outlines:
  - BPRD to manage project
  - City to fund final design: \$295,000
  - City to fund construction (pending Council Approval): Estimate: \$1.2 M
  - BPRD will accept ownership
    - IGA approval on tonight's agenda
- City to discuss funding May 2026



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# Gilchrist Bridge Motions

## City of Bend Motion

I move to authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Bend Park & Recreation District for replacement of the Gilchrist Bridge and the transfer of ownership from the City to the District.

## Bend Park and Recreation District Motion

I move to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Bend for replacement of the Gilchrist Bridge and the transfer of ownership from the City to the District.



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# Questions



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