



CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

Information and updates for the Mayor and City Council

May 1, 2026

Upcoming Events & Meetings

Meeting/Event	Date	Time	Location
BURA Executive Session, 5pm City Council Business Meeting	May 6, 2026	6 p.m.	City Hall Council Chambers/Virtual
City Council Work Session Art in public places reception at 6 pm	May 13, 2026	4-5:45 p.m.	City Hall Council Chambers/Virtual
City Council Business Meeting	May 20, 2026	6 p.m.	City Hall Council Chambers/Virtual
<i>May 27 — No meeting</i>			

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Public Agency & Community Partner Updates

League of Oregon Cities Bulletin

The latest **LOC Bulletin** is now available. Highlights from this edition include:

Training Opportunity: The League of Oregon Cities is offering virtual trainings on public contracting and grant writing.

OCMA Summer Conference: City and county managers are invited to attend the Oregon City/County Management Association Summer Conference, July 7–10 in Ashland.

Upcoming Webinar: The Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development and Oregon Housing and Community Services are hosting a Monday May 11 webinar to review updates to the Housing Production Dashboard and the Housing Equity Indicators Dashboard.



Tickets Available: Building A Better Bend 2026 Lecture Series

Building a Better Bend has announced the first lecture in its 2026 series: *Is Bend Building a "Happy City"? The Science & Design Secrets of Happy Cities.*

Councilors and community members are encouraged to attend this OSU-Cascades presentation and discussion featuring Mitchell Reardon, Director of Urban Planning at Happy Cities, an internationally recognized urban design and research firm based in Vancouver, Canada. The lecture will explore how urban design can foster connection, reduce loneliness, and support community wellbeing through examples such as public plazas and "urban living rooms."

Tickets are required (\$10). A recording will be available afterward. See the Building a Better Bend upcoming lectures [webpage](#) for more information.

Thursday, May 7, 2026 | 6 to 7:15 p.m.
OSU-Cascades, Ray Hall Atrium

Department Updates

Bikeway Wayfinding Installation Moves Forward

The **Bend Bikeway Project** continues to advance City Council's goal of establishing a connected **north-south and east-west citywide bike and pedestrian network**, supported by consistent wayfinding. The project focuses on improving safety and connectivity between neighborhoods, schools, parks, and trail systems.

As part of the project, staff are implementing a combination of intersection improvements, enhanced crossings, traffic modal filters, safety upgrades, and wayfinding signage.



The **wayfinding component is now underway**. New bikeway wayfinding signs have been installed from the NW 15th Street/Galveston intersection to Tree Farm. In addition, Engineering staff are confident that Phase 2 signs between Galveston and Franklin along the east-west bikeway route will be installed later this summer.



For More Information:

- **Background:** *Bend Bikeway Presentation* (August 2025), presented to City Council
- **Participate:** *Bend Bikeways Ride*, Tuesday, May 5; 5 to 7 p.m. (see [event flyer](#))
- **Contact:** Kevin Howard, Project Engineer, bendbikewayteam@bendoregon.gov

Engineering Update: Galveston Corridor Safety Project

Councilors are encouraged to read the May 1, 2026 *Galveston Corridor Safety Project Update*, which summarizes the history, development milestones, and current status of the Galveston Corridor Safety Project. This long-term City of Bend initiative is intended to improve safety, mobility, and infrastructure conditions along Galveston Avenue.

For further information, review the [website](#) or contact Ryan Oster, Engineering Director, at roster@bendoregon.gov

Police Department Update: Automated License Plate Readers and New Statewide Legislation

At the direction of the Bend City Council, the City of Bend Police Department's contract with Flock Systems was cancelled and the cameras were removed several months ago. During discussions before and after the removal of the Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) system, it was clear that there was general understanding and support for the use of license plate reader technology. However, Council and community members emphasized that several important conditions should be met before the Bend Police Department resumed use of ALPR technology:

- Ending the contract with Flock Safety, as the company was a concern for many community members.
- Supporting legislation to create a law to establish clear guardrails around the use of ALPR technology use in Oregon.

Current Status:

- **Flock System Removed:** The City's contract with Flock Systems has ended, and all equipment has been removed and is no longer in use. This ended the Police Department's access to, and use of, any data collected through Flock.
- **Legislative Update:** Over the short session, City of Bend Police Chief Mike Krantz participated in a small work group that included Senator Prozanski, American Civil Liberties Union attorneys, Eyes off Eugene, the Oregon State Police, the Oregon Association of Chiefs of Police, and representatives from several State Senator and State Representative offices. This group collaborated to create Senate Bill 1516, which was finalized and passed during the short session and signed into law by the Governor. The legislation takes effect on March 31, 2026, and establishes important statewide



guardrails for ALPR use, including requirements related to access, data retention, security, liability, and consistency of use across Oregon.

With the passage of Senate Bill 1516 and the establishment of clear statewide standards, the Bend Police Department's goal is to reinstall ALPR technology and responsibly resume its use to assist in solving crimes in our community. The department has received a \$19,000 grant from the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission to support the installation of ALPR technology focused on addressing organized retail crime and theft. The Police Department plans to work with Axon, a technology provider whose systems we already use, to evaluate two demonstration ALPR units and begin a phased installation of ALPR cameras at City entry and exit points over the course of the year. Axon's ALPR system is designed to operate in compliance with the requirements of the new state legislation.

Upcoming Events

Upcoming Events featured on the [Meetings and Event Calendar](#) include:

Bend Bikeways Ride

Tuesday, May 5
5 to 7 p.m.

Join City staff and community partners for a Bend Bikeways Reveal Ride on May 5! Meet at City Hall at 5 p.m for snacks and free bike lights. The ride will depart at 5:30 p.m and explore newly installed traffic diverters and bikeways amenities in the Old Bend and River West neighborhoods. The ride will end at 7 p.m at Papi Chulo's restaurant in the Box Factory for a Cinco de Mayo event with Vámonos Outside. See the event [flyer](#) for more information.

Public Works Grand Opening and Public Art Exhibition

Thursday, May 14
4 to 7 p.m.

Public Works Campus, 21051 NE Talus Place, Bend

Join us for an open house on Thursday May 14 as we celebrate our new Public Works Campus! Explore the new Public Art collection, get a behind-the-scenes look at our Public Works facilities, and help honor the 100-year anniversary of the City's water services. Enjoy family-friendly activities, and connect with City staff and artists. See [webpage](#) for details.

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