Transportation System Plan Summary

BEND MADE

A PLAN FOR TOMORROW, CRAFTED TODAY.

Bend Made is the City of Bend's plan for the next 20 years, guiding how the city grows with intention and purpose. As part of Bend Made, and required by state law, the City is updating the **Transportation System Plan**, or TSP, to examine our current transportation system and plan for the how our community gets around in the future.

What is the TSP?

A Transportation System Plan (TSP) is a long-range planning document that describes a city's existing transportation system, including roads, walkways, bikeways, and transit. It describes the projects, programs, and policies that are needed to meet transportation needs both now and 20 years in the future, based on community goals. This is how the City decides what transportation projects get built and when. A TSP is required for most Oregon jurisdictions per Oregon state rules. A TSP serves as the transportation component of the City's Comprehensive Plan.

What Will the TSP Do?

As part of the City's Comprehensive Plan, the Bend TSP includes policies and projects to create a vision for what the transportation system could look like in the future. Bend's TSP, adopted in 2020, envisions an integrated multi-modal network balancing the needs of drivers, transit users, freight movement, and people who walk, bike, or roll. It describes a feasible financial plan to guide the City's transportation investments for the next 20 years. It served as the basis for a successful General Obligation (GO) Bond, approved by voters, that is currently funding significant transportation projects across the city.

Why Does the TSP Need to Be Updated?

Like all planning documents, a TSP should be updated periodically to align with current growth projections. As the City embarks on **Bend Made**, the City of Bend's plan that will guide how the city grows with intention and purpose for the next 20 years, the Bend TSP will be updated to reflect a transportation system that meets the community's need into the future. There have been recent changes to state law that require an update to the TSP. The following is a summary of the issues that will be the focus of the 2020 TSP update:

Updated Projects, Programs, and Policies. The community will help identify which transportation investments and policies should be prioritized over the next 20 years to support growth. A data-driven evaluation will inform which projects, programs, and policies are most effective and how the City could fund them.

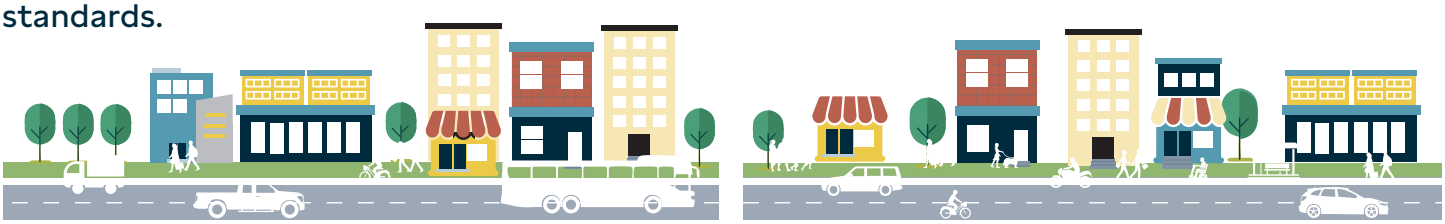
Climate Friendly Areas (CFAs). Bend also needs to plan for areas within the City that will have much greater density, a mix of land uses (places to live, work, and shop), and high levels of multi-modal access. The CFAs will inform the updated transportation modeling for the TSP. The City completed a CFA Study in 2023 that maps out where these might potentially go.

Bike/Ped Inventories. Bend will complete an inventory of bicycle and pedestrian facilities and identification of gaps. The 2020 TSP used existing data at the time. New inventories of bicycle and pedestrian facilities will be used.

Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Per Capita (person) Reduction. At the time of the 2020 TSP, the state of Oregon required Bend to show that the new projects would not increase VMT more than 5% over 2003 levels. Because of state rule changes, Bend now must show that as the City grows, VMT per person in 2050 will not increase over the VMT generated in 2019 . In other words, this means that transportation projects must include room for cars, bikes and pedestrians, and must support locating jobs and services closer to housing.

Enhanced Project Review. Oregon now requires cities to provide additional justification for projects such as road widenings and new interchanges. In practice, this means the City must follow a defined review process to demonstrate why a project is needed.

Performance Measures. Cities need to adopt specific measures and objectives to monitor. The 2020 TSP included measures that need to be reviewed and possibly updated to match the TPR standards.



Ways to Get Involved in Bend's TSP Update?

Community input can help the City understand which transportation issues are important to residents, what barriers local businesses face, and how future decisions could affect different parts of Bend.

Over the coming months, the City will gather input through interviews, focus groups, surveys, and other opportunities to participate.

Ready to shape Bend's future?

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