CITY OF BEND

City Hall
710 NW Wall Street
Bend, OR 97703

MEETING MINUTES – WALK + ROLL TOUR

City of Bend Accessibility Advisory Committee

Location: City Hall – Council Chambers, 710 NW Wall Street, Bend, OR 97703
Date: September 24, 2026
Start Time: 3:00 p.m.
Facilitator: John Heylin, Chair
Meeting Recording

City of Bend Accessibility Advisory Committee (COBAAC)

1. **Meeting called to order at 3:02 p.m.**, John Heylin, Chair.
    1) John Heylin, Chair, Chambers
    2) Amanda Hamer, Vice Chair, Chambers
    3) Aaron Rivers, Zoom
    4) Carl Burnett, Chambers
    5) Ian Isaacson, Chambers
    6) Jordan Ohlde, Chambers
    7) Liz Diether-Martin, Chambers
    8) Liz Woodfin, Chambers
    9) Meg Doan, Chambers
    10) Stephanie Utzman, Chambers

2. **Minutes**, Approval of August 27, 2026, Draft Minutes
   Timestamp 3:59

   August 27, 2026, meeting minutes approved unanimously with no corrections:
   The voice vote passed: 10-0.

3. **Special Session Public Comment**,
   Timestamp 10:21

    - Nancy Stevens: Appreciated the discussion regarding her concerns about the number of roundabouts in Bend and pedestrian accessibility. She thanked the City for considering ways to make roundabouts safer for individuals with disabilities, particularly people who are visually impaired or use mobility devices.

She also advocated for increased driver education regarding pedestrian awareness and safety when navigating roundabouts.

- Buck: Would like to see more education and awareness regarding accessible sidewalks in La Pine. He expressed concerns about the ability of wheelchair users to safely navigate sidewalks that are not accessible and emphasized the need for safer streets and improved accessibility.

Cassandra Kehoe, Equity & Inclusion Manager / ADA Coordinator / COBAAC Liaison: Provided a description of Council Chambers to help attendees understand and experience accessibility during the meeting, sharing that approximately forty people were in attendance, demonstrating strong community interest in and support for accessibility.

4. **COBAAC 2026 Walk and Roll**
   Timestamp 8:20

   The meeting ended at 3:11 p.m., and the group toured the scheduled route.

   - 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. Proceed to Walk + Roll Tour open to the public.
     - 1st Stop: Deschutes County Courthouse
     - 2nd Stop: Olney & Wall Protected Intersection
     - 3rd Stop: Olney & 2nd Street, Protected Crossing
   - 5:00 p.m. Debrief at Silver Moon at 24 N.W. Greenwood Avenue

5. **Adjourned**, with no further business at 3:11 p.m.

Submitted respectfully by,

Lisa Larsen, she, her, Administrative Supports Specialist, Accessibility Program

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