Great communities don’t happen by chance.
WHAT IS A TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PLAN (TSP)?

➢ A plan for the next 20 years.
➢ Serves everyone, in all the ways people want to get around.
➢ Identifies the projects and programs needed.
➢ Lays out a way to pay for what we need.
WHY ARE WE UPDATING THE PLAN?

➢ Bend is growing fast.

➢ Our transportation system must grow with us.

➢ The update supports Bend’s vision for now and into the future.
WHAT ARE THE QUESTIONS THAT WE WANTED TO ANSWER?

➢ What do we want our system to be like?
➢ What do we need to build and when?
➢ How will we pay for it?
➢ How will we measure our success?
WHO WAS INVOLVED?

**TSP Process:** 2+ years

- Technical analysis, options evaluation, community dialogue
- 2 Citywide Open Houses & Online Surveys
- 5 Neighborhood Workshops

**Steering Committee:** City Council, Planning Commission, Deschutes County, ODOT

**CTAC:** Met 15 times, guided TSP process

**Working Groups**

**Project Management Team**

**Public Input!**

1,000+ people participated!
GOALS OF THE PLAN

1. Increase System Capacity, Quality, and Connectivity for All Users
2. Ensure Safety for All Users
3. Facilitate Housing Supply, Job Creation, and Economic Development to Meet Demand/Growth
4. Protect Livability and Ensure Equity and Access
5. Steward the Environment
6. Have a Regional Outlook and Future Focus
7. Implement a Comprehensive Funding and Implementation Plan
IDENTIFYING TRANSPORTATION NEEDS WAS A CRITICAL STEP

**Needs** were identified by:

- Residents of Bend
- 25-person volunteer committee
- City leadership
- Expert technical analysis
The community's #1 concern was for safer streets, especially for children.

“Need our kids to be safe crossing roads.”

“Need more sidewalks and safe and marked crosswalks.”

“It is SO unsafe to bike in this town…”
WHAT WE HEARD: CROSS-TOWN TRAVEL

Better east/west connections were a top priority.

“We need better east to west options…”

“Please exhaust all resources on improving capacity and flow on city roads. We’ve been playing from behind for decades.”

“Really need to improve flow of traffic.”
The community noted congestion in key corridors:

- East-west, especially mid-town and at Reed Market Rd.
- North-south, especially on the eastside at 27th Ave.
- Bend Parkway, especially at the north end of Bend.
The community asked for better biking and walking:

- Greater safety and comfort.
- More walking and bicycling routes, separated from roadways.
- Safer crossings.
WHAT WE HEARD: BEND’S TRANSIT

The community is interested in the potential of transit:

➢ Make it easier to use transit.
➢ More routes, more service.
➢ Better connections to transit stops.
➢ Reduce congestion at Hawthorne Station.
Make sure we are ready for technology:

- Smart traffic signals
- Information boards
- Coordinated communications
- Electric vehicles
- Weather systems
PROPOSED SOLUTIONS: *IMMEDIATE*

Jumpstart improvements through Capital Improvement Program investments:

➢ **$73 million** in funded projects over the next **5 years** (i.e., Empire and Murphy Corridors, Neighborhood Greenways, Neighborhood Street Safety Program)
PROPOSED SOLUTIONS: IMPROVE THE PARKWAY

- Make it easier and safer to get on and off.
- Fix the north end.
- Build Murphy Road interchange.
PROPOSED SOLUTIONS:  IMPROVE SAFETY FOR EVERYONE

➢ Roundabout at Bear Creek Road & Purcell Boulevard
➢ Butler Market interchange
➢ 3rd Street & Miller Avenue
➢ City program to make regular investments that improve neighborhood safety
PROPOSED SOLUTIONS: *IMPROVE CONNECTIVITY*

➢ Improve existing roads, such as Portland Avenue, 15th Street, and US 20

➢ Finish key roads, such as Purcell Boulevard

➢ Improve Reed Market Road at US 97, 3rd Street, 15th Street, and the railroad tracks.
PROPOSED SOLUTIONS: *FIX INTERSECTIONS*

**Install new roundabouts:**
- Move people through intersections more safely and smoothly

**Improve traffic signals:**
- Particularly on 3rd Street corridor
PROPOSED SOLUTIONS: **INVEST IN WALKING AND BICYCLING**

- Expand network to make biking friendly to everyone
- Infill missing sidewalks
- Create connected cross-town routes
- Maintain facilities year-round
PROPOSED SOLUTIONS: SUPPORT BETTER TRANSIT

➢ Coordinate with Cascades East Transit

➢ Support major routes with faster connections, more service

➢ Create hubs for bus-to-bus transfers and connections to other ways to get around (e-bikes, rideshare)
PROPOSED SOLUTIONS: PLAN FOR LONG-TERM NEEDS

➢ US 97 frontage roads
➢ 27th Street urban upgrade
➢ Study a new southern river crossing
SETTING PRIORITIES

Project List → Prioritization → Funding Sources
Identify funding sources that are most suitable for Bend such as:

- Development fees
- General obligation bonds
- Urban renewal area funding
- Local Improvement Districts

Make sure that there's funding to maintain both existing and new infrastructure.
➢ **July 13:** Joint Planning Commission/City Council Work Session, 5:30pm  [Meeting Details](#)

➢ **July 27 - 28:** Planning Commission Hearing, 5:30pm  [Meeting Details](#)

➢ **August 19:** Council Hearing, 7:00pm  [Meeting Details](#)
➢ For information about the TSP and upcoming work session and hearings, go [here](#).

➢ To ask questions or submit comment or testimony for public hearing, go [here](#).

➢ Would your community or neighborhood association like a presentation? Go [here](#).
THANK YOU!