



SAFE TRAVEL & TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS

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Our community says **traffic congestion and safety** is Bend's most pressing problem.

They want projects built that improve traffic flow and safety for people who drive, ride bicycles, and walk.

WHAT PEOPLE WANT





ECONOMIC VITALITY

- » More housing types
- » Managed growth
- » Developable employment lands
- » Natural resource stewardship
- » Public/Private partnership opportunities



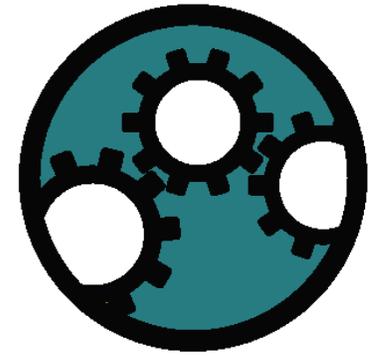
TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

- » Congestion relief
- » Funding plan
- » Mobility options
- » Neighborhood safety
- » Streets, sewer and water investments



PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH

- » Good response times
- » Traffic safety
- » Downtown crime prevention
- » Wildfire resiliency plan
- » Homelessness and mental health partnerships

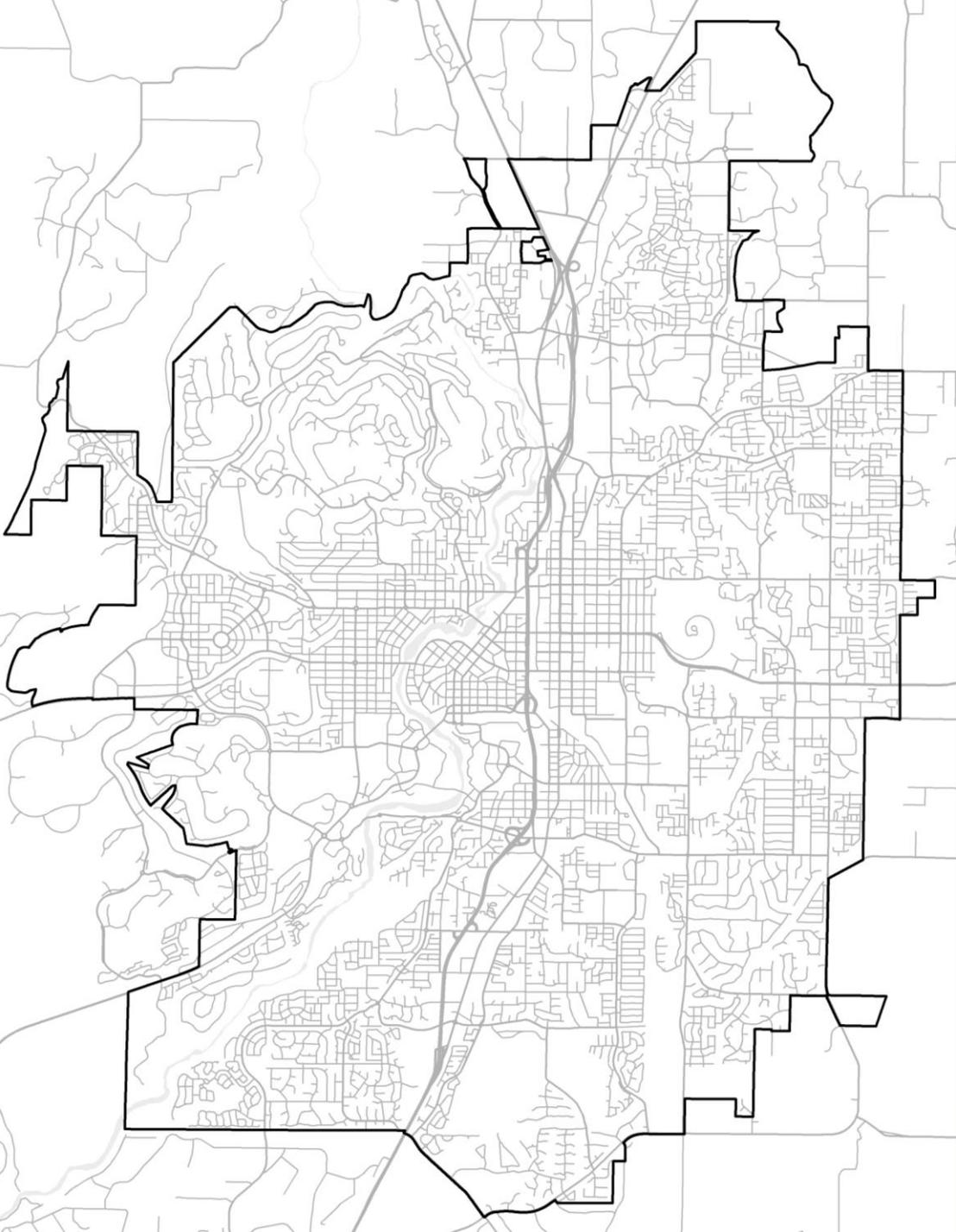


EFFECTIVE & EFFICIENT CITY OPERATION

- » Data and technology investments
- » Community participation
- » Public facility plans
- » Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) programs

We, the City Council, believe that Bend is a unique community that people are drawn to because it is an outstanding place to live. We desire to demonstrate consistent stewardship of resources and quality of life. We will be guided in decision-making by following these values as the foundation for public trust and confidence:

Inclusivity // Sustainability // Partnership // Stewardship // Responsiveness



HISTORY OF BEND'S STREETS: 5 Things You Need to Know

Development patterns

Growth cycle

Property tax restrictions

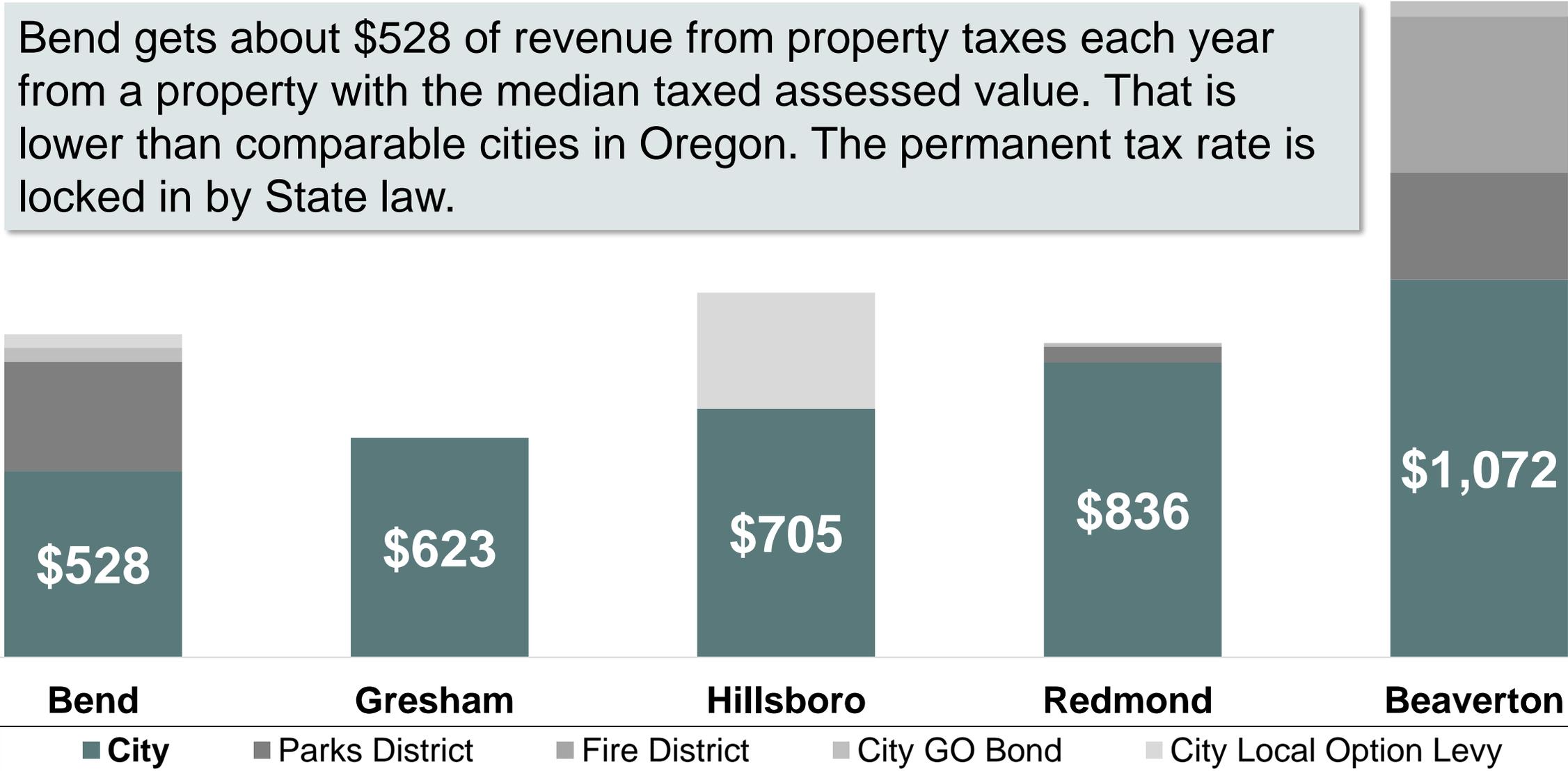
Investments are incremental

Development revenue is volatile

OUR LIMITED PROPERTY TAX REVENUE



Bend gets about \$528 of revenue from property taxes each year from a property with the median taxed assessed value. That is lower than comparable cities in Oregon. The permanent tax rate is locked in by State law.



TRANSPORTATION PLANNING & PRIORITIES

Better East/West connections are a top priority.

TRAFFIC FLOW



“We need better east to west options rather than 2 lane roads with trains blocking them many times a day.”

“Going east to west via Greenwood or Reed Market can be quite difficult most days.”

“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 is asking for improved neighborhood safety and safe routes to schools.



“Need our kids to be safe crossing roads.”

“Need more sidewalks and safe and marked crosswalks.”

“I teach at Jewell Elementary and am concerned about the crossing on Brosterhous to Jewell. It is unsafe and needs some attention.”

“It is SO unsafe to bike in this town...”

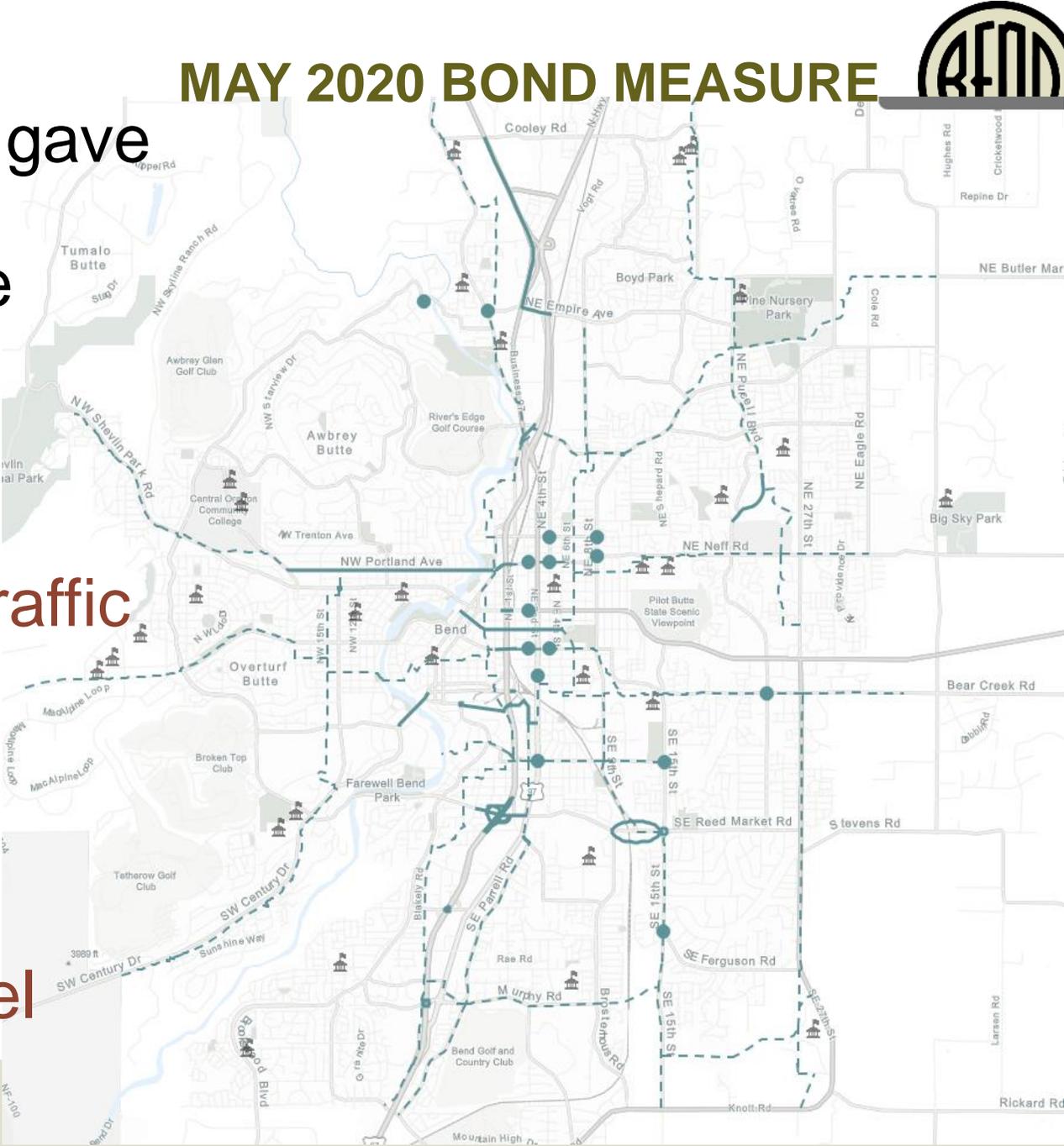
MAY 2020 BOND MEASURE



Bend City Council unanimously gave direction to place a General Obligation bond measure on the **May 19, 2020** ballot.

The measure would provide approximately **\$190 million** for traffic flow and safety improvements citywide.

Project map & info:
www.bendoregon.gov/safe-travel





Bond funds will pay for priority projects citywide:

- ✓ East-west connections
- ✓ Traffic flow/intersection improvements
- ✓ Safe travel and access in neighborhoods, for pedestrians, bicycles and motor vehicles



NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS



- ✓ Sidewalks and safe crossings for access to schools, parks, and jobs
- ✓ East/west connected cross-town bicycle network
- ✓ Complete missing sidewalks on key routes



HOW MUCH WOULD IT COST?



If approved, the bond funds will be repaid by local property taxes.

The proposed measure would cost property owners an estimated **\$0.47 per \$1,000 of taxable value.**

A home with a taxable value of \$220,000 (Bend's citywide average) would pay about **\$170 per year.**





GO BOND PROJECT LIST SUMMARY

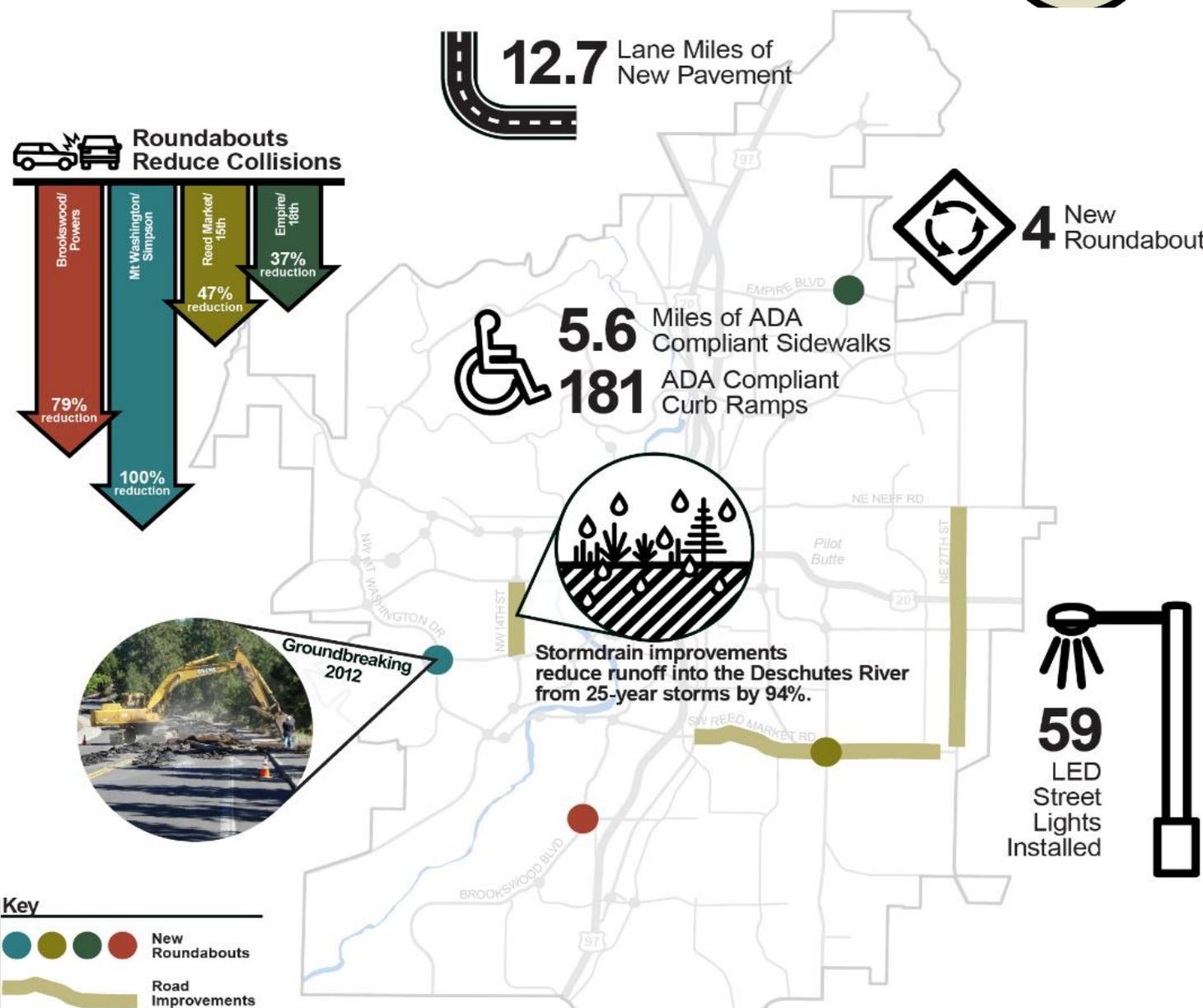
- **East/West Connections** – improvements to major corridors for all modes
- **20 Major Intersection Improvements** – safety & capacity for all modes of travel
- **12 Key Bicycle and Pedestrian Routes** - \$20M investment in safe multi modal travel linking people to schools, parks, & jobs citywide
- **Support for Transit**- \$8M to match CET investments
- **Interchange Improvements**- \$17.6M to match ODOT improvements to functionality & safety at Empire, Colorado, Butler Market, Reed Market, Powers, Murphy
- **Citywide Local Residential Safety Improvement Program**- \$8M for neighborhood safety improvement projects that include sidewalk improvements, safe crossings, and safe routes to schools partnerships
- **Intelligent Transportation Systems investments**- \$5M for safety & traffic flow signals



BEND IS ACCOUNTABLE TO TAXPAYERS



- ✓ Successfully delivered the 2011 \$30 million bond.
- ✓ Projects completed on-time, within voter-approved funds. www.bendoregon.gov/gobond
- ✓ For the 2020 bond, City Council will establish a citizen bond oversight committee to track progress and report to the community.



SIX THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT BEND'S SAFE TRAVEL AND TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS



1. **Tackles the #1 issue** Bend residents want their leaders to do something about – traffic congestion and safety.
2. **Funds priority projects citywide.**
3. **Builds better east-west connections** that reduce drivers' time behind the wheel and improve Bend's livability.
4. **Supports safe access to schools, parks and jobs.**
5. **Addresses congestion** on main roads to reduce cut-through traffic on neighborhood streets.
6. **Helps Bend prepare for the future.**

LEARN MORE



Go www.bendoregon.gov/safe-travel for a map
and complete list of projects

*Don't forget to vote in the May 19, 2020
Primary Election!*

QUESTIONS?