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.
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
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.

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

The measure would provide approximately $183 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
The priority projects selected from a 2-year community-led planning process match priorities identified in several surveys and focus groups.
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
If approved, the bond funds will be repaid by local property taxes.

The proposed measure would cost property owners an estimated $0.46 per $1,000 of taxable value.

A home with a taxable value of $220,000 (Bend’s citywide average) would pay about $165 per year.
GO BOND PROJECT LIST SUMMARY

• **East/West Connectivity** – 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 leverage 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**- $6M to leverage neighborhood safety improvement projects that include sidewalk improvements, safe crossings, and safe routes to schools partnerships

• **ITS investments**- $5M for technologically advanced safety & traffic flow
BEND IS ACCOUNTABLE TO TAXPAYERS

- Successfully delivered the 2011 $30 million bond.
- Projects completed on-time, within voter-approved funds. [www.bendoregon.gov/gobond](http://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.
2019-2024 TRANSPORTATION CIP PROJECTS
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.
Go [www.bendoregon.gov/safe-travel](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?