

# City Manager's Report

## Information and Updates for the Mayor and City Council

December 13, 2024

### UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

MEETING/EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Council Meeting	December 18	3:45 p.m. Audit Committee 5 p.m. Work Session 7 p.m. Regular Meeting	Council Chambers / Virtual
Council Meeting	January 8	7 p.m. Regular Meeting - <b>Not a regular business meeting</b>	Council Chambers / Virtual
Council Meeting	January 22	3 p.m. Work Session 7 p.m. Regular Meeting	Council Chambers / Virtual

[VIEW THE FULL COUNCIL SCHEDULE](#)

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## PUBLIC AGENCY AND COMMUNITY PARTNER UPDATES

### League of Oregon Cities Bulletin

[Read the most recent LOC Bulletin here.](#) Of note,

The **2024 Transient Lodging Tax (TLT) Survey Report** summarizes responses from 91 Oregon cities, representing 70% of the state's urban population. The report reveals that 79% of respondent cities have a TLT, with larger cities and the Metro region more likely to implement one. Coastal areas, such as the Central Coast, have higher average tax rates than the statewide average (7.6%), reflecting their reliance on tourism. Cities use TLT revenue for tourism promotion, public safety, and infrastructure.



Many cities expressed a desire for greater flexibility in spending, citing needs such as affordable housing, community amenities, and enhanced public services.

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## **LOC Annual Transportation Investment Needs of Cities**

In a **letter** to the Oregon Members of the Joint Committee on Transportation, the LOC has produced a set of transportation needs based on a smaller subset of LOC members and has built a simple projection based on lane miles present across Oregon. Based on the assessment, the LOC estimates a funding gap of \$1.657 Billion annually. This includes over \$1.024 Billion annually of capital investment gaps and an annual operations and maintenance need of over \$633 million. The importance of the capital needs is simply the scale of the investment and the critical importance of state resources to the overall investment in Oregon's entire transportation system.

Cities face significant funding challenges related to capital projects, annual operations, and maintenance investments to meet their street conditions and operational objectives. Specifically, Bend has been among Oregon's fastest-growing communities over the last twenty years, and estimates of its capital investment exceed \$270 million. Bend's annual transportation budget is \$27.4 million, with State Highway Fund revenue over \$9.2 million. Other funding sources include franchise fees, general fund subsidies, utility fees, and System Development Charges (SDCs). Bend estimates their operations and maintenance needs are short \$ 6 million annually to meet an \$81 million backlog in deferred maintenance.

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## **Central Oregon Civic Action Project**

Josh Burgess, Director of COCAP, sent a **letter of appreciation** expressing gratitude to Mickie Derting, COB Senior Management Analyst, for her impactful efforts in support of the recent Deschutes Civic Assembly on Youth Homelessness. Josh said that Mickie's participation on panels and in personal conversations with delegates proved invaluable in providing a high-level baseline of information from which to develop policy recommendations. Mickie represented the City of Bend extraordinarily well through her professionalism, empathy, and expertise. She's a testament to the high quality that exists across the city staff, and the partners of COCAP thank her for her service.

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# DEPARTMENT UPDATES

## Airport Air Traffic Control Tower

Construction on the Air Traffic Control tower began on December 9. Thanks to Garrett Kaye, Facilities Project Manager, for his work on this project. Check out the photo [here](#).

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## November Social Media and Media Report

For the month of November, the top community topics and themes observed in media and social media by the Communications & Engagement Department included:

- Parking: Updates to the parking code as well as conversations about improvements to downtown parking.
- UGB Expansion: Public input on the two options for the 100 acre UGB expansion.
- People Streets: Media coverage and social media conversations about the People Streets study.

For more information, including media coverage of the City and social media engagement, see the [Monthly Social Media and Media Monitoring Report](#).

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