



CITY OF BEND

City Manager's Report

Information and Updates for the Mayor and City Council

January 10, 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

MEETING/EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Council Meeting	January 22	3 p.m. Work Session 7 p.m. Regular Meeting	Council Chambers / Virtual
Council Goal Setting Retreat	February 3-4	8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. February 3 11:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. February 4	OSU-Cascades
Council Meeting	February 5	5 p.m. Work Session 7 p.m. Regular Meeting	Council Chambers / Virtual

[VIEW THE FULL COUNCIL SCHEDULE](#)

PUBLIC AGENCY AND COMMUNITY PARTNER UPDATES

League of Oregon Cities Bulletin

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

- **City Day at the Capitol** on January 28: The **Oregon Legislative Site** is your best resource and access point to all state legislators. Each member of the Legislature has contact information, including email, phone numbers, and office numbers in the Capitol. *(Please note that this site is still being updated, and for newly elected legislators, it may take a week or so for updated information).*
- **Water Investment Survey Due January 15:** This survey will help identify necessary improvements and investment priorities in water infrastructure across the state.



- **Nominations are Open for LOC City Awards:** Winners will be recognized at the 2025 LOC Spring Conference, scheduled for May 1-2 at the Mill Casino in North Bend. The deadline for submissions is Friday, April 4.
 - Also, **click here** for the January video update from Patty Mulvihill, Executive Director, and the three things you need to know this month:
 - FY 25-26 dues rates will be increased by 3% of current city dues (specific amount will be sent in January/February).
 - Reminder for all City Recorders to provide updated contact information for elected officials and high-level City staff by mid-January.
 - Reminder to schedule meetings with individual legislators if you plan to attend City Day at the Capitol on January 28 (in the afternoon). LOC staff is unable to schedule for you.
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Oregon Sustainable Shelter Work Group

The Oregon Sustainable Shelter Work Group has completed its **report** on establishing Oregon's first statewide shelter program. The main themes are a continuation of a robust regional approach (led by COIC in our area) and the expansion of funding opportunities for vehicular shelters (and high barrier programs at up to 30% of the total allocation) along with increasing equity through exclusion and exit practices.

BRAND WEST – Building Resilient and Affordable New Developments in the West

The Western Governors' Association is hosting a workshop on January 15-16 at The Oxford Hotel which will focus on increasing access to housing in western states, looking specifically at how to address housing availability and affordability and promote smart and sustainable development in communities throughout the West. If you are interested in attending, **registration is free** (attendees are a balanced mix of stakeholders, developers, non-profits, and government entities).

City of Bend Legislative Agenda

OSU-Cascades is requesting support for the **Student Health and Recreation Project** in the upcoming legislative session. This project includes two goals:

- Remediate and develop 24 acres of land, completing a 100-acre academic campus that will support over a decade of campus growth.
- Build a 40,000 sq ft building that will provide essential mental health, clinical health, and physical activity facilities for students. Those services are essential for student health,



retention, and graduation. The project will provide equitable access to those resources to support all students.

In addition, OSU-Cascades is pursuing an Early Childhood Education (ECE) workforce development bill that would support both COCC and OSU-Cascades for programming and campus facilities for campus childcare centers. They are also pursuing a grant fund that matches federal grants at universities for awards focused on economic development and innovation (UIRF).

The City would like to explore including all of the above into our adopted Legislative Agenda.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Grant Updates

The City of Bend was awarded \$21,000 from the ODOT Community Charging Rebate Program to allow for the installation of three, dual port, Electric Vehicle chargers at the Public Works Campus. The Rebate will reimburse the City approximately \$3,500 per charging port and will enable to City to allow for EV charging for employees. The chargers will be installed on or before October 30th, 2025, and will be ADA accessible.

The City of Bend was also awarded \$32,321,299 from the Federal Railroad Administration's (FRA) Railroad Crossing Elimination (RCE) grant program to allow for the elimination of an at-grade railroad crossing on Reed Market Road. This is the largest grant award in City of Bend history, and will not only increase safety, improve commute times, and reduce emergency response times in east Bend, but also will leverage GO bond funds at a 2.4x match, allowing the City to use those funds on other projects, stretching our local funding even further. See the press release from the City [here](#), from Senator Merkley's Office [here](#), and from the FRA [here](#).

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