



CITY OF BEND

# City Manager's Report

## Information and Updates for the Mayor and City Council

March 21, 2025

### UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

MEETING/EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Council Meeting	April 2	5 p.m. Work Session 7 p.m. Regular Meeting	Council Chambers / Virtual
Stewardship Subcommittee	April 4	3-4:30 p.m.	Council Chambers / Virtual
Council Meeting	April 16	3 p.m. Quarterly Council- Board/Commission  5 p.m. Work Session  7 p.m. Regular Meeting	Council Chambers / Virtual

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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 latest news for cities from the legislative session is available on the [Legislative News webpage](#). You can find legislative updates and calls to action from LOC IGR Staff on specific legislation of interest to cities. If you have general questions about legislation, [please see their IGR Staff contact page](#) which includes portfolio areas for each lobbyist.



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## Brookings Institution - 2025 Metro Monitor

The **Brookings Institute** recently released their Metro Monitor for 2025 which examines economic performance in various categories including growth, prosperity, overall inclusion, racial inclusion, and geographic inclusion. All of the categories are measured using three criteria including employment rate, earnings and poverty. The data that is included in the report was analyzed from the 2013-2023 time period.

Among 85 midsized metro areas, the Bend MSA ranked #1 in Growth, Prosperity and Overall Inclusion while significantly falling to #78 and 48 for Racial Inclusion and Geographic Inclusion, respectively. This data reflects many of the things we know, the region has grown exponentially in the past decade and has created a lot of opportunity for folks to have upward economic mobility. That said, other identities have not had the same experience with our region ranking almost at the bottom in the relative income poverty rate for white/people of color.

This underscores the emphasis that the City has placed for continued momentum of economic development in our time of uncertainty, while reaffirming and strengthening our commitment to equity in the coming biennium.

The full report can be viewed here: **[Metro Monitor 2025](#)**

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## Sherwood Pedestrian Bridge Installation

The second phase of installation of the **Sherwood pedestrian bridge** (which has many similarities to the Hawthorne Bridge project) begins this weekend. The bridge, which will span almost 1,000 feet when completed, is expected to open to bicyclists and pedestrians in the fall.

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## DEPARTMENT UPDATES

### Grant Update

The City of Bend was awarded \$13,700 from Oregon Parks and Recreation's Certified Local Government Program to promote historic preservation at the local level. These funds will be used to enable the City to continue its passthrough restoration program, cover mailing costs for the preservation code audit, and allow for staff to attend industry conferences.



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## March Bend Buzz

In this month's **BendBuzz** we hear from HR Manager Brandi Leos on an update to the Employee Handbook, learn about our new Public Records Request platform, and Sparkies nominations are currently being accepted. Find information on Lunch & Learns, trainings and information on Public Sector courses, as well as an update on the Olney Project, Public Works Campus and an upcoming open house.

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