



CITY OF BEND

City Manager's Report

Information and Updates for the Mayor and City Council

August 1, 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

MEETING/EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Council Meeting	August 6	5 p.m. Work Session 6 p.m. Regular Session	Council Chambers / Virtual
Community Building Subcommittee	August 11	11:30-1:30 p.m.	Council Chambers / Virtual
Council Meeting	August 20	5 p.m. Work Session 7 p.m. Regular Session	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,

- This week, Oregon Government Ethics Commission (OGEC) staff issued a [Prohibited Serial Communications FAQ](#) in an effort to correct problematic information shared during the agency's recent training sessions on public meetings. The FAQ makes clear that governing body members are free to speak at public events, to constituents, and to the media without fear of violating public meetings law. However, members of a governing body should not direct another party to act as their intermediary with other members of the public body on which they serve. Oregon law requires governing bodies to deliberate in public and prohibits a



quorum from assembling in private or serially to conduct public business. It also prohibits the use of an intermediary to circumvent the law.

- On July 22, Governor Kotek [announced](#) that a special session of the Legislature will begin Friday, August 29. The session is being held to find a short-term solution that provides funding for ODOT, avoids layoffs, and reopens 12 ODOT maintenance facilities across Oregon. While exact details of the transportation proposal have not been made public, the following elements will likely include:
 - .06 cent increase in the state gas tax;
 - An increase in registration and title fees;
 - An increase in payroll tax to provide funding for public transit;
 - ODOT accountability and transparency measures from HB 2025; and
 - A timeline and process for resolving weight/mile overpayment.

The funding objective for the State Highway Fund is to generate \$700 million/biennium, which would apply the revenue formula known as 50-30-20. This formula is the critical revenue-sharing formula for cities and counties.

Temporary Safe Stay Area Dashboard

Information on the **Temporary Safe Stay Area (TSSA) Dashboard** is current, with service hours for June (521.3 hours) being the best reflection of case management efforts. July information will be available after August 15.

The number of people living in the Temporary Safe Stay Area (TSSA) has significantly increased since the closure of other public lands. As of last week, 213 people were camping onsite.

While the addition of new camps has slowed in recent weeks, there has not been a corresponding decrease as 22 individuals secured housing:

- 11 people transitioned to permanent housing
- 11 transitioned to shelter

The transition rate of 11% is slightly higher than City-supported low barrier walk-up shelter.

Houseless Services Grant recipients have engaged 194 clients at the TSSA. This represents 91% of the people currently camping on the City and County property, which is far higher than estimated during the drafting of the TSSA budget. The level of engagement is a reflection of the exceptional rapport providers build with people survival camping and the interest in housing-centered case management.

The lack of authorized camping sites and housing hinders the desired outcome of reducing the number of people needing to utilize the TSSA. As additional Safe Parking is brought online in Bend and the



camp project in Redmond (December 2025) comes to fruition, we are optimistic that growth at the TSSA can be mitigated and the number of transitions to more permanent housing increased.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Appreciation of Bend Fire & Rescue Team

Following a fire on July 28, BFRD received this email of appreciation from a member of our community:

“BFD serves all of us so well all of the time prompting mostly unspoken gratitude. But when your skills come to play personally or in a close neighborhood they are even more impactful. Just wanted to express appreciation for the robust response to the Woodside Ridgeview Drive fire last evening. It is impressive that you were able to limit the damage. I heard reports of “a man down” during that incident - we all hope that person is OK.

Also please know that the defensible space trainings that you and others have provided are continuing to spread through our neighborhood. This recent fire will help drive those who have resisted forward.

Please extend our gratitude for who you provide all of us.”

Air Traffic Control Tower Update

The top section of the Air Traffic Control Tower was placed on July 30. Check out these [photos](#) of the actual lift!

July Social Media and Media Report

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

- Bike share program
- Water Conservation
- Climate Action Partner Grant Program

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



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