



CITY OF BEND

City Manager's Report

Information and Updates for the Mayor and City Council

August 8, 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

MEETING/EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
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 Meeting	Council Chambers / Virtual
Business Meeting	September 3	6 p.m.	Council Chambers / Virtual
Work Session	September 10	4 – 6 p.m.	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,

- Governor Kotek released a **short-term transportation funding proposal** on August 7 which will be the focus of the August 29 special session. It raises gas, registration, and payroll taxes while maintaining the 50-30-20 revenue split and transportation funding, as well as a timeline for adding a road user fee (RUF) for electric and hybrid vehicles starting in 2028.
- As part of developing a suite of model codes for residential development, the Oregon Department of Land Conservation & Development (DLCD) is reaching out to local governments,



housing developers, and other interested parties to solicit real world examples of housing development to compare against the working draft code. The department is asking cities to share plan sets of proposed or built housing development projects that would encourage similar projects in communities throughout Oregon.

- Jim McCauley has announced he will retire as the Legislative Director from the LOC on November 20.

Outback Site Conveyance Environmental Assessment

The Forest Service has opened public commenting on the **Outback Site Conveyance Environmental Assessment**, as of August 7. Comments will be accepted until September 8. The City will issue a Press Release on or around August 13 to inform the public of the public commenting period and to also advertise for a Community Meeting being held on Wednesday, August 27 from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. We will be sharing information regarding the NEPA/Townsite Act process, Outback Facility Plan, Pretreatment, and In-Conduit Hydropower.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Appreciation for Bend Fire & Rescue

Following a lightning-produced fire on August 2, Chief Riley received the following email from a member of our community:

“Hello Chief Riley,

I called 911 yesterday at 5:54 pm(ish) because I watched lightning set my neighbor's property on Ropp Lane on fire. I can watch the whole thing back on my nest cam, and from the time the lightning hit to the arrival of the firefighters it was 10 min. TEN minutes. It would take me 10 min just to drive to the Hamby station. Less than 8 minutes from the time of my call.

It turned out we had fire starts all around us, and everyone is saying the same thing: The fire dept got there *so fast*.

I don't know how you guys do it, but truly, I cannot express the extent of my gratitude. From the 911 operator to the speed and efficiency of the fire dept, we are lucky to have such a strong team in Bend.

I would like to send your team on Hamby a thank-you of some kind. Can I drop something off at the station and is there anything that they particularly like?? And if there is any way to get a



message to that 911 operator, please tell them thank you from me. They were kind and patient, and I (obviously) was panicking.

Thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you. I cannot say it enough."

We are all incredibly grateful to Bend Fire & Rescue and all of our first responders!

Public Contracts Data

The Procurement Team has created publicly accessible data on the City's public contracts. [This link](#) takes you to an interactive report on all public contracts held by the City dating back to 2017. This report will also soon be available to find on the City's [Data Hub](#).

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