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Mayor Kebler & Councilors,

The Transportation Bond Oversight Committee and Core Area Advisory Board held a joint subcommittee meeting with three (3) members per respective committee on September 29, 2025. City Council requested the joint subcommittee provide a recommendation for spending the remaining budgeted funds for the Midtown projects, as predominantly allocated to completing the Franklin Corridor project.

The following recommendation aligns with CAAB's view on the critical importance of the Midtown Crossings moving forward to support the ongoing revitalization of the BCD and TBOC's view on the importance of the timely delivery of the voter-approved GO Bond projects to our community that improve the safety and balance of our transportation system.

The group provided the following unanimously decided recommendation:

Franklin

- Proceed with the full Franklin Ave GMP4 project from 4th to Harriman Street as soon as possible, delaying any roadway closures until Olney Ave is fully open and prior to the closing the Hawthorne exit/entrance to the Bend Parkway. This includes:
 - Construct as currently designed, including the westbound uphill bike lane and protected, separated bike lanes which require the 90 foot right of way.
 - Stormwater improvements to address deteriorating infrastructure and long-standing flooding and safety issues at the Parkway undercrossing.
 - Manage transportation project costs to remaining allocated funds for the Franklin project. Consider minor value engineering opportunities if necessary to deliver the project within the current budget.
 - Minimize full roadway closure time of the undercrossing by leveraging the project delivery method and pursuing any early work opportunities.

Hawthorne

- Authorize staff to proceed with developing concepts and estimates for development for Hawthorne connectivity, extending to Juniper Park (east) and Bend Bikeway (west)
- Finalize concepts and estimates by Summer 2026 to support Council budget discussions during mid-biennium capital improvement plan updates.

Greenwood

- The joint subcommittee supports the Council direction to continue to maintain the quick build safety improvements and revisit future funding and possible design changes and/or additional improvements during Summer 2026 mid-biennium capital improvement plan updates.
- Collect additional performance monitoring data following the opening of Olney Avenue and prior to potential traffic impacts due to other active construction projects.
- Continue utilizing existing grant funds to design the 2nd Street crossing and pursue additional grant funding for construction.

Funding

- Support utilizing existing funds to complete the Franklin corridor project, initiate concepts/estimates for the Hawthorne extension (+/- \$150K), and Greenwood and 2nd Street crossing design.
- Supports Council revisit funding considerations for active/future Midtown improvements, as outlined above, during the 2026 mid-biennium capital improvement plan update. Ideally the Reed Market grant funds and other Bond funded projects/contributions will be better known in Spring 2026.

Sincerely,



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