



CITY OF BEND

City Manager's Report

Information and Updates for the Mayor and City Council

November 7, 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

MEETING/EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
City Council Work Session	November 12	4-6 p.m.	Council Chambers / Virtual
City Council Business Meeting	November 19	6 p.m.	Council Chambers / Virtual
<i>Note: No Meeting on Wednesday, November 26</i>			
Executive Session	December 3	5 p.m. (Executive Session)	Council Chambers / Virtual
City Council Business Meeting		6 p.m. (Council Meeting)	
City Council Work Session	December 10	4-6 p.m.	Council Chambers / Virtual
City Council Business Meeting	December 17	6 p.m.	Council Chambers / Virtual
<i>Note: No Meetings on Wednesday, December 24 and 31</i>			

[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, the LOC is preparing comments on proposed FCC regulations that could limit municipal authority over telecommunications use and infrastructure in public rights of way. A concise report of the November 2025 Oregon election results is now available. Additionally, registration is open for a strategic planning workshop, cities can now apply for the state's Housing Infrastructure Financing Program, and it is the final week for the State of the Cities survey.



Central Oregon LandWatch Introduces Bend's First Urban Forester

In its latest [newsletter](#), Central Oregon LandWatch introduces Ian Gray, the City of Bend's first-ever Urban Forester—a new role focused on managing and maintaining trees and tree planting on city-owned property. With more than 25 years of forestry experience across North America, Ian brings both deep expertise and a strong vision for a climate-resilient Bend. His work will center on protecting and enhancing the city's urban canopy through community partnerships and sustainable practices.

The feature offers a great introduction to Ian's background and goals, and highlights an exciting opportunity for residents to get involved in Bend's first citywide tree inventory, planned for spring 2026.

PacifiCorp Blueprint South Transmission Line Project Update

PacifiCorp is planning a new transmission line through parts of Deschutes, Crook, Klamath, and Lake counties.

Public Comments: This spring, PacifiCorp held six open houses and four Q&A sessions and received over 800 public comments. Feedback has helped shape the project, and PacifiCorp encourages the community to review comment summaries, maps, and details on their [project website](#). Comments are still welcome throughout the project. Recurring comment themes have included: project necessity, routing and permitting, easement acquisition, overhead vs. underground installation, and impacts on property, safety, wildlife, agriculture, airstrips, and recreation.

Substation Location and Route Analysis: Potential substation sites are currently under review. Once selected, route refinement and more detailed updates will follow. Updated route options will be shared for public input in spring 2026.

Upcoming activities include:

- Community Working Group meetings
 - Second round of open houses
 - Continuing website updates and newsletters; project mailings
 - Permitting process to begin after route selection in later 2026
 - Email contact: info@blueprintsouth.com
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Partners Host First Meeting of Central Oregon Regional Business Alliance

On October 24, the Bend Chamber of Commerce, alongside Economic Development for Central Oregon and other regional partners, hosted the inaugural meeting of the Central Oregon Regional Business Alliance.

This newly formed group brings together local, regional, and state agencies, economic development organizations, and elected officials to align legislative efforts that support the collective interests of Central Oregon.

During the meeting, Oregon Business and Industry (OBI) presented a **slideshow** on the evolution of Oregon's economic competitiveness and shared strategies for how Central Oregon can collaborate to enhance prosperity across the region.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Transportation and Mobility Department 2025 Annual Report

When the City Council adopted a new Transportation Fee in March 2024, part of a multi-faceted transportation funding strategy, it came with a requirement to establish an annual report and public-facing data dashboard (**Bend Transportation Hub**) to illustrate the City's operations and finances associated with the new revenue. This marks the **second annual report** since the fee's implementation.

The City of Bend is maintaining a growing amount of streets, bike lanes and sidewalks. Key areas of services that are enhanced by the Transportation Fee, discussed in the report, include:

- The City's overall pavement conditions have improved (see page 6).
- The Transportation & Mobility Department responded to 3,181 service requests so far this year, as of mid-October (see page 8).
- Along with partners, the City has developed programs and events that support biking and pedestrian safety (see page 10).

Learn more about the Transportation Fee at: bendoregon.gov/transportation-fee

October 2025 Social Media and Media Report

For the month of October, the Communications & Engagement Department tracked key themes and conversations across media and social platforms. Top topics included:



- **Public Works Campus Updates** and the efficiency the new campus will create for the community.
- **Transportation Projects** underway in town, including Franklin Avenue, Olney/Wall intersection, Reed Market Road Bridge Project, and street preservation improvements.
- **Bend Community Advisory Boards** are seeking applicants.

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

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