



Bend Metro Park & Recreation District

March 17, 2026

# Board of Directors Agenda and Reports

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## Our Vision

To be a leader in building a community connected to nature, active lifestyles and one another.

## Our Mission

To strengthen community vitality and foster healthy, enriched lifestyles through parks, trails and recreation.

## Our Community Pledge

To reflect our community, welcome and serve equitably, and operate with transparency and accountability.

## We Value

**COMMUNITY** by interacting in a responsive, considerate and efficient manner to create positive patron experiences and impact in the community.

**INCLUSION** by reducing physical, social and financial barriers to our programs, facilities and services, and making them more equitable for all.

**SAFETY** by promoting a safe and healthy environment for all who work and play in our parks, trails, facilities and programs.

**STAFF** by honoring the diverse contributions of each employee and volunteer, and recognizing them as essential to accomplishing our mission.

**SUSTAINABILITY** by fostering a balanced approach to fiscal, environmental and social assets to support the health and longevity of the district, the environment and our community.

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# Board of Directors

March 17, 2026

District Office Building | 799 SW Columbia | Bend, Oregon



## AGENDA.

The board will meet at 4:00 pm in a joint meeting with the City of Bend City Council. This meeting is open to the public to attend in person or virtually via the webinar link below. Please note public comments will not be taken at this meeting.

**Please use the link below to join the webinar:**

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**Or Telephone:**

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## 4 pm CONVENE MEETING

### ROLL CALL

### BUSINESS SESSION

1. City and BPRD Growth Plan and Updates – *Brian Rankin, City of Bend and Henry Stroud, BPRD (30 min)*
  - a. Climate Friendly Area (CFA) requirements
  - b. BPRD park planning
  - c. Tax Exemptions and Cost Mitigation
  
2. Transportation System Plan (TSP) Update and Trail System Integration – *Susanna Julber, City of Bend and Henry Stroud, BPRD (30 min)*
  - a. TSP Update: map and trails
  - b. Joint planning efforts
  - c. Transportation Fee
  
3. Joint Projects with BPRD and the City – *Russ Grayson, City of Bend, (30 min)*
  - a. Riverfront Street
  - b. Drake Park Bridge –IGA preview
  - c. Gilchrist Bridge (Approve IGA)

## ADJOURN

**5:30 pm EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Bend Park and Recreation board of directors will meet in Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(e) for the purpose of discussing real property transactions. This session is closed to all members of the public except for representatives of the news media. News media is asked to contact Natalie Macsalka to attend [nataliem@bendparksandrec.org](mailto:nataliem@bendparksandrec.org).



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# ISSUE SUMMARY

## Subject

Authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Bend Park and Recreation District (BPRD) for replacement of the Gilchrist Bridge and transfer of ownership from the City to BPRD, including City responsibility for associated project costs in an amount not to exceed \$1,478,350.

## Overview

### Staff Member, Department:

David Abbas, Transportation & Mobility

### Meeting Date:

March 17, 2026

### Action(s) Required:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Consent Agenda        | <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance First Reading  | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Information/Direction | <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance Second Reading | <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion     |   |   |

### Recommended Motion

I move to authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Bend Park and Recreation District for replacement of the Gilchrist Bridge and the transfer of ownership from the City to the District.

## Issue/Council Decision & Discussion Points

- The Gilchrist Bridge was constructed prior to 1994 and does not meet modern design standards, including width, for multi-use trails.
- BPRD is working on a project to stabilize an eroding river access point located immediately downstream from the Bridge.

- The City and BPRD would like to incorporate the Gilchrest Bridge reconstruction into the scope of the BPRD bank restoration project in order to more efficiently use public funds, streamline the design process, and provide the community with a more complete design.
- Following completion of the Project, the Parties also desire to transfer ownership and maintenance obligations of the bridge from City to BPRD.
- The City will be responsible for associated project costs in an amount not to exceed \$1,478,350.

## ***Background***

The Gilchrist Bridge is a wooden pedestrian bridge crossing the Deschutes River that connects Gilchrist Avenue to Columbia Street through Columbia Park. The bridge is owned and maintained by the City of Bend. It is identified as a Key Low Stress route in the City's Transportation Systems Plan, is part of the route for the Bend Bikeway Project and provides an important connection to the Deschutes River Trail identified in the Bend Park and Recreation District Comprehensive Trails Plan.

The bridge was constructed prior to 1994 and does not meet modern design standards for multi-use trail facilities, including width. On November 11, 2023, the City and the Bend Park and Recreation District executed an intergovernmental agreement to fund and pursue conceptual design alternatives and develop cost estimates for improvements to the bridge. Following execution of that agreement, the parties determined that the only feasible short-term option was to redeck the bridge with lighter materials, and that a future full bridge replacement is necessary to meet the parties' longer-term mobility, safety, and trail-connection goals.

On June 3, 2024, the parties executed an amendment to advance design to the 30% level and generate an updated planning-level cost estimate to support the parties' pursuit of funding for bridge reconstruction. That work is now complete.

Separately, the Bend Park and Recreation District is working on a project to stabilize an eroding river access point located immediately downstream from the bridge. The City and the Bend Park and Recreation District desire to incorporate the bridge replacement into the scope of the bank restoration work in order to more efficiently use public funds, streamline design and permitting, and deliver a more complete set of improvements for the community within a coordinated construction effort.

The parties now desire to proceed with final design and construction of a replacement bridge, and to develop a new intergovernmental agreement to outline the parties' responsibilities for coordinating design, permitting, bidding, construction, and funding. Following completion of the project, the parties also intend to transfer ownership and long-term maintenance obligations of the bridge from the City to the Bend Park and Recreation District.

## ***Budget and Financial Impacts***

The City will be responsible for all costs associated with the Project including, but not limited to, all remaining design costs, application/permitting fees, inspection charges, and construction costs up to a maximum of \$1,478,350 including \$295,000 for A&E/design, testing/special inspections and fees/permits and \$1,183,350 for construction.

## ***Community Outreach Process and Potential Impacts***

BPRD will coordinate outreach efforts, and they will notify the public of any necessary bridge closures.

## **Reviewers**

### **Department Director**

David Abbas

### **Financial**

Samantha Nelson

### **Legal**

Ian Leitheiser

## **Attachments**

- Intergovernmental Agreement



### **Accommodation Information for People with Disabilities & Language Assistance Services**

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## **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, AND TRANSFER OF THE GILCHRIST BRIDGE**

This Intergovernmental Agreement for Design, Construction, and Transfer of Gilchrist Bridge (“Agreement”) is entered into effective as of the Effective Date (as defined below) by and between the Bend Park and Recreation District (“BPRD”), an Oregon special district, and the City of Bend, an Oregon municipal corporation (the “City”), individually a “Party” and together the “Parties.” This Agreement is intended to supersede and replace the original agreement between the Parties of November 11, 2023, referenced below in the Recitals, and all amendments to that 2023 agreement.

### RECITALS

- A. The Gilchrist Bridge (the “Bridge”) is a wooden pedestrian bridge crossing the Deschutes River that connects Gilchrist Avenue to Columbia Street through Columbia Park. It is owned and maintained by the City. The Bridge is part of a Key Low Stress route in the City’s Transportation System Plan, is part of the route for the Bend Bikeway Project, and connects the Deschutes River Trail and Haul Road Trail in the BPRD Comprehensive Trails Plan.
- B. The Bridge was constructed prior to 1994 and does not meet modern design standards, including width, for multi-use trails.
- C. On November 11, 2023, the Parties signed the original Intergovernmental Agreement for the Gilcrest Bridge Improvements to fund and pursue at least two conceptual design alternatives and cost estimates for the replacement of the Bridge (the “Original IGA”). Following execution of the Original IGA, the Parties determined that the only feasible option in the short-term is to redeck the Bridge with lighter material and a future full bridge replacement would be necessary to meet the Parties’ longer-term goals.
- D. On June 3, 2024, the Parties signed Amendment 1 to the Original IGA to develop at 30% design to reconstruct the bridge and generate a cost estimate so that the parties can explore funding options for Bridge reconstruction. This work has been completed, and the estimated cost to complete designs, obtain permits, and reconstruct the Bridge is identified as \$1,478,350.
- E. BPRD is working on a project to stabilize an eroding river access point located immediately downstream from the Bridge (“Bank Restoration Project”). The City and BPRD would like to incorporate the Gilcrest bridge reconstruction into the scope of the BPRD Bank Restoration Project in order to more efficiently use public funds, streamline the design process, and provide the community with a more complete design.
- F. The Parties now desire to complete the final design and undertake the construction of the replacement Bridge (collectively, the “Project”).

- G. In light of the Parties' near-term plans to replace the Bridge, the City will continue to conduct minor deck repairs, as appropriate in the discretion of the City, and will not redeck or re-rail the Bridge or undertake any other major repairs or alterations.
- H. Following completion of the Project, the Parties also desire to transfer ownership and maintenance obligations of the Bridge from City to BPRD.
- I. The Parties enter into this Agreement to (i) outline the Parties' responsibilities, (ii) coordinate, design, permitting, bidding, construction, and funding for the Project, and (iii) facilitate the transfer of ownership of, and maintenance responsibilities for, the Bridge to BPRD.

## AGREEMENT

### **1. Effective Date and Duration**

This Agreement is effective when signed by both Parties (the "Effective Date") and will terminate automatically when all of the following have occurred: 1) completion of the Project; 2) commencement of any warranty period under the construction contract; and 3) transfer of ownership to BPRD and conveyance of all other interests required by this Agreement. This Agreement may be amended as provided in Section 2 and earlier terminated as provided in Section 12.

### **2. Amendment**

The terms of this Agreement may not be waived, altered, modified, supplemented, amended, or extended in any manner whatsoever, except by written instrument signed by both Parties. Any such waiver, alteration, modification, supplement, amendment, or extension, if made, shall be effective only in the specific instance and for the specific purpose given.

### **3. Project Funding; Payment**

- A. The City will be responsible for all costs associated with the Project including, but not limited to, all remaining design costs, application/permitting fees, inspection charges, and construction costs up to a maximum of \$1,478,350 ("Project Funds"), which is based on estimates of \$295,000 for A&E/design, testing/special inspections and fees/permits ("Design and Permitting") and \$1,183,350 for construction. For the avoidance of doubt, any Project Funds remaining after the Design and Permitting will be available for construction.
- B. BPRD will be solely responsible for compensating any and all BPRD employees and BPRD contractors for work related to the Project and/or this Amendment.

C. The City shall make payment to BPRD as follows:

- a. Within 30 days of execution of this Agreement, the City shall submit payment to BPRD for 50% of the Project Funds (\$739,175), to be used for the costs of design, permitting fees, and construction.
- b. Following 1.) construction bid opening, 2.) establishment of a known construction cost that the City determines, in its discretion, is reasonable and within budget, and 3.) within 30 days of BPRD providing a request to the City for payment, the City shall submit a payment to BPRD in an amount necessary to cover the construction contract amount (including any contingency) less the 50% initial payment, but in no event greater than the total amount of the Project Funds.
- c. If any mutually agreed upon change order occurs, the approval of which shall not be unreasonably withheld, within 30 days of BPRD request for additional Project Funds for the amount of the change order up to the then remaining Project Funds.

D. Agreed Upon Project Funds. The Parties agree that the City has \$1,478,350 to fund the Project. In the event the bid for construction comes back higher than the Project Funds then remaining, or there are change orders during construction exceeding Project Funds then available, the Parties agree to meet to identify additional funding or modify the scope to lower costs to match available funding.

E. City contributions shall not change without a signed, written amendment to this Agreement.

F. If the parties terminate this Agreement pursuant to Section 12, then BPRD will refund to the City any then remaining Project Funds held by BPRD, but in no event will BPRD be required to refund or reimburse City for any Project Funds expended or irrevocably committed prior to the effective date of the termination.

G. IF BPRD holds any remaining Project Funds after completion of construction, BPRD shall refund such Project Funds to the City.

#### **4. BPRD Rights and Obligations**

- A. BPRD will fully manage the Project including, but not necessarily limited to, performing the following.
  - i. BPRD will hire and manage all consultants and contractors necessary to complete the Project.

- ii. BPRD will prepare and file all applications for permits and approvals necessary to complete the Project including but not limited to waterways, planning, and right-of-way permits.
  - iii. BPRD will provide the City with a completed Bridge replacement design, alternate construction bid package, and associated cost estimate.
  - iv. BPRD will coordinate public outreach efforts.
  - v. BPRD will provide City opportunity to review and comment on each design phase (e.g. 50%, 90%, final, etc.) to ensure that designs comply with both BPRD and City standards for bridges and shared-use paths. City will not unreasonably withhold approval.
  - vi. The design will include anti jump deterrents and design features that prevent vehicles from accessing the bridge. The east bridge approach is a public alley.
  - vii. The Parties shall work in good faith together on bridge design reviews and final bridge design approval that the City approves funding and BPRD approves taking ownership and maintenance responsibilities of the bridge.
  - viii. BPRD will comply with the applicable provisions of ORS Chapter 279, 279A, 279B, and 279C, and any other applicable rules governing procurement of the work.
- B. BPRD will maintain accounting/billing records tracking project costs and make available to City upon request.
- C. BPRD will incorporate the Project into the design scope of BPRD's Bank Restoration Project in order to more efficiently use public monies, streamline the design process, and provide the community with a more complete design.
- D. BPRD will incorporate the Project into the construction bid process of BPRD's Bank Restoration Project as an additive / alternate bid item.
- E. BPRD will coordinate the Bridge Project and the Bank Restoration Project with other potential projects in the vicinity to minimize economic and travel impacts to the public.
- F. BPRD will own all plans, designs, specifications, reports, contracts, deliverables, and data associated with Project. Notwithstanding the

foregoing, BPRD will provide copies to the City will convey BPRD's right, title, and interest in the same to the City if the Project is not completed.

- G. BPRD will work collaboratively with the City to identify solutions to any problems that may arise during the course of the Project.
- H. BPRD agrees that if the City wishes to retain the existing bridge, the contract will include provisions to preserve and protect the structure, excluding the abutments, and deliver the bridge to a location in Bend specified by the City.

## **5. City Rights and Obligations**

- A. City will assist BPRD as reasonably necessary to complete the Project including, but not necessarily limited to, performing the following:
  - i. Providing BPRD a copy of the Bridge inspection and any available Bridge design plans.
  - ii. Conducting engineering reviews and inspections to ensure each design phase complies with City Standards and Specifications and providing written comments within two weeks of receipt of plans for any particular design phase. BPRD shall pay for any fees associated with the project, including but not limited to permitting, engineering reviews, and inspections from Project Funds.
  - iii. Promptly processing all applications for permits and approvals associated with the Project for which City has jurisdiction.
  - iv. Promptly completing reviews, inspections, ownership transfer procedures, and Project close out procedures.
- B. The City will work collaboratively with BPRD in order to determine solutions to problems that may arise during the Project.

## **6. Project Close-Out; Transfer of Ownership; Maintenance**

- A. Upon written notice from BPRD that the Project is substantially complete, the Parties will meet at the project site to review and inspect the substantially-completed Project and identify, in a mutually executed written instrument, any uncompleted work or necessary corrections.
- B. Upon final completion of the Project, including resolution of any uncompleted work or necessary corrections identified by the Parties, the Parties will execute any instruments necessary to convey title and full ownership to the new Bridge from the City to BPRD including a non-

vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle public access easement from BPRD to the City for the area between NW Allen Road and the public alley off of NW Gilcrest Ave.

- C. Following the transfer of title and full ownership to BPRD, BPRD will be solely responsible for maintenance of the Bridge. The parties agree that once owned by BPRD, the Bridge will be a “District-Maintained Trail” for purposes of that certain Intergovernmental Agreement for Trail Planning & Maintenance dated August 26, 2021 between the Parties.

## **7. Authorized Coordinators**

Each Party designates the following person as their representative for purposes of this Agreement (“Authorized Coordinator”). Either Party may change the Authorized Coordinator by written notice to the other Party.

City: Brad Tower, Project Engineer, 575 NE 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Bend, OR 97701, Phone: (541) 323-8528, btower@bendoregon.gov, or assigned designee.

BPRD: Ian Isaacson, Landscape Architect, 799 SW Columbia St., Bend, OR 97702, Phone: (541) 706-6154, ian@bendparksandrec.org, or assigned designee.

## **8. Notices**

All notices and demands of a legal nature that either Party may be required or may desire to serve upon the other Party shall be in writing and shall be served upon the other Party by personal service, email followed by mail delivery of the original of the notice, by overnight courier with proof of receipt, or by certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, addressed to the authorized coordinator for the other Party.

## **9. Dispute Resolution**

The authorized coordinators, in coordination with the project teams, shall attempt in good faith to resolve any dispute arising out of this Agreement. The authorized coordinators may escalate disputes that cannot be resolved following a good faith attempt to the Assistant City Engineers and BPRD Development Manager. If not resolved then shall present to the City Transportation and Mobility Department Director, and BPRD Deputy Executive Director, who shall attempt in good faith to resolve the dispute. If such parties are unable to resolve the dispute within seven (7) calendar days, the City Manager and BPRD’s Executive Director will attempt to resolve the dispute in good faith. If the dispute remains unresolved following no less than fourteen (14) calendar days, the Parties may then agree to utilize a jointly selected mediator or arbitrator (for non-binding arbitration) to resolve the dispute short of litigation. If such dispute resolution is not successful at resolving the dispute, the Parties agree that any claim, action, suit, or proceeding between City and District arising from or relating to this Agreement shall be brought and conducted solely and exclusively within the Circuit Court of Deschutes County, Oregon, or, if the claim must be brought in a federal forum,

the United States District Court for the District of Oregon. The provisions of this Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the provisions of the laws of the state of Oregon.

## **10. Indemnification**

Subject to the limits of the Oregon Tort Claims Act and the Oregon Constitution, each Party shall defend, indemnify, and hold the other Party, and its officers, agents, employees and volunteers, harmless against all liability, claims, losses, demands, suits, fees and judgments (collectively referred to as “claims”) that may be based on, or arise out of, damage or injury (including death) to persons or property caused by or resulting from any act or omission of the Party in connection with the performance of this Agreement or by conditions created thereby or based upon violation of any statute, ordinance or regulation. This indemnification shall not apply to claims caused by the sole negligence or willful misconduct of the other Party, its officers, agents, employees and volunteers. The Parties agree that they are not agents of each other and are not entitled to indemnification and defense under ORS 30.285 and ORS 30.287. Nothing in this Section 10, or any other provision of this Agreement, is intended to limit the applicability of any immunity available to either Party under applicable laws, rules, regulations, or ordinances including, without limitation, recreational use immunity provided in ORS 105.682.

## **11. Insurance**

The Parties shall maintain commercial general liability insurance in an amount sufficient to cover the maximum liability under the Oregon Tort Claims Act, as those limits may be increased over time, insuring against bodily injury and property damage from all activities, conditions, and operations under this Agreement. To the maximum extent possible under their respective insurance policies, the Parties agree to waive subrogation for claims arising from the obligations of this Agreement.

## **12. Termination**

If following bid opening for construction, one or both Parties determine that the construction costs exceed the project budget, and if the Parties do not agree upon a solution following the meeting required under Section 3(D), either Party may terminate this Agreement. Even if terminated, the Parties will continue to work in good faith to pursue construction funding opportunities for future construction. This Agreement may otherwise be modified, amended, or terminated by mutual agreement.

## **13. Entire Agreement; Prior Agreements**

This Agreement contains the entire understanding of the Parties and supersedes the Original Agreement and all prior negotiations and agreements, whether written or oral, between the Parties with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement.

## **14. No Third-Party Beneficiaries**

No other person shall have any rights, interests or claims hereunder or be entitled to any benefits under or on account of this Agreement as a third-party beneficiary or otherwise.

**15. Agreement to be Bound and Authorization to Sign**

Each Party, by the signature below of its authorized representative, acknowledges that it has read this Agreement, understands it and agrees to be bound by its terms and conditions. Each undersigned signer represents that it has the authority to sign on behalf of the represented entity.

**16. Recitals Incorporated**

All recitals and exhibits are hereby incorporated and made a part of this Agreement.

[SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGE]

By signing below, each party represents that all appropriate approvals have been obtained to enter into this Agreement.

**BEND PARK AND RECREATION  
DISTRICT**

**CITY OF BEND**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Michelle Healy, Executive Director  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Eric King, City Manager  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved as to Form

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Attorney's Office



**View 1 - Existing**



**View 1 - Proposed**



**View 2 - Existing**



**View 2 - Proposed**



**View 3 - Existing**



**View 3 - Proposed**

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# City of Bend and Bend Park & Recreation District Joint Meeting

# Agenda

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1. City of Bend Growth Plan and District Comp Plan
  - Context and Updates
  - Tools being considered to meet housing goals such as exemptions, TIF and loans
  - Council/Board discussion
  
2. Transportation System Plan (TSP) Update and BPRD Trail System
  - Coordination and Update
  - Transportation Fee
  - Council/Board discussion
  
3. Joint Projects with BPRD and the City
  - Riverfront
  - Drake Park Bridge
  - Approve IGA for Gilchrist Bridge (Action)



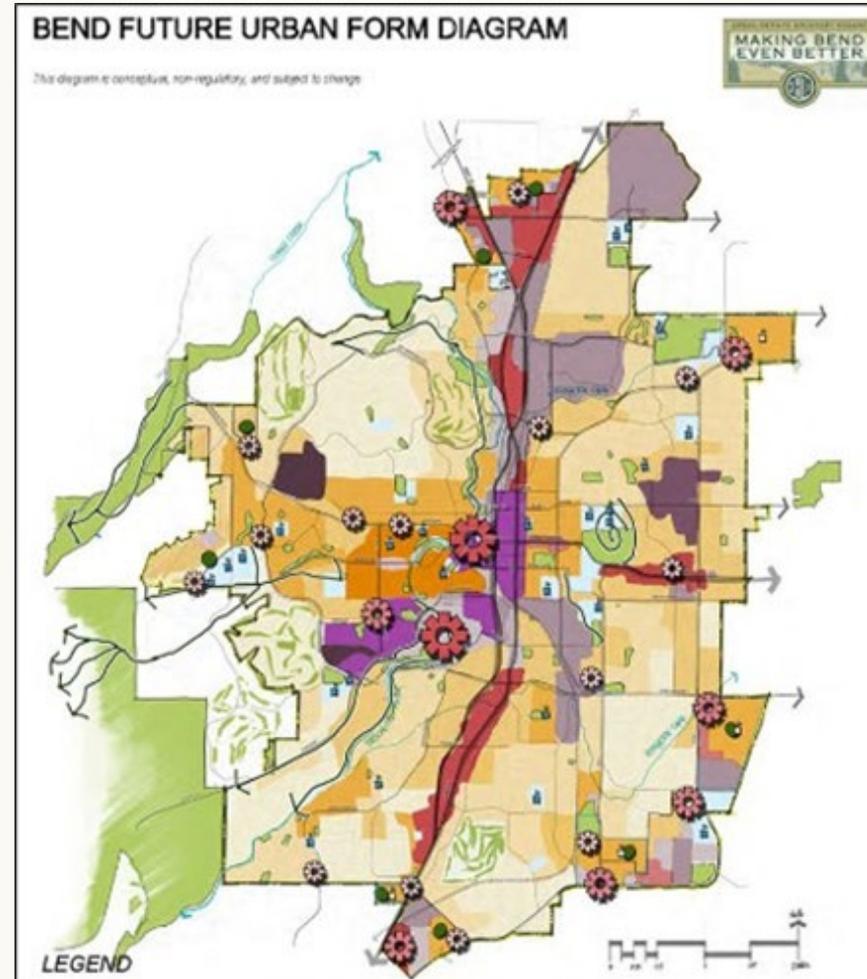
# City of Bend Growth Plan & Bend Park and Recreation District Comprehensive Plan



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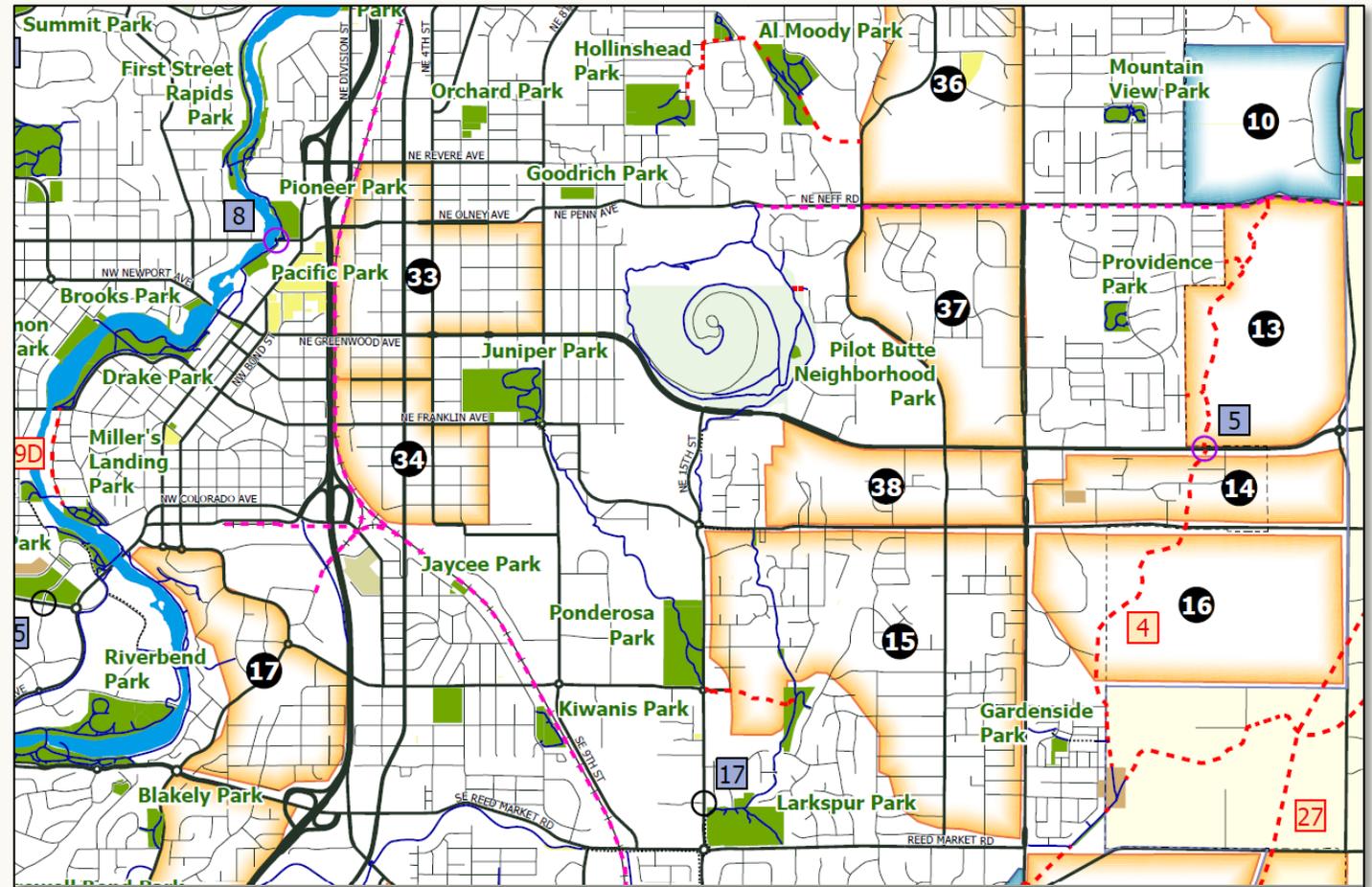
# City of Bend Current Land Use Context

- 2016 was the last City comprehensive update
  - Upzoning
  - Expansion
- Transportation Systems Plan updated in 2020
  - Focus on bike, pedestrian, transit



# Bend Park & Recreation Comprehensive Plan

- Urban Service Agreement, Goal 8 Provider
- Adopted 2018
- Updated 2024
  - rapid growth, changes in local & state planning
- Key inputs: level of service targets, community needs, inequity analysis, watershed analysis, anticipated growth areas



# Updating Our Growth Plan: One Bend. Built Together.

- Updating 20-year Comprehensive Plan, community vision
- Extensive public engagement
- Equity focused
- New, highly integrated approach (Land Use + Transportation + Equity + Visioning)



# The Growth Plan Will Shape the Future of:



## Housing

Where will we live?

How close are we to work?

What types of housing do we need?



## Jobs

What sectors will be expanding?

What type of land do these need?



## Transportation

How will we travel around the city?

What modes need better accommodation?

How will we reduce reliance on cars?



## Equity and Accessibility

How do we ensure that housing, jobs and transportation are equitably available and accessible by all community members?



## Climate and Resiliency

How can long-range plans help us meet our climate goals?

How can the city best adapt to our risks such as wildfire?

# Key Planning Drivers For The Growth Plan



## Community Input & Council Goals

- Equity-focused and broad-based community engagement to better understand the community's needs

## Housing Targets

- Oregon Housing Needs Analysis (OHNA), Units by affordability level, production, furthering fair housing

## Climate Targets

- Climate Friendly and Equitable Communities (CFEC) targets – greenhouse gas (GHG) reductions and mixed-use Climate Friendly Areas (CFAs)

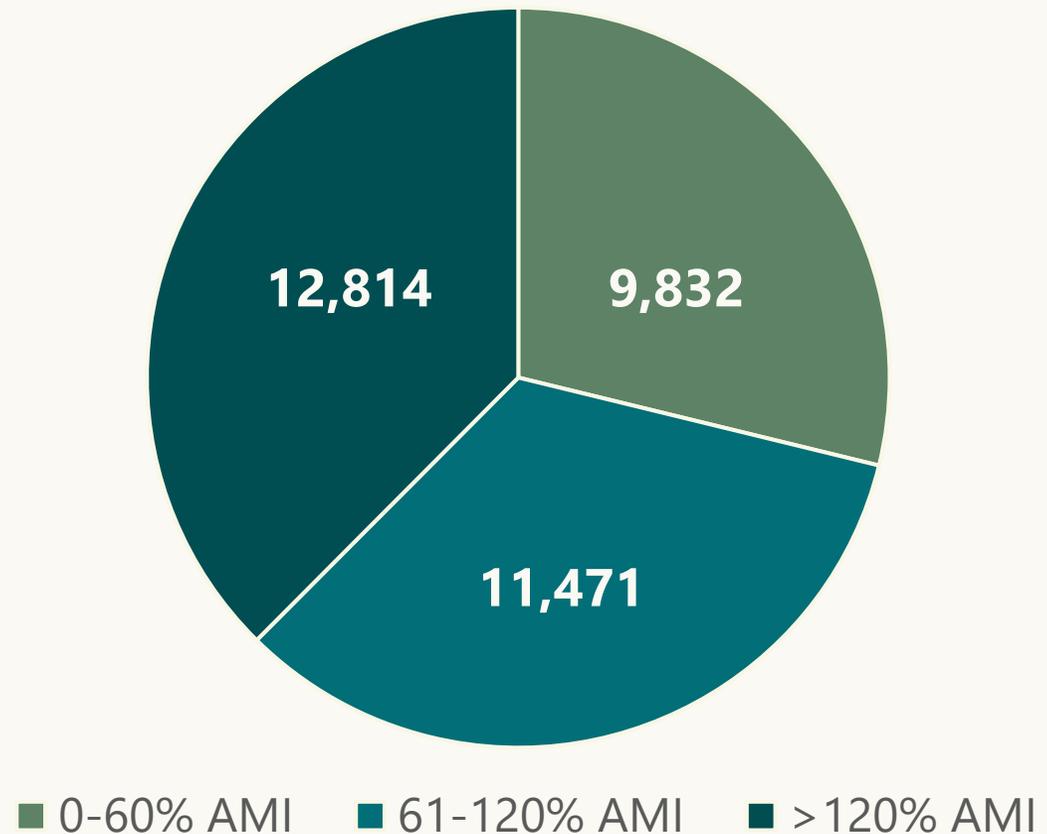
## Deadlines

- State mandated deadlines driving timeline and deliverables

# Bend's Oregon Housing Needs Analysis Estimates

- Bend must plan to accommodate over **34,000** new dwelling units
- Numbers of units by affordability levels
- 1/3 of units at less than 60% AMI
- Legal driver for city to adopt incentives, funding sources

Housing Need by Area Median Income (AMI)



# Future Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan

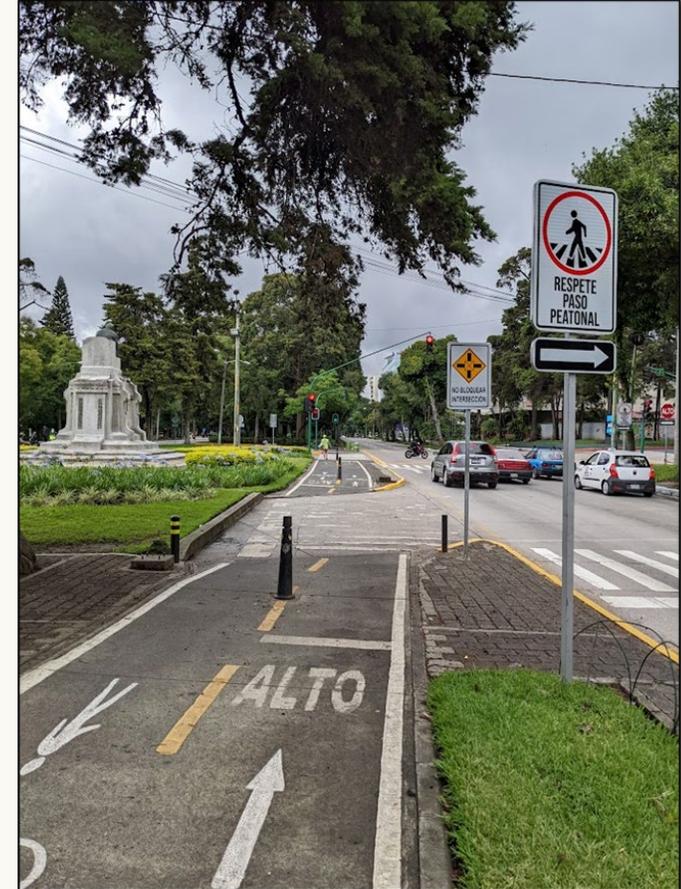
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- Adoption 2028 or 2029
- 10-year planning horizon
- What we are hearing from the community:
  - New parks and trails should be developed in conjunction with new growth
  - Urgent calls for open space preservation
  - Trails, and trail connectivity, are very important



# Future Collaboration Needs

- Park and trail development in areas with proposed higher density
  - Early coordination & plan for multi-functional spaces
  - Collaborate on design standards
  - Strengthen park acquisition & development code
- Open space preservation
- Trail development (next section)
- Housing program impacts to parks funding



# Questions?

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- Given the housing needs and goals, what tools are most viable for coordination and support?
  - Tax Exemptions
  - SDC Exemptions
  - TIF Areas, including park development
  - Tourism cooperation
  - Non-direct monetary support (i.e. code regulations)
- What are the next steps to explore these options?



# Transportation System Plan & Bend Park and Recreation District Trails



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# 2020 Transportation System Plan

- Established system of Key Routes and Low Stress Networks
- Includes Bend Park and Recreation District Comp Plan by reference
- Our bike/ped system links to existing and planned District trails



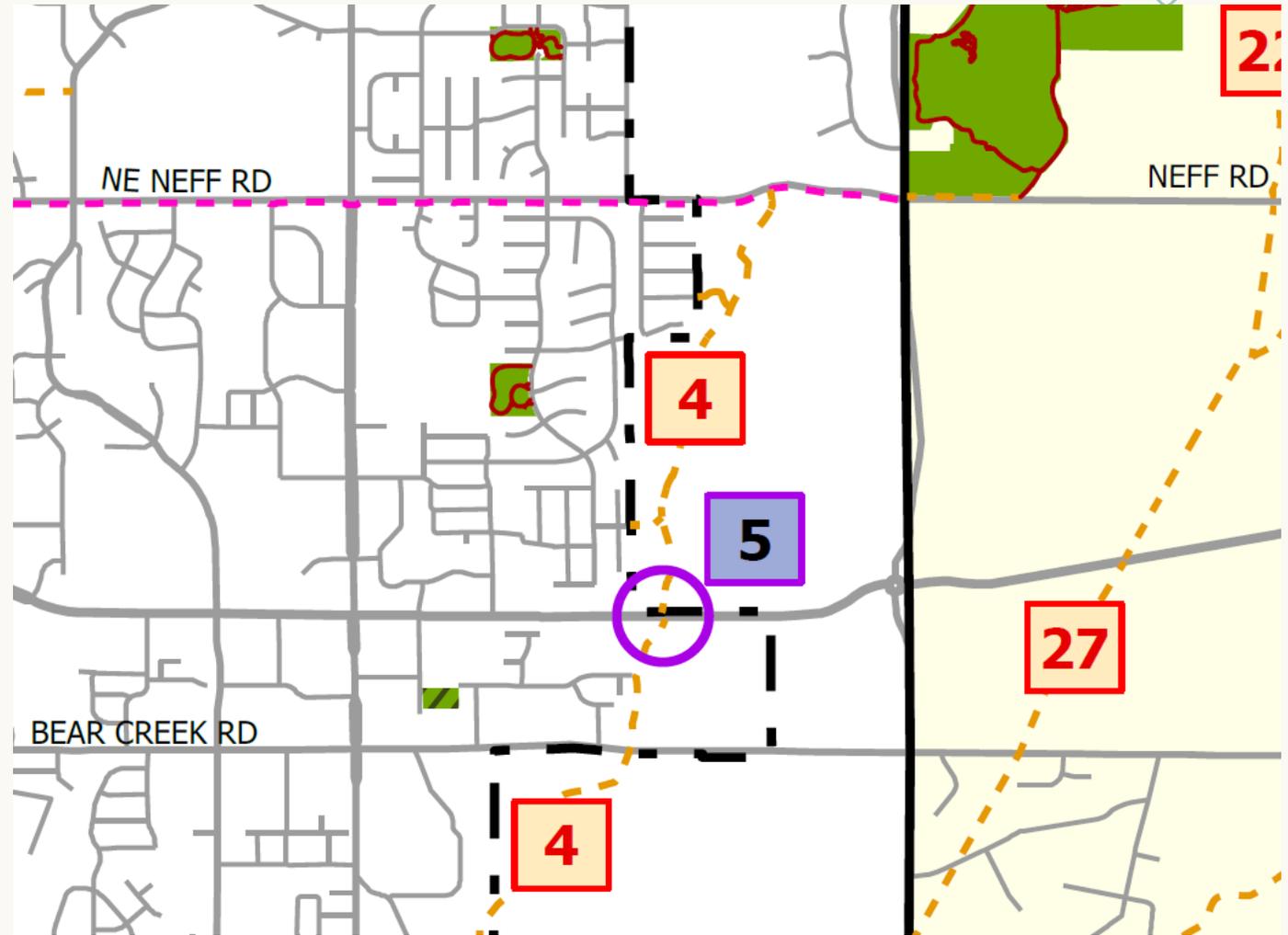
# Trail Planning & Maintenance Intergovernmental Agreement

- Completed 2021 after adoption of Transportation System Plan
- Delineates trail maintenance responsibilities
- Promotes coordinated trail planning
- Updated as trail system grows



# Bend Park & Recreation Trail Plan

- Shows planned trail corridors and safe crossing locations
- Based on: corridors that support safe trail development, Urban Growth Boundary expansion areas, Low Stress Network & Key Routes



# How Are Trails Developed?

- Private development (master plans, etc.)
- City Capital Improvement Project
- Parks Capital Improvement Project



# Upcoming Transportation System Plan Update

- Strengthening land use coordination to ensure trails can be established at a system-wide level
- Greater emphasis: safe, convenient bike/ ped system that links Key Destinations- community asking for increased separated facilities
- Agency Advisory Group
- Regular staff level coordination meetings



# Future Parks & Recreation Trail Planning

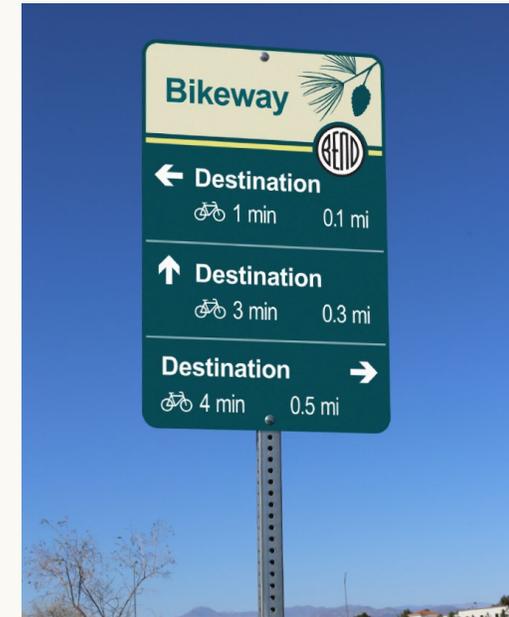
What we are hearing from the community:

- Soft surface trails just as important as hard surface
- "What canal roads can I use?"
- Strong desire for off-street trails
- Calls for more unified design and connectivity
- E-mobility laws/rules are confusing



# Future Collaboration Needs

- Update development code and roadway design standards to strengthen trail development
- Better incorporate district trail plan into City's comprehensive plan
- Strengthen coordination on project design and connectivity
- Evaluate e-mobility needs and rules
- Update trail planning & maintenance agreement to include wayfinding



# Questions

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- Are there codes and planning coordination that would strengthen our overall system of trails?
- What opportunities are there to support transportation and maintenance activities and how does that impact the assessment of the Transportation Fee?
- What additional information is needed to support a more unified enforcement program for trails and shared spaces (i.e. off-leash, e-bikes, etc.)?



# Joint Projects



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# Riverfront Street Project

- Last unimproved section of the Deschutes River Trail through downtown
- Available Funding: \$1,050,350
  - BPRD: \$ 703,600
  - City: \$ 346,750
- Design Contract: \$683,700 (50/50 split)
- Construction Estimate: \$3.5M
  - Estimated remaining funding: \$366,650
- Project Status
  - Finishing Design – Currently at 60%
  - Pursue construction funding (i.e. grants)



**TUMALO INTERSECTION:  
RAISED CROSSING**



# Drake Park Pedestrian Bridge

- City-owned asset
- Joint interest in re-constructing bridge
- Recommendations:
  - City to fund Design (Pending Council Approval)
  - BPRD to manage project
  - Pursue grants for construction
  - BPRD will accept ownership
- Next Steps
  - Develop IGA between City and BPRD
  - BPRD to contract design consultants
  - City to discuss funding May 2026



# Gilchrist Bridge

- BPRD completed design to 30%
- Desire to construct as part of Columbia Park Project: Fall 2026
- Critical crossing for the Bend Bikeway
- Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) outlines:
  - BPRD to manage project
  - City to fund final design: \$295,000
  - City to fund construction (pending Council Approval): Estimate: \$1.2 M
  - BPRD will accept ownership
    - IGA approval on tonight's agenda
- City to discuss funding May 2026



# Gilchrist Bridge Motions

## City of Bend Motion

I move to authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Bend Park & Recreation District for replacement of the Gilchrist Bridge and the transfer of ownership from the City to the District.

## Bend Park and Recreation District Motion

I move to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Bend for replacement of the Gilchrist Bridge and the transfer of ownership from the City to the District.



# Questions



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