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TO: **MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**
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SUBJECT: **WEEKLY REPORT**
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CITY OF BEND

Upcoming City Council meetings and other events

- December 18, work session at 6:00 p.m., regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chambers
- January 8, work session at 5:00 p.m., special regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chambers
- January 15, work session at 3:00 p.m., regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chambers
- January 28, Council Stewardship Subcommittee at 3:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chambers
- February 5, work session at 5:00 p.m., special regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chambers
- Council Community Building Subcommittee at 3:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chambers
- February 19, work session at 5:00 p.m., special regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chambers

NSSP Schedule

Attached is the Neighborhood Street Safety Program (NSSP) schedule with the purpose and needs listed as well as the budget and program schedule. For more detailed information on the NSSP go to the [NSSP webpage](#) on the City's website.

City Edition Video

With Affordable Housing in Bend being a vital component in economic development, the City has been working hard and making process towards creating more types of housing for our community. [Click here to learn more about the progress made in 2019.](#)

BEDAB Upcoming Meetings

Planning Commission Work Session on Core Area

On Monday, Keith Dodge and Brecht Palombo represented the BEDAB during a Planning Commission work session discussing proposed changes to development code within the Core Area. These changes are largely a response to the lack of development, despite interest, in the area often referred to as the Bend Central District.

The two areas that generated the most discussion were a relaxation in parking requirements and an increase of removal of the current cap of 30,000 square feet for a single use ([you can view a brief memo on the amendments here](#)). While changes to parking standards are a common cause for concern in the community, a number of committee members expressed support for the proposal based on the potential to spur development with any potential parking concerns actually showing up years or decades down the road. City staff and a consultant team prepared a parking analysis that provides more detail on the topic, [you can read it here](#).

The Planning Commission will take up the discussion again in mid-January with Council expected to make a decision on the proposal in early February. You can expect this to be a topic at the BEDAB meeting on January 6th as well as the Advocacy Subcommittee in December.

County-by-County GDP

Yesterday the US Bureau of Economic Analysis rolled out their County-by-County breakdown of Gross Domestic Product for 2018. This is a little later than usual but there were a number of interesting takeaways on Deschutes County's economic trajectory. The Deschutes County Economy approached \$8.2 billion in GDP in 2018 (using 2012 dollars), an increase of 3.6% over 2017. An annual growth rate of 3.6% would be a welcome sign for most counties; however, the prior two years Deschutes County's growth rate hovered between seven and nine percent. This helps illustrate the point we've heard from folks like Damon Runberg: Central Oregon has roared back from the Great Recession and is likely shifting into a more stable long-term economic pattern. [You can view the County GDP data here.](#)

Of course, a recession could upend our region's growth potential, [here's a quick read from *The New York Times*](#) yesterday that breaks down some of the key indicators for recession and what to watch for.

Mid-Oregon Credit Union Workforce Housing Program

We talk a lot about housing supply during BEDAB meetings, here's how one member, Kevin Cole, has been involved in private sector efforts to spur affordable rental development. Earlier this week Mid-Oregon Credit Union rolled out a program offering interest rate subsidies up to 2.5% for new rental properties that will maintain affordable rents for their first five years. [KTVZ has an article and brief video on the program here.](#)

From the KTVZ article:

To qualify, rental rates could not exceed 30% of gross income for tenants earning between 60%-140% of Area Median Income (AMI). Current AMI in Deschutes County currently stands at \$55,700 for a family of four. The program also offers a fixed interest rate for five years.

Farewell to Kip Barrett

I shared this with BEDAB members yesterday, but since this email goes out to a broader audience, I'll reshare here. Kip Barrett, EDCO's Bend Director, has accepted a

new position and will be leaving EDCO on January 3rd. Kip has been a great partner and I've really enjoyed working with him, here's his full message:

Thank you for your efforts and support over the last 2+ years. I am writing to notify you of my resignation as the Bend Director for EDCO, effective January 3rd. EDCO values the partnerships that have been built and is committed to providing continuing service. Until a new Bend Director is announced please contact Roger Lee, CEO, at: roger@edcoinfo.com or 541-388-3236 x1

I look forward to staying involved as a community member and helping to support EDCO as they continue on their mission. I am sure I will continue to see you around this amazing place we call home.

*All the best,
Kip*

Acknowledgements

AT&T External Affairs President George Granger sent a thank you letter acknowledging the City's professional staff and the efforts this last year working with AT&T. You can find the full letter attached.

Attachments

- Council Schedule
- NSSP Schedule
- Thank you from AT&T

Date	City Council / BURA Schedule	Agenda Material Due Dates (Legal/Finance) Final
January 8	Work Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation Funding: phone survey results, direction on election date (2 hours) • Juniper Ridge Policies Regular Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second reading, Sewer Code Updates • Second reading, 4.7 Changes • Planning Commission appointment 	
January 15	Work Session, 3 p.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarterly goal update • Wildlife feeding ban • Petrosa master plan and annexation - NE Expansion (1 hour) Regular Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creative Laureate Report • Design of Neighborhood Extension Projects 	
January 28	Council Stewardship Subcommittee, 3-5 p.m.	
February 5	Work Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation Funding Regular Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LWV Proclamation • Newport Corridor Improvements – Owners Rep • Affordable Housing Fee funding recommendations 	
February 17	Council Community Building Subcommittee, 3-5 p.m.	
February 19	Work Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation Funding Regular Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	

Work Session future topics to be scheduled

- Quarterly Council- Board/Commission check-ins (2nd meeting January, April, July, October)
- Airport Master Plan kick off (2019)
- Phase 2 Ameresco contract
- Restaurant parking requirements (as part of Code update)
- Lines for Life (Chief Porter)
- Update/check-in presentation on the Southeast Area Plan
- Bend Parkway Plan and Right –in Right Out entrances
- Council direction on City-owned property at East Lake Drive (Nov./Dec.)
- Even-Year Statistical Surveys
- Roundabout build out vs. phased
- ODOT Parkway planning (January?)
- Juniper Elementary trail connection (Eric to follow-up after School District application)

Regular Agenda future topics to be scheduled

- Public hearing on vacation of Glenwood & Alden
- Pump Station Decommissioning
- Citywide Safety Improvements – Approval of construction contract for 3rd & Hawthorne and Franklin
- Sale of the Roanoke property (Nov.)
- Franchise Code Update
- Vacation of a right-of-way for an alley west of 4th Street to the Parkway
- Loan for the Newport Drainage Improvements project
- Code update for reimbursement district
- GMA modifications
- CDBG funding recommendations (March 18)

Council Stewardship Subcommittee, 3-5 p.m. last Tuesday of every other month

- Stabilization Center
- DEI

Council Community Building Subcommittee, 3-5 p.m. third Monday of every other month

- Tiny homes
- Code Updates

NSSP Purpose and Need

With the NSSP Program City Council aims to:

- Strengthen community
- Utilize transportation equity when allocating transportation resources
- Enhance neighborhood livability
- Engage NA leadership
- Create citizen collaboration and ownership of solutions
- Encourage community-minded behavior:
 - ✓ Drive within the speed limit
 - ✓ Be aware of and stop for people in crosswalks
 - ✓ Be mindful that cut-through degrades neighborhoods
 - ✓ Be courteous

2019 NSSP Background



COUNCIL BUDGET		\$800,000
	Design	\$160,000
	Construction	\$640,000
PROGRAM SCHEDULE		DATES
Staff Review Due, Project List to NLA		12/5/2019
NLA Prioritization Due to City		1/31/2020
Public Support, Project Conceptualization Design Due by City		4/30/2020
Final NLA Project Recommendations Due to City		5/30/2020
Project Design and Construction by City		6/1/2020 to 10/31/2021



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December 11, 2019

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VIA EMAIL AND FIRST-CLASS MAIL - rgrayson@bendoregon.gov

RE: Thank you

Dear Director Grayson,

As this year draws to a close, we would like to take a moment to express our gratitude and appreciation to the professionals, like those within the City of Bend, that make it possible for AT&T to improve wireless services in the communities it serves.

The demand for wireless data is greater than ever and continually growing at a rapid pace. Robust wireless capabilities enhance the way we communicate, stay connected to loved ones, conduct business, maintain safety, and respond to emergencies.

On behalf of AT&T, I would like to thank Community Development for its facilitation of the siting review and approval process.

In particular, we recognize the Community Development staff, who provided outstanding public service in the past year. Aaron Henson, Billy Staten and Amy Barnes were distinguished by our team for their professionalism and guidance. Thank you - your assistance is essential to achieving AT&T's goal to provide best-in-class wireless service.

We look forward to working with the City of Bend in 2020 and beyond.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "George Granger".

George Granger
President – Oregon
External Affairs

cc. Sally Russell, Mayor
Bend City Council
Eric King, City Manager
Mary Winters, City Attorney