



## **The Old Farm District Neighborhood Association**

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### **Statement on the proposed City of Bend infrastructure bond**

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The City of Bend has spent a lot of time preparing for a transportation bond, now we're witnessing a rush to completion. A bond uniquely allows the City to dedicate funding to specific projects without waiting for development SDCs or federal grants to materialize. This is our money, no one else's. We have an opportunity to invest in the future of Bend like never before and create the safety features and robust connectivity that people expect a city to have, but this bond only touches the surface. Bend's stated policy has been to promote alternative means of transportation - mass transit, safe routes to school, and bike travel - but neighbors won't be confident to engage those activities until we invest in safer connections across all of Bend. A nearly two-year consultative process with the community indicated a need for many more projects than are being considered in the bond as currently proposed. We believe the first priority of the bond should be shifted to emphasize the safety of people above all else. We hope city council finds a way to hear the community and finally fully invest in the Bend that our neighbors envision.

Signed,

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