

Two Bend 2030 Events on Deck Housing Solutions Showcase and Transportation Forum to engage the public in April

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BEND, March 16, 2015—Bend 2030 will hold two separate civic engagement events in April, giving the public a chance to learn about and weigh in on two of Bend's greatest challenges: affordable housing and transportation.

The Housing Solutions Showcase is a one-of-a-kind gallery style event to be held from 5 to 8 p.m. on April 3 at St. Claire Place in downtown Bend during First Friday. The event is co-sponsored by Bend 2030 and the American Institute of Architects as a way to move our community forward in its thinking about urbanization, density and solutions to our housing affordability issues.

Local architects will be on hand to display 14 beautiful exhibits featuring beautiful, affordable designs that represent the wide variety of quality, creative and attractive multi-family and mid- to high-density developments we could add to the inventory of housing options in Bend. Guests will be invited to share their thoughts about the designs, and will also be treated to free wine and beer and refreshments provided by Hola!

All entries will then be hung in The Environmental Center throughout Earth Day celebrations, and a slideshow of all exhibits will be displayed on the Bend 2030 website.

The Bend 2030 Transportation Forum is an interactive, fast-paced event to be held from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday, April 11 at Ponderosa Elementary, and is the second initiative in the Bend 2030 Livability Series. With 30,000 more people expected to move to Bend by 2030, we must address our challenging transportation issues. But how? More bike lanes and sidewalks? A better transit system? Bigger roads? And how will we pay for it?

Participants will attend three workshops on city design, bike and pedestrian routes, and our transit system. Throughout the event, the public will be invited to share their own transportation experiences and input on the best way forward for our community.

Already 50 people have signed up to attend the forum and help shape Bend 2030 recommendations on our key transportation questions. Free childcare, refreshments and a Spanish interpreter will be provided at the event, and a free shuttle from Hawthorne station will help provide alternative transportation to the forum.

Registration for this free event is available at Bend2030.org.

To schedule an interview with Bend 2030 or Transportation Forum Planning Committee representatives, please contact Erin Foote Marlowe at 541-420-8603 or erinfootemarlowe@gmail.com.

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