

# **ERIC KING, BEND CITY MANAGER**

**BREAKING NEWS!**



August 19, 2020, Bend City Council gave direction to place a \$190M General Obligation bond measure on the **November 3, 2020 ballot**



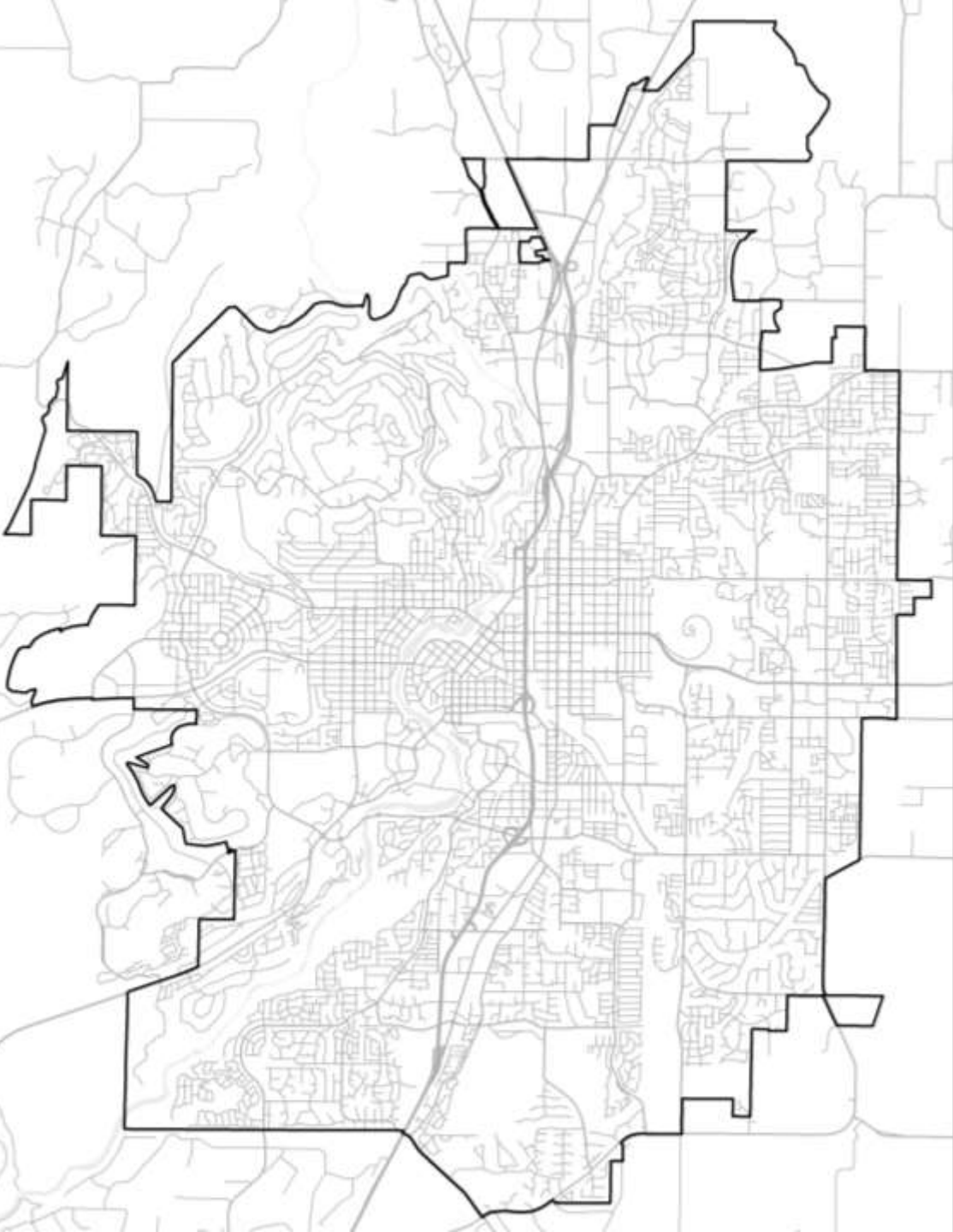
Our community says **traffic congestion and safety** is Bend's most pressing problem.

They want projects built that improve traffic flow and safety for people who drive, ride bicycles, and walk.

WHAT PEOPLE WANT







## **HISTORY OF BEND'S STREETS: 5 Things You Need to Know**

Development patterns

Growth cycle

Property tax restrictions

Investments are incremental

Development revenue is volatile

# TRANSPORTATION PLANNING & PRIORITIES

## PROJECT LIST DEVELOPMENT



- Developed over a 2-year public involvement process with the Citywide Transportation Advisory Committee and multiple public engagement forums, in conjunction with the update of Bend's Transportation System Plan (TSP [www.bendoregon.gov/tsp](http://www.bendoregon.gov/tsp) )
- The bond project list contains most of the near-term (0-10 years) projects identified in the TSP



# WHO WAS INVOLVED?

**TSP Process:** 2+ years



Technical analysis,  
options evaluation,  
community dialogue



2 Citywide Open  
Houses & Online  
Surveys



5 Neighborhood  
Workshops



**1,000+**

people participated!



**City Council**



**MPO Board**



**Steering Committee:** City Council,  
Planning Commission, Deschutes County, ODOT



**CTAC:** Met 15 times, guided TSP process



**Working Groups**

Decide

Recommend

Advise

**Project  
Management  
Team**

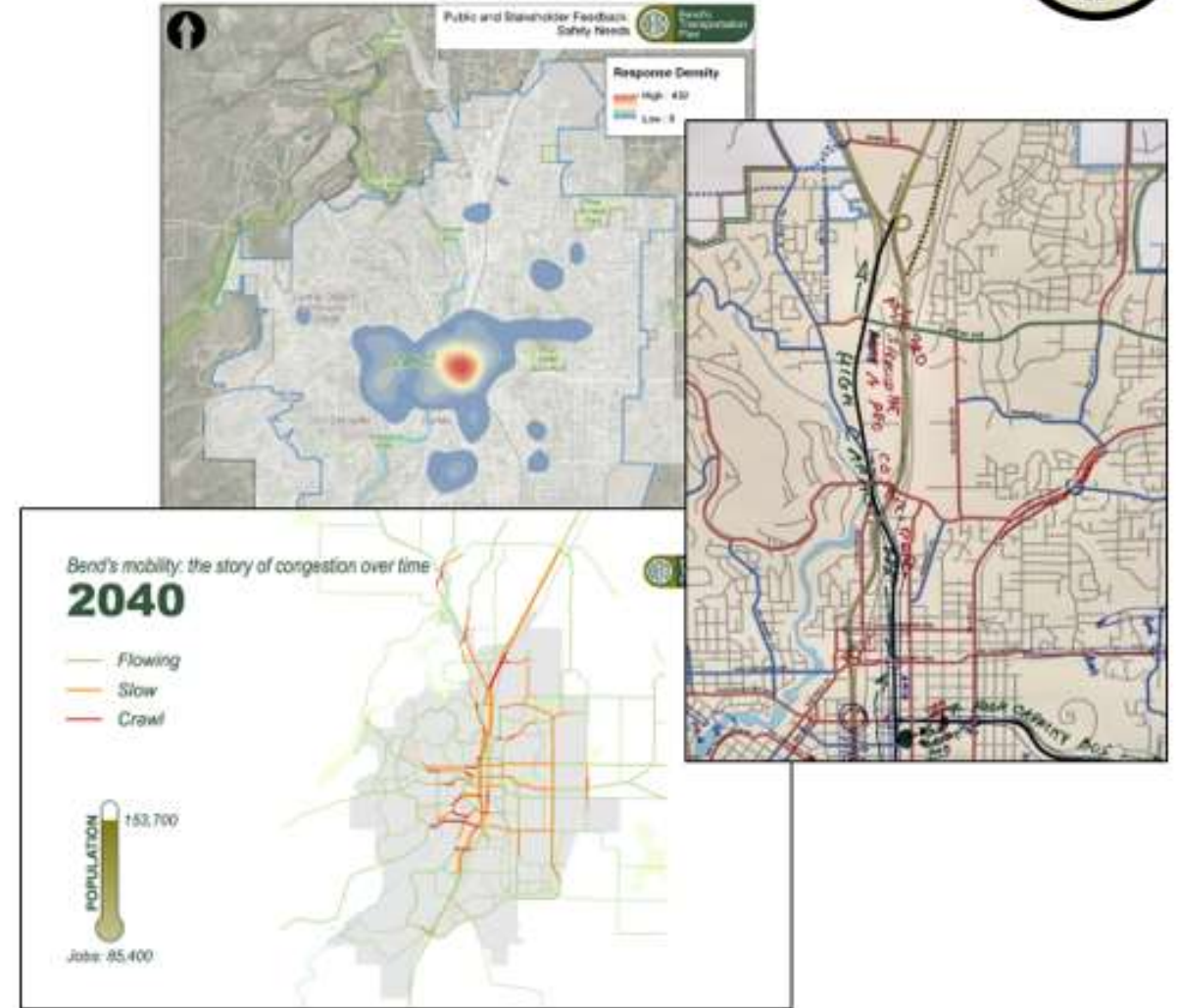




## IDENTIFYING TRANSPORTATION NEEDS WAS A CRITICAL STEP

**Needs** were identified by:

- Residents of Bend
- 25-person volunteer committee
- City leadership
- Expert technical analysis





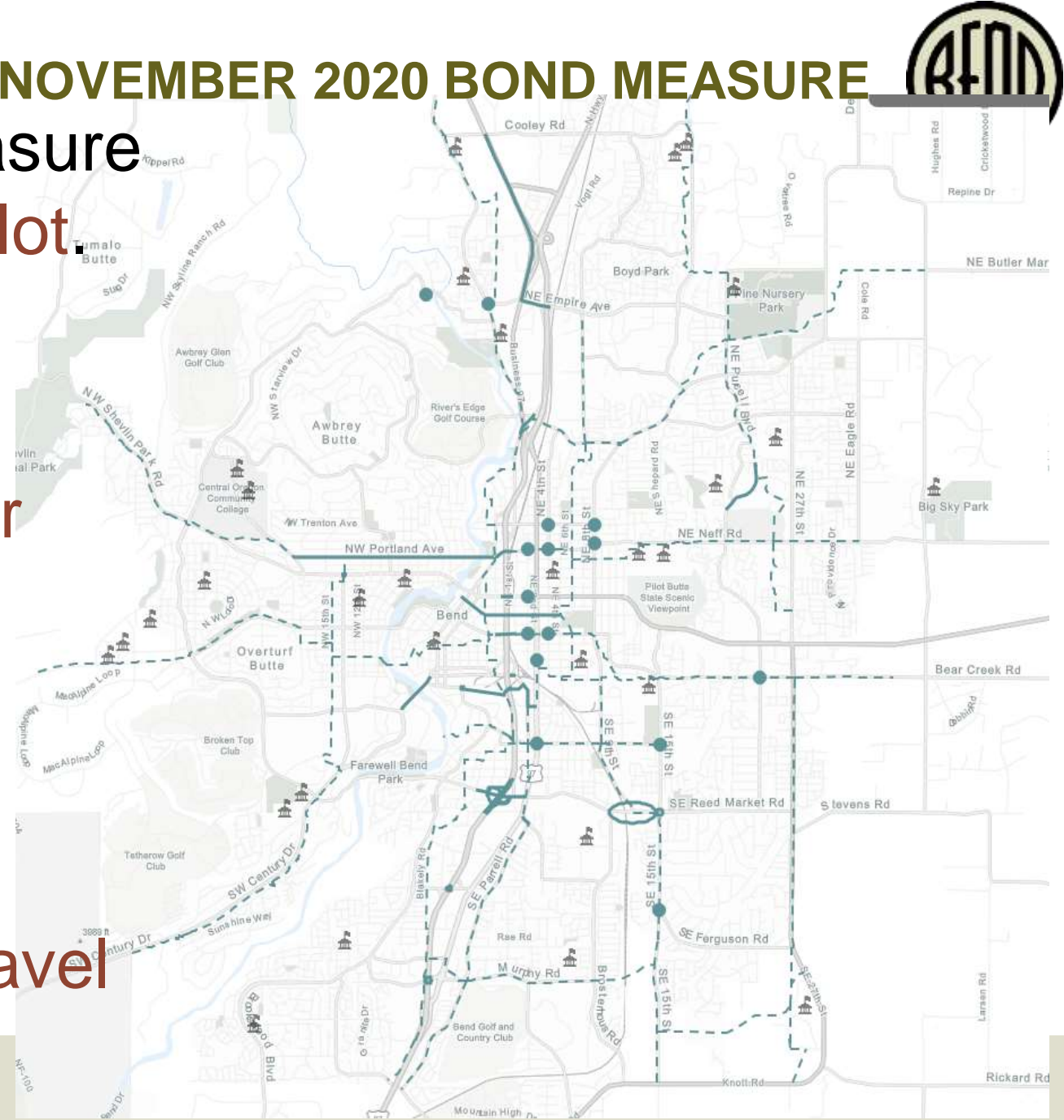
# NOVEMBER 2020 BOND MEASURE



General Obligation bond measure on the **November 3, 2020 ballot**

The measure would provide approximately **\$190 million** for traffic flow and safety improvements citywide.

Project map & info:  
[www.bendoregon.gov/safe-travel](http://www.bendoregon.gov/safe-travel)





Bond funds will pay for priority projects citywide:

- ✓ East-west connections
- ✓ Traffic flow/intersection improvements
- ✓ Safe travel and access in neighborhoods, for pedestrians, bicycles and motor vehicles







The community noted congestion in key corridors:

- East-west, especially mid-town and at Reed Market Rd.
- North-south, especially on the eastside at 27th Ave.
- Bend Parkway, especially at the north end of Bend.



## WHAT WE HEARD: CROSS-TOWN TRAVEL



Better east/west connections were a top priority.



*“We need better east to west options...”*

*“Please exhaust all resources on improving capacity and flow on city roads. We've been playing from behind for decades.”*

*“Really need to improve flow of traffic.”*



## WHAT WE HEARD: *BICYCLING AND WALKING*



The community asked for better biking and walking:

- Greater safety and comfort.
- More walking and bicycling routes, separated from roadways.
- Safer crossings.





## PROPOSED SOLUTIONS: *IMPROVE SAFETY FOR EVERYONE*

- Roundabout at Bear Creek Road & Purcell Boulevard
- Butler Market interchange
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Street & Miller Avenue
- City program to make regular investments that improve neighborhood safety







## PROPOSED SOLUTIONS: *IMPROVE CONNECTIVITY*

- Improve existing roads, such as Portland Avenue, 15<sup>th</sup> Street, and US 20
- Finish key roads, such as Purcell Boulevard
- Improve Reed Market Road at US 97, 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, 15<sup>th</sup> Street, and the railroad tracks.





## PROPOSED SOLUTIONS: *IMMEDIATE*

Jumpstart improvements through Capital Improvement Program investments:

- **\$73 million** in funded projects over the next **5 years** (i.e., Empire and Murphy Corridors, Neighborhood Greenways, Neighborhood Street Safety Program)





# FUNDING

## HOW MUCH WOULD IT COST?



If approved, the bond funds will be repaid by local property taxes.

The proposed measure would cost property owners an estimated **\$0.47 per \$1,000 of taxable value.**

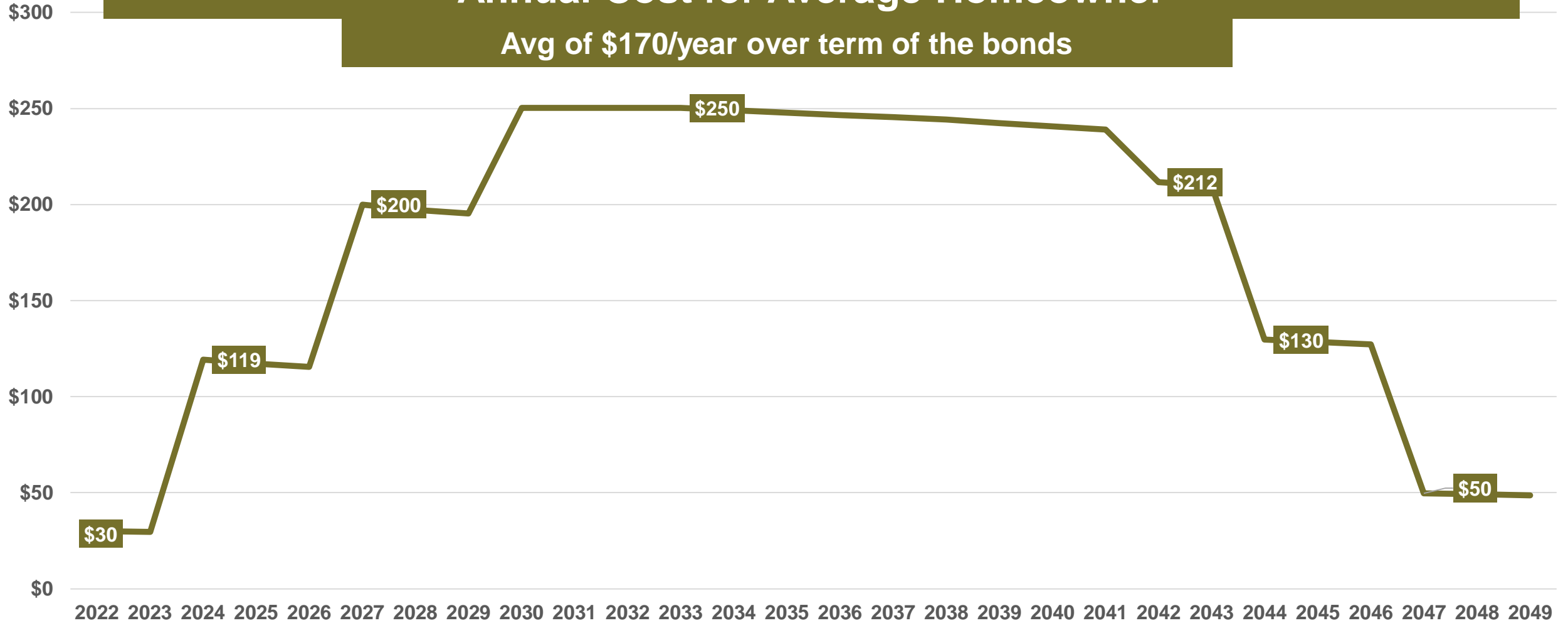
A home with a real market value of \$415,000 and assessed value of \$220,000 (Bend's citywide average) would pay about **\$170 per year.**





# Annual Cost for Average Homeowner

Avg of \$170/year over term of the bonds



Year that GO Bond would appear on property tax statements

# TRANSPORTATION CONTINUES TO BE DIFFICULT TO FUND

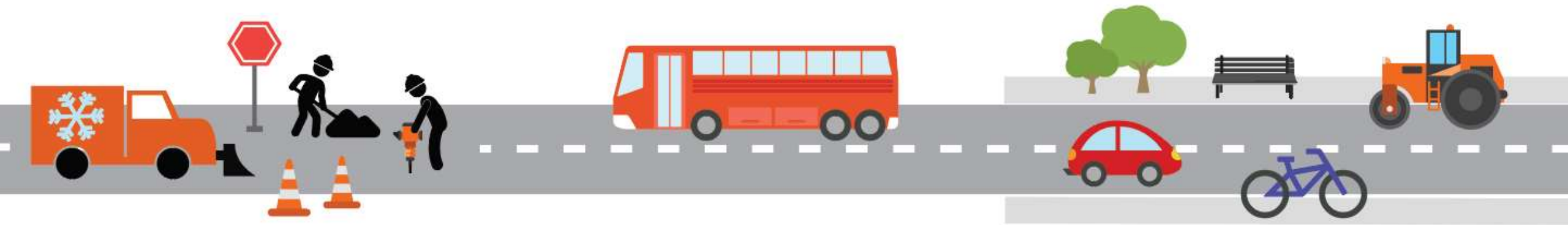


Declining federal and state funding, limits to local property taxes

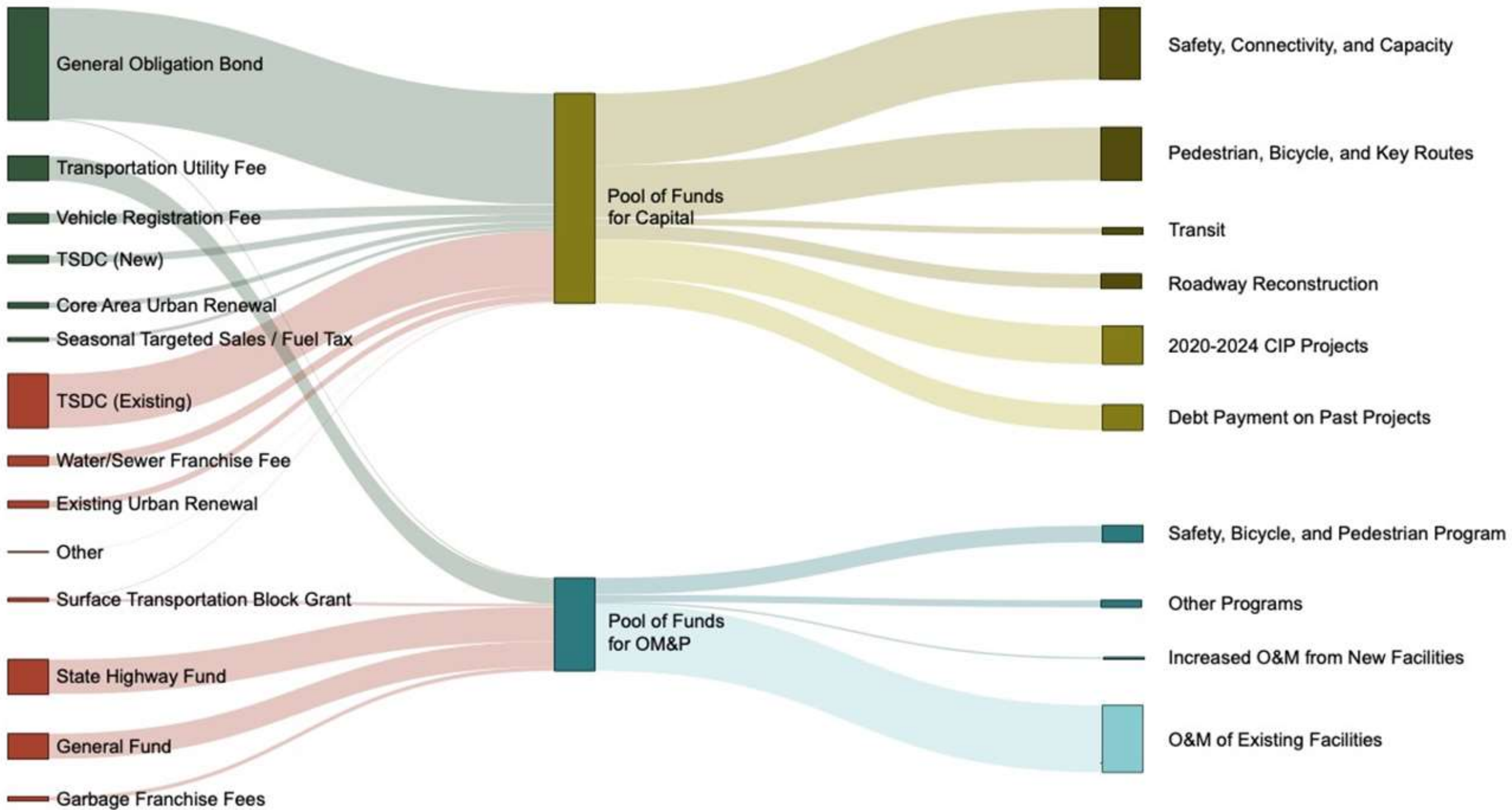
SDCs are the largest local funding source, but they have limitations

\$59M in deferred maintenance requiring reconstruction

\$800M of capital projects needed to meet 20-year growth demand



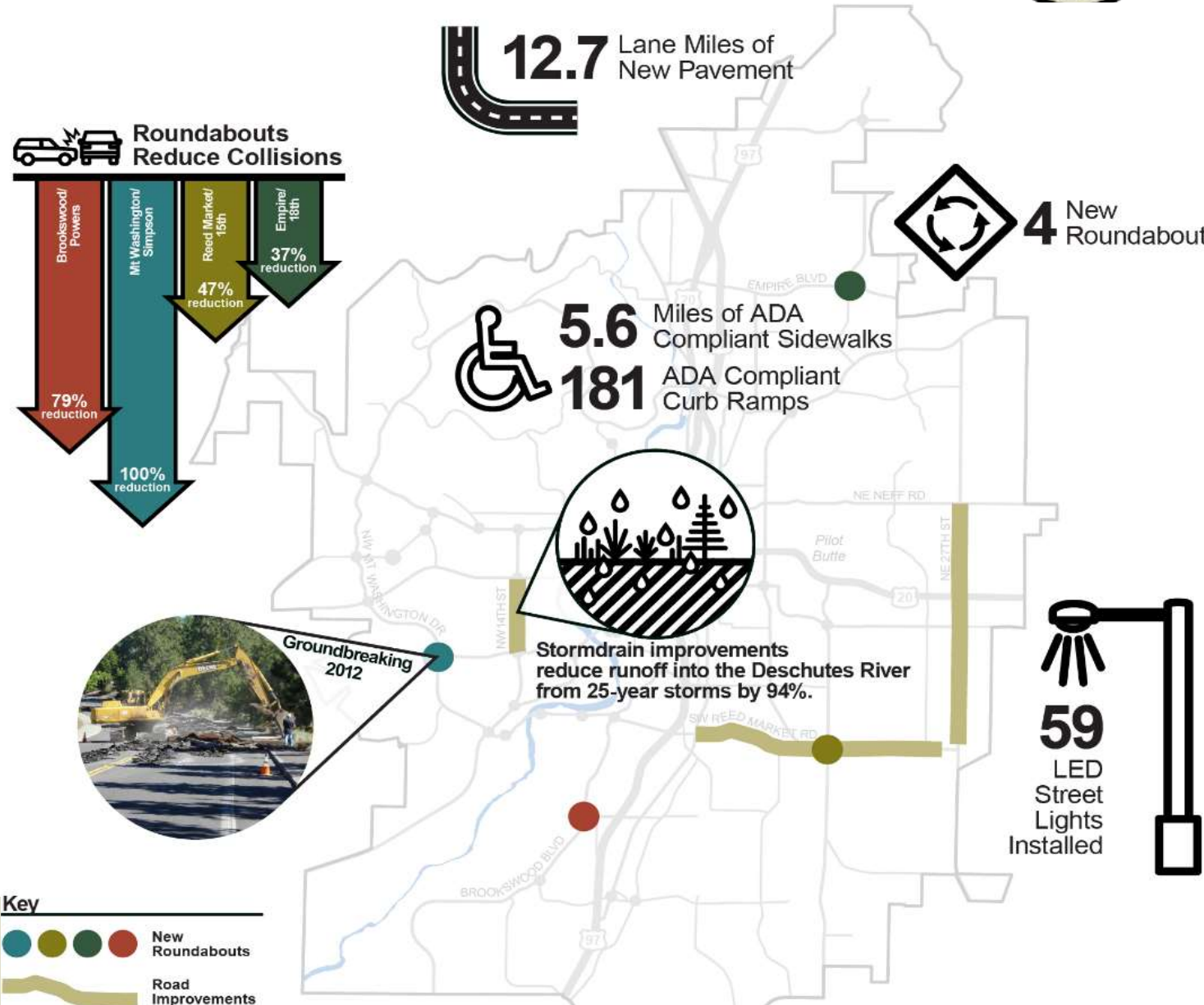






# BEND IS PERFORMING FOR THE TAXPAYERS

- ✓ Successfully delivered the 2011 \$30 million bond.
- ✓ Projects completed within voter-approved funds. [www.bendoregon.gov/gobond](http://www.bendoregon.gov/gobond)
- ✓ For the 2020 bond, City Council will establish a citizen bond oversight committee to track progress and report to the community.



YES ON 9-135



- Tackles the **#1 issue** Bend residents want leaders to address – **traffic congestion and safety.**
- **Improves east-west connections** that will reduce drive time behind and improve livability.
- Supports **safe access** to jobs, schools, and parks **for all users**--drivers, walkers, cyclists and bus riders.
- Funds priority **projects citywide.**
- Addresses congestion on main roads
- Builds Bend's future.



Learn more at  
[www.gobend2020.com](http://www.gobend2020.com)





LEARN MORE



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and complete list of projects