



CITY COUNCIL Agenda

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Tuesday, February 6, 2024

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9:00 AM GOAL SETTING WORKSHOP

1. Call To Order & Roll Call (9:00 a.m.)
2. Overview of the Agenda (9:05 a.m.)
3. Review Goal Setting Process (9:05 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.)
4. Review Public Input from Open House & Online Survey (9:15 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.)
5. Project Updates and Goal Input from Department Directors (9:50 a.m. – 10:25 a.m.)
6. Break (10:25 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.)
7. City Councilor Goals Ideas and Discussion (10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.)
8. Lunch Served (12 p.m.)
9. Discussion and Draft 2024-25 City Council Goals (12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.)
10. Adjourn

Attachments:

1. 2023-24 City Council Goals
2. 2024-25 Major Projects and Initiatives
3. Community Survey Responses
4. Open House Roundtable Notes
5. Open House Written Comments
6. City Councilor Goal Ideas
7. Department Goal Suggestions

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Meeting Date: February 6, 2024
Type: City Council Workshop
Subject: City Council FY24-25 Goal Setting

Staff: J. Wheeler
Dept: Administration

Action Requested: Review public input, staff updates, and discuss and develop draft FY24-25 City Council Goals.

Summary Points:

- The City Council will meet on February 6 to develop goals for the 2024-25 fiscal year. The City Council typically sets goals at the beginning of the calendar year to allow time for staff to develop a workplan and incorporate the goals into the Proposed Budget for the upcoming fiscal year.
- As part of the goal setting process, the City Council held an Open House on January 22 to hear from the public on their priorities for the Council. Additionally, an online survey gathered public input during the month of January. Notes and written comments from the Open House and the responses to the questions in the Online Survey are provided as part of this packet.
- Past practice has been the City Council develops overarching goals during odd numbered years and updates action steps and adds new initiatives during the even numbered years. Staff recommends the Council continues this practice this year with an intent to carry forward goals for continuing actions and next steps for major project activities in 2024-25.
- On [December 13, 2023](#), staff provided a status update on the Council's current goals. Department Directors will be in attendance at the goal-setting meeting to provide updates on major projects and initiatives and identify next steps in the Council's continuing goals.

Goal Setting Input Summary

Open House

The City Council hosted an Open House on January 22 and received input from the community through roundtable discussions and written comments.

Many ideas were shared, and the conversations ranged from efforts regarding resiliency, sustainability, and infrastructure to growth management, affordable housing, UGB expansion process, and houselessness. There were also ideas centered around community livability such as expanding childcare opportunities, more events and activities for families and children, and public art programs.



Online Survey Input

The survey received 117 responses during the month of January. The survey asked three questions: What do you think the City Council should focus on in 2024?; What do you love about living in the City of Sisters?; and, Do you have any other comments for the Council?"

The responses and comments were thoughtful and insightful, and many suggestions were consistent with the current goals and direction of the City Council. The frequently mentioned topics and concerns included:

- Managing growth
- Affordable housing
- Traffic safety and enforcement
- Addressing houselessness
- Desire for a permanent location for the community garden
- Pedestrian safety and walkability
- Protecting natural resources and open spaces
- Desire for a public swimming pool and recreational amenities for all ages

In comments about what people love about Sisters, overwhelmingly respondents mentioned the small-town feel, nature and beauty, friendliness, and community culture.

Department Director Input

In addition to the progress update on the existing Council Goals, staff prepared briefing papers for our major projects and initiatives to provide information on their status and upcoming milestones, many which are related or adjacent to current Council goals. As a starting point for discussion, a revised version of the 2023-24 City Council goals is included in the packet with suggested revisions, deletions, and additions based on current progress and next steps on existing goals, suggested new goals from City Councilors, and community input.

Financial Impact:

Following the adoption of the City Council goals, staff will develop a workplan and incorporate the goals in the FY24-25 Proposed Budget. Goals with significant financial impacts to the budget will be highlighted.



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Staff Report

Attachments:

- Community Survey Responses
- Open House Roundtable Notes
- Open House Written Comments
- 2024 City Projects and Initiatives
- 2023-24 City Council Goals
- 2024-25 City Staff Goal Suggestions (2023-24 Revisions)

CITY COUNCIL GOAL SETTING - ONLINE SURVEY RESPONSES

1. What do you think the City Council should focus on in 2024?	2. What do you love about living in the City of Sisters?	3. Do you have any other comments for the Council?
<p>Besides finishing goals set for last year:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Revisit comprehensive plan with codes regarding landscape/trees/vegetation. Coordinate with Firewise but also keep in mind our native birds, insects/pollinators, deer, etc. 2. Emergency evacuation plan. Each area of town needs to know what routes to take depending on the direction of the fire. We all can't converge on 242/126/20. 3. More emphasis on caring for those here. Walkability and outdoor opportunities here in town 	<p>Being able to walk/cycle around town and see native plants, trees, birds, etc. and the mountains. Traffic needs to be slowed down especially in the high volume areas though. We will grow but we can do it with the values expressed in the Comprehensive Plan. We need to consider not only families and children but the elderly and the handicapped.</p>	<p>I do appreciate the work that you have done and are doing. It is not an easy task. Govern like we are your family.</p>
<p>Rising property taxes, difficulties for retired people to live here. Fire concerns for the area.</p>	<p>High desert, close to a larger city but has a small town feel</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Pedestrian traffic, ADA code for BiMart, Sidewalks for pedestrian traffic entering that entire shopping area and saving our beautiful Ponderosa Pine Trees when developing land use for building homes.</p>	<p>The small city atmosphere, all of the views of the mountains, I love to take for walks, the friendly residents, the wonderful schools</p>	<p>I would like more information regarding topics published in the local paper done in a "eye catching format" that might improve the attempt so that perhaps more residents would attend and offer different topics to be brought to the attention of the Council Members.</p>
<p>Establish a building moratorium</p>		
<p>More green space and trees. Sisters is starting to feel crowded and less like the caring community it used to be.</p>	<p>It's history. The nonprofits in town that work to make this town liveable and show caring for each other.</p>	<p>Don't let business interests drive this town. Support an actual visitors center. Your alternative is not working for the community.</p>

<p>This may seem small to you but it is BIG to me. I think the City Code should be changed to Not Allow Roosters In The City Limits!!! My next door neighbors have a rooster and it crows A LOT, Day and Night. It's really LOUD! It disturbs my sleep at night and my quiet time at home.</p> <p>I have contacted Code Enforcement MANY TIMES! Was told they won't do anything as there's no law against roosters. He said I should call the Sheriff if it bothers me! ROOSTERS DO NOT BELONG IN THE CITY LIMITS!</p>	<p>The overall peace and quiet in my neighborhood. I live on Ash St near St. Helens and it's a nice quiet place, except for the rooster next door. I've lived in or near Sisters for 25 years. I Love the easy access to the forest and all the trails made possible by STA.</p>	<p>As stated above, please Please PLEASE revise whatever part of the the City Code dealing with Nuisance Animals or Chickens or Livestock or whatever to restrict roosters. BTW, when I was told by the code enforcement officer to call the Sheriff if the rooster was too noisy, I went to the Sheriff's office and asked them how they felt about it. They said "Don't call us please!" And we all laughed. But then, a strange man came to MY house and yelled at ME as he thought it was MY rooster. Not funny.</p>
<p>Sisters should have a scientific survey done of what the residents value most and what they want to see for Sisters, something designed along the lines of what Bend Park & Rec recently did. This survey should be professionally designed and followed up to ensure the results accurately reflect what the populace actually values and wants. Previous efforts along those lines, such as this effort, are prone to bias reflecting who has the time & inclination to respond instead of being representative.</p>	<p>Public works such as road maintenance and the water supply, are well done and should be a model to other similar-size communities.</p>	<p>Continuing my comment above, the results of past efforts such as the visioning work appear more to be more attempts to validate public support for existing activities which generally get votes from those with vested interests and/or the time to vote as opposed to a study that would accurately reflect the general population, much of which may have never participated before. I would expect that the results may be surprising & a refreshing change from the views that have been previously gathered.</p>
<p>Walkability, especially crossing Cascade Ave and the lack of sidewalks on Barkley. More options for young families-parks (not postage stamp after thoughts), ice rink, public pool with modern accessories (lazy river, fountains, etc).</p>	<p>The mountains nearby, the clean air, clean water.</p>	<p>A little more focus on young people and families that will be the future of this town. Also winters are long so a few more indoor options-pool, bowling ally, ice rink, indoor tennis, etc</p>

<p>We need street lights on Adams Ave. So many housing units produce lots of people walking dogs or headed to downtown when in Winter it's dark at 4:30PM.</p>	<p>It's beautiful. Excellent parks.</p>	<p>Between the accumulated wealth (esp. in the equity of properties bought in the past 20 yrs) and the high cost of food in Sisters (you can't buy a sandwich for much under \$15 with prices geared to tourists) something should be done to encourage deep discounts for locals. Frankly, we shop in Bend; Sisters is too expensive. On another note, one would think that with such wealth, the City would happily provide for a Winter Warming Shelter. It's wealth vs. moral bankruptcy.</p>
<p>More hiking trails</p>	<p>A small town. not growing big.</p>	<p>Thank you for your effort.</p>
<p>Limiting growth boundaries . Control cost of living .</p>	<p>Small town feel.</p>	<p>Sisters seems to be leading the way in price gouging . Just because we can doesn't mean we should .</p>
<p>Affordable housing/addressing homelessness especially for our workforce.</p>	<p>Slow-paced way of life, natural beauty, living with people who want to create a nice place to live for everyone.</p>	<p>The story that Central Oregon Daily did about Sisters (allegedly) not addressing our homelessness issue because council didn't approve the proposed shelter showed that the city isn't doing an adequate job of communicating with media. It made me sad to think that's how the rest of our region might view Sisters, and that it's based on a skewed and highly emotionally manipulative story.</p>
<p>Not cater to homeless. Not expand the UGB. Good luck with workforce housing.</p>	<p>That it's not packed with people yet. Small town feel, not suburb of Bend, yet. Dark skies.</p>	<p>Quit using CA as a blueprint for OR. CA is ruined. Pay heed.</p>

<p>A swimming pool or at least an option for children to learn to swim. There are no facilities in Sisters unless a membership to the Sisters Athletic Club exists.</p>	<p>Very nice, small community.</p>	<p>Don't Bend Sisters!!</p>
<p>Houseless shelter/services, expand parks/trails/natural areas, preserve small town feel</p>	<p>Small town, access to natural areas, trails, views</p>	<p>Keep up the good work:-)</p>
<p>Livability issues such as making Sisters is bicycle and pedestrian friendly.</p>	<p>The small townness</p>	
<p>Prioritize the walkability and bike ability of the Sisters community.</p> <p>Incorporate more green space as housing grows more dense.</p> <p>Safe camping spot for the homeless as a step into affordable housing as done successfully in Redmond and Bend.</p> <p>Implementing and enforcing dark sky ordinance in preparation for becoming a designated Dark Sky community.</p>	<p>Small town atmosphere, friendly with ample access to forested areas for walking and recreating.</p>	<p>Thank you for the work you do to keep Sisters a livable and friendly community.</p>
<p>Slow down on building overpriced homes and maybe some new townhomes instead and on a recreation center</p>	<p>The small town vibe, which is starting to get wiped out with all the new, overpriced construction houses.</p>	<p>The part of Sisters I fell for was the trees and small town vibe. It seems like the expansion has gone overboard lately. My family works and lives in sisters but cannot afford to buy due to outrageous cost of new housing or old housing for that matter.</p>
<p>Plans to have a swimming pool in sisters that's open to the public</p>	<p>The community spirit of giving</p>	<p>Consideration for building an ice rink</p>

<p>I have lived here for 24 years, and Sisters needs an urgent care, and another grocery store besides Rays and Oliver Lemons as they no longer serve our growing community. Not sure why neither of these has happened?</p>	<p>Being surrounded by wilderness, living in nature, the neighborly community. Seeing familiar faces, and the cleanliness.</p>	<p>Yes we need to do something about the traffic as local people cannot pull out safely from side streets to enjoy their own town.</p>
<p>Public safety. The speed on all of our roads are out of control. Our Deputies need to be more proactive on traffic control as well as all crime within Sisters. What are the monthly stats of what the Deputies do each month or even weekly?</p> <p>Growth needs to slow down and take a pause to let Sisters catch up with an all around plan. We have numerous neighborhoods under construction and with the local housing market changing, we need to review our plan for growth moving forward.</p>	<p>We love what used to be a small town and safe feeling of Sisters.</p>	<p>Thank you for engaging and listening to the public these last couple of years on several high profile issues that have arisen. We hope that as a council you will all continue to be open and willing to engage and listen to our great citizens of Sisters.</p>
<p>Establishing one car free crossing of the highway through town!!!</p> <p>Not center everything around old retired people who don't give a about the future if this city!!!</p> <p>Help dismantle SPRD and have them reform with more money or raise city taxes and have a real parks department. Everything is currently a big joke!!!</p>	<p>Snow</p>	<p>Do something real for the community and all people. Not just the loudest groups!!</p>

<p>Stop approving more housing developments, especially low income housing as our water resources are limited. The low income housing (Section 8) encourages out of town undesirables to move here.</p>	<p>We love the outdoor activities that are so plentiful here as well as the small town vibes.</p>	<p>Please do not approve a cold weather shelter for the "house less" Sisters does not have the police/emergency health/mental health services to support full-time or even part-time shelter residents with their mental health/addiction needs.</p>
<p>1. More handicapped parking spaces, especially along Cascade, Hood & Main. Curb would need to be taken out next to pkg space. We have a friend, at The Lodge, & she uses a walker. It was difficult, & /a chore, to get her into The Depot Cafe this week.</p> <p>2. Police officers need to be ticketing along Elm St/Three Creek Rd., down near E Tye Dr. We live on E Tye Dr., it's unsafe to walk & ride a bike, as motor vehicles speed in that section-even from St. Helens St. & past E Tye Dr.</p>	<p>I live in town, so walking/biking, to do errands, & visit friends, is a joy, though somewhat unsafe.</p>	<p>Crossing Cascade is dangerous! Many, many cars drive right through the crosswalks when my husband. & I are crossing. Police officers need to be present more often, especially at the east end of Cascade.</p>
<p>How about letting a cannabis dispensary set up a business in Sisters and for many reasons. I want the tax money to go to Sisters instead of Bend. A cancer patient should not have to drive to Bend to get medicinal cannabis, which helps a lot with enduring chemotherapy. Not having a legal dispensary invites opportunity for illegal sales network in Sisters.</p>	<p>I like the small town aspect and being close to conveniences in town, like food stores, auto parts and hardware stores etc.</p>	<p>The sooner we can get a true bypass of town for travelers over Santiam Pass, the better.</p>

Keeping our town clean, safe, great schools. I would like to see more affordable housing and business growth. Our town is growing rapidly. Lets do it right and welcome it!	Clean, safe, friendly people, beautiful nature.	Thank you for all that you do!
Keeping our town small! Thank you to our Mayor, Mr. Preedin for his hard work for our lovely city!	Beautiful scenery, lovely people, small town.	Please keep our town small! Absolutely NO low barrier shelter in Sisters...High barrier would be OK
I think City Council should focus on putting Sisters Community Garden on City Parks property. The 2023 City Parks Master Plan specifically ID'd a Community Garden or gardens on City Parks property as a citizen requested item. Collaboratively working with Sisters Community Garden to fund the garden, maintain the garden and develop pocket community gardens are all goals stated in the 2023 Sisters Parks Master Plan.	It is small. Its citizens value Dark Night skies. Its citizens contribute to the quality of life. Clean air and water. Most people are respectful of others and are basically nice.	A permanent cold weather shelter should be in place for those in need to access during 32 degree and minus 0 degree weather. Poverty and hard luck are not contagious. These down-and-out people are here, in the woods, stuck. Why not give them some help when the weather is life threatening? I've done a little camping in 32 degree and much colder weather. But... I could go home and get warm. I didn't have to endure it.
Solidifying a permanent cold weather shelter. Sidewalks.	The community support and engagement	
Bringing more restaurants into town like Taco Bell and bringing in a Trader Joe's.	Seeing downtown lit up with the snowflakes and string lights, absolutely beautiful!	Do something about all the dogs running loose in Sisters ! They could get hit by cars and some harass the deer .
Addressing the needs of our unhoused and low income neighbors	The location, friendliness, schools, music and arts scene, sense of community	Consider the needs of all the citizens of Sisters, not just the homeowners

<p>Disabled parking in the downtown area should be addressed. My mother moved to The Lodge in August. We like to go to lunch together but it is difficult to find accessible parking. Two recent examples are Sisters Saloon and Sisters Depot. She also had difficulty accessing Sundance Shoes as disabled parking was across the street and the ramp at the opposite end of the deck in front of the stores there.</p>	<p>We love the 'walkability' of the town and feel safe here. The many events from farmer's markets to art walks to music events are welcome.</p>	
<p>Making sure the traffic circle happens on the east end of town</p>	<p>I live in Camp Sherman but have done a lot of my business in Sisters the last 34 years. I lived in town in 87 and 88.</p>	<p>Yes, I joined the Sisters Community Garden last year, and support the idea of allowing us to create a permanent, new garden on city land that will benefit the garden and the community. Thanks for your consideration!!</p>
<p>Sisters could really use a park on the west side of town. The Ponderosa Heights apartments on Brooks Camp Rd and the new Oxbow Flats apartments behind Bi-Mart bring many children into this area and they often stray into the streets for lack of a nice park. Any chance of the City acquiring the large vacant lot on Brooks Camp Riad where The Pines clubhouse was previously located? A small "totlot" abuts this site, so it would be an excellent location for an expanded park.</p>	<p>Natural beauty of the area, Ponderosa pines, friendly atmosphere.</p>	<p>Sisters could really use a public swimming pool. Currently the only swimming pools are limited to private residential use (Tollgate, Pine Meadow Village, 4th Sister condos). The absence of a public pool creates a "haves" and "have-nots" atmosphere in an area which is important for health and youth activity.</p>
<p>The development of a public swimming pool.</p>	<p>I love knowing my neighbors and community members.</p>	

<p>I think the focus should be on finding a better balance of growth and maintaining the integrity and wonderful qualities of Sisters today. I feel that a lot of growth goals are not in line with what most people here want. I feel our town should do what the people want not what is dictated by the State. If Sisters continues to be a town with a long list of positive attributes then who is going to complain. We don't have to make room for everyone.</p>	<p>I love how it is not gentrified in our neighborhood. We live among stick built homes, manufactured homes, and mobile homes. What is special is that most are committed to being a good neighbor. I love the access to nature. I love folk fest.</p>	<p>The Woodlands development is a perfect example of what not to do as a city. As I see it we have a few investors who purchased forest service land for a low price. The investors then received everything they wanted from the city to make their build possible. Meanwhile this group was spinning lies about work force housing. This was to help get the public on board. But what we now have is a development with no work force housing only very expensive weekends homes. This is a big loss and failure.</p>
<p>Becoming a "climate smart" community. I am surprised that taking action against climate warming is not mentioned in the Council's goals. Wildfire mitigation is related to climate warming but is just one aspect. City Council needs to lead the citizens of Sisters to take climate change, all aspects of it, seriously - as it is the most pressing and most daunting issue that all of us will face for the foreseeable future. How to shield ourselves from climate warming should guide all city efforts.</p>	<p>This question feels like a token - you ask it every time and you get the same answers from most of us. And then you go and do things that work against those answers - as if your hands are tied by the good folks in Salem. What most of us want: to retain good community relations, healthy forests nearby, easy access to scenic hikes-lakes-rivers, manageable traffic, small town feel, minimal crime-noise-congestion-pollution. Don't overbuild, don't add to crime, pollution, congestion, noise.</p>	<p>Is the Council aware of the value of big Ponderosas or any lg. diameter tree w/ regard to global warming? Each of those trees extracts a HUGE amount of carbon out of the air for photosynthesis. Keeping those trees alive is one of the easiest, most cost-efficient ways for communities to do their part to help fight climate change. Council should also consider in UGB discussions growing Sisters "up" rather than "out" to minimize our environmental footprint, thereby protecting nearby natural areas</p>

<p>Quit glorifying the homeless and get them out of our forest. Full sweep and send them on their way. For the ones that actually work then help establish real affordable housing. You have wealthy and poverty here. There's no middle.</p>	<p>It's safe and charming. People are lovely.</p>	<p>This town has grown too quickly and doesn't have enough to go around. We need to attract an affordable grocery store, another pharmacy, and have more options for the citizens. Too many including myself shop and spend money elsewhere. That property across from the post office where an old home is located would be nice for something.</p>
<p>Make quality affordable housing a priority. Encourage building affordable housing through lowered SDCs, maybe tax incentives,..</p>	<p>While the Sisters' economy relies on tourism, it is still a very functional small town with all services for full-time residents year-round. We need to think about how to create more affordable housing to keep it that way.</p>	
<p>Slowing growth, even if that means fighting Salem. Or create a high-density zone with tall buildings, not downtown. Rezone part of the industrial district for multi-storey apartments and condos, some reserved for workforce housing. Build that area up high and dense. Leave the rest of the city alone! Stop knocking down native Ponderosas to make room for street trees that suck up water. Stop shoehorning ugly Bend-style developments into every corner, especially the overloaded West side.</p>	<p>Small town community, good coffee, great nature access, nice people, Dark Skies sometimes. Local farmers, artists and musicians. Access to ranches, meat and eggs. Fun events.</p>	<p>Getting realistic information about our water situation would be nice. Read the national news, there has been plenty about how the whole country is running out of groundwater. If our glaciers don't get replenished neither will our aquifer. Incentivize homeowners and developers to use local native, drought-tolerant landscaping, replace lawns, and other water saving techniques. If we run out of water we're all in trouble.</p>

<p>This is a traffic safety issue. During heavy traffic on cascade drivers speed down Washington, Jefferson and to a lesser extent St Helen's to bypass Cascade. I have never seen anyone stopped for speeding. They are easily doing 10 to 15 over the posted limit. These are residential neighborhoods with Village Green park as well. Can something be done. Speed cameras, speed bumps ect. Kids on bikes people walking with few sidewalks. It happens both directions.</p>	<p>Easily walkable</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>City growth is an obvious one - how are we going to handle the increase in traffic with all the new housing units being created? I would love to see some kind of community center developed in town - we need a place where families can go in the winter and a place to host events that isn't the fire hall.</p>	<p>I love the small town feel, I love that it's walkable, I love when small businesses are owned by people I know. I love the feeling of community and events that allow people to gather and enjoy each other's company.</p>	<p>Thank you for all your time and effort - I know these positions are unpaid and often under appreciated so I want you to know that I am grateful that you are doing this!</p>
<p>Stop building homes no one can afford. Stop subsidizing the homeless. Move them to bend or Redmond. Build a community swimming pool. How about an urgent care.</p>	<p>I can choose to be with people or hibernate.</p>	<p>Listen</p>

<p>Create a building code that requires new commercial buildings to have a western look or facade. Do not allow homeless, shelters or services to be established and sisters. Small town sisters that depends on tourist trade can't allow homeless problems like Portland has happened here. Expanding the urban growth boundary only benefits developers. Public services and developmental cost for expanding. The city will fall on local taxpayers do not wanna pay more in taxes and fees.</p>	<p>We love the music the small town feel the sense of community And all the recreational opportunities of the area.</p>	<p>Help build Pickleball courts for the community. Try to develop a long-term vision for sisters. A plan a roadmap to be followed for years to come.</p>
<p>Making/keeping the cost of living in town affordable and equitable, especially with regards to housing.</p> <p>Also, the sidewalk in front of Kalamazoo antique mall on Cascade Ave is sloped and the yellow warning paint has worn off near the fire hydrant. It's a slipping hazard during icy weather. If it can't be rebuilt to be flat, Can you at least install a textured non-slip surface and fresh warning paint?</p>	<p>Safety, active community groups, vibrant creative arts scene, walkable city.</p>	
<p>Community events and local businesses support</p>	<p>The people</p>	<p>We need to have more uniformed of downtown activites not just handing them off to other groups. Having city wide standards and helping support the small businesses</p>

<p>Crosswalk safety. Better lighting at the crosswalk between Takoda's and the newly city-owned forest service property on Hwy 20 and Hood. It is so dark, that we usually use the roundabout to go home because we can't see people in the crosswalk. Youth services and recreation such as a community pool/bowling lanes/or something that can be city-owned but managed by a private party, such as HooDoo to keep it going. It would be great if the elementary school was purposed for the community.</p>	<p>Trees, views of the mountains, low-key friendly people who live here, dogs, locally owned businesses, community events, and opportunities for locally owned businesses.</p>	<p>The only way housing becomes affordable is if we have fewer vacation rentals. Even as a realtor, I know that the number of short term rentals is hurting our housing supply.</p>
<p>dead and dying trees</p>	<p>Live trees</p>	<p>How will the new roundabout affect traffic at the Cascade/Locust intersection?</p>
		<p>We have lost what was once a great heritage of this small town. Non-affordable housing for my employees or children due to development greed. It saddens many of us in Sisters to see what has transpired.</p>

<p>Growth. I understand the need to expand the UGB. But in doing so, reconsider the opportunity to maximize growth "up" versus "out" in the downtown area. Consider providing tax and zoning incentives for three story mixed-use buildings in the core area. This is the best path to more affordable housing. Think "Old World European Villages. Simply adding land to the UGB for more tract homes will just send us down the same "loss of livability road" as Bend and Redmond. Be different!</p>	<p>It's livability.</p>	<p>Thank you for your community service.</p>
<p>I would love for the city to add space for a Community Garden to either an existing park space or an undeveloped park space. The current Community Garden on airport property must relocate and this would be a lovely and positive use of park space.</p>	<p>We are truly a community that helps and cares for each other, and we live in a most spectacular setting.</p>	<p>Thank you for your efforts!</p>
<p>--Cooperate with other involved agencies to secure more affordable housing in Sisters and to eliminate the need some have for residing in the public-owned forests around Sisters, and also to attract more young families. --Find funding for upgrading Barclay Drive from Locust to Pine Street. --Continue exploring the most effective ways to reduce wildfire danger to the city and to its environs. --Beef up funding for full and effective law enforcement funding so we never become a "little Portland"</p>	<p>Small-town feel, care and friendliness among neighbors and from merchants and service workers, lots of appreciation for quality-of-life factors like the arts, sports, easy access to outdoor recreation</p>	<p>Thank you for sesrving!</p>

Creating a logo/ brand for Sisters perhaps a positive environmental identity that it will stand for.	Small, ranch history. Beauty of location. Quiet. Surrounded by trails and woods to hike.	Stay cohesive and positive. Continue to elicit feedback from residents.
Getting more adult recreation in the city like pickleball courts. Nearly every town in Oregon has provided public courts for it residence except Sisters. It seems there's plenty of recreation provided for children as well as schools providing recreation for school age kids. But, little is there for older residence and retirees. Staying active and socializing through pickleball is a great way to provide longevity. Also, the traffic through downtown, especially semitrailer trucks is disturbing.	The people and the close proximity to the outdoors.	Not at this time.
We need an indoor pool	Small town quality of life (while it lasts)	The traffic management plan needs to be reviewed. It does not adequately address the current level of growth. Quality of life continues to decline.
	The reason I moved from the San Francisco Bay Area is because Sisters is a small town where you get to know everybody!	
Please add a dog park for our city. It is hard to understand why we don't have one.		
Land for a community garden!!!		Community gardens allow for a huge sense of community by serving as a gathering place for those who wish to learn and grow food.

<p>We are concerned by the folks living in the forest. I understand the challenges of houselessness but also worry about fires, etc. in the forest behind our home. It also doesn't look good to visitors driving into town to see grants, trucks, etc. I know volunteers need to pick up the trash. I'm not sure of the solution but it doesn't make Sisters attractive</p>	<p>Sense of community</p>	<p>I would like to see summer concerts in the park. Perhaps a Sunday night event that will bring the town together. People bring their chairs, picnic, etc. I'm not sure if bands would need to be paid or not. A great event to pull people together</p>
<p>Emergency Cold Weather / Clean Air Sheltering Services (we are only as good of a community as we treat every member)</p> <p>New city ordinances around short term rentals and second homes.</p> <p>City codes that supercede HOA CCRs around home ignition zones mitigation and home hardening.</p>	<p>The beauty and access to outdoor recreation!</p>	<p>Some members of council are perpetuating the fear-mongering around unhoused folks. Stop that. Be better.</p>
<p>Approving a Cold Weather shelter and getting it active by next winter. This is critical for our community.</p>	<p>Being part of a community that cares about each other. But the Cold Weather Shelter hearing this last year did not show this side of Sisters and I was deeply disappointed by the fear mongering of some of the community members present.</p>	<p>Please focus on unlearning biases about the houseless community and please strive to actually make change happen in 2024.</p>
<p>Growth (UGB), housing, community resiliency, economic development and tourism, infrastructure (roundabout, Barclay Ave, East Portal, bike/pedestrian, accessibility, parks and green space), maintaining beautification, dark sky certification, and supporting community center development.</p>	<p>Sense of community, small town charm, beautiful landscape, passionate residents and business owners, growing up from its western roots, good schools.</p>	

<p>Economic Development - Monitor Explore Sisters progress and budget. Provide progress update to community.</p> <p>Good Governance - Continue to encourage public involvement and interest in city government, i.e. Civic Leadership Academy, and committees. Inspire the next generation of leaders.</p> <p>Housing, Livability, Growth - Develop and execute plan to educate the public on development decisions and the process. Perhaps a C4C event?</p> <p>Why are more neighborhoods being built, how are they approved?</p>	<p>Safe, small, beautiful community with caring citizens and volunteers.</p>	<p>Thank you for volunteering your time and skills to serve our great community. I commend you for your service.</p>
<p>Affordable housing for local employees of local small business and teachers. Limiting short-term rentals. Bringing an affordable grocery store to sisters, like Trader Joe's or Local Acres.</p> <p>Supporting affordable childcare to boost local economy by increasing local workforce.</p>	<p>The community, the landscape and the arts! Mostly the people.</p>	
<p>Economic development for local job creation and supporting affordable & attainable housing development opportunities. Childcare. East portal multi-modal hub.</p>	<p>Small town feel. Quiet. The vibrant downtown. Proximity to recreation areas.</p>	<p>Make Sisters a complete and resilient community.</p>

<p>STOP Encouraging THE DANGEROUS COVID INJECTIONS, instead uphold the law by requiring informed consent so people stop dying and being harmed - needlessly, tragically.</p> <p>Influence the State of OR to put JFK on the ballot. Stepping out courageously, being a leader in OR to make a real mark in changing the narrative of censorship and overreach of government.</p> <p>These things are foundational to our health and safety.</p>	<p>The closeness to nature. The clean air. The bike trails. The low crime rate. The ease of parking. The ease of walking. The community. The quiet. Let's keep small!</p>	<p>Please, encourage low density growth and housing communities that fit the town and the landscape - not such ugly black painted homes and heavy density. Thank you for serving.</p>
<p>Improve the infrastructure of Sisters. With the never ending approval of up scale housing development . We need An Urgent care medical facility and another Grocery store to handle the influx.</p> <p>Closing Cascade down town to pedestrians only , and moving the traffic around to Barclay and the roundabout. We have a problem of noisy engines and revving wheels at the corner of Mckinny Butte and Brooks Camp road every day, excluding Huge double logging trucks short cut thru to roundabout. Dangerous</p>	<p>I like how quiet it is at night . And how clear the night sky is. We seem so close to the stars here.</p>	
		<p>I'm so proud of the Council that voted down the emergency shelter. It is not the correct place to have it and I haven't reached out to say thank you! I would love to help explore more ideas to help in emergency situations for cold weather and our local homeless.</p>

<p>Affordable housing and codifying a consistent space for temporary weather related shelter (cold, heat, smoke).</p>	<p>Big enough to have lots of options, small enough to be quaint. And the recreation options, of course.</p>	<p>Keep up the great work!</p>
<p>Preschool care. The community is struggling to find ways to care for the younger kiddos in town to allow the parents to focus on work. There are only a couple options and even those are not high capacity putting young parents in a hard place with child care and having to relocate. The City of Sisters can do better to support young families.</p> <p>Additional thoughts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recreational facility / climbing / pool - Emergency Room - Main road roundabout 	<p>Amazing community with organic care for each other</p> <p>Access to any and all outdoor activities and destination for all out of town active people</p> <p>Proximity to mountains and lakes yet outside the bigger city</p> <p>Arts-focused city</p> <p>Cross-business collaborations and support</p>	<p>As the city expands, please consider cross-pollinate the neighborhoods with affordable housing options within the standard-priced homes and neighborhoods. Please do not create a low income area all together, rather help place those families within other neighborhoods to best help integrate and help with long term growth.</p> <p>Additionally, this is a very active city. Please consider integrating bike lanes and running trails when connecting the city.</p>
<p>Keeping true to the history of Sisters. Working within the budget available, and keep taking care of this sweet little town. Could we please get our funded deputies to concentrate on the speeding problem in the downtown core and not wait until someone is killed before this becomes a priority. Why are they not enforcing the speed limit with citations constantly? Other measures are not working.</p>	<p>Love that it is a small town, we know and help one another.</p>	<p>Thank you for the challenging work you do.</p>

<p>Houseless and what they are going to plan and budget for? They have declined 2 grants and so what is their plan going to be??</p>		<p>Consider some land earmarked for a houseless shelter/RV park like Redmonds new Oasis, as you move out the urban growth boundary, as they don't want it anywhere within the city area now.</p>
<p>Affordable housing, safety for houseless people, inclusivity and supporting anti-racism and lgbtq+ in the community and in policies.</p>	<p>The community, community events and involvement.</p>	<p>Street lamp on East Jefferson and hwy 20 near the creek-side parking lot desperately needs to be installed. It is so dark and dangerous turning in there off of hwy 20.</p>
<p>Maintaining green space in town. Keeping Sisters small. We all are here because we want to live in a small town.</p>	<p>The size. The walkability of the town. How everyone knows everyone. The access to an amazing trail system. No stoplights.</p>	
<p>How to handle growth, solutions for the homeless issue, communicating its vision to the community and actually listening to the feedback it receives.</p>	<p>Small town friendliness, beauty of surroundings, feeling of community.</p>	
	<p>I've called Sisters home since 1978 when my sister Judy and I moved here and opened a hair salon. I have a great friend base even tho I live 7 miles out of town. So far I have gone along with most of the City Council work, would like to see more places for the working public to live besides in the woods. A boarding house has worked for many years for single people.</p>	<p>Keep up the hard work, must be a thankless job at times!</p>

<p>Considerations of building rate relative to amount of workers available and overall demand for commercial and looking at schools and infrastructure for residential. Consider slowing to not overbuild and have multiple empty commercial spaces (as we do now). Ensure our schools can handle the increased numbers of students.</p> <p>Cost of living supplementation for teachers and city workers to allow them to live in the community.</p> <p>Truly affordable housing and workforce housing.</p>	<p>The good people and small community. Access to trails and the forest for recreation. As a tourist destination we have good local eating establishments and stores for a thriving downtown. Minimal stores and chain restaurants.</p>	<p>Work with the Forest Service to significantly reduce the number of people living in the woods. Right now there is no place or incentive for them to live in town. This is a growing problem. This hurts how our community is perceived by tourist as well as does not contribute toward taxes for schools and city services that they still use.</p>
<p>Affordable housing and the homeless community. We are a small enough community that we can be proactive about homelessness and affordable housing to support our community members that need it the most.</p>	<p>Everything. There is no place that I would rather live.</p>	<p>Thank you all for your support and dedication to the City of Sisters. We appreciate you all!</p>
<p>Housing for the residents that live in the forest around town.</p> <p>More enforcement and monitoring of our old growth and large ponderosa pines that are being lost to development. A tree's future should not merely depend on whether or not is convenient to save it and let it live. The Woodlands development has been so discouraging to see our city planning in action.</p>	<p>Strong sense of community. Beautiful mature pines and green spaces in and around town. Great schools and community events (SPRD!)</p>	<p>Our town and community is terrific. I hope our city staff feel appreciated for all the great they do!</p>
<p>Address the homeless and the unhoused situation. Affordable housing needs to be a focus as well.</p>	<p>Small town friendly people</p>	

<p>Five-year planning, emphasis on housing - balance development and affordability; support for local retailers; home and houselessness.</p>	<p>Retains a small-town feeling (especially fall, winter and spring) yet range of activities of a larger place and easy access to Bend and Redmond. Friendliness factor and safety.</p>	
<p>1. A community Garden on Park property. This would meet goal in the 2023 sister Parks Master Plan. Partnering with the folks at Sisters Community Garden searching for a garden site would also fulfill goals stated in the Master Plan.</p> <p>2. A permanent cold weather shelter should be a priority. Our recent cold snap of day after day hovering 10 degrees both sides of zero was a nightmare for the unhoused. I have camped in far warmer than that and was miserable and grateful it was only a temporary.</p>	<p>1. Clean water & mostly clean air.</p> <p>2. Sisters often works together for the good of everyone, making it a better place to live.</p>	<p>I am grateful the Council took up the issue of Dark Skies again. Dark Night skies are definitely a quality of life issue.</p>
<p>completing the Barclay sidewalk - so there is a continuous pedestrian sidewalk path on Barclay</p> <p>create at least (1) one pedestrian only crossing on US 20 (no vehicles) could be art bridge walk.. Create better pedestrian and bike crossings at Locust St</p> <p>prioritize serving houseless community - need action not just talk</p> <p>limiting any urban growth boundary expansion - increase density creating more walkable downtown core</p>	<p>its mostly walkable proximity to outdoors</p>	<p>Council needs to do better by taking action to help/serve houseless community members.</p> <p>prioritize people, not cars. many people drive 2 blocks when they can drive, the City can do more to encourage people to walk</p> <p>more outreach to get more residents of diverse age and demographics to be involved in city decisions</p>

<p>Continue to insist that homeless services be on an emergency basis only. If you build it they will come is a good way to think of it. It would be a shame to see Sisters overrun with folks who live on the street.</p>	<p>The feel of community and small town vibe</p>	
<p>Development of the old elementary school to provide services in support of our growing community population..</p>	<p>Small town feel and charm.</p>	<p>Focus on low rent housing projects that will support the people who already work in Sisters. We don't need more development of housing projects that don't support our economic growth. Far too many people are having to commute to Sisters from other cities. Small businesses and local governments are struggling to maintain long term quality employees</p>
<p>Having a shelter for the houseless, more affordable housing and a dedicated spot for the Sisters Community Garden!</p>	<p>The beauty, quiet and sense of belonging here.</p>	<p>Sisters should be a welcoming place for all income levels and diverse backgrounds!</p>
<p>It's time to wake up. Sisters is has been over run by business and private equity to a favored business and land ownership. These people are considered for some unknown reason to be the "Stakeholders". Do we not live in a democracy? They get 1 voice like the rest of us. All STR home rentals in single family zoned areas must be abolished, put a moratorium on it! We must put an absolute end to the idea of expansion of the UGB! The Comp Plan of 2020 needs to be thrown out!</p>	<p>The outdoor wild spaces.</p>	<p>I am constantly disappointed with the directions the city is moving. The comp plan set an illegal precedent for growth of which we have already achieved through the development of new dwellings in the last 3 years. No to an UGB expansion! No to the Sisters country vision driven by people who do not live in the city limits! No to the woodlands pressured deal for workforce housing needed for Laird!? It's time put step up and represent the constituency in the communit! Nobody supports the growth.</p>

<p>Install public recycling bins Implement mandatory composting for businesses Encourage businesses to use non-disposables for "eat-in" customers Take over the management of the community garden and find a new location for it (consider incorporating it into SPRD's Sisters Elementary School plan) Provide better support for the farmers' market (apply a fairer rate for park usage), a significant town event essential for access to local, fresh, and organic food in our "food desert"</p>	<p>The access to nature, the community, the walkability.</p>	<p>Address housing affordability and ensure a variety of housing options are constructed for low-income residents, service workers, etc Establish a proper emergency shelter for vulnerable residents (in case of smoke, extreme cold, etc.) Bury electric lines to prevent incidents causing power outages (e.g., fallen trees, truck crashes into electric poles) Ensure sidewalks are built where needed to guarantee accessibility Provide tourist education on preservation and sustainable practices</p>
<p>Securing businesses to fill vacant lots in the city's downtown core. Improve walkability with additional sidewalks in outlying neighborhoods.</p>	<p>Walkability and the friendly local community citizenry.</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Making city streets more accessible for pedestrians and handicapped people by having more sidewalks and wheelchair friendly curbs. Making the city more bikeable with bike lanes or off the road bike paths. Crosswalks across larch at the two roads from the neighborhood east of larch. Addressing cold shelter options for houseless community. Looking into pharmacy and urgent care options. Live theater options with the renovation of the elementary school. More pickleball courts. Pool?</p>	<p>Walkable downtown, views, preserved wild spaces and trails. Special events.</p>	

<p>Banning or at least restricting Short Term Rentals in the city. STRs are a huge and looming threat to affordable housing. Leaving them unregulated poses a risk not just to our affordable housing stock, but to the continued availability of employees for our small businesses and the general economic viability of our town. Ban them, restrict them, incentivize job creating traditional hotels, just do anything but nothing.</p>	<p>So many things: the clean air, dark skies, the local independent businesses, the farmer's market, the seed to table farm, the schools, the views, seeing familiar faces around town and having genuine connection to neighbors, the local restaurants, the general lack of large chain companies/restaurants, the western vibes of the buildings, the roundabout by Rays, the quilt show, the folk festival, the movie house, and the walkable downtown.</p>	<p>Please please please do something about STRs. There are so many communities around Sisters where people can own a vacation rental. Our town doesn't need to be one of them. The town needs to be for people who live and work here. If we can't provide reasonable housing we are at risk of becoming another Jackson Hole; a town made exclusively of rich vacationers and no one to work in the businesses. The town will die if we let that happen.</p>
<p>Including a health focus: bringing easy access to AEDs throughout the town; educating first responders, community work staff, and police staff with stroke and MI recognition; and community CPR education programs. Improve pedestrian crosswalk safety and stricter rules/fines for drivers who fail to stop for pedestrians in the crosswalk.</p>	<p>I love how alive yet small this community is. I love how friendly most people are here. I love that it seems like there is an effort to preserve the natural beauty of the area.</p>	<p>I love that Sisters is alive and thriving and growing but hope that the growth won't destroy the natural beauty and quaintness of the area.</p>
<p>Environment - forest service support, forest fire prevention, trail maintenance, Adding a pool, adding an ice skating rink, adding a carousel, adding more side walks on streets in town that do not have any, childcare for infants, school arts and stem programs like music, wood working, robotics, ski team. A dog park.</p>	<p>So many things, the nature, the small town, the nice library and parks, the great trails, the good schools, the nice people.</p>	<p>A public pool would be so appreciated!</p>

A cold weather shelter	Sense of real community	I was ashamed at the discussion over the cold weather project by the majority of the council members who by your words and body language were dismissive and unempathic. Definitely not in keeping with Sisters.
Smart controlled growth of the city. Crime and unwanted homeless (bad actors) people.	The small town feel.	Don't allow any building permits that creat any buildings greater than 2/3 stories. Ask Sheriff to enforce speed limits, continuous passed when coming into town by cars doing 40-50 on outside.
There are so many things for the council to focus on but I want to see a partnership between the city,the school district and parks and recreation to build a swimming facility for the city of Sisters. We owe it our children to have a place where every student can take swimming lessons.	I can walk or ride my bike to anywhere in town. Also the sense of Community in Sisters is very strong.	Good Luck in 2024
Keep moving forward with Infrastructure investments, keep pursuing UGB expansion study, support diverse housing options, and work with partners to provide shelter and support to our houseless neighbors	Community spirit, ability to walk and bike around town	Appreciate the increased focus on community outreach and input. Please continue to do events/meetings for public input and options to share opinions for those of us who often canâ€™t make meetings
Accessibility for handicapped. The past few days the common walkways have bee impossible to maneuver.	The quiet. The dark skies. The incredibly friendly peoplw	

<p>Make developers protect old growth trees, and trees in general. An ordinance restricting building heights and making a minimum lot size that allows some breathing room would help maintain the small town appeal. Overcrowding is what made Bend unlivable.</p> <p>Do the right thing and authorize the cold weather shelter.</p>	<p>People can still afford to be friendly.</p>	<p>Endorse extra pickleball courts when parks and rec takes over the elementary school. It's good for the health of many of your citizens and makes Sisters a much more attractive vacation destination.</p>
<p>Housing. Affordable rentals for people who have normal jobs with minimum wages AND they allow pets. Normal people have pets.</p>	<p>The community! The community members that focus on building and investing in keeping that community here. There are so many amazing 30-40 something that want to call this place home and stay here. Invest in them!</p>	<p>I have moved 8 times in 5 yrs and have worked for many local businesses and people in this little town I call home. I am invested in this community. I want to stay. But even with all of the connections and community around me, I know of zero places I can move into come this summer (when my current rental is up). I cannot afford a \$1200 rent nor do I desire to have 3 roommates in order to stay. There aren't options for people like me and it pushes us out. How do we invest in the people like me?</p>
<p>Finding a solution for the house-less so the population doesn't continue to grow and expand in the national forest. Safety of everyone is a concern and it needs to be the #1 priority of the city. Continuing on the current path of doing nothing is going to have dire consequences in the very near future. The city needs to invest in action.</p>	<p>The small town community feeling and community events.</p>	<p>None</p>

Keeping Sisters a small town instead of turning it into Bend the 2nd.	Friendly people, kindly businesses, beautiful scenery.	
<p>Streets and roads: safe walking surfaces. Include walkway lighting accommodations when considering dark skies regulations. Drainage and re-surfacing to mitigate buckling, pooling, icy conditions.</p> <p>Highway 20 & Locust Roundabout: traffic impact and solutions to intersection of Locust and Cascade when traffic is re-directed north on Locust</p> <p>Cold Weather Shelter and consolidation of services</p> <p>Accountability of Explore Sisters: How is what they are doing better than Sisters Country?</p> <p>Dog park</p>	Natural beauty, thriving arts, music, shopping & events.	Would like to see a monitored community calendar of events. If there is going to be a huge sports tournament, advance notice so I can either plan to attend or get out of Dodge. Notice far enough in advance to get tickets for popular music events, rather than advertising after they are already sold out.
Urban growth boundary (think it is the near future). Housing affordability, stewardship on the Locust round-about project, downtown traffic.	Walkability, community (we all or eventually know each other,), close access to natural surroundings, or actually in natural surroundings.	Would be interested in serving on either Planning or possibly public works community. Am a retired City Planner (but an active health care provider now), worked on sustainability projects such as stream restoration and new parks in Seattle many moons ago.
<p>Tourism and fun activities for the people that live here.</p> <p>Maybe talk again about the bike path along the highway from Sisters to Black Butte Ranch</p>	Small, western town	Thank you for all you do!
cigarettes in sisters and forest fires	its walkable	cars and global warming

<p>Reduce the effect of homelessness on the greater community. The majority of this population are addicts and/or mentally ill and are statistically unlikely to cooperate with treatment. That said, we need services in place for those who are willing to accept change - consequences for those who do not. But making Sisters more welcoming for the homeless will have far-reaching and negative results not only for them but for the greater community. (Portland?)</p>	<p>We are lifelong Oregonians and have always loved this area for its quaintness, friendliness and small-town feel. It is disheartening to witness the rapid development that has taken place in recent years. Sisters is already too congested and adding any more homes/units... will not make it more livable or affordable - just more crowded. And, we have seen far too many buyers from out of the area who purchase here just for the investment. More is not better. Please leave well enough alone.</p>	<p>Maybe it's time to be fiscally conservative and focus primarily on infrastructure, public safety and other services for those who live here. There is an obvious lack of medical care here. Two veterinarians but no Urgent Care? At least one Urgent Care facility is needed. Thank you for your efforts!</p>
<p>Continue protecting natural resources, esp. WATER and trees. Current development appears to push the envelope on both. Long-time Sisters residents have wells that are dry. Yet new housing developments (that are clearly NOT affordable/ work force housing) are evident. Seems a contradiction with some of the council's goals. I hope the developers adequately fund our infrastructure and schools !</p> <p>Continue to address traffic issues & pedestrian safety.</p> <p>Maintain positive relationship with DCS.</p>	<p>natural environment the people the people who work hard to make Sisters a livable and inclusive city great schools long time collaborations amongst City, Sisters-Camp Sherman FD, Sisters Schools, Sisters Folk Festival, Habitat for Humanity, etc. etc. The Nugget</p>	<p>Thank you for your service. Let's preserve why most of us chose to live here in the first place. It's not about unchecked development and \$\$\$</p>
<p>I'm good with the 24/25 goals following on the existing 23/24 goals. Housing, control short term rentals taking away from housing, helping the houseless, dark sky codes, are good priorities.</p>	<p>Access to boundless nature. Dark skies and stars at night. The community and community activities we get to engage with. New friends made when we moved here.</p>	

<p>Wildfire mitigation, water conservation, walkable streets, dark sky, and more housing built.</p>	<p>How bikeable it is, traffic is nonexistent, access to nature, has most amenities that you need</p>	<p>Thanks for your service to the city</p>
<p>The City Council should continue to make Sisters a great place to live. A great place to live means providing a growing community with city services and city development that maintains open spaces, great schools, and services for older people as well as the homeless. A city sponsored Community Garden would maintain one of the gems that currently supports all Sisters residents by offering green workshops, food for local food banks, open space for gardening to people with little or no yards.</p>	<p>Sisters diverse opportunities for strong community interests from night sky stargazing to gallery walks. Residents have terrific local options for daily medical care, senior ride services, free concerts” not to mention maintained trails and great recreation . Sisters organizations are many and varied and are open to volunteers who then become part of this big small town energy</p>	<p>Provide early and more visible announcements for city meetings. Too, great thanks to those who all of the people who work on behalf of sisters and her close neighbors.</p>
<p>Affordable housing for young families, a more robust strategy with SPRD that would include facilities to accommodate the growing demands for recreation in our community (especially pickleball and the sports tourism demands). Lastly, we need a free-er STR policy. Policing everything is not the way forward. With all the massive events we need more nuanced policy in short term rental space.</p>	<p>I love the relational proximity with real people. I love the outdoor beauty and the small town vibe</p>	<p>Thanks for serving, these are difficult, nuanced, strongly polarized days. I appreciate your service!</p>

<p>Finding a permanent home for the Sisters Community Garden.</p>	<p>Small town with great people and abundant outdoor options. We love the farmer's market, parks, SPRD, library, and community events like music.</p>	<p>Please prioritize a space for the community garden within city property. Community gardens are a haven for not only humans to connect and grow nourishing food, but for increasing biodiversity and critical habitat for insects and microorganisms. This cannot be done with "green spaces" alone which often consist of sterile grasses or landscape plants.</p>
<p>Traffic issues- Dangerous speeding all over town, loud commercial trucks unmuffled, loud pickups unmuffled. How about writing some tickets? Code enforcement. Dark skies. Curtail the uncontrolled growth that seems to be rubber stamped every time a developer applies for a permit. DO NOT expand the UGB. DO NOT promote tourism. Plenty of tourism will happen without promotion.</p>	<p>Small town vibe. Friendly locals. Good mix of local business and restuarants</p>	<p>We were embarrassed that the Council couldn't mediate and adopt a compromise plan when there was an opportunity (and the money) to build a cold weather shelter for the homeless last fall.</p>
<p>How to help homeless since there will not be a shelter.</p>	<p>Caring people? Caring community.</p>	<p>Keep a handle on growth and development.</p>

<p>Traffic! The homeless community in the forest- TRASH and extensive littering along the Cole ranch property. (This has become a public parking lot for HS students and folks having lunch.... It used to be a beautifully mowed swath of grass to walk on or enjoy the beauty of the mountains without the trucks and beer cans, macdonalds lunch packs, and even tampons- I always bring a garbage bag when walking down that way..... litter in general Too many tourists! Way too much tacky cheap development.</p>	<p>My immediate community. The beauty and spaciousness, please keep it spacious.</p>	<p>i think at this point we need an epic kids park. the village green park is great, but for the traffic and amount of children utilizing it, the Clemens park could be augmented with new and inovative, not more plastic! equipment></p>
<p>Your goals list looks great and those items are all needed. I think you should prioritize two items on each segment and concentrate on completing those items. If you try to complete all of those items, you will find it hard to anything done or completed. I commend all of you for doing an outstanding job, There are just so many hours in a day and we don't need to have you burnout. Also remember and don't forget to have some fun.</p>	<p>It is great to have a line of communication with a good city council, city manager and staff. If you ask anyone a question everybody always follows through with an answer. I think we have a lot of great merchants and we should promote more to(Buy local) WE are extremely fortunate to have an outstanding police department.</p>	<p>Everyone is having concerns about the water shortage in sisters and in the state I say and suggest that a high percentage combining all homes in sisters waste thousands of Gallons of water everyday when they turn on a faucet and wait for hot water. Building codes should require every new home built needs to have a hot water circulating pump installed. Maybe have some type of an incentive to get all homes to upgraded with a hot water circulating pump. It will Save energy and a lot of water.</p>

CITY COUNCIL GOAL SETTING OPEN HOUSE - ROUNDTABLE NOTES

Category	Comment/Suggestion
UGB Expansion	City missed an opportunity in 2006 to bring more land in and should bring in the maximum allowed
	Need to educate the community on UGB vs Annexation and the timing of each
	The community still thinks that an annexation vote is required because they are used to that process
	Land adjacent to the airport is needed (1 in 10 professionals own or use planes regularly for their jobs)
	Councilors need to be reminded of the details for the efficiency measures they adopted (building heights/lot size reductions etc..)
	UGB; from do not expand to moratorium suggested, we advised needing housing for workforce and low income to serve public and that means we need land. But as it is we are just now assessing.
	Opposition to UGB expansion, favors more density
Northwest Park	Multi-purpose facility and suit it for art demonstrations etc. (winter/summer)
	Ice skating and roller skating
	enclosed for youth activities in the winter (nothing in town)
	Build it very classy/nice - this is likely the only chance to get it right
	Rotate art around the building and property, use for artisanal opportunities for the community
	Ice skating rink, Sisters is the one of the only mountain towns in the west without a skating rink
	Phase the development of the park so that something will get built soon (skating rink first)
Community Garden	Partner with the Wellhouse Church to use their property
	Use Sun Ranch Park and build it for 50 plots only because it will lose some steam over time and more than 50 beds is difficult to maintain.
Civic Leadership	Involve at least 2 high school students

	Make it easier for your adults to participate
	Provide day care options during meeting times
Wildfire Mitigation	Educate community on evacuation planning (Zonehaven software)
	Provide financial assistance to homeowners for fuel reduction and building hardening
	FIRE CONCERNS; restrict the building of wooden fences, early fire season reminders to public of the fact there is an in-place emergency plan including public notifications via texts, reverse calls, and follow through - coordinated at county on down to local agencies
	Evacuations and tourists, they might not be signed up for emergency alerts. Work with lodging providers to provide information to visitors on how to sign up for emergency alerts
Transportation	Need more multi-use paths in town, love what we have, would like to see those paths continue
	Need RRFB's at roundabout ped x-ings
	Need speed hump at Brooks Camp village
	RRFB's on Barclay at Pine and Sun Ranch with the phase I improvements
	Evaluate the potential of becoming an "EV tourism" destination based on our location. E Bike chargers?
	Reduce vehicular traffic in downtown core, focus more on bike/ped
	Dedicated bike corridors, bike boulevards
	HWY 20 Congestion; reduce crosswalks on Cascade, reduce left hand turns, intersection lights, flashing sidewalk lights
Childcare/Family Engagement	Explore city providing childcare incentives for employers/employees
	Make it more attractive for daycare moving to Sisters
	Provide childcare at evening public meetings so parents can attend.
	Need to engage families for City happenings, this is an impactful aspect that is being left out
	Ideas such as going to events where families are e.g. SPRD Events, Parks, School Events to collect family input
	Would like more community activities in winter (see above)
	Events such as these open houses are very beneficial for public engagement, not as "formal" and intimidating as a council meeting

	Families; child care is a major need and draw for increased workforce, can city provide incentives to draw child care providers?,
	Childcare for 0-3, need incentives to bring in and keep providers
	Childcare, incentives to bring in and keep providers
	Extracurricular activities for kids
	Affordable housing to keep families living and working in town and build community
	Athletic programs for children
	Arts/music lessons for kids
	Build the facilities and the providers (healthcare/childcare/sports/rec) will come
Parks	Keep kids in mind when designing/constructing park amenities
	Need shade structure(s) at Clemens Park
	Splash pad at Clemens
	Adding an outdoor ice rink should be easy or roller rink.
	Parks are the best place to add EV charging stations,
	Maintain flora and fauna in and around Sisters, support pollinators, natural beauty
Public Safety Survey	Need 3rd party safety assessment to determine effectiveness of existing sheriff contract (how "safe" is town)
	Ask the community again how safe they feel
Inclusion	Need to do a better job welcoming new people to town, potentially delivering "welcome to Sisters" packets (C4C initiative)
	Use realtors to target new residents to provide inclusionary/volunteer opportunities
	Make sure we are reaching out to all cultures in this town for inclusion opportunities
	Always allow for handicapped accessibility when adding more pedestrian connectivity
	Walkability, ADA, connectivity, safety for the young, elderly and disabled
Tourism	Businesses would embrace more activity during shoulder seasons, and a new facility would enhance that (see above)
	Shift focus from tourism to community building

	People will visit regardless at this point, focus on livability for residents
Livability	Dark Skies - no data to prove lighting provides added safety
	Art; create an Art Board, involve Sisters Art Association, can help with determining round about art, to permanent installations about town, etc.
	Healthcare; need a local urgent care facility and added pharmacy options
	Balance between dark skies vs security at night, opposed to overuse of lights at night, proposed promotion of motion sensors
	Concerns over STRs and housing for residents, too many SFD vacant half of the year, homes too expensive for most
	More indoor recreation options
	Bike and ped connectivity, especially Barclay Dr
	More EV charging locations
	Healthcare, incentives to bring in and keep providers
	Connectivity, bike and ped, community engagement/events keeping city alive
	Parks and Rec options for parents and children
	Cultural aspects of Sisters should be celebrated and shared
	Some residents are world renown artists, craftsman, fishermen, musicians, etc., should be sharing their knowledge with community/teaching the next generation. Get them engaged with community Example: community of quilters but no one teaching sewing
	Community building
	Support schools and their programs
Economic Development	Keep businesses both big and small in town, helps local economy/community weather a crisis

CITY COUNCIL GOAL SETTING OPEN HOUSE - WRITTEN COMMENTS

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY	ESSENTIAL INFRASTRUCTURE
Very pleased to see the City take affirmative steps to preserve the quality of life via environmental awareness, preservation of greenspace, protection of water resources, fire hardening, etc. for future generations.	Excited about Barclay improvements. Would love to see more wayfinding for Industrial area. Would love more rotating public art installations to promote and support our working artists and makers.
Help HOA's understand the city's Sustainability Plan.	Don't forget foot traffic and bicycle traffic.
Sisters Community Gardens contributes to environmental sustainability by providing land and education for planting and harvest.	Adequate planning infrastructure needs and establishing funding mechanisms are critical for preventing overtaxing infrastructure capabilities/capacities. Exceeding those capacities undermines the quality of life.
	Help SPRD with the community center. Crosswalks/Flashing lights. Events.
	Limit left turns through town. Eliminate some crosswalks to help with traffic flow.
	A Community Garden is essential infrastructure.
	Trails - health, vitality added to community. Walk, bike, ski etc.
	Repair sidewalks and create others. Improve ADA access.
	What is the plan to accommodate intersections of Locust & Cascade when Hwy traffic is diverted to Locust?
	ASAP!!

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	GOOD GOVERNANCE
<p>Would love to see a direct and tight connection between Artists/Makers and Entrepreneurs and Tourism Marketing. We should promote Sisters as Oregon's Artisinal Capital.</p>	<p>Continue to encourage public involvement and interest in City Government, e.g. CLA & Committees. Inspire the next generation of community service.</p>
<p>Conduct a Business Survey (last survey dated 2020?)</p>	<p>Boldly Advertise ahead of times and purpose of City meetings. Civics workshops-quarterly-to educate and update interested folks.</p>
<p>Develop a process to monitor & communicate the progress & effectiveness of the Expore Sisters program.</p>	<p>Public Civics classes to educate public on State and Local codes and requirements of UGB.</p>
<p>Economic growth comes to towns that are liveable. Sisters Community Garden is a local gem.</p>	<p>Code Enforcement.</p>
<p>Ice Rink</p>	<p>Pay Mayor so it becomes a fulltime job and not a volunteer position.</p>
<p>What is our guiding principle when it comes to economic development? Define that for the City to better align growth with goals.</p>	<p>Perhaps a "Citizen Academy" would increase awareness of process and challenges the City faces.</p>
<p>Better Downtown Business Associations! Business owners want more support.</p>	<p>You're doing great!</p>
<p>Better Downtown Business Alliance to help facilitate tourism and keep/get businesses on the same page.</p>	<p>Complete the marriage of the comprehensive plan to codes.</p>
<p>Bike Tourism - Trails - Open up for homestays for bike tourists. Try a pilot project.</p>	
<p>Please consider facilities that support the needs of artists, makers etc. We have to be different from Bend and Redmond and that needs to be very intentional.</p>	

WILDFIRE MITIGATION & COMMUNITY RESILIENCY	HOUSING, LIVABILITY & GROWTH
Forest fires are urban fires when structures are too close together. Work with Forest Service to create forest buffer zone (cleared) around Sisters to the west.	Increase long term housing development incentives like eliminating ADU permitting to encourage homeowners and developers to create more housing opportunity.
Small - lot sized - open spaces to slow down fire risk in the City. Small park zones, gardens, similar to our labyrinth.	Increase Affordable Housing and allocate resources to get Teachers/Educators here.
Does the City have landscaping guidelines for fire hardening and environmental sustainability? E.g. plants (water needs), landscape groundcover, fire resistant plants.	As we all know, affordable housing is a significant issue. The cottage development code was a great step towards making affordable & workforce housing economically feasible. Continuing the work to expand the UGB will bring additional relief if combined with requirements developers set aside meaningful quantities of kind for affordable housing.
Try to educate people to not harass their neighbors if they want to cut down some trees.	Develop and expand local shuttle transportation in Sisters. Throughout Sisters for shopping and social activities.
	Conduct an Urban Safety Assessment on the community. (Public Safety Survey conducted 2019 & 2021) but consider a safety consultant to conduct a professional assessment.
	With more high density areas throughout the City, consider open spaces, small parks, gardens to continue Sisters' residents hope for in-town liveability.
	Sledding Hill Find a place for the Community Garden. Key word: Responsible
	When commercial and residential combine, makes for better liveability - Healthy walking
	Support the UGB Expansion Analyses effort. Develop a communication plan of the progress and findings for the public.
	Develop and execute plan to educate and engage the public and development decisions and the process. People ask "why are more neighborhoods being built? How are they approved?"



FY 2023/24 CITY COUNCIL GOALS

HOUSING, LIVABILITY, AND GROWTH

- Leverage local and regional resources and partnerships to help the Sisters houseless community.
- Continue to pursue resources and partnerships for the development of affordable and workforce housing.
- Continue to implement the strategies of the Housing Plan and Efficiency Measures Report.
- Update Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) sufficiency report to assist in determining whether a UGB expansion will be pursued.
- Prioritize amendments to the Sisters Development Code to bring it into conformance with the Sisters Comprehensive Plan and develop a process to monitor the effectiveness of Code Amendments.
- Continue to strengthen and prioritize Dark Sky Code language.
- Evaluate Short-Term Rental Code language to mitigate adverse impacts on the community.

WILDFIRE MITIGATION AND COMMUNITY RESILIENCY

- Expand partnerships and identify grants with County, State, and Federal governments regarding wildfire mitigation and natural disaster preparedness.
- Continue partnership with Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire District and other agency partners to improve public awareness about wildfire preparedness and mitigation.
- Work toward updating defensible space and structural hardening requirements through the Development Code.
- Continue implementing the Wildfire Resiliency Plan for the City's critical infrastructure and property.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Continue partnership with Explore Sisters for tourism promotion, development, and sustainability.
- Explore project concepts for a multi-purpose recreational facility that supports residents and visitors at the future northwest park adjacent to the Woodlands Development.
- Partner with Economic Development for Central Oregon to support traded-sector economic development, including assisting with support on workforce housing and childcare.



FY 2023/24 CITY COUNCIL GOALS

ESSENTIAL INFRASTRUCTURE

- Develop a funding strategy and initiate the design and construction of high-priority projects from the newly updated Water and Wastewater Capital Improvement Plans.
- Complete design and initiate construction for Barclay Drive alternate route improvements.
- Develop and construct Water and Wastewater System emergency preparedness projects.
- Continue to invest in and implement top-priority projects from the City's 2020 Traffic Safety Audit to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety.

GOOD GOVERNANCE

- Continue to be an active partner of the Vision Implementation Team and collaborate with community organizations to advance key Vision strategies.
- Update Water and Wastewater utility rates and applicable City System Development Charges.
- Develop and implement a community outreach plan.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

- Implement the Water Conservation Plan, adopt year two priorities to reduce citywide consumption, and continue educating the community regarding natural resources conservation strategies.
- Begin implementing the City's Environmental Sustainability Plan, which addresses operations, maintenance, and replacement of existing city facilities and provides support for electric vehicles.
- Design the East Portal Mobility Hub based on the approved final concept plan.
- Study the viability of constructing electric vehicle charging facilities throughout the City and assess Development Code amendments necessary to help facilitate them.

URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY GOALS

- Pursue a bond funding strategy to access existing URA funds for priority projects outlined in the 2020 URA Project List.
- Develop a funding strategy and construction timing for the Adams Avenue Streetscape Project.
- Complete design and initiate construction of the Westside Pump Station.
- Allocate remaining US20 @ Locust Roundabout funding for the future roundabout art and landscaping project.



FY 2024/25 CITY COUNCIL GOALS

HOUSING, LIVABILITY, AND GROWTH

- Leverage local and regional resources and partnerships to help the Sisters houseless community. Engage with COIC to facilitate community conversations and provide technical assistance for developing a community supported plan.
- Continue to pursue resources and partnerships for the development of affordable and workforce housing and investigate the feasibility of additional permanent funding sources for leveraging affordable and workforce housing projects.
- ~~Continue to implement~~ Monitor, reevaluate, and consider implementation of additional the strategies of the Housing Plan and Efficiency Measures Report.
- ~~Update~~ Continue to process an Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) Amendment with a priority of community outreach ~~sufficiency report to assist in determining whether a UGB expansion will be pursued.~~
- Continue to update ~~Prioritize amendments to~~ the Sisters Development Code to bring it into conformance with the Sisters Comprehensive Plan, respond to changes in State Law, and remove barriers to housing. ~~and~~ Develop a process to monitor the effectiveness of Code Amendments.
- ~~Continue to strengthen and~~ Prioritize Dark Sky Code implementation, specifically community education and International Dark Skies Association certification.
- Study options for enacting a non-primary residence fee as a policy to increase housing supply and providing additional funding for affordable housing.
- ~~Evaluate Short Term Rental Code language to mitigate adverse impacts on the community.~~

WILDFIRE MITIGATION AND COMMUNITY RESILIENCY

- ~~Expand partnerships and identify grants with~~ Support local, County, State, and Federal government efforts regarding wildfire mitigation and natural disaster preparedness.
- Continue partnership with Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire District and other agency partners to improve public awareness about wildfire preparedness and mitigation.
- ~~Work toward~~ Update defensible space and structural hardening requirements through the Development Code.
- Continue implementing the Wildfire Resiliency Plan for the City's critical infrastructure and property.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- ~~Continue partnership with Explore Sisters for tourism promotion, development, and sustainability.~~
- ~~Explore~~ Finalize project concepts and conduct public outreach for a multi-purpose recreational facility that supports residents and visitors at the future northwest park adjacent to the Woodlands Development.



FY 2024/25 CITY COUNCIL GOALS

- Partner with Economic Development for Central Oregon to support traded-sector economic development, including assisting with support on workforce housing and childcare.
- Continue implementation of the 2023 Parks Master Plan's priority projects including but not limited to working with community partners on recreational amenities for all ages and interests.
- Explore establishing a public art program.

ESSENTIAL INFRASTRUCTURE

- Develop a funding strategy and initiate the design ~~and construction~~ of high-priority projects from the ~~newly updated~~ Water and Wastewater Capital Improvement Plans.
- Construct ~~design and initiate construction for~~ phase 1 of the Barclay Drive alternate route improvements.
- Pursue grants and funding opportunities for high priority pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure projects.
- ~~Develop and construct Water and Wastewater System emergency preparedness projects.~~
- ~~Continue to invest in and implement top priority projects from the City's 2020 Traffic Safety Audit to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety.~~
- Construct McKinney Butte safety improvements.

GOOD GOVERNANCE

- Collaborate with community organizations to advance key Sisters Country Vision strategies.
- ~~Update Water and Wastewater utility rates and applicable City System Development Charges.~~
- ~~Develop and implement a community outreach plan.~~
- Continue to expand opportunities for community engagement and involvement.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

- ~~Implement the Water Conservation Plan, adopt year two priorities to reduce citywide consumption, and continue educating the community regarding natural resources conservation strategies.~~
- ~~Begin implementing~~ Continue implementation of the City's Environmental Sustainability Plan, including electric vehicle charging infrastructure at city facilities.
- Construct the first phase of the East Portal Mobility Hub and complete a public naming process.
- Install the EV charging stations at the East Portal Mobility Hub.



FY 2024/25 CITY COUNCIL GOALS

- ~~Design the East Portal Mobility Hub based on the approved final concept plan.~~
- ~~Study the viability of constructing electric vehicle charging facilities throughout the City and assess Development Code amendments necessary to help facilitate them.~~

URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY GOALS

- ~~Pursue a bond funding strategy~~ Secure financing to fund the ~~access existing URA funds~~ priority projects outlined in the ~~2020~~ URA Project List.
- Finalize the funding strategy and construction timing for the Adams Avenue Streetscape Project.
- Complete design and initiate the construction of the Westside Pump Station.
- Allocate remaining US20 @ Locust Roundabout funding for the ~~future~~ roundabout construction and initiate the public art procurement and installation process.
- Consider a URA plan amendment to fully use the maximum indebtedness of the URA.



2024 Major Projects and Initiatives

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URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY AMENDMENT PROCESS

Community Development

BACKGROUND

On November 29, 2023, the Sisters City Council directed city staff to pursue an Amendment to the city's Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) to expand the city's UGB.

According to the recently completed UGB Sufficiency Report, the approximate needed acreage in a UGB expansion is between 206-256 acres. The expansion process will involve review and consideration of approval by the City Council and the Board of County Commissioners followed by the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD). It is anticipated that once the process starts (anticipated to be in early 2024), it will take 1-2 years to complete. During the process, there will be ample public comment opportunities and city staff will provide educational outreach to the Sisters community.

The first step is to retain the services of a land use consultant to assist the city with the process.

EST. COST AND BUDGET

The process is anticipated to cost approximately \$150,000 to 250,000 over the next two years. The city received a grant award commitment from DLCD for the work, anticipated to be approximately \$100,000. The remainder will be covered by budgeted funds.

COUNCIL GOAL ALIGNMENT

Housing, Livability, and Growth

- Continue to implement the strategies of the Housing Plan and Efficiency Measures Report.
- Update Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) sufficiency report to assist in determining whether a UGB expansion will be pursued.
- City Council directed staff to begin the work to study a UGB expansion on November 29.
- Solicit consultant services through an RFP process in early 2024 with the goal of commencing the project in late March or early April.

MILESTONES AND NEXT STEPS

EAST PORTAL MOBILITY HUB

Public Works

BACKGROUND

In 2023, the City completed a conceptual master plan for the East Portal Transportation Hub.

The first phase of the project includes the initial parking area, realigned driveway, pathways, drop off lane for buses, and EV charging stations along Cascade Avenue.

The mobility hub will provide facilities that allow for access to public and private transit options, including the potential for interservice transfers and serve as a local amenity as well as a regional hub that meets the mobility needs of residents, employees, and visitors

EST. COST AND BUDGET

\$3.7 million; \$1.5 million for Phase 1

COUNCIL GOAL ALIGNMENT

Environmental Sustainability

- Design the East Portal Mobility Hub based on the approved final concept plan.
- Phase 1 Design is underway and expected to be complete by the end of the fiscal year.
- Bidding and construction to begin in summer 2024 and be completed by July 2025.
- Grant Award for EV Charging Stations to be finalized through IGA with ODOT with design and construction anticipated in FY24-25.

MILESTONES AND NEXT STEPS



East Portal Concept and Phasing Plan

US 20 & LOCUST STREET ROUNDABOUT

Public Works

BACKGROUND

The US 20/Locust intersection is at its operating capacity (Level of Service “F”) and is not capable of supporting any level of growth without improvements. ODOT and the City have determined that a single-lane roundabout will provide greater vehicular flow thus decreasing congestion and delays and provide a safer intersection for all users. The Locust Street roundabout will also help facilitate an Alternate Route to US 20 and improve access to the growing Industrial Parks along the Barclay Drive corridor.

EST. COST AND BUDGET

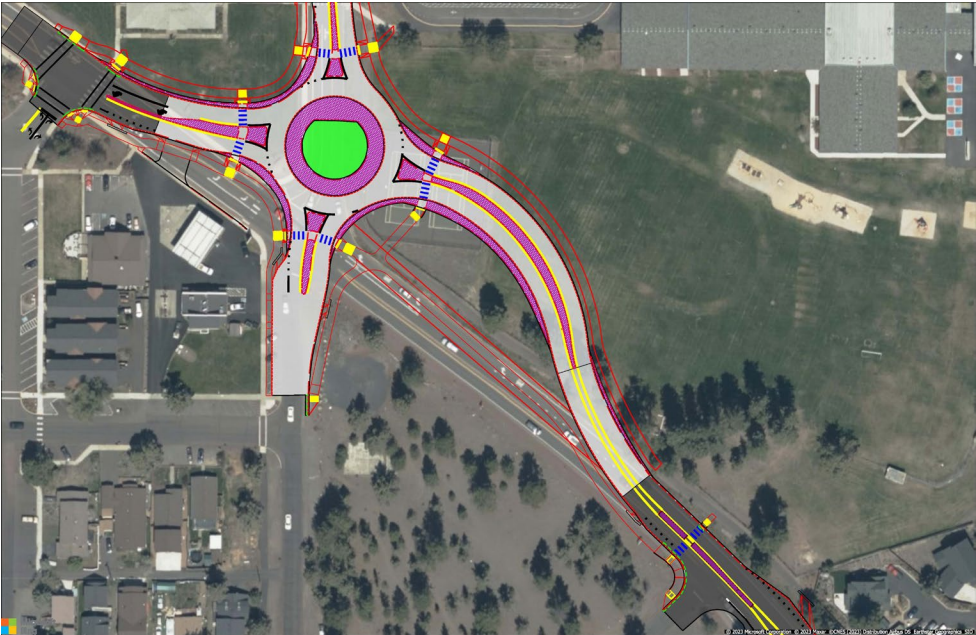
\$7.06 million (Street SDC, URA, County & STIP Funds)

COUNCIL GOAL ALIGNMENT

Essential Infrastructure

MILESTONES AND NEXT STEPS

- Complete design and initiate construction for Barclay Drive Alternate route improvements.
- Design is complete and Public Outreach is underway as part of the project’s construction coordination.
- Bid Let in February 2024 with an early April construction start date.
- Roundabout will be open to traffic on (3) legs by Memorial Day with substantial completion by July 2024.
- Roundabout Art Procurement to begin Summer 2024.



WELL 1 IMPROVEMENTS

Public Works

BACKGROUND

Well 1 is a 75 hp pumpstation constructed in 1975. Due to its declining condition the building needs to be re-built, lacks adequate space for current electrical installations and is not adequately ventilated. This pumpstation currently uses chlorine gas for disinfection which will be upgraded to a much safer on-site generation system. All improvements will provide the ability to increase production capacity in the future.

EST. COST AND BUDGET

\$808,000 (Water Operating Fund)

COUNCIL GOAL ALIGNMENT

Essential Infrastructure

- Develop a funding strategy and initiate the design and construction of high-priority projects from the newly updated Water and Wastewater Capital Improvement Plans.
- Design funded in the FY23/24 budget.
- Becon Engineering has been contracted to provide design and construction management services for the project.
- The project is currently at 30% design with preliminary construction and material specifications drafted.
- Design and specifications will be completed by June 30, 2024.
- Construction funding will need to be provided through the Water Operating Fund since it is an infrastructure replacement project

MILESTONES AND NEXT STEPS



NEW 2.2 MG WATER RESERVOIR

Public Works

BACKGROUND

The City’s water storage capacity is 1.6 mg which is 40,000 gallons less than what is currently needed. The 2023 master plan update recommends a new 2.2 mg pre-stressed concrete reservoir to be constructed in the 2023-27-time frame to provide additional operational storage and redundancy.

EST. COST AND BUDGET

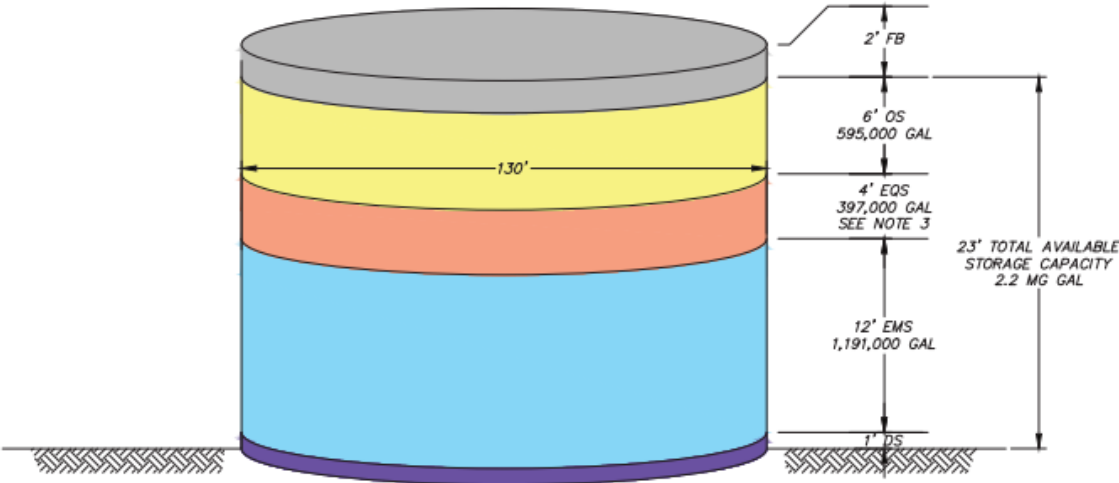
\$6.283 million (Water SDC Fund)

COUNCIL GOAL ALIGNMENT

Essential Infrastructure

- Develop a funding strategy and initiate the design and construction of high-priority projects from the newly updated Water and Wastewater Capital Improvement Plans.
- Conduct a one-stop meeting with state and federal funding agencies to develop funding package.
- Budget funds to conduct the required environmental work necessary for the project due to its location on federal lands.
- Develop Request for Proposals to procure a design/build team to design and construct the project in the 2024-27 timeframe.

MILESTONES AND NEXT STEPS



NEW 16" EDGINGTON ROAD TRANSMISSION MAIN

Public Works

BACKGROUND

It was determined in the 2023 Master Plan update that the existing distribution system does not provide the recommended fire flows during the entire planning period. An additional transmission main is necessary to provide increased flow capacity, system redundancy and the ability to stage other transmission line projects with the reservoir(s) online. Recommended timing for this project is within the 2023-2027 timeframe.

EST. COST AND BUDGET

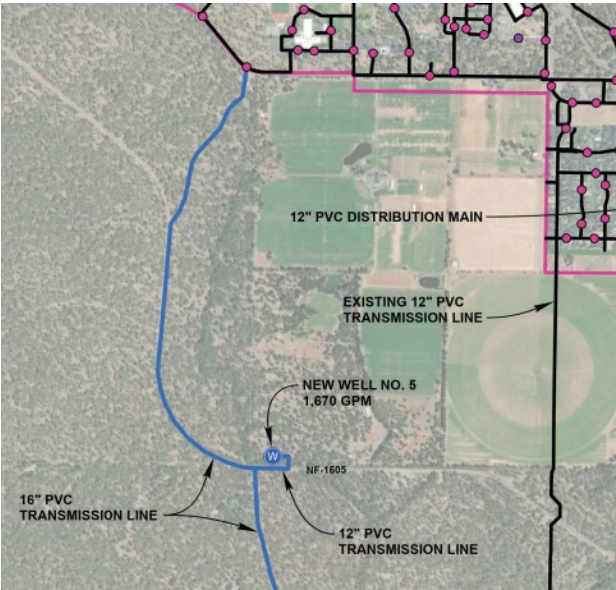
\$3.635 million (Water SDC Fund)

COUNCIL GOAL ALIGNMENT

Essential Infrastructure

- Develop a funding strategy and initiate the design and construction of high-priority projects from the newly updated Water and Wastewater Capital Improvement Plans.
- Conduct a one-stop meeting with state and federal funding agencies to develop funding package.
- Bundle this project with the new reservoir to help provide design and construction cost savings.
- Develop a Request for Proposals in FY24/25 to procure a design/build team to design and construct the project in the 2024-27 timeframe.
- Budget for preliminary design in FY 24/25 budget.

MILESTONES AND NEXT STEPS



WESTSIDE PUMPSTATION

Public Works

BACKGROUND

Due to the collection system growth on the west side of the city a new regional pumpstation is needed to divert the west side flows away from the Rope Street station. The project includes a complete triplex station, back-up generator and a new 4500' pressure main. The new pumpstation will decrease O & M costs, decrease the difficulty with pump maintenance and improve reliability by the use of smaller pump sizes associated with a triplex system. This project will provide additional capacity and eliminate the need to upsize the Rope Street station.

EST. COST AND BUDGET

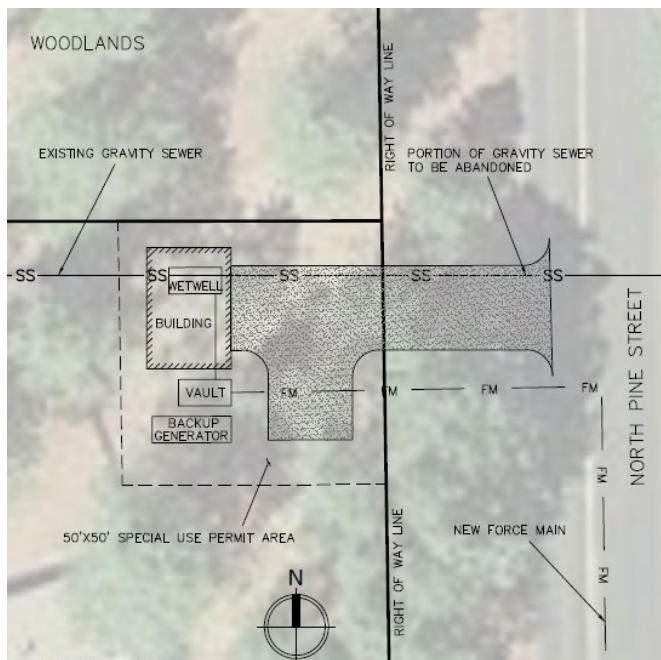
\$2.165 million (Sewer SDC, URA & Developer Contribution)

COUNCIL GOAL ALIGNMENT

Essential Infrastructure

MILESTONES AND NEXT STEPS

- Develop a funding strategy and initiate the design and construction of high-priority projects from the newly updated Water and Wastewater Capital Improvement Plans.
- A Request for Proposals for the design has been issued and an engineering consultant has been procured.
- 100% design to be completed by fall 2024 with construction occurring in winter/spring 2025.



Westside Pumpstation Site Plan

LAZY Z RANCH PHASE I REUSE IMPROVEMENTS

Public Works

BACKGROUND

This effluent disposal expansion project on the Lazy Z includes construction of a new irrigation pivot, 16 acres of wetlands, 4 wet acres of forested ponds and 2 miles of streams. The phase I improvements will provide a larger, more immediate increase in storage and irrigation capacity while adding recreational benefits to the City.

EST. COST AND BUDGET

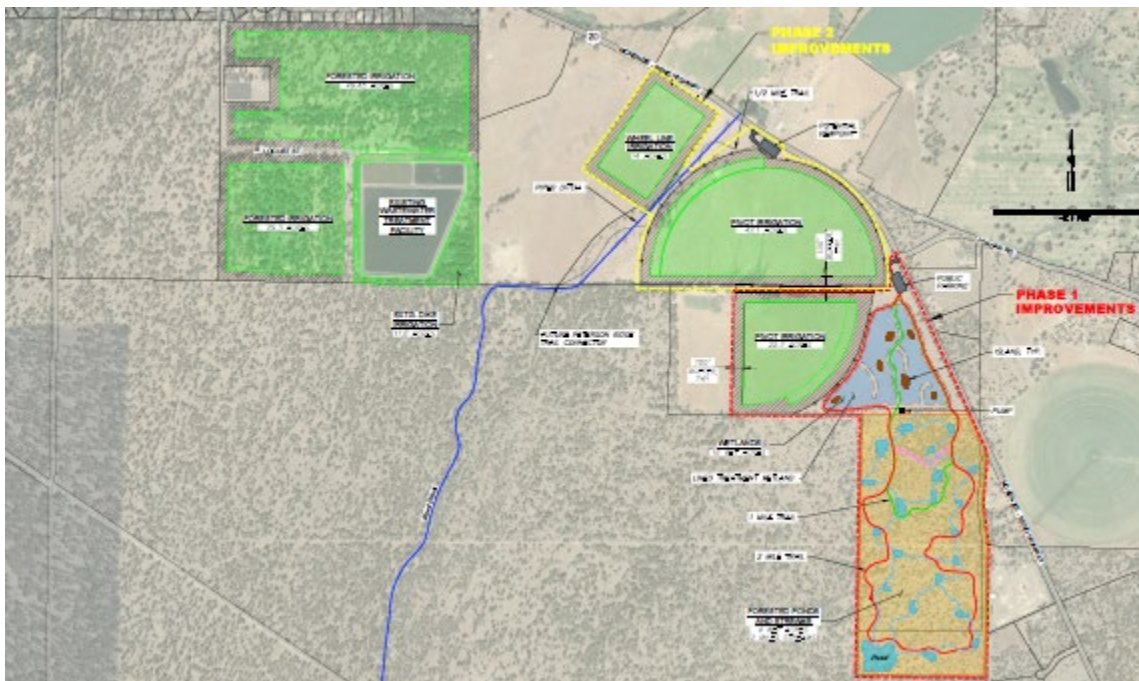
\$5.2 million (Sewer SDC Fund)

COUNCIL GOAL ALIGNMENT

Essential Infrastructure

MILESTONES AND NEXT STEPS

- Develop a funding strategy and initiate the design and construction of high-priority projects from the newly updated Water and Wastewater Capital Improvement Plans.
- Conduct a one-stop meeting with state and federal funding agencies to develop funding package.
- Develop a Request for Proposals in FY24/25 to procure a design/build team to design and construct the project in the 2024-27 time frame.
- Budget for preliminary design and the Irrigation Pivot installation in the FY 24/25 budget



ROPE STREET PUMPSTATION IMPROVEMENTS

Public Works

BACKGROUND

Improvements include replacing the submersible pumps, updating, and replacing the electrical and controls and relocating the standby generator outdoors. Due to the age of the existing pumps this is a high priority project that needs to be designed and constructed in FY24/25.

EST. COST AND BUDGET

\$624,000 (Sewer Operating Fund)

COUNCIL GOAL ALIGNMENT

Essential Infrastructure

- Develop a funding strategy and initiate the design and construction of high-priority projects from the newly updated Water and Wastewater Capital Improvement Plans.
- Procure an engineering consultant to provide the 100% design and Construction Administration services.
- Budget for design and construction in the FY24/25 budget.
- Design and construct the project in FY24/25

MILESTONES AND NEXT STEPS



Rope Street Pumpstation

NORTHWEST PARK

Public Works

BACKGROUND

This future park is intended to be a special-use park with the potential for an open-air, multipurpose recreation pavilion with support building. Further feasibility work is required to generate a full facility program and a more in-depth costing exercise. Park development may include a playground, parking lot, sport courts, and open space.

EST. COST AND BUDGET

\$10.3 million

COUNCIL GOAL ALIGNMENT

Economic Development

- Explore project concepts for a multi-purpose recreational facility that supports residents and visitors at the future northwest park adjacent to the Woodlands Development.
- Initial concept developed during Parks Master Plan 2022 update.
- Public outreach to help develop concept design.
- Finalize concept design with Parks Advisory Board and City Council.
- Apply for ORPA

MILESTONES AND NEXT STEPS



Northwest Park Concept

BARCLAY DRIVE IMPROVEMENTS

Public Works

BACKGROUND

Improvements to Barclay Drive would allow the corridor to function as an alternate route that circumvents downtown Sisters during peak periods of congestion providing relief to Highway 20. In addition, 10' multi-use paths are planned along Barclay Drive to support pedestrian and cyclist travel and improve multi modal safety overall. These improvements would respect and preserve existing local traffic patterns while reducing congestion and maintain the integrity of the pedestrian-friendly quality of the City's downtown core.

EST. COST AND BUDGET

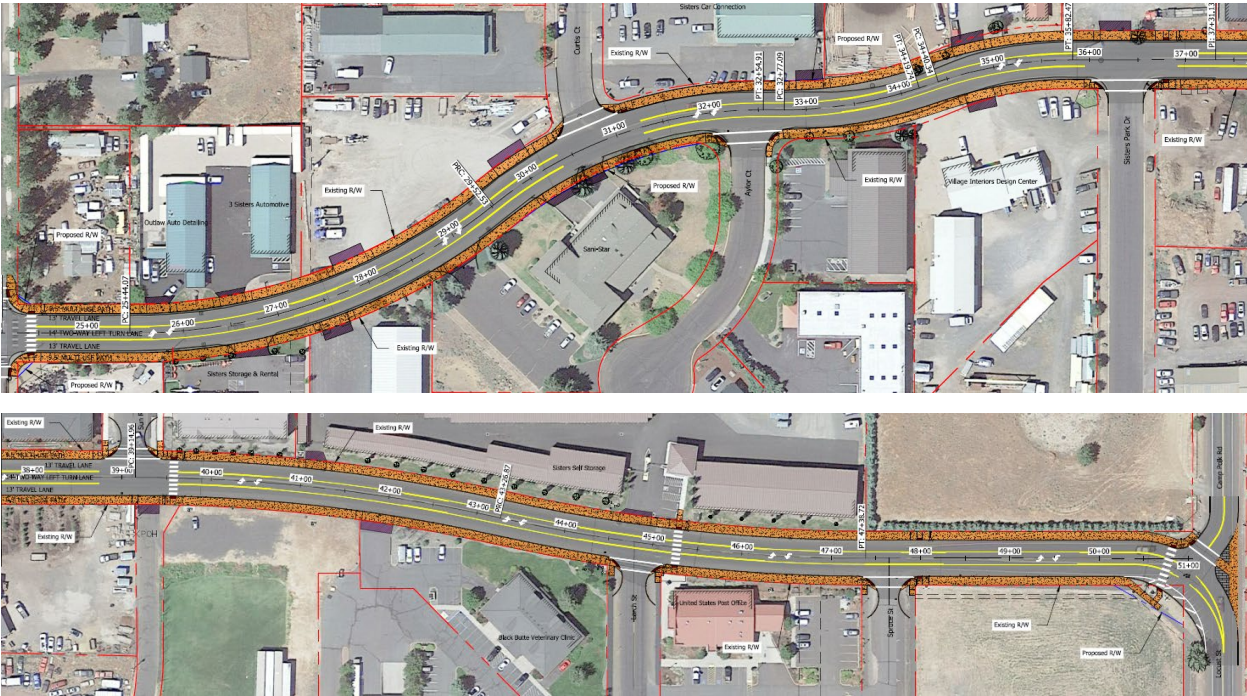
\$4.1 million, Phase 1-\$1.1 million (Street SDC Fund)

COUNCIL GOAL ALIGNMENT

Essential Infrastructure

- Complete design and initiate construction for Barclay Drive alternate route improvements.
- Design will be completed in 2023.
- Develop phasing plan and initiate construction in fall 2024.
- Phase 1 construction completion winter 2025.

MILESTONES AND NEXT STEPS



Barclay Drive Design

ADAMS AVENUE STREETSCAPE

Public Works

BACKGROUND

The Adams Avenue Streetscape Design Project encompasses an area located within the Downtown Commercial District along the Adams Avenue 80' wide right-of-way from Cedar Street to Pine Street as well as sections of the side streets between Main and Adams Avenue. This corridor would share existing design elements of improved right-of-way within the downtown core with a focus on multi-modal design and connectivity, business/residential access, and landscaping.

EST. COST AND BUDGET

2021 cost estimate \$4 million (Street SDC, URA & Developer Contribution)

COUNCIL GOAL ALIGNMENT

Urban Renewal Agency

- Develop a funding strategy and construction timing for the Adams Avenue Streetscape Project.

MILESTONES AND NEXT STEPS

- Design completed in 2019.
- Design updated in 2022.
- Secure remaining construction funding for a 2025-26 build.



Adams Avenue Streetscape Design

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Community Development

BACKGROUND

In 2019, the City of Sisters established an affordable housing grant program to offer eligible agencies and private developers grant and/or loan funds for purposes of constructing and offering affordable housing to low-and moderate-income persons in the City.

EST. COST AND BUDGET

The current balance of the Affordable Housing Reserve is \$182,000. The Reserve is funded by a portion of the local transient lodging tax which generates about \$30,000 each year.

COUNCIL GOAL ALIGNMENT

Housing, Livability, and Growth

- Continue to pursue resources and partnerships for the development of affordable and workforce housing.
- Northwest Housing Alternatives (NHA) was selected as recipient of \$500,000 city grant (via ARPA funds passed through from Deschutes County) to construct a 40-unit affordable multi-family housing project.
- Develop and execute agreement between the city and NHA.
- Develop a grant program and plan for earmarked Urban Renewal Funds for workforce housing.
- Open the application period for the Affordable Housing Grant program in January 2024.

MILESTONES AND NEXT STEPS

SISTERS DEVELOPMENT CODE UPDATES

Community Development

BACKGROUND

The Sisters Development Code (SDC) is periodically updated as the need arises to make changes to respond to changing conditions, as directed by City Council.

EST. COST AND BUDGET

Most often, the costs are limited to administrative costs for staff to process the code amendments in house. Occasionally, a land use consultant is necessary to assist, in which case, there is an additional cost to the city for their services and that figure ranges in amount.

COUNCIL GOAL ALIGNMENT

Housing, Livability, and Growth

- Prioritize amendments to the Sisters Development Code to bring it into conformance with the Sisters Comprehensive Plan and develop a process to monitor the effectiveness of Code Amendments.
- Continue to strengthen and prioritize Dark Sky Code language.
- Evaluate Short-Term Rental Code language to mitigate adverse impacts on the community.
- Work toward updating defensible space and structural hardening requirements through the Development Code (see following page for more information).

MILESTONES AND NEXT STEPS

- The Dark Skies Outdoor Lighting code amendments was approved by City Council on January 10, 2024.
- Evaluation of Short-Term Rental code amendments is currently under review by the Planning Commission and City Council. It is anticipated that revised language will be considered for approval in the spring of 2024.
- It is anticipated that an application for Text Amendments to the Tourist Commercial Zone District will soon be submitted by an applicant to the city.

WILDFIRE MITIGATION AND COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

Community Development | Public Works

BACKGROUND

Utilizing both the Community Planning Assistance for Wildfire (CPAW) 2018 report and the 2022 Wildfire Risk Assessment and Mitigation Plan (WRAMP), the City has been addressing recommendations made in both.

EST. COST AND BUDGET

Hazardous Fuels Reduction-\$72,000 (Grant Funded)

COUNCIL GOAL ALIGNMENT

- Expand partnerships and identify grants with County, State, and Federal governments regarding wildfire mitigation and natural disaster preparedness.
- Continue partnership with Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire District and other agency partners to improve public awareness about wildfire preparedness and mitigation.
- Work toward updating defensible space and structural hardening requirements through the Development Code.
- Continue implementing the Wildfire Resiliency Plan for the City’s critical infrastructure and property.

MILESTONES AND NEXT STEPS

- Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project to be completed early 2024.
- Continue addressing remaining recommendations in the 2022 WRAMP.
- Finalize defensible space and structural hardening standards and code amendments with Planning Commission and City Council (anticipated to be complete in Spring of 2024).



Fuel Reduction Work at City Property

CIVIC LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Administration

BACKGROUND



The Civic Leadership Academy is a partnership between the City, Portland State University (PSU) and Citizens 4 Community (C4C), with a goal to cultivate a more diverse and informed pool of future civic leaders for our community. This project was inspired by the need for greater civic engagement and education that the City and its partners have observed during interactions and meetings with citizens, local non-profits, and other community members.

The Civic Leadership Academy uses a training model developed by PSU’s National Policy Consensus Center (NPCC). The Academy has been run in Hillsboro for eight years, and NPCC is eager to expand to rural Oregon; Sisters was deemed ideal for a “pilot program.” Conversations between the City, NPCC, and C4C led to a partnership to launch an inaugural cohort here in the spring 2024.

The program offers 8-12 citizens a six-week course in government operations, leadership best practices, and group problem solving. Participants also collaboratively identify solutions to a timely local challenge and present their recommendations to the City Council

EST. COST AND BUDGET

\$50,000 for two sessions; The City received a \$20,000 grant from The Ford Family Foundation for the Academy.

The total cost to the city is \$30,000 over two years.

COUNCIL GOAL ALIGNMENT

Governance

- Develop and implement a community outreach plan.

MILESTONES AND NEXT STEPS

The first session begins on April 15, 2024. The second session is scheduled for Spring 2025.

MCKINNEY BUTTE ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

Public Works

BACKGROUND

In 2023 staff began looking into safety improvements on McKinney Butte Rd considering a new elementary school being constructed near the existing middle and high schools.

Areas of concern are being addressed as staff evaluate changes to traffic patterns and use in the city to improve pedestrian safety.

EST. COST AND BUDGET

TBD

COUNCIL GOAL ALIGNMENT

Essential Infrastructure

- Continue to invest in and implement top-priority projects from the City’s 2020 Traffic Safety Audit to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety.

MILESTONES AND NEXT STEPS

- Design to be completed early 2024.
- Construction FY24/25.

