

AGENDA ADDENDUM



INFRASTRUCTURE BOND ENGAGEMENT STEERING COMMITTEE

DATE: FRIDAY APRIL 15, 2022
TIME: 1:00 PM
CHAIRPERSON: Mayor Bennett

PLACE: Virtual Online Meeting

STAFF LIASIONS:
Josh Eggleston, Chief Financial Officer
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3. Public Comment

- a. Correspondence from Sally Litchfield regarding bike lanes
- b. Correspondence from Hans West regarding bike lanes
- c. Correspondence from Diane Chavez regarding bike lanes
- d. Correspondence from 350 Salem regarding bond package
- e. Correspondence from Laurie Dougherty regarding bond package

From: noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of SallyPuhek@gmail.com
To: [Bond 2022](#)
Subject: Contact City Manager's Office
Date: Wednesday, April 13, 2022 11:54:04 AM
Attachments: [ATT00001.bin](#)

Your Name	Sally Litchfield
Your Email	SallyPuhek@gmail.com
Your Phone	858-232-1131
Street	6007 Sawgrass St SE
City	Salem
State	OR
Zip	97306
Message	<p>I am expressing my strong opinion that the project to add 55 miles of bike lanes should not be bundled in the same bond as new fire stations and fire trucks. I will not vote for the bond if it is included. If it must be considered by voters, make it a separate item on the ballot. Making Salem more bike friendly is great in theory but our weather will preclude all but a few to bicycle to and from work on a handful of days. We are NOT Bend or San Diego. The return on investment and reduction in car traffic just aren't there. Most workplaces do not have showers and most require different clothing than activewear and shoes appropriate for safe biking. Also, so many must incorporate other responsibilities like dropping off or picking up kids, stopping at the grocery store etc., as part of the morning and evening commute. We need to use our limited funds to take care of the roads and sidewalks we have. Contrary to popular belief, most people's income has not increased and property taxes certainly have. Wouldn't it be fiscally responsible to make the bond measure for a smaller amount than of the one that is retiring and focus on projects that will benefit everyone in the city? Thank you for your consideration.</p>

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From: noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of westh0327@gmail.com
To: [Bond 2022](#)
Subject: Contact City Manager's Office
Date: Wednesday, April 13, 2022 10:00:27 PM
Attachments: [ATT00001.bin](#)

Your Name	Hans West
Your Email	westh0327@gmail.com
Your Phone	503-510-5967
Street	545 Waldo Ave SE
City	Salem
State	OR
Zip	97302
Message	Please help to make Salem Bike Vision a reality. I am older but would still like to be able to bike safely all around the city. As it is currently, I don't feel safe engaging with traffic in a narrow bike lane only inches at times from rapidly moving cars. Thanks for your attention. Hans West

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From: noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of dianedalychavez@gmail.com
To: [Bond 2022](#)
Subject: Contact City Manager's Office
Date: Thursday, April 14, 2022 11:47:59 AM
Attachments: [ATT00001.bin](#)

Your Name	Diane Chavez
Your Email	dianedalychavez@gmail.com
Your Phone	9712184772
Street	370 19th St NE
City	Salem
State	OR
Zip	97301
Message	As a grandparent, I would like to feel safe riding bikes with my grandkids in Salem. I fully support the \$10 million investment in the Salem Bike Vision plan. Safe bike paths would be good for the climate and for livability in Salem. Please support this plan.

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From: [Phil Carver](#)
To: [Bond 2022](#)
Subject: Comments of 350 Salem Oregon
Date: Thursday, April 14, 2022 4:39:57 PM

Comments of 350 Salem Oregon
RE: Tentative Bond Projects
Philip Carver, Ph.D.
Co-coordinator
April 14, 2022

350 Salem appreciates the openness of the Bond Engagement Committee process.

350 Salem supports the staff proposals from Josh Eggleston for the April 15 meeting with one exception. **Cuts need to be made from the remaining projects to fund \$15 million in bike lane safety improvements that will later be designed as something similar to the Salem Bike Vision.**

We want the money set aside in the bond to help fund a protected bike network that is connected and accessible to all. A connected, protected, and direct bike network that is fit for all ages is a must if we are going to meet our climate goals. Our current bike lanes are not working for the majority for our residents. We need to make investments in the system so that anyone from 8 to 80 years old can use it.

These dedicated funds will add more to the livability of Salem than many of the other projects remaining on the Staff proposal. It will likely increase the use of bikes for transportation, lessening congestion which benefits non-bike users. It will also result in cleaner air and less global warming pollution.

This ten-year bond proposal will take us to nearly 2035 where the Council goal is a 50 percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from a 2017 base. Transportation accounted for over half of emissions in the base year. The Bike Vision is a substantial measure to achieve the Council 2035 goal.

Fifteen million dollars is 5 percent of the total bond levy. There are many places to further trim to free up that amount. Below we make one suggestion for projects that might be trimmed or eliminated. There are many others. Generally, bike and pedestrian safety projects should not be cut.

PROPOSED CUTS

Shelters Bush's Pasture Park \$690,000
Shelters Geer Park \$690,000
Shelters Orchard Heights Park \$690,000
Total to Eliminate Three Shelters \$2.07 million

Downsizing the Urban Upgrades at McGilchrist Street SE: 12th St SE to 25th St SE) to only cover between 12th St. and the Social Security building (**Perhaps half or more of the total of \$14.15 million**)

We propose to eliminate Sport Fields Geer Park Renovation (two baseball fields and two soccer fields to extend seasonal use) of **\$2.28 million**. Regional sports facilities are inconsistent with reducing vehicle miles traveled and are inappropriate for children.

Children's social and emotional needs are better served by local sports than by pressure-inducing regional competitions. When participating In local sports children interact with children from their neighborhood or nearby areas, helping establish a sense of community.

The suggestions provide a total saving of over \$11 million. The remaining funding of less than \$4 million could be taken from minor adjustments in many of the larger road projects.

350 Salem appreciates the opportunity to comment.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Laurie Dougherty](#)
To: [Bond 2022](#)
Subject: Comment for April 15, 2022 Committee Meeting
Date: Friday, April 15, 2022 10:20:47 AM

Mayor Bennett and Members of the Committee,

I wholeheartedly support the Salem Bike Vision. With every passing day we learn more about the urgency of the climate crisis and the need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions at every scale from global to local.. Motor vehicles are Salem's largest source of climate-changing emissions. Motor vehicles also emit other pollutants. A safe, connected bicycle network will go a long way toward reducing automobile use. Bicycling also fosters a sense of community and is healthier and more enjoyable than driving.

Where street projects proposed for the Bond measure overlap with the Salem Bike.Vision, they should be reframed and the funds allocated to develop the Salem Bike Vision Network.

I would also like you to consider ways to save money by reducing proposed expenditures on the Fire Department. I greatly admire the courage and skill of firefighters fighting fires, but only a small percentage of emergency calls involve fires. Most are medical. Sending both ambulances and fire trucks to a medical emergency is wasteful and unnecessary. Whst's needed is more investment in and efficient deployment of ambulances This will saved wear and tear on fire trucks, reduce emissions and ensure that firefighters are available to fight fires. Also consider smaller fire trucks with cleaner fuels to reduce costs and emissions.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.
Laurie Dougherty, Ward 1