

## Hwy. 97, Cooley Road steering committee meeting planned

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A steering committee that includes three Bend City Councilors -Bill Friedman, Jim Clinton and Mark Capell - and a senior manager from the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) will meet Friday to review evaluation of potential improvements to the intersection of Highway 97 and Cooley Road.

The project team will present technical evaluation of the concepts including cost, traffic operations and impacts, as well as feedback from property and business owners, neighborhood representatives, and other community members.

The meeting will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. on Friday, December 14 in the DeArmond and Sawyer rooms at the Deschutes County Service Center, 1300 NW Wall Street, Bend, Oregon. Time at the beginning of the meeting will be reserved for public comment.

The City of Bend, ODOT, and Deschutes County are working together to identify an improvement to the intersection of Highway 97 and Cooley Road that will accommodate traffic for the next ten to twenty years. The project identified through this process will keep traffic moving until improvements to the Highway 97 corridor are implemented. The City of Bend plans to select a preferred design concept for the intersection of Highway 97 and Cooley Road in the next few weeks.

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