



Celebrating  
10 years in  
community!

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*Lucas Freeman, co-founder and board president, 2013-2019  
With past board members Brian, Kirk and Chris*

# 2013

Bend Bikes is founded by Lucas Freeman, Brian Potwin (pictured top and bottom left above), Pam Hardy, and Nick Stevenson and becomes a 501(c)3 non-profit.

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Reflecting on some of his proudest achievements, Lucas says, "Sign for Your Lane was a big one for me. It allowed us to capitalize on the positive momentum we'd generated from a few fun annual rides and harness it into a grass-roots campaign aimed at securing a \$1 million commitment from City Council for [neighborhood] greenways."



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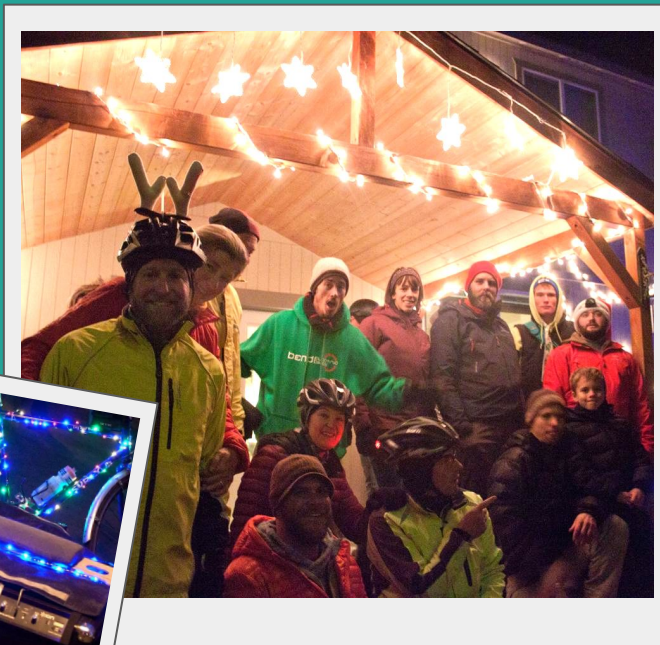
# 2013

Bend Bikes hosts a community forum with City transportation officials for the first time.



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# 2014

Bend Bikes hosts its first official event, the Christmas Light & Hot Toddy ride.

*"My favorite memories are the events we organized, the Holiday Lights Ride and the Bike the Bridges were highlights for sure." Nick Stevenson, co-founder and past board member, 2013-2018*

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# 2015



*Kirk Stock, board member 2015-2021*



*Sarah Worthington board member  
2015-2017*

Kirk came to the Bend Bikes board because he wanted to see more bike friendly infrastructure in Bend. Sarah came to the board excited to get involved in the community and to learn about local issues around biking for transportation. Both Kirk and Sarah helped cultivate a community of people who walk, bike, and roll by growing and expanding their favorite events: the Holiday Lights Ride and Bike the Bridges Ride.

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*Bend Open Streets - Parklet demonstration*

# 2016

Bend Bikes is involved in conducting the very first Open Streets event in the city, demonstrating the advantages of a parklet.

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*Brian Potwin, co-founder and past board president, 2013-2017*

Reflecting on his time with Bend Bikes, Brian says, "Once I could see the momentum had grown, I knew it was time to step down to make space for new energy." In his role as executive director of Commute Options, Brian continues to be a critical advocate for bicycle & pedestrian safety & education and a key community partner.



*2016 Bend Open Streets "Pedestrian Friendly = Community Building"*

Commute Options played an important part in supporting the 2016 Bend Open Streets.

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Colleen is most proud of Bend Bikes' efforts to gather support for Bend's first neighborhood greenways on NW 15th and NE 6th streets.



*Colleen Miller, board member 2016-2020*



*Aron Yarmo, board member 2016-2022*

Aron was also instrumental in rallying neighbors to support designating greenways in their neighborhoods. He says of Bend Bikes, "it has positioned itself as a strong and respected advocate for urban cycling infrastructure by engaging the public and forming direct and constructive relationships with city planners, managers, and councilmembers.

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# 2017

Bend Bikes influences the Bend Biennial Budget to provide nearly \$1M in funding for neighborhood greenways.

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LeeAnn kept Bend Bikes alive during the COVID-19 pandemic and helped it grow to be a key stakeholder in local, regional, and statewide transportation planning process. LeeAnn says, "I'm most proud of our work successfully advocating for an equitable and expansive definition of our bike networks needing to be designed for 'all ages and abilities,' which includes school-aged children, older adults, and folks using adaptive bikes."



*LeeAnn O'Niell, past board president 2017-2023*



*Neighborhood greenway celebration event, 2017*

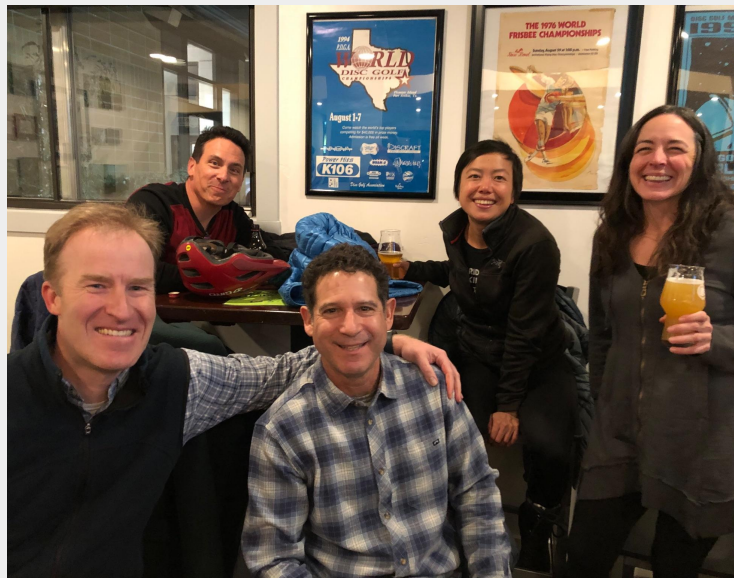
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*Eric Power, board member 2017-2020*

Eric joined Bend Bikes because he wanted to help make Bend a real town where people choose to ride bikes instead of driving cars. He says, "bikes have the ability to help save this earth and the people who live on it."



*Ariel Mendez, board member and past board president, 2017-2019  
With Lucas, LeeAnn, Colleen, and Aron.*

Ariel says of his time with Bend Bikes, "it connected me to a growing community that cares about moving people safely as much as I do. I was elected to the Bend City Council to make our streets safer and the work of Bend Bikes has never been more important to me."

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# 2018



Candidates for Bend Mayor and City Council answer questions about prioritizing investments in safer bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure.

The Holiday Lights Ride boasts more than 200 supporters!

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# 2020

Bend Bikes worked with City staff to mark "Stay Healthy Streets" with signs and cones on routes designated to later become Neighborhood Greenways to facilitate COVID-19 pandemic distancing precautions.



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# 2020

Bend Bikes helps convince the Oregon Transportation Commission to **allocate \$245M to non-highway/multi-modal transportation projects** and successfully advocated for Bend's GO Bond project, which provided **\$36.2M for projects supporting people who walk, bike, and roll, \$8M for neighborhood safety projects, and \$8M for transit.**

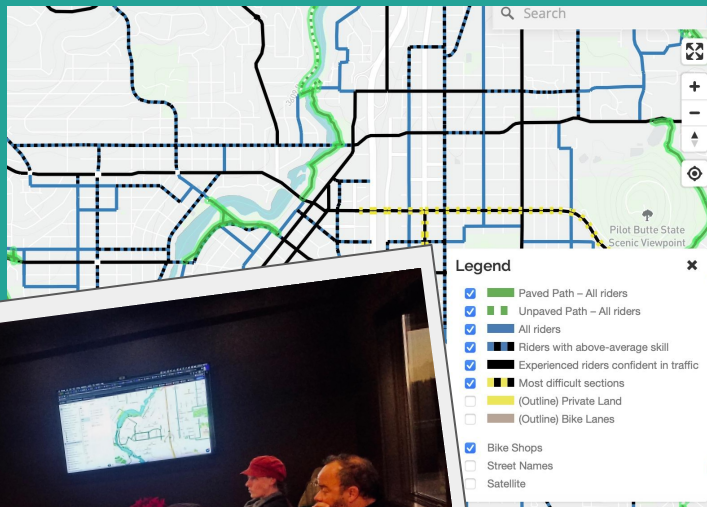
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# 2021

New board members are selected from the largest applicant pool to date.

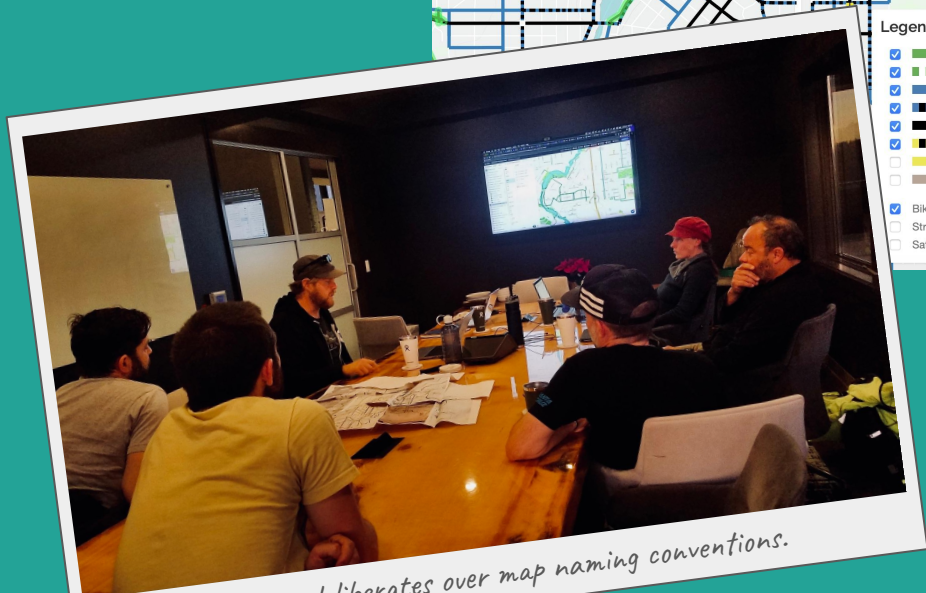
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# 2021

Version 1.0 of the Bend Bike Map launches.

Volunteers rode every street on the map to determine the level of comfort for each one.



*The Maps team deliberates over map naming conventions.*

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# 2021

Bend Bikes receives the Environmental Center's Sustainability Award for helping to shape sustainable communities that meet human needs equitably, live within our planet's ecological limits, and build a prosperous economy for all.



*LeeAnn and Elisa accept the Sustainability Award.*

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# 2022

Through our advocacy efforts, Bend gets its **first protected roundabout** at SE Wilson Ave & SE 9th street with protected bike lanes on SE Wilson Ave.

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*Neighborhood Association Meeting*



*BPRD Open House - North Canal Trail*

# 2022-23

Emerging strong from the COVID-19 pandemic, Bend Bikes continues to build relationships with mission-aligned community organizations and with community members through events, outreach, and advocacy.

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*YIMBY & Bend Bikes Cominded Happy Hour*



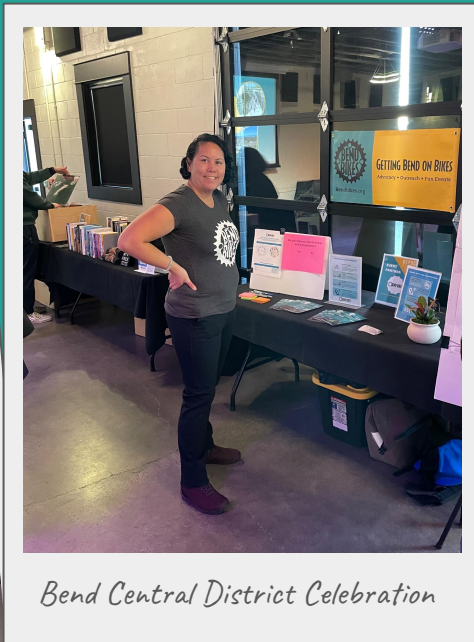
*Saturday Market Ride, Pilot Butte Meet-up*



*Friends at Crux Bike Night*

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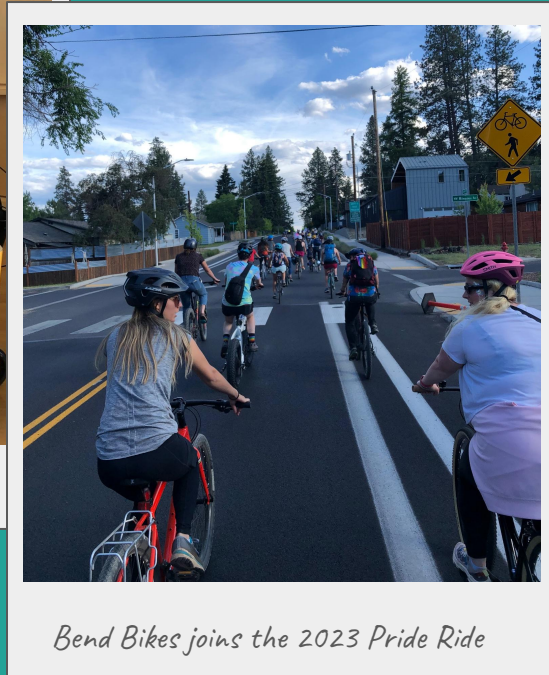




*Bend Bikes Volunteers at the Commute Options MLK Day of Service*



*COCC Climate Teach-in*



*Bend Bikes joins the 2023 Pride Ride*

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*Rooted Homes Event with the Mayor!*



*Eric and Brady at the Boneyard Social*



*Friends at the 2023 World Day of Remembrance Ride*

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# 2023

Bend Bikes, along with the Bend Metropolitan Planning Organization, Central Oregon LandWatch, the LPS Family Foundation, and the City of Bend, conducted a transportation infrastructure workshop with a Dutch urban planner and transportation engineer to study safer street design.



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## Gratitude to all our board members and volunteers, past and present:

Aaron Gifford

Aaron Matzke

Alex Anderson

Alyssa Archer

Ani Kasch

Ariel Mendez

Aron Yarmo

Beth-Ann Wesley

Brady Park

Brett Yost

Brian Potwin

Bryan Pinkston

Cam Harmon

Camara Bedell-Stiles

Cassie Doll

Charlie Schrader-Patton

Chris Cheng

Chris Marney

Colleen Miller

Connor Love

Corrine Lents

Courtney Van Fossan

Craig Randleman

Dan Pilver

Dan Pederson

David Anderson

David Brown

David Green

David Thomson

Doug Mercer

Eddie Johnson

Eddie Kula

Elia Cheng

Emilio Biasucci

Emily Eros

Emily Gibson

Eric Holscher

Eric Power

Erika Miller

Forrest Kaye

Galen Laird

Hans van Naerssen

Henry Able

Jana Hemphill

Jeff Irland

Jeremiah French

Jewel Nye

Jim Elliott

Jim Sander

Joe Katroscik

John Ballard

John Pings

Joseph Keenan

Julia Sparks

Julie Dietrich

Kaitlin Greene

Kelsey Ward

Kim Ely

Kirk Stock

Kristen Durance

Kristina McCann

LeeAnn O'Neill

Lester Jackson

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## Gratitude to all our board members and volunteers, past and present:

Linda Cantrill

Lisa Kieraldo

Lucas Freeman

Madison Hergenrader

Mallory Abena

Mark Clark

Mark Teel

Mary Ellen Coulter

Maryam Mirahmadi

Melanie Doughtie

Michelle Patrick

Mike Travis

Mikki Slaska

Morgan Crowell

Natalie Page

Neal Baungard

Nick Millar

Nick Skinner

Nick Stevenson

Nicole Mardell

Pam Hardy

Pat Henneghan

Paul Brooksbank

Paul Gress

Phil Sarnoff

Rachel Cannon

Raven Reese

Renata Hahn

Rita Callahan

Rob Garrott

Robert Thilo

Ross Winsor

Samantha Cronier

Sarah Worthington

Scott Jackson

Scott O'Connor

Scott Reich

Sherryn Adair

Stephen Miller

Suzanne Holman

Tyler Wilson

Winona Hubbard

Zach Violett

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We look forward to the next 10 years with you.

See you out there!

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