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An aerial view of the land proposed for development near U.S. Highway 20, left, and Robal Lane in Bend.

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Bend's north gateway

Plan for a Costco, restaurants, housing in northwest gets nod from the city's planning commission

BY ANNA KAMINSKI • The Bulletin

A plan to develop 52 acres at Bend's northern gateway into retail stores and housing met with mixed reviews from the city's planning commission at a recent public hearing.

A new Costco warehouse, gas station and car wash, restaurants and at least 380 housing units, including a senior living community, are a part of a plan to develop the area near the intersection of Cooley Road and U.S. Highway 20.

The Bend Planning Commission met Monday evening to discuss the development, resulting in a 3-2 vote in favor of moving forward with the plan.

Scott Winters, chairperson of the commission, called the proposed development a "blight." Winters voted against the proposal, along with commissioner Kathi Barguil.

"It is this old school way of development that is not conducive to a community. This is not a neighborhood. This is a shopping

center," Winters said at the meeting.

If the large Costco Wholesale location was removed from the plan, Winters said he might feel differently, and other planning commissioners agreed.

"An even bigger Costco — or just a retail shopping center — doesn't really fit into discussions over the last three or four years about what development in the city of Bend should look like moving forward," said Whitney Swander, vice chair, at the meeting.

Concern for "big box" developments that are unfriendly to pedestrians and alternative modes of transportation didn't stop Swander from ultimately voting to move forward in recommending the development to the Bend City Council.

The project would require improvements to Highway 20, including roundabouts at Cooley Road and Robal Lane, additional bike lanes and sidewalks and three new local roads within the development.

The first phase of the project would prioritize building Costco and the supplemental gas station, car wash and tire service center. The next three phases would build other commercial spaces, multiunit housing and senior living facilities, in that order.

Ground could be broken next fall if the City Council approves the plan, according to Aaron Henson, a senior planner for the city. He said Costco stores are typically constructed quickly — about nine months — but road improvements and canal piping needs to be completed before any stores or housing units can be occupied.

The planning commission will present its recommendation to the Bend City Council at the regular council meeting Nov. 2, during which another public hearing will be held.

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DESCHUTES COUNTY COMMISSION

DeBone leads Tatom in campaign fundraising

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In the Deschutes County Commission race between Republican incumbent Tony DeBone and Democratic challenger Oliver Tatom, the two have raised over \$186,700 in campaign contributions.

More than \$131,000 of that belongs to DeBone, who had to compete in the primary in May when Tatom did not. DeBone has received donations from several big-ticket committees. Tatom, who has received over \$55,000 in contributions, said efficiency in spending and collaboration with other candidates is imperative to competing with DeBone's war chest.

Tatom has spent around \$43,700 of his contributions. His campaign is entirely run by volunteers, which he said gave him closer connection to his supporters.

"It allowed me to be more involved in the actual decisions in the campaign and the creative decisions of the campaign, so that I know that it really represents me," Tatom said.

Many of Tatom's contributions came from smaller individual donors, with the exception of unions and local officials. One of his largest contributions came from the local Laborers' International Union of North America, which donated \$2,500. He also received \$500 from the Iron Workers Union of the Pacific Northwest.

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REDMOND HOMICIDE

Man killed called 911 before shooting

BY BRYCE DOLE
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Police believe a man killed in Redmond last month was shot after calling 911 following a fight with the suspected gunman.

Trevit C. Law, 46, was shot through the head after a fight on Sept. 25 with Skyler R. Myers, according to Deschutes County Circuit Court records. The 32-year-old Myers was the son of Law's girlfriend, friends of the victim say.

The records do not state what preceded the fight at the home on SW Young Avenue where the shooting took place.

But at some point, a man believed to be Law called 911 to report he was being assaulted, according to the records.

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Biden travels to 3 Western states as midterms near

President to stop in Oregon to support Democrat Tina Kotek's bid for governor

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LEADVILLE, Colo. — Joe Biden's three-state swing in the West will capture, in a nutshell, the White House's midterm strategy for a president who remains broadly unpopular: promote his administration's accomplishments and appear where he can effectively rally the party faithful — all while continuing to rake in campaign cash.

Biden began in Colorado, where he designated the first national monument of his administration at Camp Hale, a World War II-era training site in this state, as he called for

protecting "treasured lands" that tell the story of America.

The announcement at Camp Hale is a boost to Colorado's senior Democratic senator, Michael Bennet, who has for years advocated for the designation and is in a competitive reelection bid this November. The location is an alpine training site where U.S. soldiers prepared for battles in the Italian Alps during World War II.

The president will head to California, where he will hold a pair of events promoting two of his most significant legislative achievements and headline a fundraiser for the House Democrats' campaign arm.



Carolyn Kaster/AP

President Joe Biden salutes as he boards Air Force One at Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland, en route to Eagle County Regional Airport, in Gypsum, Colorado, on Wednesday.

Finally, Biden will stop in Oregon, where Democrats' grip on the governor's mansion in Salem is being threatened by an unaffiliated candidate who has captured double-digit sup-

port in polling, giving an opening for a Republican to win the race outright in November.

Early voting starts in Oregon and Colorado next week and is already underway in California.

"We've been very clear that the president is going to go out, the vice president is going to go out," White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said Tuesday. "They're going to talk about the successes that we have seen in this administration in the last 19 months."

He is notably staying away from states where his presence could hurt Democrats; on this trip he's skipping Nevada and Arizona, where incumbent Democratic senators are battling tough reelection bids.

It's all part of a campaign

blueprint fine-tuned over the last several months for Biden, who has been eager to travel the country but is facing the traditional midterm headwinds against the political party in power, an unsettled economic outlook and presidential approval ratings that have remained stubbornly underwater.

To counter Republican criticisms over the economy and inflation, Democratic candidates have highlighted accomplishments such as bipartisan infrastructure, manufacturing laws, and a sweeping climate, tax and health care package. Those achievements also helped prompt a late-summer uptick in Biden's own job performance ratings earlier this year.

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