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Conference Agenda

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Wednesday, Oct. 5

- 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Trade Show & Continental Breakfast**
- 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. People of Color Caucus Business Meeting**
- 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. OMA Business Meeting, Workshop and Lunch**
- 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. OCCMA Workshop, Business Meeting and Lunch**
- 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Councilors Workshop and Lunch - Let's Get Engaged**

In this interactive workshop, participants will receive tools and tips for a public engagement process that builds community while addressing a challenge faced by your city. The facilitators are members of the Center for Public Service at Portland State University with professional and academic backgrounds in community engagement.

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Trade Show Lunch (for staff, exhibitors, and tour attendees)

12:45 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. Women's Caucus Business Meeting

12:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. Local City Tours

Homeless Villages – this tour will visit two sites: St. Vincent de Paul, a 10-unit village for people in need of temporary shelter; and Veterans Village, a transitional community designed to provide shelter and services for homeless veterans.

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Transformation of a Landfill into the OSU Campus – Over the next 30 years, OSU Cascades, Oregon State University's Bend branch, will create a 128-acre campus accommodating 5,000 students through the innovative reuse of a former pumice mine and former demolition landfill. The approach to remediating the landfill aligns with this goal through reusing excavated and cleaned material from the landfill to then grade and fill the pumice mine to the desired level, eliminating the need to import any backfill material which would take nearly 30,000 truck trips. OSU-Cascades intends to expand slowly but thoughtfully— about one building every two years—in order to minimize impact on the surrounding community. Meet with project leaders at the OSU-Cascades site to learn about the approach to this innovative project, the significance for higher education in Central Oregon, and benefits to the neighboring community.

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. BREAKOUT SESSIONS

- Unique Things to Consider When Building Your Emergency Operations Plan
- Self-Care and Healthy Volunteer – Life Balance/Mindful Cities Initiatives
- Re-imagining Leadership: Responding to Complex Challenges
- Update on HB 4123: A Pilot Project Focused on Local Coordination to Tackle Homelessness

2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Networking Break

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Welcome and Keynote Speaker Eric Klinenberg - "The Future of Cities and Democratic Societies"



The future of cities and democratic societies rests not only on shared values, but on social infrastructure: the libraries, parks, and civic organizations where crucial connections are formed. Renowned sociologist and bestselling author Eric Klinenberg shows that when social infrastructure is robust, people are more likely to build ties with neighbors and invest in their communities; but when it's neglected, as seen recently, families and individuals must fend for themselves. He highlights innovative projects that address challenges like climate change and crime—while building social cohesion. **Read more about Mr. Klinenberg** >

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4:45 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. Welcome Reception

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5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. LOC Nominating Committee Meeting

Thursday, Oct. 6

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Breakfast with Trade Show

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Small, Medium and Large Cities Networks

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. DEI Workshop

9:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Local City Tours

Prineville's Crooked River Wetlands Complex – The city of Prineville's successful Crooked River Wetland Complex is now complete and providing remarkable social, economic and environmental benefits to the community. Through this 120-acre, multipurpose project, the city is responsibly expanding its wastewater capacity, lowering system development charges, stabilizing monthly wastewater rates, creating a new public hiking trail system with numerous educational opportunities and improving riparian and instream conditions in the Crooked River.

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Affordable Housing Tour – Bend has been a national leader in producing affordable housing in a variety of formats. This tour will visit multiple sites, including some under development, to showcase the innovative approaches Bend has taken to produce and deliver this service .

9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. BREAKOUT SESSIONS

- How to Engage with Your Constituents
- How Cities, Counties and Special Districts Can Work Together
- The First Amendment's Impact on Cities
- Legislative Session Preview

10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Networking Break

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. BREAKOUT SESSIONS

- Social Media for Elected Officials

- How to Recruit and Retain Effective Committee/Commission Members?
- How Small Cities Can Develop Strategic Goals Without a Facilitator
- Housing Development - Thinking Outside the Box

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Lunch with Trade Show

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Local City Tours

Forest Service Air Center and Wildland Fire Dispatch – Explore the city's 30-acre campus on the northern section of the Redmond Airport, where smokejumpers, hotshots, air tankers, and other equipment deploy for fires. The dispatch center also operates from this location.

Newport Avenue Walking Tour – Learn how the city of Bend is finding innovative solutions to building the “Green Infrastructure” its community desires, and the challenges and lessons learned from constructing in a 100-year-old densely populated neighborhood with aging infrastructure. Just walking distance from beautiful downtown Bend, Newport Avenue is home to an eclectic array of restaurants, bakeries, and one of Bend's most popular neighborhood grocery stores. The community values the winding sidewalks and tree lined streets and doesn't want that to change with the improvements. The city had to balance the goals of the project with the sensitivities of the community.

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. BREAKOUT SESSIONS

- Building the Bench – How to Bring the Next Generation Into the Fold
- Helping Cities to Start a Broadband Infrastructure
- Regional Rural Revitalization - A Needed Experiment
- Council-Manager Relationships

2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Networking Break

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. BREAKOUT SESSIONS

- Cooperate, Coordinate & Communicate
- Top 8 Tips for Improving Your Cyber Security
- Top 10 Ways to Effectively Build a Relationship with State Elected Officials

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Awards Dinner

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Friday, Oct. 7

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Networking Breakfast

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Closing Keynote



10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Break

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Annual Membership Meeting

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