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East side to west side connection of Deschutes River Trail in Bend could be blocked by bill in Oregon Legislature

The Bend Park and Recreation District has been working on a longstanding community vision to connect the Deschutes River Trail (DRT) on the east side of the Deschutes River to the DRT and other Deschutes National Forest trails on the west side of the river at the south end of Bend.

The DRT trail connection would increase District residents' recreation opportunities for hiking, walking, biking, fishing, river recreation, naturewatching and more.

This connection has been identified in numerous community plans for decades, and was most recently included in the District's 2012 bond measure approved by the voters.

Currently, the Oregon Legislature is considering House Bill 2027-A that would prohibit development of the bridge necessary to make this trail connection.

A hearing on this bill is scheduled for:

- 3 pm on Wednesday, May 10 in Salem before the Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources
- Agenda: <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2017R1/Committees/SEN/2017-05-10-15-00/Agenda>.
- The hearing is open to the public, and feedback is welcome either in person, by calling committee members, or submitting written comments or emails.



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For more information about the project, including the location of the proposed bridge and trail connection visit the [South UGB Project Webpage](#).

Community engagement is important to the District.

Please share this information with others who may have an interest.

Thank you,

Michelle Healy
BPRD Planning & Park Services Director

DESCHUTES RIVER TRAIL SOUTH UGB CONNECTION AREA:

Aerial of Southwest Bend & Deschutes River

For maps and other images of the area, visit the [South UGB Project Webpage](#).

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