

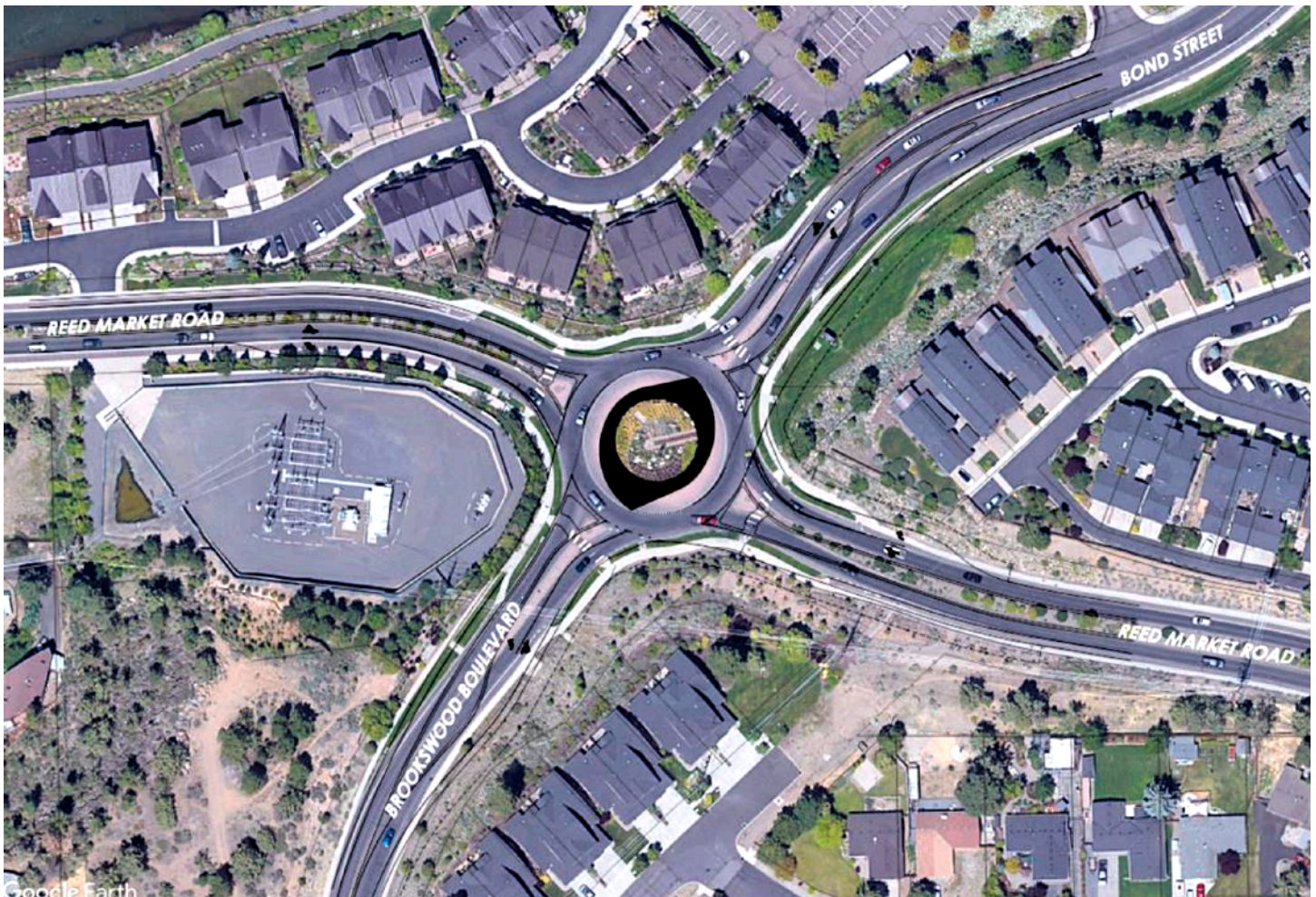


## SCNA 2025 General Membership Meeting Summary

### Reed Market Roundabout Update

Good News - the City Council heard you! They not only moved up the timing of the Bond - Reed Market - Brookswood roundabout improvements by two years, but also started the process of evaluating another vehicle bridge over the Deschutes River to the south. While any new bridge is still years away, the population growth of southern Bend makes it imperative to start this now, otherwise any improvements to the Reed Market Roundabout will be overwhelmed by future traffic loads. Based on a recommendation from City Engineer Ryan Oster, many on City Council voted for a small improvement at the roundabout.

At the General Membership Meeting, Ryan Oster presented the City's preliminary plans for a quasi-roundabout (see image below) that has two entrance lanes, one turn-only lane, and one exit lane. The audience at the meeting asked pointed questions about why not a two-lane exit. Two big concerns expressed: a single lane exit will not improve wildfire evacuation nor handle the traffic loads when improvements are completed in two years given our area's population growth. The City will start the Roundabout bidding process for design in the spring, so there is still time to influence the design. Ironically, the City has determined that a similar 2-lane entrance & 1-lane exit roundabout at Reed Market & 15th Street is insufficient, and is planning to expand it to a full 2-lane design citing the growth on the east side of town.



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### **Board Elections & Officer Selection**

Annual Board elections were held at the General Membership Meeting. We were fortunate to have five Southern Crossing neighbors self-nominate for Board positions, and were elected. We welcome Caitlin Collier, Kat Voth, Kyle Schuman, Lisa Lesage, and Susan Richman to the Board. Board member Lowell Von Ruden was also reelected for another term.

Recent revisions to the SCNA Bylaws provide a new process for Officer selection. At the subsequent Board orientation meeting, the new Board chose Officers for the coming year. Todd Torczon is the new Chair, Roberta Silverman is continuing as Vice Chair & Land Use Chair, and Lowell Von Ruden is filling the newly combined Secretary/Treasurer position.