August 11, 2026

Policy Board

Bend Metropolitan Planning Organization (BMPO)

Call to Order & Introductions

Establish Quorum

Presenter: Chair Méndez

Call to Order & Introductions

- Policy Board Members
  - Ariel Méndez, Bend City Councilor – Chair
  - Mike Riley, Bend City Councilor – Vice Chair
  - Phil Chang, Deschutes County Commissioner
  - Emerald Shirley, Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Interim Central Oregon and Lower John Day Area Manager
  - Bob Townsend, Cascades East Transit (CET) Director*
- Alternates
  - David Abbas, City of Bend
  - Chris Doty, Deschutes County
  - Tarik Rawlings, Deschutes County

- BMPO Staff
  - Tyler Deke, Manager
  - Andrea Napoli, Senior Planner
  - Kelli Kennedy, Program Coordinator
- Guest Presenters
  - Janet Hruby, City of Bend

*Non-voting member

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Hybrid Meeting Guidelines

Presenter: Tyler Deke (BMPO)

Hybrid Meeting Guidelines

- This meeting will be recorded
  - To access the recording, visit the BMPO YouTube channel
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    - Upon joining, participants will be muted with camera off
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    - Members of the public will remain Attendees
      - Attendees are muted with camera off, but may raise their hand to request to be unmuted to provide public comment
    - To speak next:
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      - Dial *9 (if on a phone)

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Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items)

Presenter: Chair Méndez

Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items)

- Time for members of the public to provide comment.
- Additional time for public comment will be provided prior to adjournment.

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Meeting Minutes

Approval

Presenter: Chair Méndez

Meeting Minutes

- **Action requested:** review and approve the draft Policy Board meeting minutes from July 17th.
  - Recommended language for motion: *I move approval of the draft meeting minutes for the July 17, 2026, Policy Board meeting, as presented.*

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City of Bend Transportation & Mobility Department Updates

Presenter: Janet Hruby (City of Bend)

2027 Engineering Standards Update

- Annual Minor Changes/Updates
- Focused Updates
  - Transportation-Context and Traffic Calming
  - Small Lot Drainage (possible)
  - Do Not Widen List Clarifications (possible)



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Transportation Update

- Develop high-level context classifications that incorporate speed ranges and design characteristics.
- Develop a traffic calming toolbox that considers context, focus this work on local streets.
- Create decision-making framework for constrained conditions.
- Move Complete Streets Guide content into the standards document.
- Add local street cross-sections for small lot development.
- New street light standards for intersection and mid-block locations.

2027 Standards Schedule



Spt. 17, 2026

Review Team – 2 TMAC members

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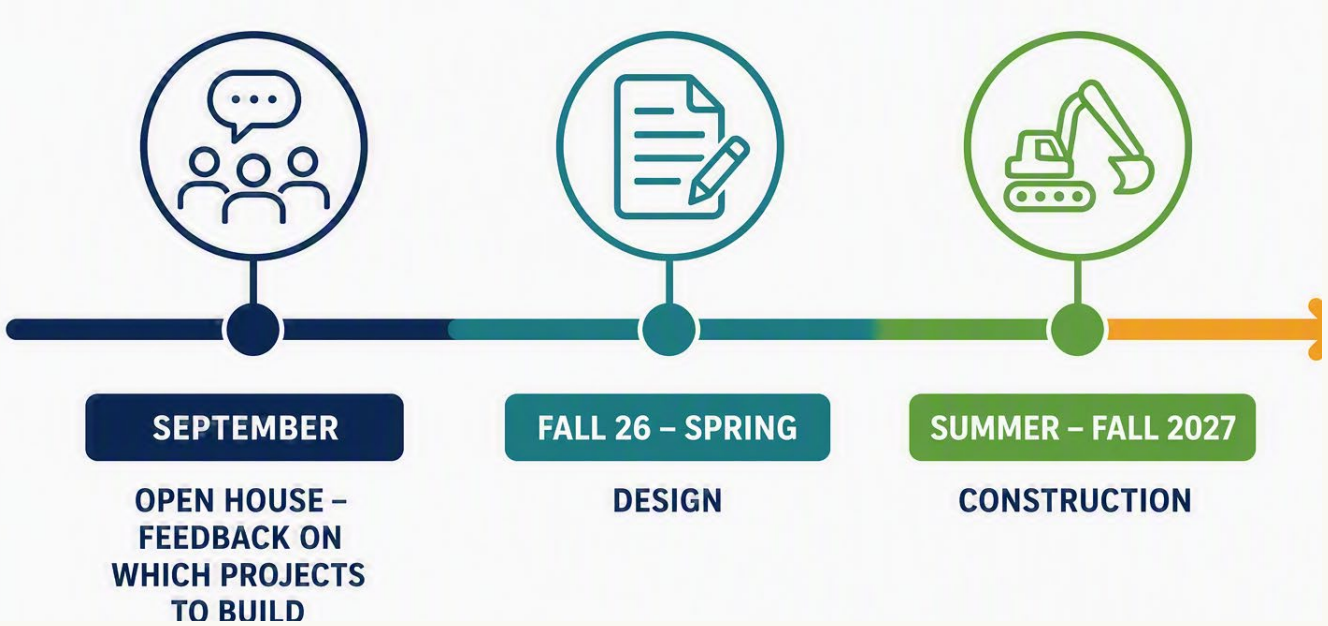
Neighborhood Connections Project

Collective of city-wide smaller scale projects focused on:

- Better Connections
- Slower, Safer Streets

First year of ongoing, biennial program - $1.2M + 1.2M this year







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Example Projects

Add Bike Lane Buffer or Delineator

Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon Crosswalk

20 mph Speed Zones

Speed Humps

Sidewalk Gap Infill

Attend the Transportation Projects Open House

Join us at Larkspur Community Center, Community Room, 1600 SE Reed Market Road

5:30 – 7:30 pm, Thursday, Sept. 17

Learn about and provide feedback on two City transportation Projects:

- Neighborhood Connections
- Transportation Standards Update

Online Open House available Sept. 17 – Oct 1, 2026

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Questions?



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Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) Amendment

Approval

Presenter: Kelli Kennedy (BMPO)

2024-2027 MTIP – Overview

- Short-term (4-year) listing
  - Federal fiscal years 2024 through 2027
  - Transportation projects, programs, expenditures
- Amended as needed – 2 types of amendments
  - Administrative (89 processed since adoption)
  - Full (49 processed since adoption)
- Documents available on **BMPO MTIP webpage**:
  - Adopted MTIP
  - Amended project list (posted quarterly)
  - Amendment log (posted quarterly)

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2024-2027 MTIP – Proposed Amendment

- One (1) proposed amendment
  - Project #24498
  - Amendment (#24-27-3794): Add new project using Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) program savings.
  - Project Name: US97: Central Oregon & Oakridge ADA Curb Ramps
  - Project Description: Design for future construction of curb ramps to meet compliance with the ADA standards.
  - Administrator (delivery): ODOT
  - Applicant: ODOT
  - Regulatory Agency: FHWA
  - Total Current Estimate: $1,109,592

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2024-2027 MTIP – Action Requested

- Public comment period (21-days) opened July 20
  - No comments received
- **Action requested:** review and consider approval of the proposed amendment.
  - Recommended language for motion: *I move approval of the proposed amendment to the 2024-2027 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program, as presented.*

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ODOT Expressway Designations Review

Presenter: Tyler Deke

Background

- Oregon Highway Plan (OHP) includes classifications for all ODOT highways
- Expressway classification
  - Provide for interurban travel and connections to ports and major recreation areas
  - Have moderate to high speeds with limited bicycle and pedestrian facilities (those functions are typically separated)
  - Designations must be reviewed every 6 years
  - Additional information – Attachment B

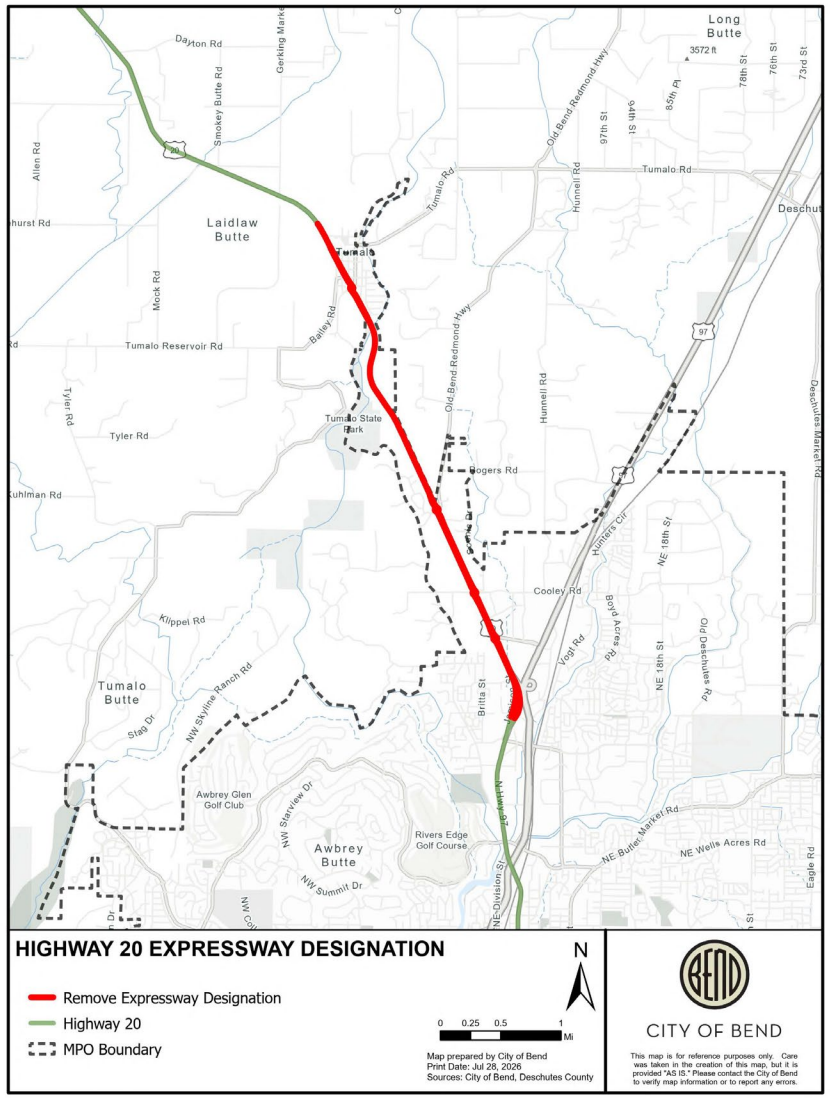
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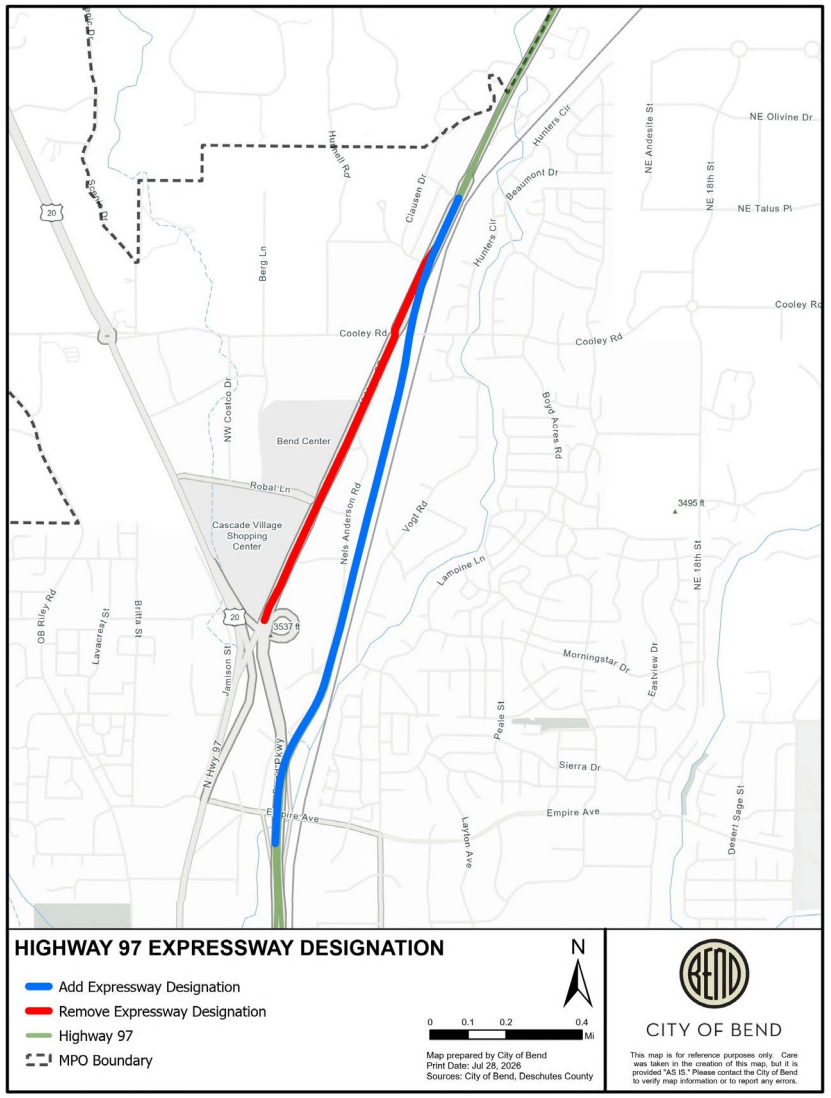
Review Process

- Proposed Expressway changes within BMPO
  - Remove Expressway designation on US20 from just north of Empire Ave to west of Tumalo
  - Remove Expressway designation on Business 97
  - Add Expressway designation on new US97 alignment
  - Retain Expressway designation on US97 south of Empire
    - US97 is part of the National Highway System
    - US97 is part of the State Highway Freight System and serves local, regional and statewide freight traffic
    - Expressway designation may help in securing federal funding for future improvements
- ODOT met with local agency staff (City and MPO) to review potential changes
- Public review process open through Sept 4

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Proposed Expressway Changes





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Discussion & Possible Action

- Policy Board discussion
- **Action Requested:** Consider approval of letter in support of proposed Expressway designation changes
  - Recommended language for motion: *I move approval of the Expressway letter (Attachment C) as presented (or with modifications)*

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BUILD Act – Overview & Letter of Support

Presenter: Tyler Deke

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BUILD Act
Briefing

What Regions and Locals Need to Know

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TODAY'S BRIEFING

Agenda



1. Reauthorization 101
2. What is the BUILD Act?
3. Where We Are in the Process
4. Key Provisions for State DOTs, Counties and Cities
5. What to Watch & Next Steps

Reauthorization 101: What Is It & Why Does It Matter?

01 What Is Reauthorization?

Congress periodically passes a multi-year law that authorizes federal surface transportation programs and sets funding levels and policy provisions for highways, transit, bridges, safety, and planning.

02 When Does It Happen?

Roughly every 5 years — though delays and extensions are common.

Past bills: SAFETEA-LU (2005), MAP-21 (2012), FAST Act (2015), IIJA (2021). Each bill shapes how federal transportation dollars flow for the following half-decade.

03 Who Writes the Bill?

Multiple House and Senate committees with jurisdiction over highways, transit, rail, safety, and finance.

The House T&I Committee leads on highway and transit policy. Revenue/tax provisions go through Ways & Means (House) and Finance (Senate).

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BILLS — A RECENT HISTORY



TEA-21	SAFETEA-LU	MAP-21	FAST Act	IIJA	Next Bill
1998	2005	2012	2015	2021	TBD

WHY IT MATTERS

Reauthorization determines how much federal money flows to our region, which programs we can access, what we can spend it on, and how much flexibility we have in project selection.

What Is the BUILD Act?



"Building Unrivaled Infrastructure and Long-term Development for America's 250th Act"
The House version of the next surface transportation reauthorization

What Is the BUILD Act?

IIJA* Expires Sept 30, 2026

Congress must pass a new surface transportation bill or an extension.

BUILD Act is the House T&I Committee's proposed reauthorization for next surface bill.

**Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA).*

$580.9 B Over 5 Years

BUILD Act authorizes **$580.9B** for FY2027–2031.

This is a **4%** overall increase from the IIJA.

Highway Trust Fund covers ~**$474B** ; General Fund covers ~**$107B**.

Major Structural Shift

90% of authorized funding is in formula programs. Different approach from IIJA, which had many competitive programs.

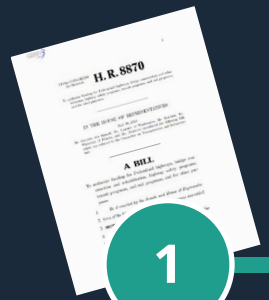
Local and regional entities are positioned to receive **~22%** of total federal transportation funding.

Where We Are: Legislative Timeline

Congress is working on the next surface transportation reauthorization. Current surface bill (IIJA) — expires Sept. 30, 2026.



Ways & Means
In progress (revenue)



1

May 17, 2026
House Base Text Released
BUILD Act

T&I

2

May 21, 2026
House T&I Committee
Markup (H.R. 8870)

3

Future
Potential House Passage
Potentially late June

4

The Senate
No companion text released

- EPW
- Commerce
- Banking

Senate Committees — no bill yet

5

Extension
Highly likely outcome due Congressional calendar

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What the BUILD Act Means for State DOTs, Counties & Cities

Highway Programs
Key provisions with direct local and regional impact

Five-Year Funding Overview — $580,972,000,000

$293.9B

Federal-Aid Highway Program

Core formula programs

$56.0B

Bridge Program (Formula + Competition)

New bridge investment

$35.0B

Discretionary Grant Programs (Highway)

INFRA, SS4A, PROTECT, etc.

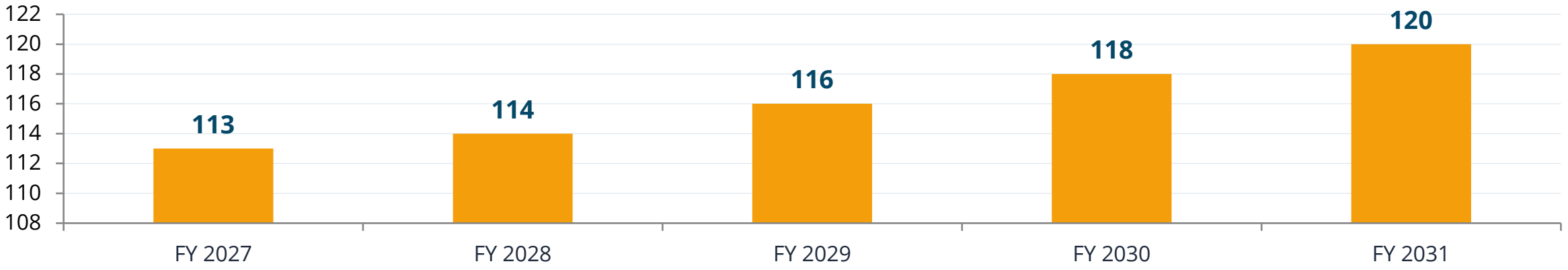
$9.3B

Federal Lands & Tribal Programs

NPS, FLTP, Tribal, etc.

5-year totals: Highway Trust Fund Authorization: ~$474B ; General Fund Authorization: ~$107B

Annual Authorization by Fiscal Year (~$B)



Big Picture: Highway Funds

Paradigm Shift

90% of funding in formula programs

Moves away from competitive grants toward stable formula funding — more predictable for regional planning and programming.

Local & Regional Share

~22% of total federal transportation funding

Local and regional entities access funding through PL, STBG, TAP, SS4A, STAG, Bridge Formula, and CMAQ programs.

MPO Planning (PL) Wins

#1 largest % increase of any formula program

PL grows 9.7% in FY27 (+$45.8M). New Direct Recipient option, FMIS access, expanded eligibilities, and local match requirement reduced to 10%.

Watch List

Items to monitor closely

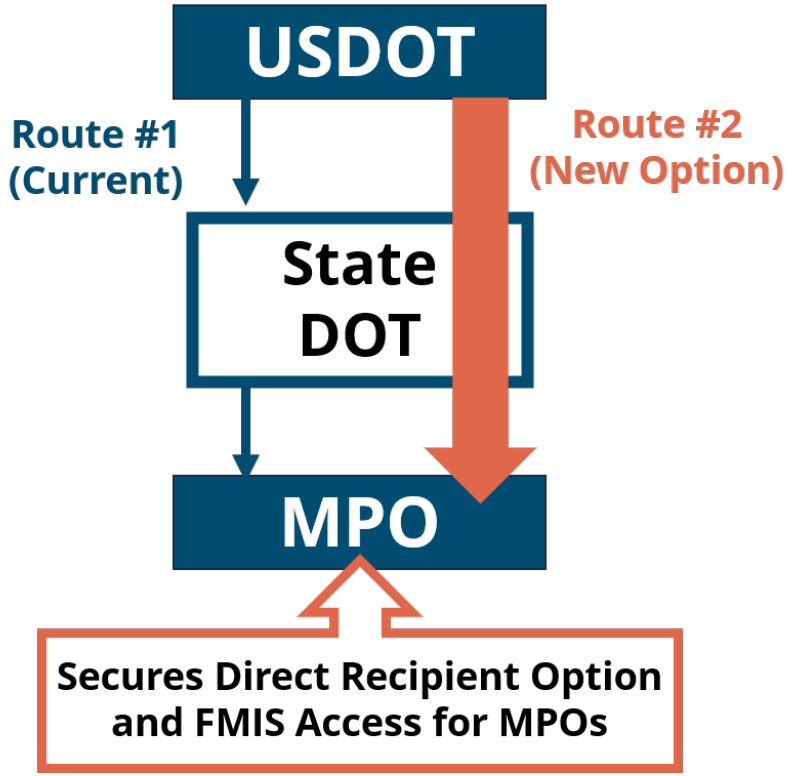
Consolidated Funding Pilot Program gives states a block grant — MPOs must be consulted. CRP eliminated; CMAQ has new alt-fuel set-aside.

Metropolitan Planning Program (PL Funds)

22.8% Increase
over 5 years

PL FUNDS	
FY 2027	**$520 M**
FY 2028	**$540 M**
FY 2029	**$560 M**
FY 2030	**$580 M**
FY 2031	**$600 M**

- **Federal Share:** 90/10
- **Expanded Eligibilities**
  - Fiscal administration of local projects
  - Preliminary design
  - Local technical assistance
  - Studies linked to transportation
  - Data procurement
- **Direct Recipient Option**
  - FMIS access for direct recipients



✓Grows **9.66% FY26 to FY27** (+$45.8 million)

PL is the largest % increase of any core formula program in the BUILD Act

Funds for Regional & Local Delivery

Bridge Formula Program

~$9B / yr

20% off-system set-aside plus a **25%** competitive carve-out for locally-owned bridges — **95%** federal match for local/tribal owners.

- MPO consultation role on off-system bridges
- Large MPOs are eligible applicants for competitive bridge program

Safe Streets and Roads for All

~$500M FY27

~**$3.75B** over five years for local safety projects. **90%** federal match; planning grants capped at **5%** of total funds. MPOs eligible.

- FY 28 — **$625 M**
- FY 29 — **$750 M**
- FY 30 — **$875 M**
- FY 31 — **$1.0 B**

Surface Transportation Accelerator Grant (STAG)

~$2.4B / yr

Large, new, flexible program with wide eligibility (similar to BUILD/RAISE):

- Local & regional grants: **50%** of funding
- Rural grants: **25%** ($600 M)
- Urban grants: **25%** ($600 M)

What to Watch & Next Steps

⚠ WATCH CLOSELY

Consolidated Funding Pilot

Up to 10 states receive a lump-sum block grant. MPOs must be consulted on local fund distribution — but consultation ≠ veto.

CRP Eliminated

Carbon Reduction Program ends FY27. Most projects remain eligible under STBG and CMAQ.

CMAQ Alt-Fuel Set-Aside

10% of CMAQ must fund alternative fueling in FY27, declining to 7% by FY30. Could reduce dollars available for regional priorities.

RTPO Funding Not Included in BUILD Act

The Local Officials in Transportation (LOT) Coalition's BASICS Act (H.R. 7437) RTPO proposal ($150M/yr, 100% federal) was not included in the BUILD Act. The LOT Coalition continues to support its addition in the Senate.

✓ AMPO's RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

1. ### Educate your Congressional Delegation

   Educate your delegation on BUILD Act wins including, local safety and bridge funding, increased flexible STBG funding, planning fund improvements, and local match reductions.

2. ### Build on the Base

   The reauthorization process is a long timeline. Continue educating your Delegation on the importance of meaningful support for regions/locals. Flag any concerning elements.

3. ### Follow the Process

   AMPO has lots of resources surrounding national and federal updates on the federal surface transportation reauthorization process. Follow our newsletter and reach out with questions

3. ### Work with your National Organizations

   AMPO as well as the LOT coalition (NLC, NACo, USCM, NADO, NARC, and NADO) have resources to help support local and regional engagement in the reauthorization process.

Questions & Discussion

[MPO Director Name]

AMPO Resources

- AMPO BA250 Legislative Guide
  - AMPO Amendment Tracker
- AMPO Summary Slide Deck
- AMPO BA250 Summary Handouts
- AMPO BA250 Letter of Support
- National Beat Federal Policy Newsletter
  - Past Editions of the National Beat

AMPO Contact: Katie Economou, Legislative Director
keconomou@ampo.org

Discussion & Possible Action

- Policy Board discussion
- **Action Requested:** Consider submitting a letter of support to the BMPO Congressional delegation.
  - Recommended language for motion: *I move approval of the letter of support for the BUILD Act (Attachment E) as presented (or with modifications)*

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Other Business

Presenter: Chair Méndez, BMPO Staff

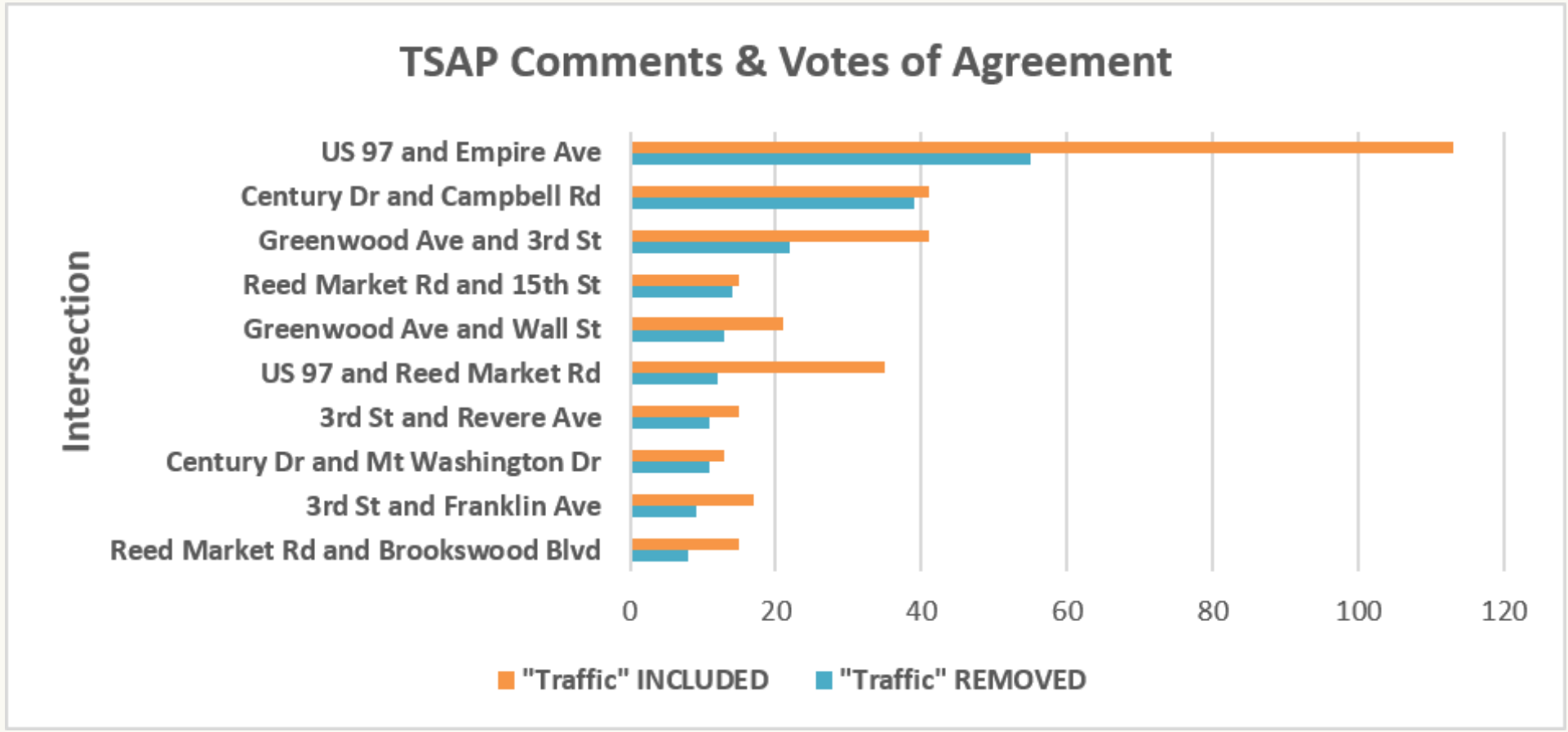
Other Business

- Policy Board Updates/Requests
  - Updates on projects/planning efforts
  - Future agenda topic requests
  - Upcoming agenda topics:
    - Earned Interest – FY27 Starting Balance Review & Allocation (BMPO)
    - US97: Multi-Use Trail Project Update (ODOT)
- BMPO Staff Updates
  - Updates:
    - September Policy Board meeting – possible reschedule
    - Bend TSAP Update – status
    - Bend TSAP Update – public engagement data comparison request

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Other Business

- Bend TSAP, continued
  - Pull “traffic/congestion” from comments to see safety concern locations



- Top 3 unchanged
- US 97 & Reed Market biggest mover/change

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Public Comment (Agenda Items & Wrap-Up)

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- Additional time for members of the public to provide comment.

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Next Meeting & Adjournment

Presenter: Chair Méndez

The next meeting of the BMPO Policy Board is scheduled for **September 18, 2026, at 12:00 p.m.**

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