



BMPO
Bend Metropolitan
Planning Organization

Meeting Minutes

BMPO Budget Committee

Location: Awbrey Butte Conference Room (City Hall)
710 NW Wall Street, Bend, Oregon

Date: March 17, 2026

Time: 12:30 p.m.

Prepared by: ABC Transcription Services, LLC.

In Attendance

Budget Committee Board Members

1. Greg Bryant, Community Member
2. Phil Chang, Deschutes County, BMPO Policy Board, left at 1:37 p.m.
3. James Dorofi, Community Member, BMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
4. Ariel "Ari" Méndez, Bend City Councilor, BMPO Policy Board Chair
5. Mike Riley, Bend City Councilor, BMPO Policy Board Vice Chair
6. Emerald Shirley, Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), BMPO Policy Board
7. Bob Townsend, Cascades East Transit (CET), BMPO Policy Board
8. Patrick Walsh, Community Member

Member Alternates

1. Tarik Rawlings, Deschutes County, BMPO TAC, served as alternate after 1:37 p.m.

BMPO Staff and Other Attendees

1. Tyler Deke, BMPO Manager
2. Andrea Napoli, BMPO Senior Planner
3. Kelli Kennedy, BMPO Program Coordinator
4. Samantha Nelson, City of Bend Chief Financial Officer, left at 1:26 p.m.
5. Dan Quick, City of Bend Budget and Financial Planning Manager
6. Tory Carr, City of Bend Senior Budget and Financial Analyst
7. Stacie Fritz, member of the public
8. John Heylin, member of the public, left at 1:17 p.m.

Notes

1. Call to Order and Hybrid Meeting Guidelines

Ari Méndez called the meeting to order at 12:34 p.m. with a quorum established. Manager Deke reviewed the hybrid meeting guidelines.

2. Introductions, Expectations, and Questions

Budget Committee members shared expectations for the Budget meeting's impacts and outcomes and posed questions for Staff prior to reviewing the draft Budget.

3. Member Terms and Chair Appointments

Materials referenced: Budget Committee Roster (Attachment A in agenda packet).

Budget Committee approved meeting minutes for March 26, 2025
(Attachment B in agenda packet)

Manager Deke displayed Budget Committee member terms. The Committee discussed the benefits of renewing member terms or opening positions for public applications.

Greg Bryant volunteered to serve as Budget Committee chair.

Motion 1: Ari Méndez moved that Greg Bryant serve as BMPO Budget Committee Chair for calendar year 2026. Mike Riley seconded the motion, which passed 8 to 0.

(Ayes: Bryant (Community Member), Chang (Deschutes County), Dorofi (Community Member), Méndez (City of Bend), Riley (City of Bend), Shirley (ODOT), Townsend (CET), Walsh (Community Member). Nays: None.)

4. BMPO Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27) Budget Message

Materials referenced: Links were provided to the **BMPO FY27 Proposed Budget** and the **BMPO Work Program and Budget webpage**.

Manager Deke reviewed the BMPO's purpose, minor boundary changes, and funding history. ODOT had historically provided the match funds required for Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) PL funds, but due to budgetary issues, ODOT had reduced the match funds provided to fifty percent and further reductions could occur in the future. ODOT had recently updated the formula for allocating funds to MPOs throughout the State, and the formula change had significantly benefited the BMPO with increased FHWA and FTA funds for the next two fiscal years. He described key accomplishments from FY25 and FY26, major work projects underway, upcoming priorities and major work activities for FY27, and the potential for funding uncertainty due to expiring federal transportation legislation and ODOT funding issues. BMPO Staff would work with the City's Finance Staff on financial models to consider the potential impacts of funding changes.

Questions and comments were addressed about outreach to Tumalo residents resulting only in minor adjustments to the BMPO boundary; potential impacts to ODOT's Budget and future State Highway Funds (SHF) if the current ballot measure did not pass; 2027 SHF amounts; a potential legislative funding gap due to inflation impacting the static dollar amount ODOT was required to provide to cities and counties; requirements for expending SHF dollars; using SHFs and in-kind matches to cover federal match requirements; MPO cities and urbanized areas being required to comply with Oregon's climate change rules; whether Congress would pass a new transportation bill or a resolution to continue extending existing funding levels; potential funding gaps impacting statewide planning support; and using the Reserve Fund to cover match funds or Staff time, if necessary.

Senior Planner Napoli provided an overview of the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) including the proposed budget amount for each task from the BMPO, COVID Relief, and SHF Programs.

Questions were addressed about posting the Obligation Report for transparency; BMPO revenue percentage allocations for each task remaining the same as in previous years, though amounts may vary; completing the draft Transportation Safety Action Plan (TSAP) by spring 2027 using a one-time Safe Streets for All grant from the FHWA of about \$200,000; revenue percentage allocations applying only to consistent BMPO funding sources such as 5303, PL and SHF; and being able to use SHFs for transit projects if exchanged for federal dollars with ODOT.

Budget Committee members discussed reducing the City of Bend's Street Preservation Program's allocation and redirecting the funds to transit or safety projects. Forty percent of the BMPO's discretionary funds were currently allocated to the Street Preservation Program, which would rely partially on BMPO funding unless the City moved forward with Phase 3 of the transportation utility fee, which currently seemed unlikely. Preventative road maintenance is cheaper than major repaving projects, and the pavement condition index could potentially drop due to the projected gap between rising costs and revenue received. Committee members requested inviting David Abbas to a meeting to discuss Street Preservation funding sources and needs and to consider example funding scenarios.

Manager Deke noted Budget adoption by the Policy Board could potentially be moved to the May meeting to allow time to speak with David Abbas. Staff would return with clarity about whether funds allocated for FY27 could be adjusted.

Manager Deke reviewed the proposed FY27 Budget summary.

Tory Carr confirmed BMPO funding cycles usually resulted in writing award checks near the end of the fiscal year. She would send the FY25 Historical Analysis to Budget Committee members.

5. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

6. BMPO FY27 Budget Approval

Motion 2: Mike Riley moved approval of the proposed BMPO Fiscal Year 2027 Budget, as presented, and recommend it for BMPO Policy Board adoption. James Dorofi seconded the motion which passed 8 to 0.

(Ayes: Bryant (Community Member), Rawlings (Deschutes County), Dorofi (Community Member), Méndez (City of Bend), Riley (City of Bend), Shirley (ODOT), Townsend (CET), Walsh (Community Member). Nays: None.)

Next steps included opening a 21-day public comment period prior to a public hearing held by the Policy Board to adopt the proposed FY27 Budget.

7. Adjourn

Chair Bryant adjourned the meeting at 1:55 p.m.



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