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# **Policy Board Meeting**

## **July 20, 2021**

# Agenda Item # 1: Call to Order & Introductions – Megan Perkins, Vice-Chair

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## Policy Board 2021

Barb Campbell, Chair, City of Bend Councilor

Megan Perkins, Vice-Chair, City of Bend Councilor

Rita Schenkelberg, City of Bend Councilor

Phil Chang, Deschutes County Commissioner

Bob Townsend, ODOT Region 4 Area Manager

## Bend MPO Staff

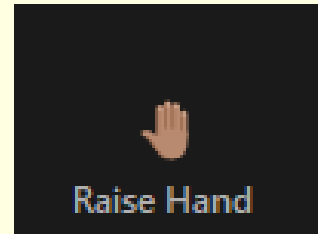
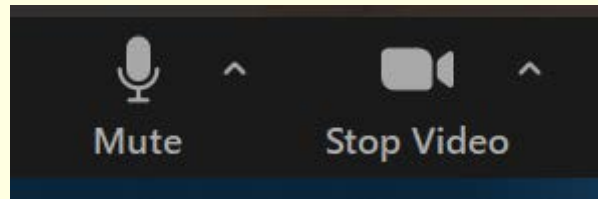
- Tyler Deke, Manager
- Andrea Napoli, Senior Planner
- Jovi Anderson, Program Coordinator

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- Members of the public and presenters will be listed by meeting host

# Agenda Item # 2: Virtual Meeting Guidelines – Jovi Anderson

- You will be on **mute** when you first join the meeting.
- Technical difficulties during the meeting? Raise Hand



- Please use the **raise hand** to speak next.
- If you join by phone, dial **\*9** to raise/lower hand.
- This meeting will be **recorded** and is available as a live streaming event on YouTube. You can review this YouTube event on the City of Bend YouTube Channel.

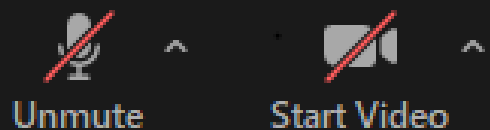


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- **Agenda Item # 3: Public Comment – Megan Perkins, Vice-Chair**
  
- **Agenda Item # 4: Meeting minutes – Megan Perkins**
  - Recommended Language for Motion: I move approval of the June 15, 2021 Policy Board draft meeting minutes as presented



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# **Agenda Item # 5: Public Participation Plan – Andrea Napoli**

# Introduction

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- Request: Consider adoption of the updated BMPO Public Participation Plan
  - Federally-required plan
  - Purpose: To establish a documented process for providing interested parties with reasonable opportunities to be involved in MPO processes.
  - Last updated in 2009 and amended in 2013
  - Staff has completed the update process for the Draft Plan

# Focus Points of Plan Update

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- Confirm any changes in fed/state legislation re: public participation and MPOs
- Build off recently updated Title VI Plan (non-discrimination and equity)
  - Concerted outreach to community organizations during plan development
- Document newer, successful public outreach processes and tools currently used, or to be used in the future

# Completed Review Activities for Draft Plan

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- Federal and State Partner review – FHWA, FTA, ODOT
  - Two comments, no concerns raised
- 45-day Public Comment Period advertised
  - Comments received: use of acronyms; officials not listening to public input; bike/ped safety at Empire/Hwy 97; all MPO items must be produced in other languages
- BMPO Policy Board review – May 18<sup>th</sup> public meeting
- BMPO TAC review – June 2<sup>nd</sup> public meeting, ***recommended approval***

*All comments and responses documented in Appendix C of Plan (in agenda).*



# Changes Since May Policy Board Review

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- Minor language edits
- Added Appendix C: Comment Log
- Content otherwise unchanged from May Policy Board presentation
  - *Introduction* – purpose of plan, fed/state requirements
  - *MPO Structure and Processes* - MPO responsibilities, make-up of board/committees
  - *Public Outreach and Engagement Methods* – identifies approaches and strategies with actions/tools to implement them
  - *Procedures for BMPO Plans and Programs* – procedures and tools to be used for specific MPO work products

# Adoption Consideration

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- Suggested motion language, “I move to adopt the Bend MPO Public Participation Plan by way of Resolution 2021-4”
- Resolution 2021-4
- Final draft in agenda packet and at [www.BendMPO.org](http://www.BendMPO.org)



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# **Agenda Item # 6: OMPOC Legislative Priorities – Tyler Deke**

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- Oregon MPO Consortium (OMPOC)
    - Forum for Oregon's MPOs to work together on matters of mutual interest and statewide significance
    - Includes 2 elected officials from each MPO
    - <https://www.ompoc.org/>
  
  - Last meeting – April 30
    - Directed staff to develop a priority position paper that could be used to advocate for allocation of federal funding

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- Draft paper includes 5 broad goals
    - Fund multimodal transportation projects and planning
    - Use transportation investments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector, improve safety, and increase the resiliency of the transportation system
    - Transportation investments support improved outcomes for everyone, particularly people of color and low income populations
    - Invest locally and support local engagement, direction, and planning of the transportation system
    - Improve transit access, impact, and help build more transit projects

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- Input from other MPOs

- Salem/Keizer: Provide funding to support the development of affordable intercity/intercommunity public transportation options, to allow greater access to goods, services, and employment opportunities that are too often lacking in smaller communities
- Medford/Ashland: concern about one item specific to the MPOs with air quality issues
- Albany: ensure smaller and more rural community needs are included in policy and programming decisions

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- Questions or comments? Additions?
  - Action Requested: Consider support of the draft OMPOC legislative priorities document
  - Recommended Language for Motion: I move Bend MPO Policy Board support of the draft OMPOC legislative priorities document
  - Next OMPOC mtg – July 30
    - Will consider adoption of priorities paper



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# **Agenda Item # 7: Future Meeting Topics – Staff**



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- Majority of Board members are new to the MPO (and elected service)
  - Staff has provided some informational presentations:
    - MPO 101
    - US97 Parkway Plan overview
    - Cascades East Transit – planning and projects overview
    - ODOT – Bend area projects overview
  - Staff would like to continue to provide informational presentations about Bend area transportation plans and projects

# Action Requested: Discuss potential future informational presentations

## Potential Topics

### ■ Plans

- Intelligent Transportation Systems Plan
- Transportation Safety Action Plan
- Bend Parks Comprehensive Plan
- Bend La Pine Schools Sites & Facilities Plan
- Central Oregon Rail Plan
- Others?

### ■ Projects

- Bend CIP & Bond projects
- Deschutes County CIP & other projects

### ■ Other items

- MPO boundary, bylaws and membership
- Low stress bicycle and pedestrian networks
- Proactive transportation safety analysis (new technologies)
- Safe Routes to Schools (local work)  
Transportation model
  - what is it? how do we use it?
- Household travel survey
- Oregon's road speed statute (or other transportation laws)
- Federal and state funding overview
- Oregon climate change work
- Freight overview
- Bend MPO website overview
- Other interests?

**Agenda Item # 8: Other Business – Megan  
Perkins & Staff**

**Agenda Item # 9: Public Comment – Megan  
Perkins**

## **Agenda Item # 10: Next Policy Board meeting**

- The next regular meeting of the Policy Board is scheduled for August 17 from 12 to 1:30 pm
  - In-person meeting for Policy Board, virtual option for other participants
- Agenda will include a discussion about federal COVID funding to Bend MPO

## **Agenda Item # 11: Adjourn**