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# **Policy Board Meeting**

## **August 17, 2021**

# Agenda Item # 1: Call to Order & Introductions – Barb Campbell, 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

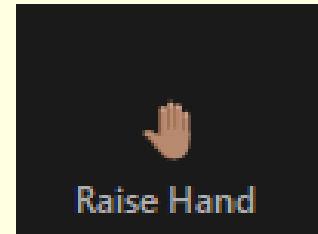
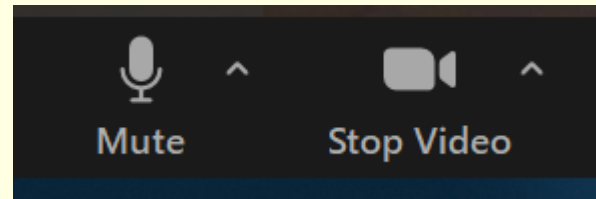
- Tyler Deke, Manager
- Andrea Napoli, Senior Planner
- Jovi Anderson, Program Coordinator

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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.

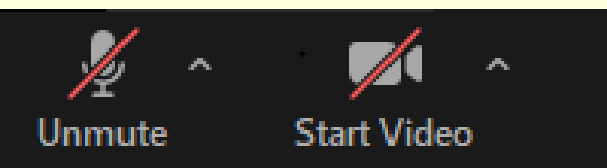


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- **Agenda Item # 3: Public Comment – Barb Campbell**

- **Agenda Item # 4: Meeting minutes – Barb Campbell**

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 Adoption – 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”
- Final draft in agenda packet and at [www.BendMPO.org](http://www.BendMPO.org)



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# **Agenda Item # 6: 2021-2024 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) Amendments – Jovi Anderson**

# 2021-2024 MTIP Amendments

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- Full amendments require 21-day public notice
- Posted on MTIP webpage
- Created news post with email notification for MPO and News Release to interested parties
- Emailed to interested parties and MPO Technical Advisory Committee members
- No comments received

# 2021-2024 MTIP Amendments

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- Amendment 1
- **Name:** Bend MPO Planning Reserves
- **Description:** Bend MPO Planning Funds, savings from previous operating budgets
- **Total Funding:** \$173,951
- **Funding Source:** Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG)

- No comments received

Future MPO action to distribute funding as determined through public meeting process and supplemental budget. STBG savings is from fiscal year 2019-2020.

# 2021-2024 MTIP Amendments

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- Amendment 2: #22442
- **Name:** US97 and US20 curb ramps (Bend)
- **Description:** Construct curb ramps to meet compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- **Total Funding:** \$3.2 million
- **Source of Funding:** Statewide ADA Funds
- No comments received

# 2021-2024 MTIP Amendments

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- Amendment 3: #21229
- **Name:** US97 Bend North Corridor
- **Description:** Realign US97 to the east of current location, widen a section of US20, construct intersection improvements, ramps, pedestrian, bicycle and ADA facilities
- **Total Funding:** \$62 million
- **Source of Funding:** Federal INFRA grant, ODOT, Local funds, HB2017 state funds.
- No comments received
- Increase the Construction phase estimate by \$47,180,000, adding a grant award and local funds.

# Review & Consider Approval

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- **Comments? Questions?**

- **Recommended Language for Motion:**

I move approval of the proposed amendments to the 2021-2024 MTIP as presented

For more on the MTIP, visit program webpage at:

[www.bendoregon.gov/mtip](http://www.bendoregon.gov/mtip)





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# **Agenda Item # 7: Transportation Safety Action Plan Grant Application - Jovi Anderson & Tyler Deke**

# Safety Action Plan Background

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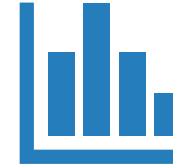
- ODOT Transportation Safety Action Plan – guiding document
- Local Transportation Safety Action Plans – adopted 2019
  - Bend
  - Deschutes County
- Analysis of 5 years of crash data
- To be updated with new data as available
- Current crash data is available through 2019

# WHAT'S IN THE TSAPs?



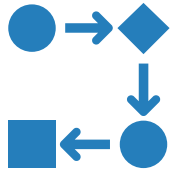
## Section 1

- Introduction
- Policies and Goals



## Section 2

- Crash Data Summary
- Emphasis Areas



## Section 3

- Systemic Solutions



## Section 4

- Speed management  
Toolbox



## Section 5

- Location Specific  
Applications



## Section 6

- Non-Infrastructure  
Measures



## Section 7

- Performance Measures





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# Unincorporated Deschutes County – Key Crash Attributes for Fatal/Severe Crashes (2015-2019)


 217 fatal/severe crashes


 15% involved snow or ice on roads


 41% involved speed

 9% involved wet roads

 24% involved drugs or alcohol


 2% (4 crashes) involved bicyclists


 18% involved motorcycles


 3% (6 crashes) involved pedestrians




# City of Bend – Key Crash Attributes for Fatal/Severe Crashes (2015-2019)


 101 fatal/severe crashes


 4% involved snow or ice on roads


 11% involved speed

 8% involved wet roads

 17% involved drugs or alcohol

 7% (7 crashes) involved bicyclists

 16% involved motorcycles

 15% (15 crashes) involved pedestrians



# 2020 Deschutes County Crash Data

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- 31 traffic crash deaths in 2020 – the most in 5 years

# Current Grant Funding

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- ODOT Transportation Safety Division provided grant funding to begin work on non-infrastructure measures
  - Funding for 2020-2021
  - Focus on behavioral issues (e.g. speeding, intoxicated driving)
  - Prepare & implement a Safety Communications Plan
  - Develop a Safety Communications Calendar
  - Allow oversight through a Regional Safety Committee
  - Create a long-term funding strategy

# Upcoming Events

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- Presentations scheduled
  - Bend City Council – Aug 18
  - Deschutes County Commission – Aug 25
  - Central Oregon Advisory Committee on Transportation – Sept 9
- Central Oregon Safe Travel Survey and Media Campaign
  - September 2021
- Central Oregon Safe Travel Summit
  - ***A Safe Travel Summit* will be held on Thursday, September 30, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Please save the date/time on your calendar.**



# Grant Application: 2021-2022

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## ■ Objectives

- Establish a long term regional Multidisciplinary Safety Committee
- Establish partnerships to mobilize community resources and spread the word about creating a safe travel culture across Central Oregon
- Work with partner agencies to create a funding strategy to continue communications & safety committee



Raise public consciousness countywide



Mobilize community resources



Build the foundation for an enduring program



Get results

# Consideration for Grant Application Approval

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- Questions? Comments?
- Action Requested: Consider approval of grant application for 2021-2022
- Recommended Language for Motion: I move approval for staff to submit a grant application for funding in 2021-2022 to continue work to implement the Bend and Deschutes County Transportation Safety Action Plans

*To review a draft survey, safety action plans and more; visit  
[www.bendoregon.gov/transportationsafety](http://www.bendoregon.gov/transportationsafety)*

# Next Steps

- Proceed with grant application, if approved by Policy Board
- With grant award, steps for Policy Board include
  - Review/approve upcoming supplemental budget
  - Amend 2021-22 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
- Create scope of work and request for proposals for consultant services

## 3 Steps for Safer Travel

These 3 steps can *cut our traffic deaths by two-thirds*:

1. Slow down



2. No alcohol or drugs



3. Buckle up





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# **Agenda Item # 8: OMPOC Legislative Priorities – Tyler Deke**

# OMPOC Legislative Priorities

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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/>
- April 30 meeting
  - Directed staff to develop a priority position paper that could be used to advocate for allocation of federal funding
- July 30 meeting
  - Reviewed and revised draft legislative policy position paper

# OMPOC Legislative Priorities

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- Draft paper includes 5 broad goals
  - Fund bicycle, pedestrian and public transportation projects & 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

# OMPOC Legislative Priorities

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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

# OMPOC Legislative Priorities

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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





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# **Agenda Item # 9: Future Meeting Topics – Staff**

# Future Meeting Topics

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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

# Future Meeting Topics

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## ■ Options

- Plans: Intelligent Transportation Systems Plan, Transportation Safety Action Plan, Bend Parks Comp Plan, Bend La Pine Schools Sites & Facilities Plan, Central Oregon Rail Plan
- Projects: Bend CIP & GO Bond projects, Deschutes Co CIP
- Other items: MPO bylaws and members, 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

## ■ Action Requested: Discuss potential future informational presentations

**Agenda Item # 10: Other Business – Barb  
Campbell & Staff**

**Agenda Item # 11: Public Comment – Barb  
Campbell**

## **Agenda Item # 12: Next Policy Board meeting**

- The next regular meeting of the Policy Board is scheduled for September 21 from 12 to 1:30 pm
  - Agenda will include a discussion about federal COVID funding
- Save the Date: Safe Travel Summit on September 30 from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

## **Agenda Item # 13: Adjourn**