

FY 2021 BMPO Title VI Annual Accomplishment Report

October 1, 2020 - September 30, 2021

Title VI Program

Summarize the key components of your Title VI Program:

- The BMPO's Title VI program has three main components: data collection, public outreach and participation, and consideration of protected populations in decision-making processes. Additionally, BMPO maintains a process for handling civil rights complaints.

Describe any changes that were made to the approved Title VI Program during the reporting period:

- New demographic static maps were created with most current ACS data (published to website and presented to TAC and Policy Board).
 - Additionally, City of Bend published a new, interactive online mapping tool using the MPO demographic datasets. This allows the public, our committee and board members to easily access this information and see certain project locations relative to areas with higher percentages of protected and other traditionally underserved populations. The MPO will continue to work with the City to add additional functionality to this tool and provide updated datasets annually.

<https://bendoregon.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/def7534e332940e7b46dc491c156045a>

- No other changes to the approved program.

Organization/Staffing Changes

Report any changes in organizational structure or staffing changes that are relevant to the Title VI program or Civil Rights Team (e.g. new Title VI Coordinator, planning or public works director etc.). If no changes occurred, indicate accordingly.

- No new staffing changes to report. Andrea Napoli, Senior Planner, continues to serve as the BMPO Title VI Coordinator.

Depict the relationship between the Title VI Coordinator and Director:

- The Title VI Coordinator is a staff planner for the MPO who works under the MPO Manager. The MPO Manager works under the City of Bend Growth Management Manager.

Planning

Summarize any transportation projects that identify potential impacts to minority and/or low-income Environmental Justice (EJ) populations (i.e., impacts such as displacements, increased noise, bisecting neighborhoods):

Note: Responses below reflect projects where MPO funding has been provided.

- During the reporting period, the MPO awarded STBG funding to the following projects:
 1. COIC Mobility Hub Development
 2. City of Bend & Bend La Pine School District, BNSF RR Pedestrian Undercrossing at SE Brosterhous Road
 3. City of Bend, Safe Routes to School, NE 8th Street Sidewalk and Crosswalk for Juniper Elementary & Pilot Butte Middle School
 4. City of Bend, Safe Routes to School, SW Larkwood Street Sidewalk for Pine Ridge Elementary
 5. City of Bend, Relaunch Bikeshare
 6. Bend Park & Rec. District, Roadway Crossing Safety Improvements for Central Oregon Historic Canal Trail
 7. Bend La Pine School District, Safe Routes to School, Accessible Trail from Crossing Guard for Juniper Elementary

Indicate how identified impacts were minimized/mitigated on projects that affected minority and/or low-income populations:

- MPO staff compared project locations to demographic maps and determined that the majority of the projects are located within areas that contain higher than average minority and low-income populations. In evaluating the characteristics of each project, only benefits were identified - no negative impacts.

Describe any projects that specifically benefit community cohesion such as: adding sidewalks, improving access to properties that improve access for EJ populations:

- Each one of these projects (numerically identified from list, above) benefits community cohesion by:
 - adding new sidewalks, bike lanes and MU paths (projects 2, 3, 4, 6, 7);
 - improving or adding new roadway crossings for peds and cyclists (projects 2, 3, 6);
 - re-establishing community bikeshare (project 5)
 - contributing to the future development of mobility hubs for improved transit/bike/ped mobility (project 1)

Public Outreach/Involvement

Summarize public outreach efforts (e.g. public meetings, hearings, public announcements) used during planning to enhance citizen participation, focusing particularly on minority populations, women, older adults, people with disabilities and low-income populations:

- Staff conducted an update to the BMPO Public Participation Plan during this reporting period. This included completely re-writing the Plan; review and approval by the BMPO Technical Advisory Committee and Policy Board; review by state and federal partners; conducting extensive outreach to traditionally underserved populations; and a 45-day Public Comment Period.

- During the PPP update, staff reached out to 30+ local organization contacts representing/working with traditionally underserved populations. Staff met with 14 of these contacts and 1 committee. Meetings were intended to start building relationships, introduce what the MPO is/does, learn what they do and where their interests/needs lie regarding transportation, ask how we can provide more/better opportunities for them and those they represent to be involved in planning and decisions being made.
- A fully updated “Title VI Contacts List” was created based on new contacts made associated with the PPP update outreach efforts. This included verifying that existing contacts were current (or not). This email list continues to be regularly used to provide public and local organization contacts with email alerts when topics that may be of interest or importance to them and those they represent (based on the meetings described in the previous bullet) come to the TAC or Policy Board.

Provide data collection supporting public outreach decisions to assess special language needs and what services provided:

- The BMPO collects American Community Survey data for Limited English Proficiency (LEP) individuals. Approximately, <2% of individuals in the Bend Urbanized Area meet the definition of LEP according to ACS 2019 5-year data. In an effort to establish “reasonable steps” (based on the USDOT four-factor analysis) to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to the programs, services, and information provided by the BMPO, the BMPO will upon request provide written and/or oral communications in Spanish (note: approximately 87% of our LEP individuals speak Spanish). Spanish versions of Title VI complaint forms are available on the BMPO website.

Summarize public involvement metrics. What tools or methods were used to identify the communities represented and measure citizen participation at public meetings (e.g., Citizen Advisory Committee member and stakeholder committee lists or attendance sign-in sheets)?

- TAC public member application information; BMPO public meeting minutes identifying public attendance/participation; tracking all public/organization input related to the update to the Public Participation Plan.

Describe any effects Title VI public involvement activities had on planning outcomes:

- MPO staff better informed on issues facing our underserved populations; able to relay this to TAC and Board.

Summarize significant problem areas and any actions taken to improve Title VI process integration, documentation, and reporting for planning. If possible, include examples of public notices as an appendix.

- While engagement and feedback from a number of community organizations representing underserved populations was successful during the PPP update, keeping this group engaged since that time has been challenging.
- Developing meaningful public involvement metrics has been difficult.
- A recent example of a BMPO public notice is attached.

Data Collection

Provide baseline demographic data used to describe the population demographics within your jurisdiction:

- Percent of Population Living below the Federal Poverty Level: 5-yr ACS data, Tables C17002
- Percent of Population Age 65+: 5-yr ACS data, Table B01001
- Percent of Non-White/Not Hispanic Population: 5-yr ACS data, Table B03002
- Percent of Population with Limited English Proficiency: 5-yr ACS data, Table B16004
- Percent of Population with (one or more) Disabilities: 5-yr ACS data, Table DP02

Link to maps using 2019 5-yr data (scroll to bottom of webpage): [Public Participation, Non-Discrimination & Equity | City of Bend \(bendoregon.gov\)](https://www.bendoregon.gov/2019-5-yr-data)

Summarize in an appendix or briefly describe the demographic profile of members of policy and advisory committees (e.g. job, title, race, gender):

- The Technical Advisory Committee consists of 12 members made up of staff from various agencies and organizations within the BMPO area, as well as 2 public members. Gender and racial/ethnic profile is by assumption: appears 70% male, 30% female, 0% other; 11 of the 12 members appear to be White/Non-Hispanic.
- The Policy Board includes five members, comprised of representatives from Bend City Council, Deschutes County Board of Commissioners, and ODOT. Gender and racial/ethnic profile is by assumption: appears 40% male, 60% female, 0% other; 3 of the 5 members appear to be White/Non-Hispanic.

Education & Training

Describe any training or actions taken to promote staff awareness on Title VI compliance:

10/14/2020	Attended City of Bend Affordable Housing Public Meeting: Building Equity Through Housing Topic (Jovi Anderson, MPO Staff)
10/28/20	Meeting with Portland Metro staff to inquire about their recent approved use of stipends to reduce barriers for participation of marginalized populations in planning and decision-making processes. (Andrea Napoli, MPO Staff/Title VI Coordinator)
2020-2021	Participation in the City of Bend Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEIA) Task Force (Andrea Napoli, MPO Staff/Title VI Coordinator)
2020-2021	Update to BMPO Public Participation Plan. Many elements related to Title VI compliance sparking reminders/awareness for staff. (All MPO staff)
2021	Member of the City of Bend DEIA Task Force Subgroup: Community Outreach and Engagement (Andrea Napoli, MPO Staff/Title VI Coordinator)
1/21/21	Latino Outreach Training, Hosted by The Next Door (Andrea Napoli, MPO Staff/Title VI Coordinator)
5/4/2021	FHWA VPI Webinar: Engaging Traditionally Underserved Communities Using Virtual Public Involvement (Andrea Napoli, MPO Staff)
5/11/2021	Forth Equitable Micromobility Webinar (Andrea Napoli, MPO Staff/Title VI Coordinator)

- 5/20/2021 Census Data Summit Series: Data about Race, Ethnicity, and Ancestry (Andrea Napoli, MPO Staff/Title VI Coordinator)
- 6/22 & 6/23 AMPO Peer Exchange on GIS and Equity: Presenter and participant in 2-day event (Andrea Napoli, MPO Staff/Title VI Coordinator)
- 8/6/2021 APA Ohio Webinar: Equity in Policy and Practice: Addressing Past Inequities in Planning for the Future (Tyler Deke, MPO Manager)
- 8/10/2021 RSG Webinar: Counting our Communities: Considering LGBTQ+ Identities in Travel Behavior Data Collection & Modeling (Tyler Deke, MPO Manager)
- Sept. 2021 BMPO Policy Board and TAC Meetings: Title VI and Equity Mapping Presentation, Created and presented by Jovi Anderson and Andrea Napoli, MPO Staff

Complaints

List any Title VI complaints resulting from transportation projects:

- None received during this reporting period.

Provide a summary of the complaint basis, investigatory actions, and the outcome or resolution:

- N/A

Title VI Goals for Upcoming Year

Describe plans for the upcoming year, including any significant problem areas and plans to manage:

- Continuation of annual updates to population mapping to coincide with U.S. Census data release (every December), publishing on MPO website, and continued review with our TAC and Policy Board
- Continue to work with City to improve functionality of new Title VI/Equity related mapping tool.
- When revisiting our STBG project application process with our TAC and Policy Board, staff plans to propose use of demographic maps in criteria/scoring.



News Release – Public Notice

9/1/2021

Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP)
-- Public Comment period open –

The Bend Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Policy Board will consider amendments to the 2021-24 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program upon a 21-day public comment period. *The meeting will be held on 9/21/21.* The amendments will be considered at a public meeting of the Bend [MPO Policy Board](#). Public Comment can be provided via email to janderson@bendoregon.gov or during public comment at the Bend MPO Policy Board meeting.

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Summary of Amendments -

Action	Project Key Number	Project Name	Proposed Project Total	Amendment Type	Amendment Decision Date (MPO)	Change Reason
Full Amendments – Your comments are valued !						
Add project	22500	CET Mobility Hub (Bend)	Proposed Project Total \$260,783	Full Amendment, new project	9/21/2021	Add Surface Transportation Block Grant project for Cascades East Transit CET like to apply the \$234,000 in STBG funds toward implementation of the mobility hubs identified in the CET Transit Master Plan and Bend Transit System Plan. Bend MPO Policy Board authorized \$234,000 toward future mobility hub development to supplement the Statewide Transportation Improvement Funding agreement for the Bend transit mobility hubs project.
Add project	22499	Bend MPO Planning SFY25	Proposed Project Total: \$523,247	Full Amendment, new project	9/21/2021	Bend MPO planning funds for Federal fiscal year 2024. This funding will be allocated to the Unified Planning Work Program development. This funding would be allocated to the project development for State Fiscal Year 2025 as July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025.

Administrative Amendments – for your information, minor updates to existing projects.						
Add Construction Funds	20011	US20: Tumalo - Cooley Rd. (Bend)	19,876,815.00	Administrative Amendment	9/1/2021	Add \$950,000 of SWIP funds to Construction phase. Add pedestrian undercrossing in Tumalo. Slip Utilities phase to 2022.
Move Construction Year	20073	All Roads Transportation Safety (Bend, phase 2)	701,000.00	Administrative Amendment	9/1/2021	Slip Construction to 2023.
Move Right of way and utility phases to future year	20391	US20: Empire - Greenwood (3rd St, Bend)	2,034,000.00	Administrative Amendment	9/1/2021	Slip the Right of Way and Utility Relocation phases to federal fiscal year 2023 for delivery.
Move Right of way and utility phases to future year	21489	US20: 3rd St - 15th St (Greenwood, Bend)	3,190,000.00	Administrative Amendment	9/1/2021	Slip Right of Way and Utilities phases to 2022.
Move Preliminary Engineering to future year	21758	US20: Sisters Interchange Bridge (Bend)	585,558.00	Administrative Amendment	9/1/2021	Slip Preliminary Engineering to 2022.
Move Construction, Right of way and utility phases to future year	20714	US97: Multi-Use Trail (Baker Rd. - Lava Butte)	5,957,172.42	Administrative Amendment	9/1/2021	Slip the Utility Relocation and Construction phases to federal fiscal year 2024 for delivery.
Amendment project summary reports are attached for more details. Reference the project key number.						

23 CFR § 450.316 requires explicit consideration and response to public comment received during the program development process. Public, staff, agency, and other interested party comments received prior to the adoption hearing are first reviewed by staff. Comments requiring minor revisions are addressed by staff. Such comments might include requests for additional information or clarification of information. Comments on policy issues or specific projects will be considered by the Policy Board at the public hearing. Comment received during the public hearing will be discussed at the public hearing. The Policy Board and staff will determine the most appropriate manner to respond to comments received. If significant changes to the proposed MTIP are recommended as a consequence of comments received, a revised final draft document will be resubmitted to the public for an additional review and comment period. Copies are free of charge and, upon request, will be made available in CD, print, and accessible formats. Upon request, in advance of the meeting, through any of the means

listed above, every effort will be made to prepare materials in other formats and in languages other than English, and to provide interpreters in American Sign Language and other languages. Assistive listening devices and large-print materials will be available at the meeting upon request. The Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council (COIC), which is the FTA Section 5307(c) applicant, has consulted with the MPO and concurs that the public involvement process adopted by the MPO for the development of the MTIP satisfies the public hearing requirements that pertain to the development of the Program of Projects for regular Section 5307, Urbanized Area Formula Program, grant applications, including the provision for public notice and the time established for public review and comment. Sign up to have notifications sent directly to your inbox here: <https://www.bendoregon.gov/services/advanced-components/subscribe-to-enews> in the list, choose Bend MPO.