
AGENDA
Bend Metropolitan Planning Organization
Policy Board

Date: November 16, 2021
Time: 12:00 – 1:30 pm
Location: Virtual meeting. Participation information provided below:

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Contact: Tyler Deke, BMPO Manager (541) 693-2113 or tdeke@bendoregon.gov

1. **Call to Order & Introductions**..... **Barb Campbell**
2. **Virtual Meeting Guidelines**..... **Jovi Anderson**
3. **Public Comment**..... **Barb Campbell**

Action Items

4. **Meeting Minutes**..... **Barb Campbell**
Review and approve the October 19, 2021 Policy Board (**Attachment A**) draft meeting minutes

Recommended Language for Motion: I move approval of the October 19, 2021 Policy Board draft meeting minutes as presented.
5. **2021-2024 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program Amendment**..... **Jovi Anderson**
Background: An amendment is proposed for the 2021-2024 MTIP. The amendment was noticed on the bendoregon.gov website and through email notification to the MPO email lists and news media. Any comments

received will be discussed at the MPO meeting. Staff will provide an overview of the proposed amendment.

Attachments: Summary of proposed MTIP amendment (**Attachment B**)

Action Requested: Review and consider approval of the proposed amendment

Recommended Language for Motion: I move approval of the proposed amendment to the 2021-2024 MTIP as presented

6. COVID Relief Act Funds.....Andrea Napoli

Background: In late June, ODOT announced that there would be no restrictions on the use of the \$1.5M in COVID Relief Act funds allocated to BMPO in March. Since that time, with direction of the Board Chair and Vice Chair, staff met with ODOT, city, county, CET, and BPRD staff to gather priority bike/pedestrian projects for possible use of these funds. The North Corridor bike/ped undercrossing project was identified by multiple jurisdictions, signaling a possible overall priority for the MPO area. As presented at the October board meeting, this project is pending a feasibility study to be completed by Spring 2022.

Attachments: None

Action Requested: Provide direction on next steps to help determine future use of funds (i.e.: wait for results of North Corridor bike/ped undercrossing feasibility study, or explore other options).

7. ODOT Transportation Growth Management (TGM) Grant, Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for Bend Mobility Hub Feasibility Study..... Andrea Napoli

Background: A joint grant application between BMPO, City of Bend, and Cascades East Transit was submitted in July 2020 for the Bend Mobility Hub Feasibility Study project. The project was awarded in September 2020; however, ODOT legal review has taken significantly longer than expected. As such, staff would like to request signature of the IGA by the board chair as soon as it is received (expected mid-to-late November) to allow for a quick turnaround back to ODOT. The intent is to reduce further delays for an executed contract to allow work to begin.

Attachments: BMPO Policy Board signed letter of support (**Attachment C**) dated July 21, 2020 (as proof of grant approval prior to formal grant procedures approved by the board in October of 2020).

Action Requested: Authorize board chair to sign IGA on behalf of Policy Board.

Information Items

8. Project Status Updates, 2021 Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Fund Awardees.....Andrea Napoli

Background: In December 2020, the Policy Board requested annual updates be given to the MPO for projects awarded funds through the MPOs STBG competitive project application process. As funding is awarded by year, a

general status update will be provided by MPO staff for projects awarded 2021 dollars.

Attachments: **Attachment D** includes a table showing the original awards from the 2020 STBG project application process, for reference.

Action Requested: None; informational presentation.

9. Federal Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act Overview Bob Townsend, ODOT

Background: Congress recently approved the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). The surface transportation component of the IIJA combines reauthorization of the FAST Act with a one-time transportation funding package. The IIJA will significantly increase funding to Oregon over the next 5 years. Bob Townsend will provide an overview of the IIJA and its impacts to Oregon.

Attachments: None. Information may be distributed during the meeting.

Action Requested: The Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) is seeking input on use of the increased funds. Staff will seek Board input on potential uses for the fund. Based on the discussion, staff will draft a letter for consideration by the Board at its December meeting.

10. Other Business..... Barb Campbell

11. Public Comment..... Barb Campbell

12. Next Policy Board Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Policy Board is scheduled for **December 14th from 12 to 1:30 pm. Note: Date changed from regular schedule.**

13. Adjourn



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This meeting event/location is accessible. Sign or other language interpreter service, assistive listening devices, materials in alternate format, such as Braille, large print, electronic formats, or any other accommodations are available upon advance request at no cost. Please contact Jovita Anderson no later than 24 hours in advance of the meeting at (541) 693-2122, or janderson@bendoregon.gov. Providing at least 2 days-notice prior to the event will help ensure availability.

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BEND METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
POLICY BOARD
Virtual Meeting – MINUTES
October 19, 2021

YouTube video link: <https://youtu.be/nIEJUQbqsuY>

Policy Board Members Present

Bend City Council: **Chair** Barb Campbell, **Vice-Chair** Megan Perkins, Rita Schenkelberg
Deschutes County Commission: Phil Chang
Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT): Bob Townsend

Policy Board Alternates

City: David Abbas, *City of Bend Transportation and Mobility Director*
County: Chris Doty, *Deschutes County Road Department Director*
ODOT Region 4: Rick Williams, *Principal Planner*; David Amiton, *Planning Manager*

MPO Staff: Tyler Deke, *Manager*; Jovi Anderson, *Program Coordinator*; Andrea Napoli, *Senior Planner*

Visitors: Cameron Prow, *TYPE-Write II* (minutes consultant); Cristel Taylor, *City of Bend Finance*; Jenny Umbarger, *City of Bend*; Dorinne Tye; Gary Vodden; Greg Bryant, *Bend MPO Technical Advisory Committee*; Kim Curley, *Commute Options*; Rory Rowan, PE, *City of Bend Capital Projects Manager*; Stacey Stemach, *Building a Better Bend*

Media: None

(The 3 digits after a motion title show the number of member jurisdictions voting in favor/opposed/abstaining.)

1. Call to Order – Introductions

Chair Campbell called the regular meeting of the Bend Metropolitan Planning Organization (Bend MPO) Policy Board to order at 12:04 p.m. on Tuesday, October 19, 2021, with a quorum of member jurisdictions present (3 of 3).

Transportation projects about which Policy Board members were most excited:

- Mr. Townsend: The Dalles bridge deck replacement across the Columbia River, Bend North Corridor, US Highway 20, and the Ward/Hamby roundabout.
- Ms. Schenkelberg: Newport Avenue corridor improvements.
- Vice-Chair Perkins: All projects making it easier to get around town.
- Mr. Chang: Cook Avenue/Highway 20 roundabout and bike/pedestrian tunnel under Highway 20; both projects are in Tumalo.
- Chair Campbell: Ward/Hamby roundabout.

2. Virtual Meeting Guidelines

Ms. Anderson reviewed the meeting guidelines.

3. Public Comment

None.

ACTION ITEMS**4. Review/Approve Policy Board Minutes**

Data: September 21, 2021 (Agenda Attachment A)

Motion 1 (3/0/0): Ms. Schenkelberg moved approval of the September 21, 2021, draft meeting minutes as presented. Ms. Perkins seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

5. 2021-2022 Budget Adjustment

Data: Issue summary (Agenda Attachment B) and Resolution 2021-05 (Agenda Attachment C). The adopted BMPO 2021-2022 budget and past budget actions are posted on the BMPO website at <https://www.bendoregon.gov/mpobudget>.

Ms. Anderson presented the proposed budget amendment to add \$95,000 in grant funding from the ODOT Safety Division and \$23,800 in match funds (in-kind staff and volunteer time) to the adopted BMPO 2021-2022 budget. The grant funds will be used to implement some noninfrastructure items in the Bend and Deschutes County Transportation Safety Action Plans.

Motion 2 (3/0/0): Mr. Chang moved approval of the 2021-22 Supplemental Budget by way of Resolution 2021-05. Ms. Schenkelberg seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

6. MPO Sponsorship of Building a Better Bend Lecture

Data: November 8, 2021, lecture on hosted by Building a Better Bend is posted at <http://www.buildingabetterbend.org/upcoming-lectures.html>.

Mr. Stemach, Chair of Building a Better Bend (BBB), requested MPO support (partner sponsor: \$500) of BBB's lecture by Charles Marohn. Mr. Marohn's presentation – "Confessions of a Recovering Engineer; Transportation for a Strong Town" – will be held at the Tower Theatre on November 8, 2021, 7-9 p.m.

Mr. Deke reported most Oregon MPOs sponsor events without a specific process. He outlined the partnership opportunity, pre-event marketing benefits, and event-day exposure. This request would fit under Partnerships and Relationship Building in the MPO's Public Participation Plan. Ms. Anderson stated the 2021-22 budget had a \$1,200 line item for community outreach.

Policy Board considerations covered benefits to the MPO, MPO sponsorship policy, source of sponsorship funds, impact of setting a precedent, and whether the lecture would be free to the public.

Motion 3 (3/0/0): Ms. Perkins moved approval of MPO sponsorship of the November 8, 2021, Building a Better Bend lecture. Mr. Chang seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS**7. US97 North Corridor Project Trail Crossing Study**

Mr. Deke introduced Mr. Rowan.

Mr. Rowan discussed a study the City plans to conduct to evaluate the feasibility of constructing a grade-separated multi-modal trail crossing of the planned new US 97 alignment. The proposed 1.3-mile trail would also cross the BNSF (Burlington Northern Santa Fe) railroad track between Empire Avenue and Cooley Road. The \$100,000 study will be conducted on two locations: (1) Robal Lane/Raymond Court and (2) Nels Anderson Road/Fred Meyers Road/Vogt Road. The consultant (WSP) will evaluate design alternatives, construction and railroad considerations, and cost estimation. The final design must be fully funded for the trail to be added back to the US97 North Corridor Project. He offered to update the MPO in winter 2022 when the study is underway.

Policy Board discussion covered how the trail crossing would connect to the existing bike/pedestrian network as no such facilities currently exist at either study location, if funds were available to build crossings at either location, and how to keep trail crossing options open until funding is available.

Mr. Deke asked if a culvert could be added under the new US97 alignment and sealed off until funding is available for the trail crossing.

Mr. Bryant's concerns included how soon federal infrastructure funds could be used and the potential timeline for this project.

8. Transportation Safety Action Plan

Data: The City of Bend and Deschutes County TSAPs are posted at <https://www.bendoregon.gov/transportationsafety> or www.centraloregonsafetravels.org.

Mr. Deke, with assistance from Ms. Anderson, provided an overview of the Bend Transportation Safety Action Plan (TSAP). His presentation covered the purpose, study areas, approach, role of crash data, Bend crash data (2012-2016), emphasis areas (roadway characteristics, behavior, vulnerable users), key crash attributes for fatal/severe crashes (Crook, Deschutes, and Jefferson Counties: 2015-2019), the recent Central Oregon Safe Travels Virtual Summit, and the Central Oregon Safe Travels Survey. Next steps will include safety planning, coordination, and public outreach.

Ms. Anderson asked if Policy Board members were interested in regular updates about transportation safety and, if so, how often.

9. Other Business

Ms. Anderson provided brief updates on the following issues:

- Administrative Amendment to the 2021-2024 MTIP (Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (Key 21229)). The proposed amendment will combine two or more approved projects into one project and change the name of a project due to the change in scope.
- Bend MPO Budget Committee Vacancies. The Budget Committee has two openings. Applications will be accepted from October 19 through December 1, 2021. The Policy Board will consider/appoint applicants at its December 2021 meeting. Applications may be made at: www.bendoregon.gov/government/committees#Membership.

10. Public Comment

None.

11. Next Policy Board Meeting

- November 16, 2021, 12 noon-1:30 p.m. (3rd Tuesday)

12. Adjourn

With no further business, Chair Campbell adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

News Release – Public Notice

10/28/2021

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

The Bend Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Policy Board will consider amendments to the 2021-2024 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) upon a 20-day public comment period. *The meeting will be held on 11/16/21.* 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.

Sign up to have notifications sent directly to your inbox here: <https://www.bendoregon.gov/services/advanced-components/subscribe-to-enevs> in the list, choose Bend MPO.

Summary of Amendments -

Action	Project Key Number	Project Name	Proposed Project Total	Amendment Type	Amendment Decision Date (MPO)	Change Reason
New Amendments – Your comments are valued!						
Add project, previously in 2018-21 MTIP	14892	US20 at Tumalo	Proposed Project Total \$3,450,000, (includes ODOT 2009 funding) Add \$1.2M from Deschutes County (2023): \$200,000 PE, \$150,000 RW, \$850,000 CN.	Admin Amendment Type of Change: Adding a non-federally funded project that doesn't require FHWA or FTA action to the MTIP	11/16/2021	Develop solutions, perform traffic analysis and complete design through the Design Acceptance Phase that addresses both short-term and long-term safety and congestion problems. Design and construct multiuse path to tie into undercrossing built as part of K20011 US20: Tumalo - Cooley Rd. See page 3-4 for more details.
Add project	22499	Bend MPO Planning FY25	Proposed Project Total: \$523,247	Full Amendment, new project Type of Change: Adding a state or federally funded project.	11/16/2021	Bend MPO planning funds. This funding would be allocated to the projects developed in the Bend Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Unified Planning Work Program for July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025. See page 5-7 for more details.

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-eneews> in the list, choose Bend MPO.

Change Management Request

Key #	Project Name	Project Leader	Area Manager
14892	US20 at Tumalo	Emerald Shirley	Bob Townsend

Project Budget Table											
Phase	End Date	Original		Change #1		Change #2		Change #3		Change #4	
		Schd	Amount	Schd	Amount	Schd	Amount	Schd	Amount	Schd	Amount
PE	2009	2009	\$1,400,000	2009	\$1,600,000						
RW	2019	2010	\$850,000	2019	\$1,000,000						
UR											
CN	2023			2023	\$850,000						
OT											
PL											
Total:			\$2,250,000		\$3,450,000						
Scope Change:											

Program Funding Involved in Project

Fish Passage
 Culverts
 Interstate Maint.
 Pavement
 HB2017
 ADA
 Maintenance
 Bridge
 Other _____

STIP

Urbanized Area:
 Functional Class:
 STIP:
 IGA #:

Bridge #:
 Population:
 NHS:
 RAIL:
 SPIS Site:

MP: TO
 LRS:
 County:
 City:

Original Project Budget											
Phase	Schd	Total	Fix-IT R4	Local (Deschutes)							
PE	2009	\$1,400,000	\$1,100,000	\$300,000							
RW	2010	\$850,000	\$50,000	\$800,000							
UR											
CN											
OT											
PL											
Total:		\$2,250,000	\$1,150,000	\$1,100,000							

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Original Scope:

Develop solutions, perform traffic analysis and complete design through the Design Acceptance Phase that addresses both short-term and long-term safety and congestion problems

Change Management Budget

Key #	Project Name	Project Leader	Area Manager
14892	US20 at Tumalo	Emerald Shirley	Bob Townsend

Change #1 Proposed Project Budget				Date:	Schedule			Scope		Budget
Phase	Schd	Total	Fix-IT R4	Local (Deschutes)	FP	FP	FP	FP	FP	FP
PE	2009	\$1,600,000	\$1,100,000	\$500,000						
RW	2019	\$1,000,000	\$50,000	\$950,000						
UR										
CN	2023	\$850,000		\$850,000						
OT										
PL										
Total:		\$3,450,000	\$1,150,000	\$2,300,000						

Auto-Size Text Boxes Below	Change 1: Elective	Reason 1: 101 Adding Scope
	Change 2: Elective	Reason 2: 101 Adding Scope
	Change 3: Elective	Reason 3: 302 Additional budget added

Summary of Proposed Changes:
 Add \$200,000 to PE, \$150,000 to RW, and set up CN phase with \$850,000 and an obligation year of 2023. All funding is from Deschutes County. Add mulituse path to scope and bring multiuse path to construction.

Scope:
 Develop solutions, perform traffic analysis and complete design through the Design Acceptance Phase that addresses both short-term and long-term safety and congestion problems. Design and construct multiuse path to tie into undercrossing built as part of K20011 US20: Tumalo - Cooley Rd.

Justification:
 Deschutes County is adding 1.2 million to this project to bring a mulituse path to construction that will tie in with the undercrossing built at part of K20011 US20: Tumalo - Cooley Rd.

 Area Manager Signature Date

 Program Manager Signature Date

 Region Manager Signature Date

 STIP Signature Date

 Signature Date

 Signature Date

Key Number: **22499**

2021-2024 STIP

Project Name: **Bend MPO Planning SFY25**

**(PENDING AMENDMENT
PROJECT)**

Project Overview			
Total Current Estimate	\$523,364.00	Description	Bend MPO planning funds for Federal fiscal year 2024. Projects will be selected in the future through the MPO process.
Responsible Region	4	Related Programs	
Project Status Date	8/18/2021	STIP Name	2021-2024 STIP
Project Status	APPROVED	Administrator	LOCAL
Monitor	PLAN	Applicant	BEND MPO
Bid Let Date		MPO	Bend MPO
Target Date		Constructor	
Award Date		Functional Class	NO FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION
Air Quality Approval Req.		Work Class	UNIQUE
Air Quality Approval Date.		IGA #	
		Contract #	
Created On	8/18/2021	Created By	Tana Libby
Last Updated On	8/18/2021	Last Updated By	Tana Libby

Locations													
Route	Highway	MP Begin	MP End	Length	Street	City	County	ACT	Bridge	Reg	State Repr Dist	State Sen Dist	US Cngr Dist
							DESCHUTES	COACT		4	53, 54	27	2

Phases												
Ph	Phase Total Est. Cost	Original Auth Amount	Original Auth Date	Current Auth Amount	Current Auth Date	Current STIP Amount	Curr STIP Year	Initial STIP Amount	Init STIP Year	EA	Fed Aid ID	Status
PL	523,364.00	0.00		0.00		523,364.00	2024	523,364.00	2024			APPROVED
Tot	523,364.00	0.00		0.00		523,364.00		523,364.00				

Work Types					
Phase	Work Type	Percent of Phase	Work Type Amount	Opt Code	Option Desc
PL	PLANNG	100.00%	523,364.00	L	LOCAL PROJECT
	PL Totals	100.00%	523,364.00		
Grand Totals			523,364.00		

Key Number: 22499 2021-2024 STIP

Project Name: Bend MPO Planning SFY25 (PENDING AMENDMENT PROJECT)

Financial Plan -- Target Amounts									
Phase	Funding Resp	STIP	Year	Use Hist Savings	Total Trgt Amt	Fed Trgt Amt	State Trgt Amt	Local Trgt Amt	Comment
PL	SW LOCAL STP/STBG	2021-2024 STIP	2024		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Estimated Funding allocations \$300,000 total for STBG \$269,190 Fed STBG \$30,810 Local Match STBG
	SW MPO PLANNING	2021-2024 STIP	2024		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$223,364 total PL & 5303 Funding PL (Z450) \$168,652 includes state match (\$151,331 F & \$17,321 S) FTA \$49,093 Local Match \$5,619
	PL Totals					0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grand Totals					0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	

Financial Plan -- Estimate / Actual Amounts									
Phase	Funding Resp	STIP	Year	Use Hist Savings	Total Est/Act Amt	Fed Est/Act Amt	State Est/Act Amt	Local Est/Act Amt	Comment
PL	SW LOCAL STP/STBG	2021-2024 STIP	2024		300,000.00	269,190.00	0.00	30,810.00	Estimated Funding allocations \$300,000 total for STBG \$269,190 Fed STBG \$30,810 Local Match STBG
	SW MPO PLANNING	2021-2024 STIP	2024		223,364.00	200,424.00	17,321.00	5,619.00	\$223,364 total PL & 5303 Funding PL (Z450) \$168,652 includes state match (\$151,331 F & \$17,321 S) FTA \$49,093 Local Match \$5,619
	PL Totals					523,364.00	469,614.00	17,321.00	36,429.00
Grand Totals					523,364.00	469,614.00	17,321.00	36,429.00	

Fund Codes											
Phase	Fund Code	Description	ICA P	Percent of Phase	Total Amount	Federal Percent	Federal Amount	State Percent	State Amount	Local Percent	Local Amount
PL	Z240	SURFACE TRANSP BLOCK GRFS-FLEX		57.32%	300,000.00	89.73%	269,190.00	0.00%	0.00	10.27%	30,810.00
	Z450	METROPOLITAN PLANNING FAST		32.22%	168,652.00	89.73%	151,331.00	10.27%	17,321.00	0.00%	0.00
	Z77D	METRO PL 5303 Funds FROM FTA		10.46%	54,712.00	89.73%	49,093.00	0.00%	0.00	10.27%	5,619.00
	PL Totals				100.00%	523,364.00	469,614.00	17,321.00	36,429.00		
Grand Totals					523,364.00	469,614.00	17,321.00	36,429.00			

Key Number: **22499** **2021-2024 STIP**

Project Name: **Bend MPO Planning SFY25** **(PENDING AMENDMENT PROJECT)**

Amendments						
Status Date	Amendment Num.	Status	Project Change Type	S/C	Key Number	Change Reason
8/18/21	21-24-1234	PENDING	ADD PROJECT		22499	Add SFY25 (FFY24) project

Selection Criteria: STIP	2021-2024 STIP	Key Number	22499	Project ID	44409
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July 21, 2020

Transportation and Growth Management Program
Department of Land Conservation and Development
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JUSTIN LIVINGSTON, CHAIR
City of Bend Council

Re: Bend MPO 2020 TGM Grant Application

ANTHONY DEBONE, VICE-CHAIR
Deschutes County Commission

To Whom It May Concern,

ROBERT TOWNSEND
ODOT Region 4

As Chair of the Bend MPO Policy Board, I am submitting this letter of support for the Bend MPO 2020 TGM grant application. The application, submitted in coordination with Cascades East Transit (CET) and the City of Bend, proposes a Mobility Hub Feasibility Study and Pilot Project.

BARBARA CAMPBELL
City of Bend Council

CHRIS PIPER
City of Bend Council

Recent development of the CET Transit Master Plan has identified the concept of moving from the existing 'hub-and-spoke' transit service model to a grid-based system that utilizes mobility hubs. Mobility hubs cluster transportation choices and amenities at major transit stop locations. The Bend MPO understands that initial planning work has shown that this would increase the efficiency, accessibility, and convenience of the transit system, as well as to relieve the demand on Hawthorne Station, which is experiencing land use and traffic conflicts.

TYLER DEKE, AICP
Manager

JOVI ANDERSON
Program Coordinator

ANDREA NAPOLI, AICP
Senior Planner

High-level, conceptual planning work has been completed and general mobility hub locations have been identified. However, because the concept of mobility hubs is relatively new - not just to Bend, but to the nation - a number of questions exist from all involved agencies regarding their implementation and management. This project is expected to establish a feasible and logical approach to implementation, with a pilot project to test that approach. The Bend MPO sees this project as a necessary next step to successful implementation of a mobility hub system in Bend.

Please let us know if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Justin Livingston, Chair

Original December 2020 Approval*

Agency	Project	2021 Approved	2022 Approved	2023 Approved	2024 Approved	Original Requests (all years combined)
Central Oregon Intergov. Council	Bend Mobility Hub Development					\$450,000
City of Bend & Bend La Pine School District	SE Brosterhous Road: BNSF Pedestrian Undercrossing	\$94,500	\$142,532			\$301,250
City of Bend	NE 8th Street: Sidewalk and Crosswalk for Juniper/Pilot Butte SRTS				\$180,750	\$184,100
City of Bend	SW Larkwood Street: Sidewalk for Pine Ridge SRTS			\$90,000		\$90,000
City of Bend	NW Wall Street: Curb Extension at Idaho SRTS for Amity Creek Elementary					\$117,500
City of Bend	Relaunch Bikeshare in Bend					\$365,000
Bend Park & Recreation District	CO Historic Canal Trail: Crossing Safety Improvements	\$26,000	\$38,218			\$64,218
Bend-La Pine School District	SRTS Juniper Elementary School: Accessible Trail from Crossing Guard			\$50,000		\$50,000
	Total Approved in 2020 (By Year)	\$120,500	\$180,750	\$140,000	\$180,750	
	Available (By Year)	\$120,500	\$180,750	\$180,750	\$180,750	
	Difference (Requests Minus Available)	\$-	\$-	\$40,750	\$-	

***NOTE:** Spring 2021 Policy Board approved use of “additional” STBG funds (resultant of estimated vs actual amounts allocated from ODOT) for 2021 to meet original requests for SE Brosterhous undercrossing project, NE 8th Street Safe Routes to School project, and \$33,750 for bikeshare project.