

The *Unified Planning Work Program* fulfills specific Federal and State transportation planning requirements ensuring that the Bend Metropolitan Planning Organization maintains eligibility for Federal transportation funding. The *Unified Planning Work Program* study area includes the urbanized area of Bend, Oregon thereby ensuring community representation that system-wide transportation issue solutions remain a continuing, cooperative, and

comprehensive process. The *Unified Planning Work Program* additionally incorporates a multi-modal transportation perspective, including provisions to improve facilities for public transit, bicycling, and pedestrian activities.

The current Unified Planning Work Programs includes the following:

- Approved Fiscal Year 2021-2023 Unified Planning Work Program
- Proposed Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Unified Planning Work Program

Public Participation Notice:

FY 2022 - 2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

In accordance with its formal Public Participation Plan, the Bend Metropolitan Planning Organization (BMPO shall offer a twenty-one (21) day public review for the *Draft FY 2022 - 2023 Unified Planning Work Program* (UPWP). The BMPO shall accept written comments on the proposed UPWP beginning on **March 14, 2022** and ending on **April 18, 2022**.

The Draft FY 2022 - 2023 Bend MPO UPWP is available for public downloading online at www.bendmpo.org or with this link:

Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Unified Planning Work Program

Copies are also available in-person upon request at:

710 NW Wall Street, Bend, OR 97703; or

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 For questions or additional information please contact MPO staff at 541-693-2122, 541-693-2113 or

- To schedule an appointment to review the document in person, or for additional information regarding this document, contact the MPO Staff, Jovi Anderson, at (541) 693-2122 or janderson@bendoregon.gov or visit our website at www.bendmpo.org.
- Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, or disability. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or those requiring language translation services should contact the Bend MPO at (541) 693-2122.
- Asistencia de idiomas está disponible poniéndose en contacto con personal de la MPO en janderson@bendoregon.gov.

Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Notification Requirements from Bend MPO Public Participation Plan, Adopted 8/2021

Public Comment Periods

Formal public comment periods are initiated for specific draft MPO documents and major changes to plans or programs. Comment periods related to plan and program adoption, as well as major amendments to adopted plans and programs are to be a minimum of 21-days, with a 45-day review period for the Public Participation Plan. All comments received are retained in the project record and provided to the relevant MPO committee and/or board. Announcement and advertisement of public comment periods, including public hearings, are done via email lists, website posts, MPO and City online news feed, legal ads (re: public hearings), and at MPO and external committee meetings.

Public Hearings

The Policy Board utilizes a public hearing process for the adoption of the MPOs annual work program (Unified Planning Work Program, or UPWP) which includes approval of the upcoming fiscal year budget. Public hearings are advertised at least 21-days in advance (see Public Comment Periods, above).

UPWP/Budget Procedures

Public comments received outside of public meetings are provided to TAC and/or Policy Board. Those received during the plan adoption public comment period are documented in the appendices of the final document.

Link to Bend MPO Public Participation Plan document:

Table 1: UPWP/Budget Procedures

Action	Formal Public Comment Period	Processes / Tools
UPWP Development	N/A	Review/comment at public meetings; notification via email lists and website; online meeting recording
Annual Budget Development	N/A	Establish Budget Committee (incl. 5 public members); legal notice posted 8-12 days prior to public meeting per ORS 294.915
UPWP Adoption	21-day	Review/comment at public hearing; notification via email lists, website, news feed, FB; online meeting recording
Annual Budget Adoption	N/A	Follow state budget law for hearing on Budget adoption; legal notice posted 8-14 days prior per ORS 294.920
UPWP or Budget Amendment⁵	N/A	Review/comment at public meetings; notification via email lists and website; online meeting recording

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