
AGENDA
Bend Metropolitan Planning Organization
Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: April 5, 2023
Time: 10 – 11:30 am
Location: Hybrid meeting

In-Person Location: Bend City Hall, Awbrey Butte Room (2nd Floor), 710 NW Wall Street, Bend

Virtual Options: Register for this meeting using the following link:
<https://bendoregon.gov.zoom.us/j/85248654887?pwd=aWo3OVd1YkhJaCtQbE0xRk1iL3NvZz09>

YouTube: <https://youtube.com/live/o6cWKUkVMmo?feature=share>

Phone Option: 1-888-788-0099; Webinar ID: 852 4865 4887; Passcode: bmpo

Contact: Tyler Deke, BMPO Manager (541) 693-2113 (office), (541) 633-9298 (mobile) or tdeke@bendoregon.gov

1. Call Order & Introductions Tyler Deke
2. Hybrid Meeting Guidelines Tyler Deke
3. Public Comment..... Tyler Deke

Action Items

4. Review and approve February 1, 2023 (Attachment A), March 1, 2023 (Attachment B) and March 13, 2023 (Attachment C) draft meeting summaries Tyler Deke

Recommended Language for Motion: I move approval of the February 1, 2023, March 1, 2023, and March 13, 2023, meeting summaries as presented.

5. Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Update Overview and Revisiting MTP Goals and Policies Approved in 2020 Andrea Napoli

Background: Staff will provide an overview of the next MTP update cycle, which is just getting underway. And, associated with that, staff will review the MTP Goals and Policies that were adopted in 2020 (after the prior MTP

update deadline of September 2019) for TAC consideration to continue them for the 2024 MTP update.

Attachments: MTP Overview and MTP Goals and Policies Memo (**Attachment D**)

Action Requested: TAC recommendation to the Policy Board to approve the MTP Goals and Policies for the 2024 MTP update.

Recommended Language for Motion: I move to recommend approval to the Policy Board of the MTP Goals and Policies as (presented / revised).

Informational Items

6. South River Crossing ... Henry Stroud, BPRD and Brent Stinski, Connect Bend

Background: A southern bicycle and pedestrian bridge across the Deschutes River is in the BPRD Comprehensive Plan as a long-range project. Henry Stroud will provide a brief overview of the history of the proposed bridge. Connect Bend, a local non-profit, is seeking advancement of the bridge. Brent Stinski will discuss the role and purpose of Connect Bend.

Attachments: None. Information about Connect Bend is available on the following site: <https://www.connect-bend.org/>

Action Requested: None. Information Item

7. Member & Guest Roundtable TAC members

Time for TAC members to provide updates on current projects and planning efforts.

8. Public Comment Tyler Deke

9. Next TAC meeting

The next meeting of the Bend MPO TAC is scheduled for May 3, 2023, at 10 a.m.

10. Adjournment



Accessible Meeting Information

This meeting event and location are accessible. Sign 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. Please contact Andrea Napoli at (541) 323-8545 or anapoli@bendoregon.gov. Providing at least 3 days' notice prior to the event will help ensure availability.



BMPO Bend Metropolitan
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Technical Advisory Committee

Draft Meeting Summary

February 1, 2023

Bend City Hall, Awbrey Butte Room (2nd Floor)
710 NW Wall Street, Bend, Oregon

Link to meeting: <https://youtu.be/07MLpy-C02o>

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Mr. Deke called the regular meeting of the Bend Metropolitan Planning Organization (Bend MPO) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), Federal Carbon Reduction Program Funding Workshop, to order at 10:12 a.m., Wednesday, February 1, 2023, with a quorum of members present (11 of 12). Present during the meeting were:

MPO TAC (voting members)

1. Bend La Pine Schools Sharon Smith
2. Bend Park & Recreation District (BPRD) Henry Stroud
3. Cascades East Transit (CET) Eric Lint
4. Citizen (resident) Greg Bryant
5. Citizen (resident) Liza Hamada
6. City of Bend Robin Lewis
7. Commute Options Kim Curley
8. Deschutes County Peter Russell
9. Deschutes County Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee Dave Thomson
10. Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Region 4 Rick Williams
11. Oregon State University (OSU)-Cascades Casey Bergh
12. *Central Oregon Community College (COCC): Mike Beaulieu absent*

Ex Officio Members

Bend MPO Manager Tyler Deke
Oregon Department of Land Conservation & Development (DLCD) Angie Brewer
Federal Highway Administration (FHWA): Jasmine Harris absent
Federal Transit Administration (FTA): Ned Conroy absent

BMPO Staff

Andrea Napoli, *Senior Planner*
Jovi Anderson, *Program Coordinator*

Visitors

Cameron Prow, type *WriteIt* (contractor – meeting recorder)
Jack Farley, *Tumalo Irrigation District*
Rachel Zakem

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

2. Hybrid Meeting Guidelines

Ms. Anderson reviewed the meeting guidelines.

3. Public Comment

None.

ACTION ITEMS**4. Review and Approve December 7, 2022 (Agenda Attachment A), and January 4, 2023 (Agenda Attachment B), Draft Meeting Summaries**

Motion 1 (11/0/0): Mr. Bryant moved approval of the December 7, 2022, and January 4, 2023, draft meeting summaries as presented. Mr. Thomson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

5. Federal Performance Measures

Data: Performance measures overview memo (Agenda Attachment C)

Ms. Anderson provided an overview of Oregon targets for the 2022-2026 reporting cycle. Her summary included the performance measures plus federal and state crash data. She requested TAC feedback and a recommendation for the Policy Board to support the updated state targets for the Bend MPO.

TAC questions: why pavement condition in the BMPO area is so low, who rates target percentages, and whether the TAC can recommend changes to performance targets.

Motion 2 (11/0/0): Mr. Stroud recommended the Policy Board support the adopted 2022 ODOT safety, pavement, bridge, and system performance measure targets. Ms. Smith seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**6. Annual Listing of Federally Funded Transportation Projects**

Materials: Annual Listing of Federally Funded Projects (Agenda Attachment D)

Ms. Anderson stated the Bend MPO is required to publish an “Annual Obligation Report.” The report includes all projects and programs for which federal transportation funds were obligated for the BMPO area in the prior Federal Fiscal Year (FFY): October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022.

TAC question: Mr. Bryant asked what “other” meant for the \$50 million allocated to the North 97 project. Ms. Anderson stated she would check and let him know by e-mail.

7. 2023-2025 Draft Work Program and Budget

Materials: The draft Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) will be posted in early February 2023 at: <https://bendoregon.gov/mpobudget>.

Mr. Deke presented the draft two-year (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2025) work program. The two-year work program is new this year and will require a spring 2024 amendment to finalize the second year (FY 2025) of the work plan and the annual budget. His summary covered the work program, funding sources, historic budget totals, MPO staffing, major task timeline, major tasks (planning, ODOT projects, data), FY 2024 and FY 2025 UPWP Development Schedule, and FY2024 Draft Budget Summary. The Bend MPO will meet with its federal (FHWA, FTA) and state (ODOT) partners on February 3, 2023. He requested input on the proposed work activities

Ms. Napoli stated she is hoping to continue updating the BMPO equity mapping tool. Initial public outreach for the MTP (Metropolitan Transportation Plan) update is expected to start in summer 2023. She will be seeking opportunities for synergy projects with BMPO partners. Ms. Anderson added she will be updating crash and volume data which is a good basis for the Transportation Safety and Action Plan.

TAC concerns: when climate change legislation will become effective, impact of climate change legislation on public and private employers, and MPO staffing capacity.

8. **2021-2027 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program Amendment**

Materials: News Release dated 1/24/2023 with project details (Agenda Attachment E). Project details may be viewed at:

<https://www.oregon.gov/odot/projects/pages/project-details.aspx?project=22442>

Ms. Anderson presented a proposed amendment to Key 22442 (Sisters & Bend curb ramps). The amendment will add \$8,591,030 in ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) program funds to the construction phase estimate, increasing the project total from \$9,042,316 to \$17,633,346. The Policy Board will consider this at its next meeting.

TAC comments: source of extra ADA program funds and if more ramps were added to the project scope.

Ms. Anderson stated she e-mailed a request to Bob Townsend at ODOT; he'll provide information about the project scope at the Policy Board meeting.

9. **Member and Guest Roundtable**

TAC members and guests provided updates on current projects and planning efforts:

- Bend La Pine Schools: No report.
- Bend Park & Recreation District: Mr. Stroud provided updates on three construction projects, the first two of which will close final gaps in the Deschutes River Trail:
 - *Drake Park and Pacific Park connection.* Extending the trail under Newport Avenue (completion expected in summer 2023)
 - *Drake Park with Miller's Landing Park connection.* Upon approval of an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with the City of Bend, the City will release an RFP (Request for Proposals) to obtain a design consultant for the Riverfront Street reconstruction project.
 - *Big Sky Park:* New gravel loop trail, adult and youth pump tracks, and single-track trails for accessible bicycles (construction nearing completion).

Mr. Potwin asked when the trail closure on the west side of the Bill Healy Memorial Bridge will reopen. Mr. Stroud replied the cold temperatures caused a slight delay, but he expected the trail to reopen within the next month.

Mr. Stroud stated the park district will start a mid-term update of its comprehensive plan in the new fiscal year starting July 1, 2023, which might offer the Bend MPO a joint outreach opportunity.

- Cascades East Transit: Mr. Lint discussed benefits from the new AVL (Automated Vehicle Location) and computer-aided dispatch technology, implemented in late 2022. *Example 1:* Dial-A-Ride members now receive a head's-up text message five minutes before their scheduled pickup time. *Example 2:* On January 31, a real-time service alert was sent to riders on Route 25 from Crooked River Ranch when the route was closed due to driver illness. A lot of hiring is going on; one of the open positions is for a Fiscal Services Administrator.
- Central Oregon Community College: No report.

- City of Bend: Ms. Lewis announced a public meeting on the Neff Road/Purcell Boulevard roundabout will be held on February 2, 2023. The detour route during construction (27th Street, Greenwood Avenue, 8th Street, and Butler Market Road) will probably be effective through the end of June 2023. The contractors have made provisions for emergency vehicle access but not the general public.
- Commute Options: Mr. Potwin reported partnering with the City of Bend to increase transportation options in Bend by starting an electric bicycle voucher program for low-income residents. The application process to identify 75 participants will start on March 20 and end on May 10, 2023.
- Deschutes County: Mr. Russell provided updates on two projects: (1) transportation system plan – the public comment period on the draft project list closed on January 31. The adoption process before the Deschutes County Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners is expected to start in spring/summer 2023. (2) Tumalo Community Plan bike/pedestrian/transit element – consideration by the county planning commission and county commissioners is expected in summer 2023.

Mr. Thomson expressed interest in reviewing the public comments when they become available.

- Deschutes County BPAC: Mr. Thomson announced DBPAC is soliciting nominations for “Safe Sidewalk Awards.” Nomination forms are available on the Deschutes County website.
- Oregon Department of Transportation: Mr. Williams provided updates on the Reed Market study (narrowing down options for the City and State systems) and the Highway 20 facility plan (working to set up first workshop in March 2023).
- OSU-Cascades: No report.
- Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development: No report.
- Citizen/Resident (Liza Hamada): No report.
- Citizen/Resident (Greg Bryant): No report.
- Bend MPO: Ms. Anderson announced the Policy Board reappointed Greg Bryant to the TAC at its January 17, 2023 meeting. The next opportunity to appoint a new citizen (resident) member to the BMPO TAC will occur the end of September 2023.

10. **Public Comment**

Jack Farley, a member of Tumalo Irrigation District Board of Directors, stated the district has been working on upgrades to Steidl Dam including new gates and new safety platforms. He has been working with Deschutes County Commissioners and the county planning commission regarding the county’s comprehensive plan update. Commissioner Chang suggested he consider becoming involved with the BMPO.

11. **Next TAC Meeting**

March 1, 2023, 10 a.m. (1st Wednesday) – Hybrid meeting

12. **Adjourn**

There being no further business, Mr. Deke adjourned the meeting at 11:17 a.m.



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Federal Carbon Reduction Program Funding Workgroup
Draft Meeting Summary

March 1, 2023

Bend City Hall, Awbrey Butte Conference Room, 2nd Floor
710 NW Wall Street, Bend, Oregon

Link to meeting: **not available**

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Mr. Deke called the second meeting of the Bend Metropolitan Planning Organization (Bend MPO) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), Federal Carbon Reduction Program Funding Workgroup, to order at 10:12 a.m., Wednesday, March 1, 2023, with a quorum of workgroup members present (19 of 24). Mr. Amiton arrived later in the meeting, increasing the quorum (20 of 24). Present during the meeting were:

MPO TAC (voting members)

1. Bend La Pine Schools Sharon Smith
2. Cascades East Transit (CET) Eric Lint
3. Central Oregon Community College (COCC).....Josh Clawson
4. City of Bend..... Robin Lewis
5. Commute Options..... Kim Curley
6. Deschutes CountyPeter Russell
7. Deschutes County Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (DBPAC)..Dave Thomson
8. Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Region 4.....Rick Williams
9. Oregon State University (OSU)-Cascades..... Casey Bergh
10. Citizen (resident)Greg Bryant
11. Citizen (resident)Liza Hamada
12. *Bend Park & Recreation District (BPRD): Henry Stroud absent*

MPO TAC (nonvoting members)

1. Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development..... Angie Brewer
2. *Federal Highway Administration (FHWA): Jasmine Harris absent*
3. *Federal Transit Administration (FTA): Ned Conroy absent*

MPO

1. Barb Campbell, *Bend City Councilor and Policy Board Chair*
2. Tyler Deke, *Manager*
3. Jovi Anderson, *Program Coordinator*
4. Andrea Napoli, *Senior Planner*

FCRP Workgroup Members

1. Cassie Lacy, *City of Bend*
2. David Amiton, *ODOT Region 4*
3. Sarah Hutson, *City of Bend*
4. Tobias "Tobi" Marx, *City of Bend*
5. *Janet Hruby, City of Bend absent*

Visitors

Cameron Prow, *type Write!l (contractor – meeting recorder)*
John Heylin, *City of Bend Accessibility Advisory Committee (COBAAC)*
Kim Curley, *Commute Options*

2. Hybrid Meeting Guidelines

Ms. Anderson reviewed the meeting guidelines.

3. Federal Carbon Reduction Program Funding

Materials: Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Carbon Reduction Program (Agenda Attachment A) and Project Summary from January 2023 meeting (distributed before today's meeting)

Goals: Identify potential projects/programs. Make a recommendation to the Bend MPO Policy Board to endorse priority programs/projects.

Mr. Deke provided an overview of the new carbon reduction funding program created by the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). The Bend MPO area will be eligible for about \$1.1 million over 5 years to use for transportation greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction projects. His summary covered the background, eligible projects/categories, program administration (ODOT will manage the application and decision processes), and Bend area strategy. Potential Bend area projects identified at the January 2023 meeting fell into two categories: transportation options and system operations. Support resources will include:

- Webinar: March 15, 2023, 2-3 p.m.
(registration required:
<https://www.oregon.gov/odot/climate/Pages/CarbonReductionProgram.aspx>)
- Office hours: March 28, 2023, 10 a.m.-12 noon, and April 6, 1-3 p.m.
(registration required:
<https://www.oregon.gov/odot/climate/Pages/CarbonReductionProgram.aspx>)
- Questions and application assistance: ODOT Climate Program Coordinator Rye Baerg, rye.baerg@odot.oregon.gov

Next steps:

- Application window: February 28 through May 31
- April or May: BMPO Policy Board endorses projects, submits letter to ODOT
- June-August: Project selection process
- September/October 2023: Project awards announced
- To be determined: Project and program implementation

Workgroup discussion covered:

- *Funding distribution:* Is the \$1.1 million the MPO expects to receive guaranteed? Could the Bend MPO front-load the entire \$1.1 million it will receive in Year 1?
- *Funding eligibility:* Can the MPO itself apply for funding? Can Bend-La Pine School District join an application for the Get There Program? CET purchase of new busses to reduce headway times, using federal dollars to purchase Commute Options' rewards, re-funding the City of Bend rewards program.
- *Funding strategy:* one or multiple projects within the BMPO area, minimum application amounts, consensus on priority projects.
- *Planning:* need a coordinated, high-level plan for delivery when funding becomes available. What can we do today that will have the greatest impact on carbon reduction in 10 years?

- *Project delivery:* Easiest project types for federal delivery. Will each ODOT region administer projects within its boundaries?
- *Project evaluation:* cost estimate, potential other funding sources, quantifying the carbon reduction potential (lack of an effective tool), potential VMT (vehicle miles traveled) reduction. Does the MPO Policy Board need to approve application(s) submitted? If ODOT asks the Bend MPO to resubmit a project that doesn't score well, how does that work if the submittal deadline has passed? Which project will deliver the "biggest bang for the buck"?
- *Don't move forward:* traffic signal interconnects, traffic signal detection, transit bus shelters since priority stop locations haven't been identified.
- *MOVE FORWARD:* traffic signal priority, supporting multi-modal options, attracting choice riders to use transit, working with larger employers to shift modes employees use to get to/from work and services, electronic reader boards, encourage telecommuting

Mr. Deke suggested applicants make short presentations about each project: rough cost, needs, climate benefits, what the project might entail, how the funding will be used, how the project would score on the evaluation criteria, and project readiness. Following today's meeting, Bend MPO staff will poll workgroup members to determine an appropriate date and time for another FCRP meeting to review applicant presentations.

Ms. Anderson stated her new job with ODOT Region 4 involved working as a regional transit coordinator and she was excited by the challenge.

4. Adjourn

With no further business, Mr. Deke adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.



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Technical Advisory Committee
Federal Carbon Reduction Program Funding Workgroup
Draft Meeting Summary

March 13, 2023

City of Bend Growth Management Conference Room
709 NW Wall Street, Suite 102, Bend, Oregon

Link to meeting: <https://youtube.com/live/AegYaO3Rc-g?feature=share>

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Mr. Deke called the third meeting of the Bend Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), Federal Carbon Reduction Program (FCRP) Funding Workgroup, to order at 3:04 p.m., Monday, March 13, 2023, with a quorum of workgroup members present (14 of 23). Present during the meeting were:

MPO TAC Voting Members

1. Cascades East Transit (CET) Eric Lint
2. City of Bend Robin Lewis
3. Commute Options Brian Potwin
4. Deschutes County Peter Russell
5. Deschutes County Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee Dave Thomson
6. Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Region 4 Rick Williams
7. Oregon State University-Cascades (OSU) Casey Bergh
8. Citizen (resident) Greg Bryant
9. Citizen (resident) Liza Hamada
10. *Bend La Pine Schools: Sharon Smith absent*
11. *Bend Park & Recreation District (BPRD): Henry Stroud absent*
12. *Central Oregon Community College (COCC): Josh Clawson absent*

MPO TAC nonvoting members

1. *Federal Highway Administration (FHWA): Jasmine Harris absent*
2. *Federal Transit Administration (FTA): Ned Conroy absent*
3. *Oregon Dept. of Land Conservation & Development (DLCD): Angie Brewer absent*

Bend MPO

1. Barb Campbell, *Bend City Councilor and Policy Board Chair*
2. Andrea Napoli, *Senior Planner*
3. Tyler Deke, *Manager*

FCRP Workgroup Members

1. Cassie Lacy, *City of Bend*
2. Tobias "Tobi" Marx, *City of Bend*
3. *David Amiton, ODOT Region 4 absent*
4. *Janet Hruby, City of Bend absent*
5. *Sarah Hutson, City of Bend absent*

Visitors

Cameron Prow, type *Writel* (contractor – meeting recorder)

Juan Olmeda, *City of Bend*

Kim Curley, *Commute Options*

2. Hybrid Meeting Guidelines

Mr. Deke reviewed the meeting guidelines.

3. Federal Carbon Reduction Program Funding

Materials: Carbon Reduction Program overview (Agenda Attachment A), Carbon Reduction Program: Small Urban and Rural Application Guidelines (Agenda Attachment B), and Climate Reduction Program Small Urban and Rural Application (Agenda Attachment C). Application guidelines and project application documents posted at: <https://www.oregon.gov/odot/climate/Pages/CarbonReductionProgram.aspx>

Action: Identify potential projects/programs and make recommendation to the MPO Policy Board to endorse priority programs and projects

Mr. Deke provided a brief introduction. ODOT will manage the application and project selection processes from its climate office in Salem, Oregon. ODOT needs the MPO to provide an endorsement of priorities for the Bend area. The Oregon Transportation Commission's next meeting is on March 9, 2023. Today's focus should be on evaluation criteria: climate benefits, local support/engagement, equity, opportunities/innovation, and project readiness. He summarized the timeline, noting the MPO needs a solid plan on how to move forward by the end of April 2023. He invited local-agency presentations:

a. Applicant: City of Bend

Project: Create a World-Class Mobility Eco-System

Goals: Reduce carbon emissions through multi-agency collaboration and implement a combination of technology and services to initiate a long-term mode shift.

Ms. Lewis and Mr. Marx explained how project goals would be met. Key discussion points included project selection criteria, cost of inaction, and using a steering committee to bring all parties to an action-driven collective vision. In the next biennial budget (2024-2025), the City will include funding for a Mobility Division to support mobility projects.

FCRP project concerns:

- References to "City of Bend" and "Bend area" should be "Bend MPO area."
- **Mobility initiative:** Project team members, City's role, what other cities are doing, and using Intergovernmental Agreements to encourage active engagement and commitment.
- Too much additional coordination needed. Don't need to reinvent the MPO Technical Advisory Committee and the MPO Policy Board.
- This project does not score well with the carbon reduction selection criteria for immediate, direct application and long-term effect.
- What discrete products would be delivered through this initiative?
- It seems the desired outcome is to move forward on a number of projects we need to work collectively on. What we have now is a set of plans with a lot of actions that aren't moving forward, because they require a level of coordination that is not happening currently among the various silos.
- Is this project scalable?
- Identify a list of projects to help clarify the carbon impact which the collective action group could advance if we were working together.
- Use the dollars available to drive real change.
- Which agency would lead coordination efforts: CET, County, City? Which agency would set policy?

- b. Applicant: Cascades East Transit
 Project: Bus Stop Improvement Program
 Goals: Increase transit ridership through enhancing rider experience and respond to client needs (work, medical).

Mr. Lint discussed the background, benefits, options, costs, additional funding available, project delivery timeframe (weeks, not months), and shovel-readiness status. Key components included improving traffic signal interconnects and detection, enhancing transit stops at priority locations (shelters, real-time signage, missing sidewalks), and implementing a car and bicycle parking app.

FCRP project concerns:

- Will this presentation also be made to the Policy Board?
- Data available to support that better shelters will increase ridership.
- Lighting of transit stops during evening (darker) hours.
- Consider getting more riders first, then providing more support to them.
- This is an injection of funding to set up a framework. Every step after that will require a new injection of funding and no future funding has been identified. Is CET any closer to setting up a transit district with sustainable funding?

- c. Applicant: Commute Options
 Project: Expansion and enhancement of “Get There Connect” program

Mr. Potwin and Ms. Curley discussed what Commute Options does, program sustainability, community connection/support, equity, shovel-readiness, and tracking CO₂ savings. Included was information on how the Get There Connect incentive program works and the increase in capacity possible with FCRP funding.

FCRP project concerns:

- *Funding:* estimated amount, local match source, program sustainability.
- *Expansion plan:* increasing use by existing clients or adding new clients.
- How FCRP funds would be distributed with and without the mobility initiative.
- One commissioner at a recent Oregon Transportation Commission meeting stated a preference for infrastructure (electrification, transit, bicycle) projects with rapid results.

General concerns:

- Will the \$1.1 million be distributed all at one time or annually? (Mr. Deke replied ODOT is waiting until all the projects are identified.)
- Does ODOT plan to offer more than one application round?
- Have traffic signal improvements been dropped as a project?
- ODOT is not planning to apply directly for FCRP funds.
- Is a new framework needed? Can the Bend MPO be restructured to improve coordination by broadening the membership base to include the school district, Bend Parks and Recreation District, and CET?
- A collective vision is important, whatever we’re working on.
- Starting a new group isn’t needed as the MPO is already a regional coordinator.
- Inter-agency collaboration is already taking place on local projects..

4. Adjourn

With no further business, Mr. Deke adjourned the meeting at 4:37 p.m.



MEMO

TO: BEND MPO TAC MEMBERS

FROM: ANDREA NAPOLI, SENIOR PLANNER

DATE: MARCH 23, 2023

RE: METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP) UPDATE OVERVIEW AND REVISITING
MTP GOALS AND POLICIES APPROVED IN 2020

Background

This agenda item contains two topics: Providing an overview of the next MTP update cycle, which is just getting underway. And, associated with that, revisiting the MTP Goals and Policies that were adopted in 2020 (after the prior MTP update deadline of September 2019).

The last MTP update deadline was in September 2019 and was completed in conjunction with the City's Transportation System Plan (TSP) update. At that time, the MTP was only partially updated to meet the federally required deadline due to staff constraints and the number of planning projects that were underway at the time. A secondary update, called "Version 2", to complete remaining sections of the MTP was expected to be updated in 2020-2021. In 2020, the MPO TAC assisted with the development of the MTP Goals and Policies, which the Policy Board approved at their October 2020 meeting.

The 2020 MTP Goals and Policies were developed based on the following:

Due in part to being a single-city MPO, the Bend MPO MTP and the City of Bend Transportation System Plan (TSP) had the opportunity to go through some aspects of their 2019/2020 update processes jointly. This included the development of transportation plan goals, which align very well with the MPOs federal directives. The policies that were developed during that last TSP/MTP update process, however, more directly related to city functions and much less to a small MPO. This is due to the MPO serving primarily as a forum for cooperative planning, but stopping short of actual design, maintenance, and building of transportation projects, as well as management of facilities – which are all functions of the City. As such, the policies listed in the City's TSP have a greater level of specificity and "teeth" than policies that would be included in an MPOs MTP. For smaller MPOs such as Bend, MTP policies will generally commit to more of a supportive and cooperative role.

With that history in mind, in 2020 the MTP Goals and Policies were developed from the City's 2020 TSP Goals (approved by the joint MTP/TSP Steering Committee in 2018). The same goal statements were used, but the listed goal objectives (bulleted under each TSP goal statement) were relabeled as "policies" for purposes of the MTP. Above each bulleted list of "policies" a statement was inserted to clarify that the MPO will *support* goal related activities, which was done to reflect that the MPO does not deliver projects or manage facilities, but rather plays a supportive and cooperative role.

Request

Staff is asking the TAC to consider continuing the 2020 approved MTP Goals and Policies into the 2024 MTP update.

MTP Goals

The following MTP Goals and Policies approved in 2020 were based on the goals and listed goal objectives contained in the Bend TSP, which were developed by the TSP/MTP Citywide Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) and adopted by the TSP/MTP Steering Committee in 2018. The edits in RED show the 2020 MPO Policy Board approved revisions, initially developed by the TAC, that became the MTP Goals and Policies.

Goal 1:

Increase System Capacity, Quality, and Connectivity for All Users (e.g. drivers, walkers, bicyclists, transit riders, mobility device users, commercial vehicles, and other forms of transportation)

MTP Policy – The MPO will support activities that:

- Increase route choices and connections for all users
 - Roads: increase capacity and efficiency
 - Sidewalks: increase access and connectivity
 - Bicycle facilities: increase total miles of bike routes/facilities
 - Transit: increase transit participation
- Use technology to enhance system performance, including accessible technology (i.e. audible signals)
- Increase the number of people who walk, ride a bike and/or take transit
- Provide reliable travel times for commuters, emergency vehicles, and commercial users
- Minimize congestion
- Reduce vehicle operating and maintenance costs due to poor pavement conditions
- Emphasize asset management

Goal 2:

Ensure Safety for All Users

MTP Policy – The MPO will support activities that:

- Reduce serious injuries and fatalities
- Maximize safe routes within and between neighborhoods and throughout the community for all users
- Design and build facilities and routes that maximize safety for pedestrians and bicyclists
- Ensure safe speeds

Goal 3:

Facilitate Housing Supply, Job Creation, and Economic Development to Meet Demand/Growth

MTP Policy – The MPO will support activities that:

- Build new roads and upgrade existing roads to serve areas targeted for growth (prioritized opportunity and expansion areas) and job creation
- Provide access and connectivity to expanded housing supply
- Improve connectivity and route choices for commercial users

Goal 4:

Protect Livability and Ensure Equity and Access

MTP Policy – The MPO will support activities that:

- Incorporate a complete streets approach for all new road projects and road reconstruction

- Increase Safe Routes to Schools
- Ensure that all income levels and abilities have access to the transportation option that best meets their needs
- Encourage the use of roads for their stated classification
- ~~Keep~~ Encourage through freight traffic on ODOT facilities

Goal 5:**Steward the Environment**

MTP Policy – The MPO will support activities that:

- Minimize the impacts of transportation system on natural features
- Minimize the impacts of system on air and water quality and noise
- Reduce carbon emissions from transportation

Goal 6:**Have a Regional Outlook and Future Focus**

MTP Policy – The MPO will support activities that:

- Coordinate and partner with other public and private capital improvement projects and local/regional planning initiatives
- Create a system that is designed to implement innovative and emerging transportation technologies

Goal 7:**Implement a Comprehensive Funding and Implementation Plan**

MTP Policy – The MPO will:

- ~~Coordinate in identifying~~ Identify stable, equitable, adequate and achievable funding for transportation programs and projects
- Ensure that the MTP financial plan and investment priorities are transparent, understandable, and broadly supported by the community
- ~~Produce a funding plan that includes contributions from residents, visitors, and businesses and~~ Maximize the ability to leverage alternative and multiple funding sources for transportation system improvements that delivers benefits to all users and geographies equitably and in a timely manner
- Include performance measures/benchmarks and a formal process to periodically assess progress to-date and adjust or update the plan as needed
- ~~Achieve financial stability~~