
AGENDA
Bend Metropolitan Planning Organization
Policy Board

Date: June 16, 2023
Time: 12:00 – 1:30 pm
Location: **Hybrid meeting**

In-Person Location: ODOT Region 4, Building M, 63055 N. Highway 97, Bend, Baney Conference Room (use the DMV entrance on Mervin Sampels Road and Bldg. M is straight ahead)

Virtual Option: https://bendoregon.gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_almFSMPRJ6FxxfoYmrZ2g

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

1. **Call to Order & Introductions** **Chair Campbell**
2. **Hybrid Meeting Guidelines** **Tyler Deke**
3. **Public Comment** **Chair Campbell**

Action Items

4. **Meeting Minutes** **Chair Campbell**
Review and approve the April 26, 2023, Budget Committee (**Attachment A**) and May 19, 2023, Policy Board (**Attachment B**) draft meeting minutes.

Recommended Language for Motion: I move approval of the April 26, 2023, Budget Committee and May 19, 2023, Policy Board draft meeting minutes as presented.

5. 2023-2024 Approved Budget Public Hearing and Adoption Tyler Deke

Background: Staff will provide an overview of the Budget Committee approved budget for fiscal year July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, including a summary of major work tasks and funding sources. A public meeting of the Budget Committee was held April 26. The Budget Committee recommended Policy Board approval of the proposed budget. The Policy Board will hold a public hearing to review the approved budget, receive comment, and adopt the approved budget.

Attachments: Resolution 2023-04 to adopt the budget (**Attachment C**). The 2023-2024 Approved Budget is posted on the BMPO website:

<https://www.bendoregon.gov/government/departments/bend-metro-planning-organization/plans-and-programs/work-plan-budget>

Action Requested: Hold public hearing and consider adoption of the 2023-2024 Approved Budget (via Resolution 2023-04)

Recommended Language for Motion: I move to adopt the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Approved Budget and make appropriations by means of Resolution 2023-04.

6. Approval of Promissory Note for FY 2022-23 Year End Loan from the City of Bend General Fund Tyler Deke

Background: Government accounting standards do not allow negative cash balances at fiscal year-end (June 30). The activities of the MPO are fully supported by grants which can only be requested on a reimbursement basis. The Policy Board is requested to approve the attached promissory note authorizing an operating loan from the City of Bend General Fund to the MPO in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 to provide interim financing before grant funds are received. The loan will be repaid in July 2023 with received grant funds.

Attachments: Promissory Note (**Attachment D**)

Action Requested: Authorize the Policy Board Chair to sign the Promissory Note as presented.

Recommended Motion: I move to authorize the Policy Board Chair to sign the Promissory Note to document the reimbursement practices of the City of Bend and Bend MPO and state law regarding year-to-year municipal budgets.

7. Federal Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Application Tyler Deke

Background: The federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (approved November 2021) created the Safe Streets and Roads for All grant program. The program includes funding for planning and capital projects. The current Bend Transportation Safety Action Plan (TSAP) was completed in fall 2019. Many of the high crash locations have been addressed through ODOT STIP or City of Bend CIP projects or will be addressed through GO Bond or future STIP and CIP projects. Staff would like to submit a grant application to update the TSAP to review and update the high crash

location data (including a more detailed look at crashes involving people walking and biking), identify planning level improvements for those locations, and review and update the other components of the plan.

Attachments: The existing TSAP is posted on the following link:
<https://www.bendoregon.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/43304/637177198387770000> <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A> Information about the Safe Streets and Roads for All grant program is available on the following site: <http://www.buildingabetterbend.org/upcoming-lectures.html>

Action Requested: Authorize staff to submit grant application

Recommended Language for Motion: I move to authorize staff to submit a federal Safe Streets and Roads for All grant application to update the Bend Transportation Safety Action Plan

8. Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Update Overview and MTP Goals and Policies Andrea Napoli

Background: Staff will provide an overview of the next MTP update cycle, which has recently begun. 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 Policy Board consideration to continue into the 2024 MTP update. The TAC reviewed the Goals and Policies at their April and May meetings and have recommended approval to the Policy Board with suggested edits.

Attachments: MTP Goals and Policies Memo (**Attachment E**)

Action Requested: Policy Board review and approval of MTP Goals and Policies for the 2024 MTP update.

Recommended Language for Motion: I move to approve the MTP Goals and Policies as presented for the 2024 MTP update.

Information Items

9. Other Business Chair Campbell & Staff

- Summer of Safety Proclamation
- Dutch Cycling Embassy update
- Policy Board member meeting topic requests
- The next scheduled meeting of the Policy Board is July 21 at 12 noon

10. Public Comment Chair Campbell

11. Adjournment



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BMPO Bend Metropolitan
Planning Organization

Budget Committee

Draft Minutes

April 26, 2023

Bend City Hall – Board Room
710 NW Wall Street, Bend, Oregon

Link to meeting: <https://youtube.com/live/joN6zrWKPUe?feature=share>

Budget Committee:

1. Barbara Campbell – Policy Board member, BMPO Chair (City of Bend)present
2. Ariel Mendez – Policy Board member (City of Bend).....present
3. *Mike Riley – absent Policy Board member (City of Bend)*
4. Chris Doty, alternate (Deschutes County) for *absent Policy Board member Phil Chang* ..present
5. Bob Townsend – Policy Board member (Oregon Department of Transportation)present
6. Aryn Seiler – Community (citizen) memberpresent
7. Brian Potwin – Community (citizen) member.....present
8. Charles “Chuck” Arnold – Community (citizen) member.....present
9. Greg Bryant – Community (citizen) member.....present
10. Janet Gregor – Community (citizen) member.....present

BMPO staff: Tyler Deke, *Manager*; Andrea Napoli, *Senior Planner*

Visitors: Cameron Prow, *TYPE-Write II* (contractor/recorder); Juan Olmeda, *City of Bend*;
Tory Carr, *City of Bend Senior Budget & Financial Analyst*

Media: None

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

1. Call to Order and Introductions

BMPO Chair Campbell called the annual Budget Committee meeting of the Bend Metropolitan Planning Organization (BMPO) to order at 11:35 a.m. on Tuesday, April 26, 2023, with a quorum of members present (9 of 10 members). Mr. Doty stated he was attending until Mr. Chang arrived.

Mr. Deke reviewed the meeting guidelines.

2. Visitor Comments

None.

3. Review Budget Committee Member Term Assignments and Chair Assignment

Materials: Budget Committee roster (Agenda Attachment A)

BMPO Chair Campbell reviewed term assignments and asked the Budget Committee to appoint a Chair.

BMPO Chair Campbell opened nominations for Budget Committee Chair for 2023. Mr. Potwin nominated Ms. Gregor. Mr. Arnold seconded the nomination. Ms. Gregor agreed to serve. BMPO Chair Campbell closed the nominations when no other nominations were offered. Budget Committee members voted unanimously (9/0/0) in favor of Ms. Gregor.

BMPO Chair Campbell passed control of the meeting to Budget Committee Chair Gregor.

4. Receive Budget Message

Materials: Proposed 2023-2024 Budget (Agenda Attachment B)

Request: Review the Proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-2024 Budget. Hold public hearing on Proposed FY 2023-2024 Budget. Make recommendation to BMPO Policy Board to approve the Proposed FY 2023-2024 Budget as presented or with modifications.

Mr. Deke provided an overview of the MPO work program, expected revenues, and proposed expenditures by major work task area and budget line item. Included in his summary were the Bend MPO boundary, funding history, 2023 key accomplishments and tasks underway, FY 2023-2025 priorities, and FY 2022-2023 challenges/opportunities.

The proposed Bend MPO budget for FY 2023-2024 (below) shows appropriations by Program and Major Work Task and by Budget Category:

PROPOSED BMPO FY 2023-2024 BUDGET	Requirements
Appropriations by Program & Major Work Task	
MPO Program	
Task 1: Development & Program Management	\$447,800
Task 2: Short-Range Planning	91,200
Task 3: Long-Range Planning	337,400
Task 4: Modeling & Data Collection	229,000
COVID Relief Program	
Task 1: COVID Relief Funding	1,180,900
Total Program Appropriations	\$2,316,300
Appropriations by Budget Category (rounded)	
MPO Program	\$935,400
Loan Repayment	100,000
Contingency	100,000
COVID Relief Program	1,180,900
Total Budgeted Appropriations	\$2,316,300

Budget Committee members requested clarification about the Federal Carbon Reduction Program (coordination with local agencies, eligible projects), Transportation Safety Action Plan (update process), travel model (update process), impact of transportation planning on unincorporated areas, staffing capacity, work task for the strategic plan, equity data, safety and crash data (completeness, sharing among local agencies to avoid duplication of efforts), Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (distribution schedule, how these funds can be used), and Loan Repayment and Contingency amounts.

Budget Committee Chair Gregor opened the Budget Committee public hearing on the proposed FY 2023-2024 Budget at 12:48 p.m. and closed it when no one offered testimony.

Motion 1 (9/0/0): Mr. Mendez moved approval and recommended MPO Policy Board adoption of the proposed Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Bend MPO Budget as presented. Mr. Bryant seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

5. 2023-2024 BMPO Budget – Public Hearing and Adoption

The public hearing to adopt the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget is scheduled for Friday, May 19, 2023, 12 noon. Advance public notice of the meeting will be provided as required by budget law.

6. Adjourn

With no further business, Budget Committee Chair Gregor adjourned the meeting at 12:50 p.m.



Policy Board

Draft Minutes

May 19, 2023

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

Link to meeting: [Bend MPO Policy Board Meeting - YouTube](#)

Present during the meeting (in person and virtually) were:

Policy Board Members: **BMPO Chair** Barb Campbell, Ariel “Ari” Mendez, *Mike Riley absent, Bend City Councilors; BMPO Vice-Chair Phil Chang, Deschutes County Commissioner absent; Bob Townsend, Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Region 4 Area Manager*

Policy Board Alternates: David Abbas, *City of Bend Transportation and Mobility Director; Chris Doty, Deschutes County Road Department Director*

MPO Staff: Tyler Deke, *Manager; Andrea Napoli, Senior Planner*

Visitors: Cameron Prow, *type Write!! (contractor – recorder);*

Eric Lint, *Cascades East Transit*

Greg Bryant, *Bend MPO Technical Advisory Committee*

James Teeter, *Building a Better Bend Board of Directors*

Janet Hruby, *City of Bend*

Juan Olmeda, *City of Bend*

Leslie Barbour

Robin Lewis, *City of Bend Transportation Engineer*

Media: None

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

1. **Call to Order and Introductions**

Chair Campbell called the regular meeting of the Bend Metropolitan Planning Organization (Bend MPO) Policy Board to order at 12:05 p.m., Friday, May 19, 2023, with a quorum of member jurisdictions present (3 of 3).

2. **Hybrid Meeting Guidelines**

Mr. Deke reviewed the meeting guidelines.

3. **Public Comment**

Leslie Barbour expressed concern about vehicular congestion on Simpson Avenue due to two new housing developments proposed along that corridor. Neighbor feedback was not collected at the off-record presentation by Kor Community Land Trust (40 units) to the Century West Neighborhood Association on May 21, 2023. Housing Works has not made a presentation to the public on its planned residential project (60 units). She also stated concern about the impact of 5,000 people on the OSU-Cascades’ campus. Parking bays with time limits are needed to protect this neighborhood. She and other people impacted by this project didn’t receive notice because they live outside the 250-foot notice area.

Chair Campbell requested an e-mail from Ms. Barbour and promised to connect her with someone who could respond to her concerns.

ACTION ITEMS**4. Meeting Minutes**

Materials: April 21, 2023, Policy Board draft meeting minutes (Agenda Attachment A)

Motion 1 (2/0/1): Mr. Mendez moved approval of the April 21, 2023, Policy Board draft meeting minutes as presented. Ms. Campbell seconded the motion which passed with the City and County representatives voting in favor and the State representative abstaining due to his absence from the April 21, 2023, meeting.

5. 2023-2025 Unified Planning Work Program Adoption

Materials: Resolution 2023-02 to adopt the UPWP (Agenda Attachment B).

The draft 2023-2025 UPWP is posted on the BMPO website at <https://www.bendoregon.gov/government/departments/bend-metro-planning-organization/plans-and-programs/work-plan-budget>

Request: Review/consider adoption of draft 2023-2025 UPWP (via Resolution 2023-02).

Mr. Deke reported the draft UPWP had been reviewed by ODOT, Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, BMPO Policy Board, and the BMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). Topics covered in his presentation included key accomplishments and tasks underway for fiscal year (FY) 2022-2023, FY 2023-25 priorities, major work tasks, COVID relief program, FY 2023-24 draft budget summary, and the 2023-25 work program schedule and adoption.

Mr. Bryant asked what the budget line item “Professional Services Consulting” covered. Mr. Deke identified MPO projects requiring the use of outside consultants.

Policy Board discussion covered the process to update the work program during the next two years if that is needed. Mr. Deke stated the UPWP will be reviewed in spring 2024 to comply with state law requirements for an annual budget; however, the work program could also be amended prior to that time.

Motion 2 (3/0/0): Mr. Mendez moved to adopt the 2023-25 Unified Planning Work Program by means of Resolution 2023-02. Mr. Townsend seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

6. 2024-2027 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program Adoption

Materials: MTIP memo with project list and public comments (Agenda Attachment C) and Resolution 2023-03 to adopt the 2024-27 MTIP (Agenda Attachment D). The draft MTIP is posted at <https://www.bendoregon.gov/MTIP>.

Request: Review/approve the 2024-27 MTIP.

Ms. Napoli presented an overview. Included in her summary were supporting federal performance measures, 2024-2027 MTIP funding summary, MTIP project list over the next four years (Bend MPO, City of Bend, ODOT, Cascades East Transit), 2024-2027 MTIP timeline, and public comments received.

Policy Board concerns included how ODOT works with local districts and when/if green paint for bike lanes would be applied. Mr. Townsend explained how ODOT works with local districts (partners, funding, timing). Mr. Abbas stated City crews were just getting started on applying green paint to downtown bike lanes. Mr. Deke noted Mr. Abbas would be making a presentation on the City’s street maintenance and preservation operations to the Policy Board within the next two months.

Mr. Bryant asked if a westside route for the Baker-Road-to-Lava-Lands trail had been approved. Mr. Townsend replied the current plans called for an eastside route for that trail with an undercrossing to Lava Butte on the west side of Highway 97.

Motion 3 (3/0/0): Mr. Mendez moved to adopt the 2024-2027 draft Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Plan by way of Resolution 2023-03. Mr. Townsend seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

7. Federal COVID Funding

Materials: COVID funding summary (Agenda Attachment E)

Request: Discuss project options and provide direction to staff on next steps to allocate the remaining funds.

Mr. Deke reviewed project options for the unallocated balance of federal COVID funding (\$291,486.84) based on the most current Policy Board direction. His summary included the timeline of COVID Relief Act funds (December 2020 through April 2023).

- Applicant: City of Bend
Project: Hunnell Road/Robal Lane Traffic Signal Upgrade
Request: \$50,000

Ms. Hruby briefly discussed the timing, funding, and need, noting the amount requested would complete funding for this summer 2023 project. The City will contribute \$37,000 plus installation of an ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) ramp. ODOT has agreed to contribute and install a new ATC (Advanced Transportation Controller). Mr. Abbas stated the ODOT North Corridor project will install a transit stop near this intersection. He provided additional details to support the need to improve pedestrian and bicyclist safety in this area.

Policy Board discussion covered alternate sources to fund this project, other uses for COVID relief funding, healthy streets initiative, importance of addressing public safety during construction on Highway 20 and Highway 97, if supporting this project with COVID relief funding was an appropriate use of this resource, importance of addressing safety and active transportation needs, directing this type of funding to larger “asks” (requests), and reviewing potential projects and priorities for this funding before a decision is made on this project. Policy Board preferences for project prioritization: Mr. Townsend (active transportation and underserved populations in areas that aren’t seeing development dollars – connecting the trail to the mobile home park north of town and transit service to Deschutes River Woods), Mr. Mendez (safety, active transportation, network-wide benefit), Chair Campbell (reserving the remaining funds for a larger “ask”), and Mr. Doty (operations and maintenance).

Due to lack of time, Chair Campbell tabled decision on a motion regarding this application. She directed MPO staff to work with MPO member entities to prepare a list of potential projects for Policy Board consideration in July/August 2023.

Ms. Hruby requested prioritization guidelines for evaluating future projects.

Ms. Napoli agreed with Policy Board members about the need for an official MPO process to evaluate future projects.

8. **MPO Sponsorship of Building a Better Bend Lectures and Dutch Active Transportation Workshop**

Materials: Lecture series overview (Agenda Attachment F). Information also posted at <http://www.buildingabetterbend.org/upcoming-lectures.html>

Request: Consider MPO sponsorship of the Building a Better Bend lecture series and of the Dutch Active Transportation workshop.

Mr. Deke reported Building a Better Bend requested MPO sponsorship of \$500 toward a three-lecture series it is hosting to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Oregon's land use system. Included in his summary were what other Oregon MPOs do, lecture topics, and what the requested funds would cover.

Policy Board discussion covered how sponsoring this lecture series would impact the BMPO budget, favorable comments from past attendees of Building a Better Bend lectures, and how MPO sponsorship fitted within the core MPO mission.

Mr. Deke responded to Policy Board concerns. BMPO sponsorship fit under Public Participation in the work program and under Partnerships and Relationship Building in the public participation plan.

Motion 4 (3/0/0): Ms. Campbell moved approval of MPO sponsorship of \$500 for the 2023 Building a Better Bend lecture series. Mr. Townsend seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Teeter (Building a Better Bend board of directors, structural engineer, advocate for better livability in Bend, cyclist) discussed what the Dutch Active Transportation two-day workshop in Central Oregon would cover, workshop goals, budget, and funding partners.

Ms. Lewis shared observations from her field trips in 2022 on how Denmark and the Netherlands have improved pedestrian and bicycling safety through efficient street design.

Policy Board concerns included the background of Dutch Active Transportation's interest in MPO sponsorship, how this workshop would fit with the City's Transportation System Plan, impact on the BMPO's Public Participation Plan funding, and **1328** Bob - ?.

Mr. Deke stated the BMPO had \$2,000 in its FY 2023-2024 budget for public outreach/engagement activities. He noted ODOT's Transportation Growth Management program has supported this type of event in the past.

Motion 5 (3/0/0): Chair Campbell moved that the Bend MPO contribute \$2,000 from its public outreach fund to the Dutch Active Transportation workshop in Central Oregon. Mr. Townsend seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Motion 6 (3/0/0): Chair Campbell moved the Bend MPO contribute up to \$8,500 from its COVID relief funding to the Dutch Active Transportation workshop in Central Oregon, contingent on staff looking into ODOT funding for a portion of that amount. Mr. Townsend seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

9. **Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Update Overview and MTP Goals & Policies**

Materials: MTP Goals and Policies memo (Agenda Attachment G)

Request: Policy Board review and approval of MTP Goals and Policies for the 2024 MTP update.

Postponed due to lack of time.

10. Federal Carbon Reduction Program

Materials: Carbon Reduction Program overview (Agenda Attachment H), support letter for City of Bend (Agenda Attachment I), and support letter for CET (Agenda Attachment J)

Request: Review/approve letters of support for the City of Bend and Cascades East Transit project applications.

Motion 7 (3/0/0): Ms. Campbell moved to approve the letters of support for the City of Bend and Cascades East Transit project applications. Mr. Mendez seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

11. Other Business

- Next Policy Board Meeting: June 16, 2023, 12 noon-1:30 p.m. (**3rd** Friday)

12. Public Comment

None.

13. Adjournment

With no further business, Chair Campbell adjourned the meeting at 1:37 p.m.

Resolution Number 2023-04

Bend Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-24

THE BEND METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

To adopt the fiscal year 2023-24 budget as approved by the Budget Committee pursuant to ORS 294.900 to 294.930, and;

That the amount for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, for the purpose shown below, is hereby appropriated as follows:

<u>Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Fund</u>	
MPO Program	\$ 930,400
COVID Relief Program	1,180,900
Total Program	\$ 2,111,300
Loan Repayment	100,000
Contingency	100,000
Total Requirements	\$ 2,311,300

Adopted by the Bend Metropolitan Planning Organization on the 16th day of June, 2023.

Yes: _____ No: _____ Abstain: _____

Authenticated by the Chair this 16th day of June, 2023.

Barb Campbell, Chair

Attest:

Tyler Deke, MPO Manager

CITY OF BEND

PROMISSORY NOTE

For value received, the **Bend Metropolitan Planning Organization** promises to pay to the **City of Bend, Oregon** the amounts described below according to the terms and conditions of this Promissory Note:

Loan Amount: The amount advanced by the City of Bend not to exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00).

Interest: Interest will not be charged.

Repayment: Sources of repayment will be grant funds to be received in July 2023. The Loan Amount described above is payable in one lump sum to the City of Bend General Fund immediately upon receipt of the grant funds but no later than July 31, 2023.

Remedies: The City of Bend may exercise any right or remedy available by law. All remedies under this promissory note are cumulative and not exclusive. Any election to pursue one remedy shall not preclude the exercise of any other remedy.

Security Agreement: The Bend Metropolitan Planning Organization agrees to the following:

1. Bend Metropolitan Planning Organization owes the City of Bend the Loan Amount shown above for current operations in advance of grant revenues being available. The City shall have a secured interest in the grant funds to be received by the Bend Metropolitan Planning Organization to secure repayment of funds advanced pursuant to this Promissory Note.
2. The amount owed by the Bend Metropolitan Planning Organization shall be paid according to the terms and conditions stated above.

DATED: June 16, 2023

City of Bend, Oregon

**Bend Metropolitan Planning
Organization**

By: Eric King
City Manager

By: Barb Campbell
r Chair



MEMO

TO: BEND MPO POLICY BOARD

FROM: ANDREA NAPOLI, SENIOR PLANNER

DATE: MAY 10, 2023

RE: 2024 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP) UPDATE OVERVIEW AND
REVISITING MTP GOALS AND POLICIES APPROVED IN 2020

This agenda item contains two topics:

- Providing an overview of the next MTP update cycle (just getting underway)
- Associated with the above, revisiting the MTP Goals and Policies to consider continuing into the 2024 MTP update.

Background

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 the remaining sections of the MTP was expected 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 current (2020) MTP Goals and Policies were developed based on the following:

- Joint MTP/TSP development of goals by Citywide Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) and approved by MTP/TSP Steering Committee in 2018
 - Align very well with the MPOs federal directives
 - Edited to remove city-specific goals/policies
 - Edited to reflect MPO in supportive/cooperative role, rather than project implementation / facilities management

2023 MPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Review

The 2020 MTP Goals and Policies were reviewed by the TAC at their April and May meetings, including meetings with individual TAC members (city and county staff) to resolve edit discrepancies. At their May meeting, the TAC came to consensus on final edits to policy language and made a recommendation to the Policy Board to approve that goal and policy language for the 2024 MTP update. Those edits are highlighted in **RED**, on the following page.

Request

Staff is asking the Policy Board to consider approving the MTP Goals and Policies as presented for the 2024 MTP update.

MTP Goals

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 **arterial and collector** users (roads, sidewalks, bicycle facilities, transit)
- 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 **for vulnerable users** within and between neighborhoods and throughout the community for all users
- Design and build facilities and routes that maximize safety for **pedestrians and bicyclists** ~~motorists and vulnerable road users~~
- 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 ~~programs and infrastructure for kids walking and rolling to school~~
- Ensure that all ~~income levels and abilities~~ **equity-related populations, as identified in the Bend MPO Equity Mapping Tool and Title VI Plan**, have access to the transportation options ~~that best meets their needs~~
- **Ensure opportunities to participate in public planning processes are available regardless of income, disability, age, race, color, national origin, gender identity, sexual orientation, or technology**
- Encourage the use of roads for their stated classification
- 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 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
- 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