



BMPO Bend Metropolitan Planning Organization

Technical Advisory Committee

Draft Meeting Summary

August 3, 2022

Link to meeting: <https://youtu.be/5SOfrHIXLF8>

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Mr. Deke called the regular meeting of the Bend Metropolitan Planning Organization (BMPO) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to order at 10:03 a.m., Wednesday, August 3, 2022, with a quorum of members present (8 of 12). Ms. Lewis arrived during Agenda Item 4 (Federal Funding Guidelines). Attending were:

TAC Voting Members

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

Ex Officio Members

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

BMPO Staff

Jovi Anderson, *Program Coordinator*

Visitors

- Cameron Prow, *TYPE-Write II* (minutes consultant)
City of Bend: Corey Johnson, David Abbas, Garrett Sabourin, Gwen Chapman, Janet Hruby, Sarah Hutson, Tracy Stabler
ODOT: David Amiton, James Feldmann, Justin Bernt, Paul Singer, Tiffany Hamilton
Billy McGregor, *Albany Area MPO*
Gary Stockhoff
Joe Samaniego
Lisa Scherf, *City of Corvallis*
Rebecca Houghtaling
Sara Robertson
Steve Dobrinich, *Corvallis Area MPO*
Wendy Holzman, *Deschutes County Bike/Pedestrian Advisory Committee*

2. Hybrid Meeting Guidelines

Not addressed.

ACTION ITEMS

3. Review and Approve July 6, 2022, Draft Meeting Summary

Data: July 6, 2022 (Agenda Attachment A)

Postponed due to lack of time.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

4. Federal Funding Guidelines

Information:

ODOT Local Agency Certification Program Manager (tiffany.hamilton@odot.oregon.gov)

Scoping and Noncertified Local Agency Programs Manager (justin.j.bernt@odot.oregon.gov)

Mr. Deke introduced Tiffany Hamilton, *ODOT Local Agency Certification Program Manager*, and Justin Bernt, *ODOT Scoping and Noncertified Local Agency Programs Manager*.

Ms. Hamilton and Mr. Bernt's presentation covered ODOT policies on local agency projects, disconnect between program development and project delivery, local agency certification program/process/resources, and noncertified local agency project delivery. Potential changes to the state fund exchange process are under consideration. If a project has \$1 of federal funds, the project is considered a federal-aid transportation project through all phases.

Mr. Deke noted that future projects awarded funding through the Bend MPO competitive STBG (Surface Transportation Block Grant) application process might need to use federal funds instead of state funds.

TAC concerns covered what noncertified agencies using federal funding will have to do to qualify, when the project delivery agency should consult with ODOT regarding the federal funding program/process, whether the City of Bend is considering certification, length of the certification process, number of certified local public agencies (LPAs) in Oregon, whether certification applies to the agency or individual staff, how projects will be executed, best practices for local agencies to use in applying for funding when ODOT is not involved, how to get funding when inflation erodes prior funding, whether noncertified agencies can use their own forms or must use ODOT or federal forms, whether the state fund exchange program will still be available, and whether projects funded by non-STBG exchange programs have to be included in the STIP (State Transportation Improvement Program).

Mr. Deke thanked ODOT staff for the helpful information they provided. He reminded TAC members the Bend MPO's application process for the next round of STBG funding will start on September 1, 2022.

5. Member Roundtable

- Bend-La Pine School District: No report.
- Bend Park & Recreation District: No report.
- Cascades East Transit: No report.
- Central Oregon Community College: No report.
- City of Bend: No report.
- Commute Options: No report.
- Deschutes County: No report.

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- Oregon Department of Transportation: No report.
- OSU-Cascades: No report.
- Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development: No report.
- Citizen (Greg Bryant): No report.
- Citizen (Liza Hamada): No report.
- Bend MPO: No report.

6. Public Comment

None.

7. Next TAC Meeting

September 7, 2022, 10 a.m. (1st Wednesday)

8. Adjourn

There being no further business, Mr. Deke adjourned the meeting at 11:57 a.m.