



BEND MPO
Metropolitan Planning Organization

Policy Board Meeting

March 15, 2024

Call to Order & Introductions

Chair Campbell

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Policy Board Members

- Barb Campbell, Chair, City of Bend Councilor
(Alternate, David Abbas)
- Phil Chang, Vice Chair, Deschutes County Commissioner
(Alternate, Chris Doty)
- Ariel Mendez, City of Bend Councilor
- Mike Riley, City of Bend Councilor
- Bob Townsend, ODOT Region 4 Area Manager
(Alternate, Ken Shonkwiler)

BMPO Staff

- Tyler Deke, Manager
- Andrea Napoli, Senior Planner
- Kelli Kennedy, Program Coordinator

Agency & Consultant Staff

- Kymala Lutz, City of Bend
- Samantha Nelson, City of Bend
- Don Morehouse, ODOT
- John Bosket, DKS

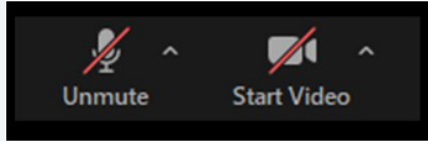
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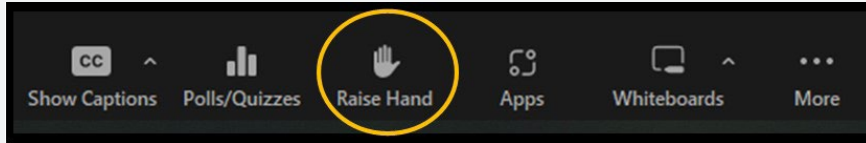
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- This meeting will be recorded and is available as a live streaming event on YouTube. The YouTube event can be reviewed on the City of Bend YouTube channel.

Public Comment

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Public Comment

- Time for members of the public to provide comment.
- Additional time for public comment will be provided before the meeting adjourns.

Meeting Minutes

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Meeting Minutes

- Review and approve February 16, 2024, Policy Board draft meeting minutes (Attachment A).
- Recommended language for motion: *I move approval of the February 16, 2024, Policy Board draft meeting minutes as presented.*

2024-2027 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) Amendments

Andrea Napoli

2024-2027 MTIP Amendments

Review for approval consideration

Project Key Number	Project Name & Description	Project Total	Amendment Action	More Info
23607	Low or No Emissions Vehicle Purchases (COIC): Purchase vehicles and related equipment, including technological changes or innovations to modify low or no-emissions vehicles or facilities.	\$226,100	Add new transit project to MTIP	3 hybrid vans for vanpool; 2 CET work trucks
23592	Bus & Bus Facilities (COIC): Purchase buses for public transit in small urban areas.	\$461,208	Add new transit project to MTIP	4 ADA equipped Ford Transit vans
21756	US20 Central Oregon Hwy Culverts Corridor: Design, right of way acquisition, and utility relocation for a future culvert replacement and repair addressing 12 poor and critical culverts to provide functioning culverts on US20 in the future.	\$1,412,916	Add construction phase for FFY24 with \$1M in Fix-it Statewide Culvert funds.	Irrigation / drainage culverts

21-day public comment period opened on February 15

One (1) comment received: “I suggest looking into replacing some culverts with wildlife underpasses on Highway 20.”

ODOT note: ODFW’s Primary Wildlife Connectivity Area maps and wildlife collision data used to prioritize locations for wildlife undercrossings. Irrigation and drainage culverts, not identified fish passage barriers



2024-2027 MTIP Amendments

Recommended language for motion:

“I move to approve the amendments to the 2024-2027 MTIP, as presented.”

Committee Stipend Policy

Tyler Deke & Kelli Kennedy

Committee Stipend Policy

- Overview
 - Community participation and feedback is integral to MPO planning efforts
 - Unpaid time is a significant barrier to community participation
 - Stipend program will help reduce this barrier
- Purpose
 - Reduce economic barriers, expand opportunities for more diverse community participation
 - Support better informed decision-making in transportation planning
- Eligibility
 - Citizen members serving on TAC and other eligible BMPO committees/workgroups
 - Budget Committee service not eligible (pursuant to ORS 294.905)

Committee Stipend Policy

- Funding

- Allowable expense with State Highway Funds (similar to ODOT program)
- Funds available in existing budget (community outreach & engagement) – no adjustment necessary

- Policy

- Stipend of \$40 per meeting attended, with \$500 annual cap
- If approved, would be effective immediately with retroactive program start date of January 1, 2024?

- Action Requested

- Review and consider approval of draft Committee Stipend Policy
- Recommended Language for Motion: *I move approval of the Committee Stipend Policy as presented.*

2023-2025 Unified Planning Work Program Mid-Cycle Amendments

Tyler Deke

2023-2025 UPWP Mid-Cycle Amendments

Three Programs

- MPO Work Program
- COVID Relief Program
- State Highway Program (new, formerly “STBG”)

Multiple Year MPO Work Program

- UPWP includes tasks and deliverables for FY24 and FY25 (covering July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2025).

The funding levels in the budget tables show FY24 and FY25

- Amend mid-cycle to reflect updated budget information & work priorities



FY25 Priorities

Highest Priorities

- **Metropolitan Transportation Plan - update due September 2024**
 - Updated chapters, funding analysis and project lists
 - Travel demand model update
- Climate change planning and rulemaking
 - Oregon Climate Friendly and Equitable Communities rules
 - Federal GHG Performance Measure
- Maintain 2024-2027 MTIP, including SHF funding management
- Update TSAP & TSAP implementation
- COVID Relief Funding

FY25 Priorities

Other Priorities

- Household Travel Survey
- Travel model updates & future strategy
- Data management strategy (MPO, ODOT and City)
- US20 Refinement Plan (and other ODOT projects)
- Performance monitoring & reporting

2023-2025 UPWP Mid-Cycle Amendments

Significant Plan & Budget Changes

- State Highway Fund (formerly STBG) revenues
 - MPO now direct recipient of SHF
 - MPO will need to manage and transfer funds to recipients
- Federal *Safe Streets and Roads for All* grant
 - \$200,000 federal grant to update Bend Transportation Safety Action Plan
 - May work directly with Deschutes County on plan updates
- Transportation Safety Action Plan (TSAP) Implementation Grant
 - ODOT grant funding for public safety messaging throughout Central Oregon
- Reserves
 - Reserves are a new line-item in the FY25 budget. The reserves are unspent SHF revenues
- COVID revenues
 - About \$290,000 balance
 - Needs to be awarded by September 2024

UPWP & Budget Schedule

- Meeting with ODOT, FHWA, and FTA – Feb 8
- Draft UPWP and Budget documents posted on BMPO website – mid March
- TAC and Policy Board review – March/April
- Budget Committee meeting – March 19
- Public review and comment – opens late March
- Policy Board adoption of UPWP amendment – April 19
- Policy Board adoption of Budget – April 19 or May 17

FFY 2023 Annual Obligation Report

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FFY 2023 Annual Obligation Report

- Overview

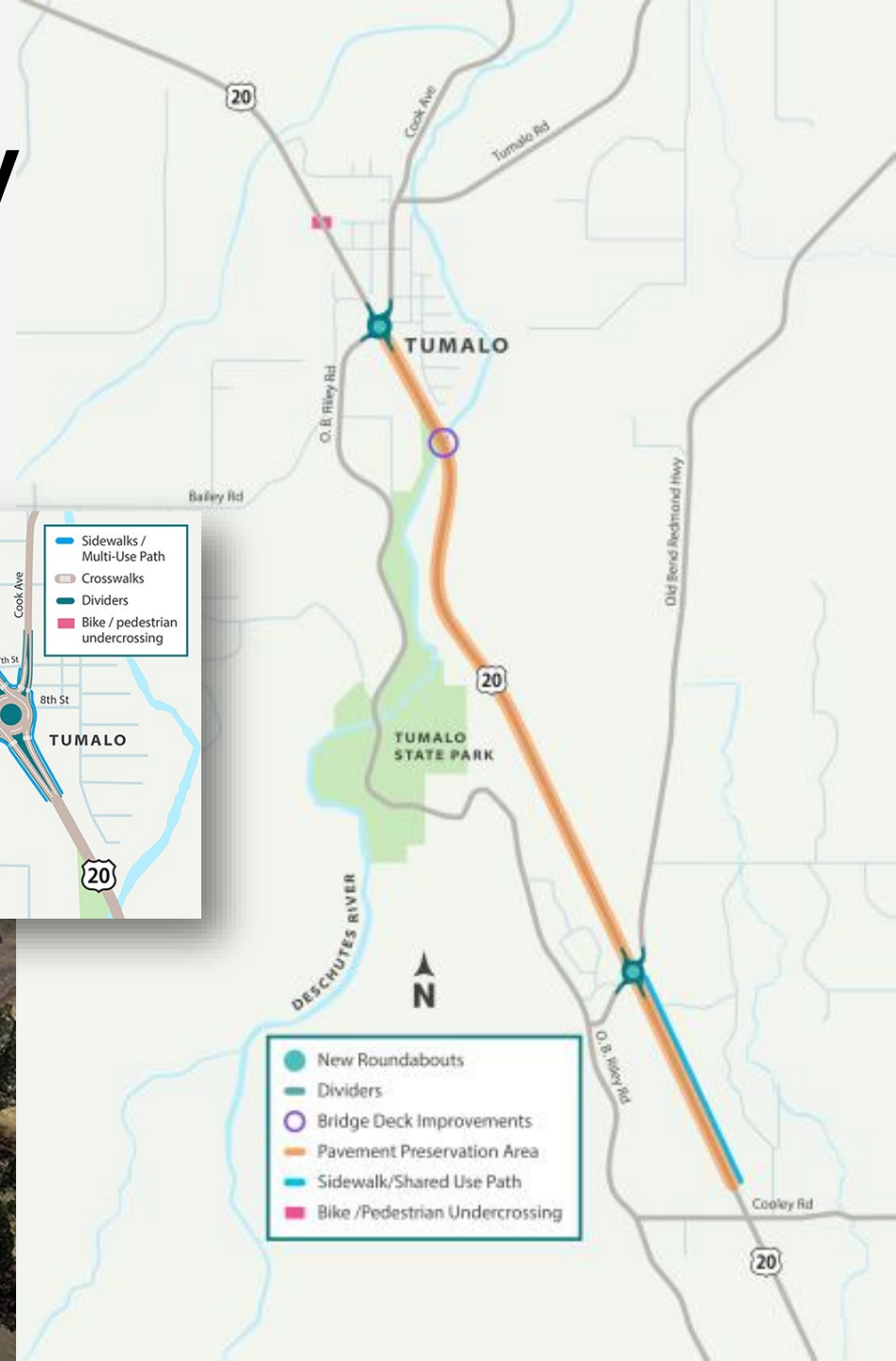
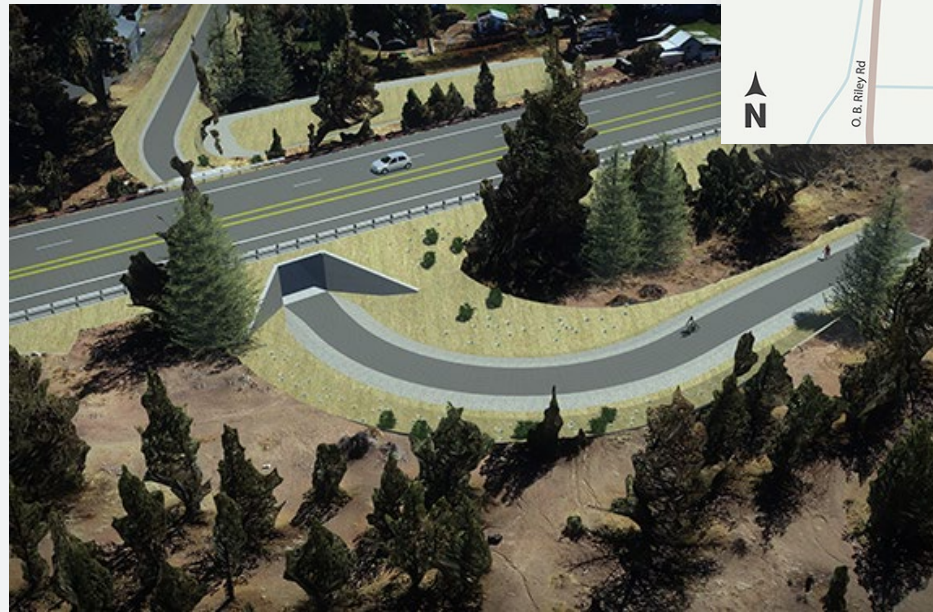
- Annual obligation report: annual listing of transportation projects (within BMPO boundary) with obligated federal funding
 - Includes project names and descriptions, funding amounts and sources
 - Prepared and posted online each federal fiscal year (FFY), within 90-days after the FFY ends
- Obligation: refers to federal government's legal commitment to pay the federal share of project costs
- FFY 2023 includes obligated funding from *October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023*
- Full report available at bendoregon.gov/mtip

- Purpose

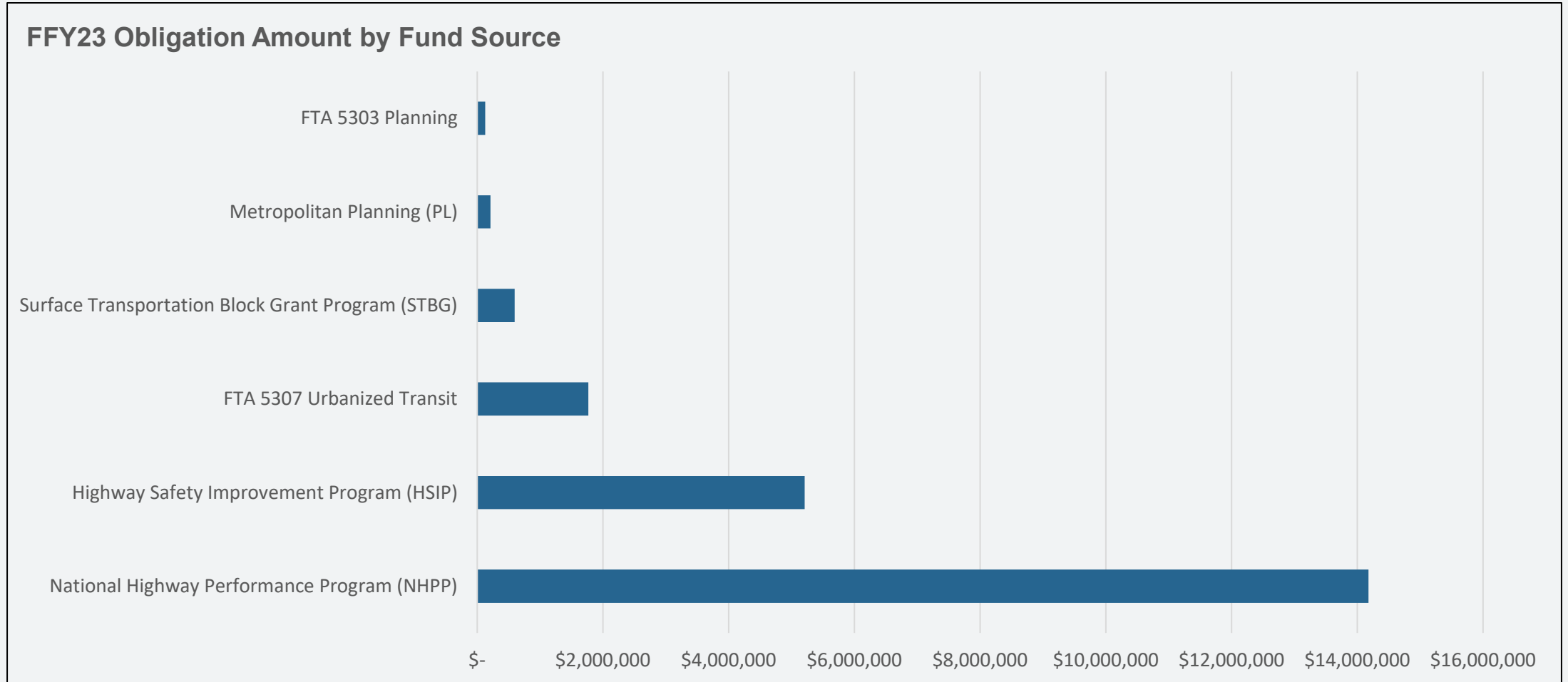
- Transparency: increase transparency of government spending on transportation projects.
- Progress: show progress being made on projects programmed in the MTIP.

FFY 2023 Obligations Summary

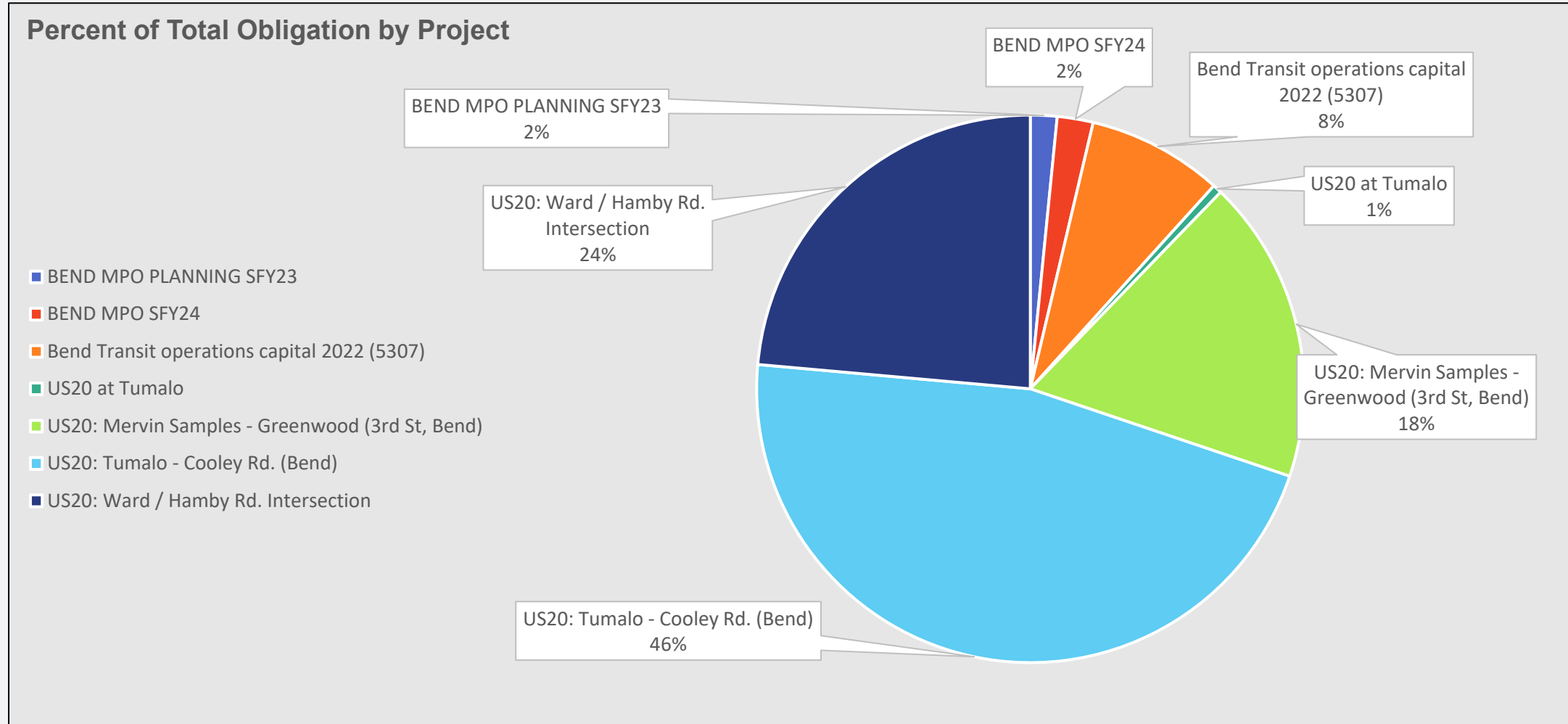
- \$22,092,000 in federal funding obligated to transportation projects in the BMPO MTIP
- 6 main funding sources
- 7 projects funded
- US20: Tumalo-Cooley Road project – received the highest federal obligation in FFY 2023



FFY 2023 Obligations by *Fund Source*



FFY 2023 Obligations by *Project*



Connect Bend Update

Royce Kallerud, Connect Bend

Brent Stinski, Connect Bend

Southern UGB Footbridge Summary

Connect Bend

March 2024

About Connect Bend

- Advocating for footbridge in southern Bend
- Established in 2019
- Board of nine directors. Advisory Board of twelve community leaders.
- 3,200+ signatures at [change.org](https://www.change.org) petition

An aerial photograph showing a wide river valley. The left side is dominated by a dense forest of tall, thin trees, identified as Deschutes National Forest. The right side shows a residential development with a grid of streets and numerous houses. A river flows from the top right towards the bottom left. A white arrow points to a specific spot on the riverbank, labeled as the proposed footbridge site. The overall scene is a mix of natural forest and human-made infrastructure.

**Deschutes
National
Forest**

Proposed footbridge site

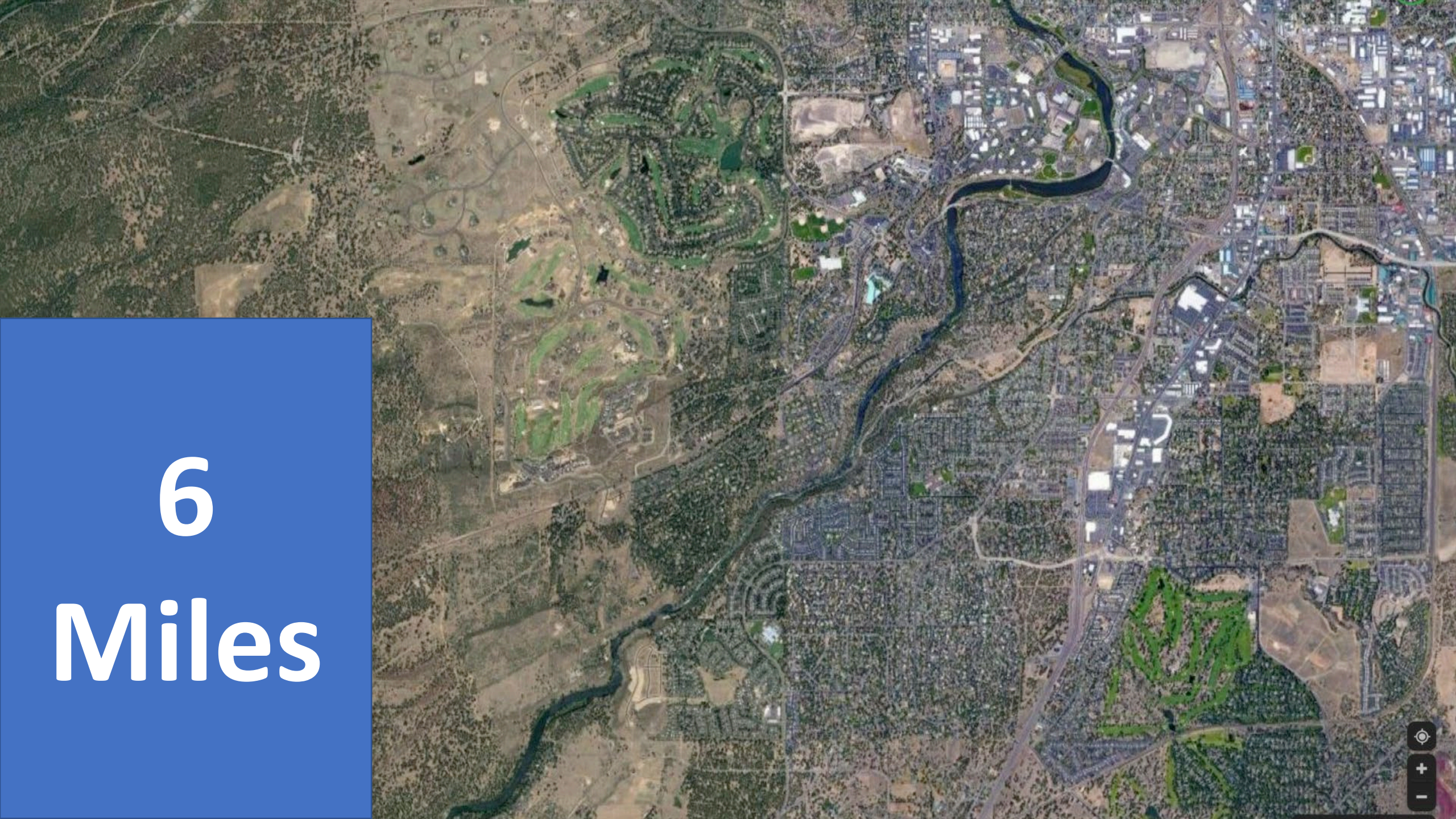
1. History

History

- Bond measure 9-86 passed on Nov. 6, 2012
- \$29 million
- Three projects:
 - Bend Whitewater Park
 - Pavilion Skating Rink
 - Completion of the Deschutes River Trail
- 9 other footbridges in Bend

A history of community endorsement

- First identified in the *City of Bend's Urban Trail Plan* in 1996
- Included in later-adopted plans including:
 - *The Deschutes River Trail Action Plan* (2002)
 - *BPRD Trails Master Plan* (2008)
 - *Deschutes National Forest: Alternative Transportation Feasibility Study* (2015), a multi-agency study which identifies projects that would enhance non-motorized access to the National Forest.
- Identified as a high-priority project in BPRD's 2018 Comprehensive Plan
- Included *City of Bend's Transportation System Plan* (2019) which incorporated the park district's planned trails "by reference"
- To be included in upcoming County Transportation System Plan
- One of 15 "Big Ideas for Bend" named in Envision Bend's April 2023 Community Poll Report (supported by 180 respondents)
- Included in Envision Bend's 2024-2028 Vision Action Plan



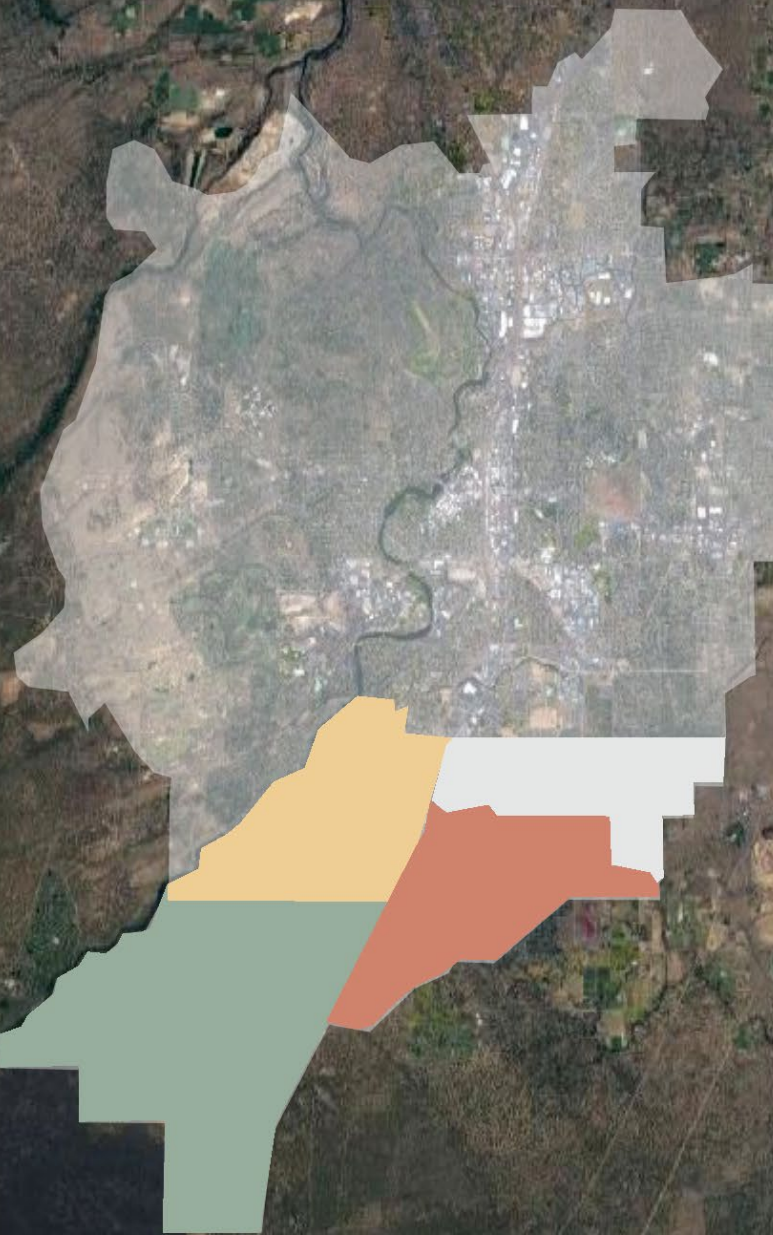
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Miles**

Bend

approx pop.
100,000

Areas that would benefit
from the footbridge:

- SW Bend: 8k
- SE Bend: 2.5k
- DRW: 6k
- Lower Old Farm: 4k
- Total: 20k+





Tualo State Park

Bend

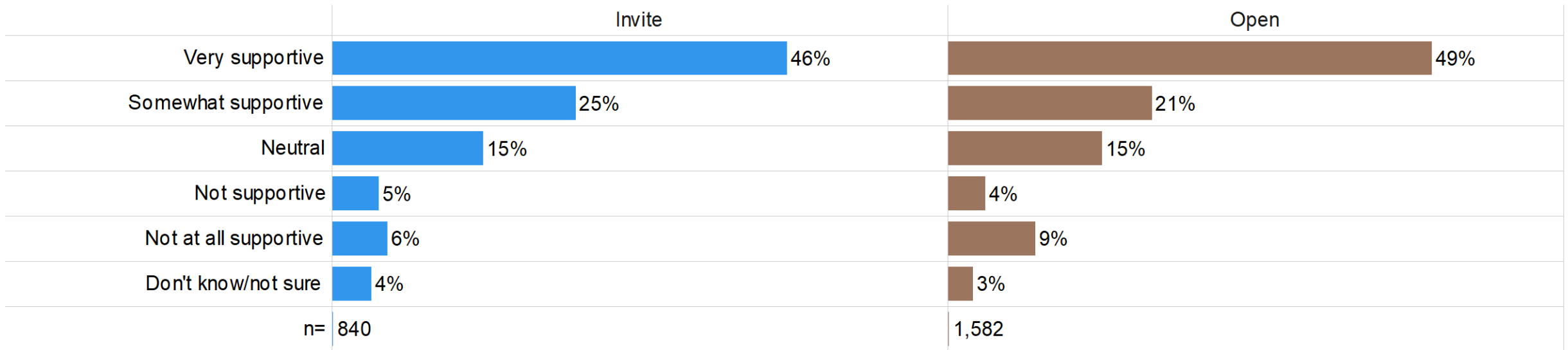
Sunriver

Completed
River Trail

BRIDGE SUPPORT

The survey data reveals widespread community support for the Bend Park and Recreation District's (BPRD) plan to build a footbridge across the Deschutes River. With nearly 70% approval from both the selectively invited respondents and the wider public participating via an open link, there's a clear majority in favor of the initiative. This suggests that the community sees significant value in the project, likely due to the anticipated improvements in accessibility and recreation it would bring.

How supportive are you of BPRD completing a footbridge crossing of the Deschutes River, which would connect the Deschutes River Trail on the south end of Bend to the Deschutes National Forest, near the Rimrock Trailhead (Good Dog off-leash area)?



Source: RRC





2. Opposition

Opposition

- Bachelor View Road:
 - 28 developed parcels
 - Avg. 4 acre lots
 - Avg. house value ~\$4 million
- 2017 ban attempt
 - Led by Portland wealth manager Tim Phillips
 - Gut-and-stuff attempt
 - “Upper Deschutes Conservation Council” and fake news websites
- 2018 attempt, BVR joined by Oregon Wild
 - Bill also died in Senate

3. Equality of Access

Equality of Access Study, 2022

- Bottom line: Footbridge neighborhoods are the most underserved in Bend in terms of outdoor access
- Study ranked 13 official Bend neighborhoods based on various criteria
- “14th neighborhood” Deschutes River Woods included
 - Continuous with Bend
 - Outside official UGB and BPRD boundaries

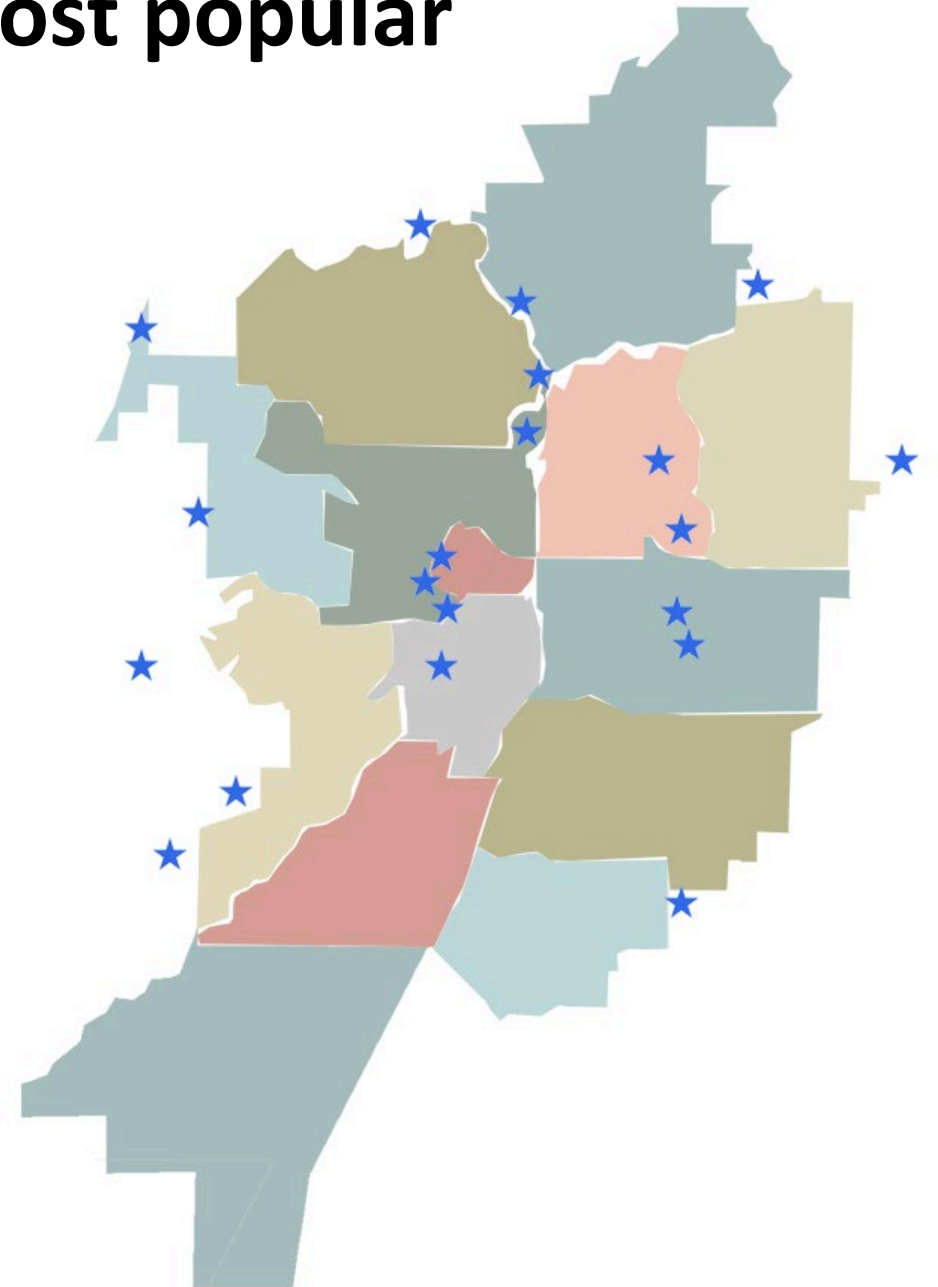
Metric 1: Drive distance to Bend's most popular destinations (V. 2)

In this new version we determined the average drive from the 14 Bend neighborhoods to the following:

- Good Dog Rimrock Trailhead
- Shevlin Park
- Riverbend Park/Farewell Bend (consolidated)
- Drake Park/Harmon Park (consolidated)
- Pilot Butte
- Sawyer Park
- Alpine Trail
- Big Sky Park Trail
- Discovery Park
- Pine Nursery Park
- Riley Ranch
- Phil's Trailhead
- Aplenglow Park
- Pioneer Park
- Hollinshead Park
- Ponderosa Park
- Larkspur Park
- Miller's Landing/McKay Park/Bend Whitewater Park (consolidated)
- Columbia Park
- First Street Rapids.

Averages:

- Central and west neighborhoods: ~2.9 miles
- Southeast and Southwest Bend: 5.5 miles
- Deschutes River Woods: 8.4 miles



Updated Methodology this Fall

- Limited to destinations with the most favorable Google reviews (4.7 stars or above)
- The 20 most-reviewed outdoor destinations in the greater Bend area
- Looked at destinations within a five-mile radius of city center.
 - We tried expanding the radius to add locations like Lava Lands and Badlands, but these are much further away and didn't significantly change the bottom line.
- More detail at our website.

Metric 2: Acres per person, BPRD properties

Footbridge neighborhoods



Neighborhood	Rank
Summit West***	1
Southern Crossing	2
Orchard District	3
Boyd Acres*	4
Awbrey Butte	5
Southeast Bend	6
Century West	7
Old Bend	8
River West	9
Mountain View**	10
Larkspur	11
Southwest Bend	12
Old Farm	13
DRW	14

Source: BPRD

Metric 3: Spending per neighborhood

New capital improvement projects since 2015

Footbridge neighborhoods 

Row Labels	CIP Spending
Larkspur	\$ 19,090,665
SE Bend	\$ 11,080,341
Boyd Acres	\$ 7,296,718
Awbrey	\$ 4,597,123
Mountain View	\$ 4,354,200
Summit West	\$ 4,090,438
Old Bend	\$ 2,496,545
Orchard District	\$ 1,720,474
Old Farm	\$ 1,634,624
Century West	\$ 1,442,987
Southern Crossing	\$ 1,057,650
River West	\$ 829,256
SW Bend	\$ 382,272
DRW	\$ 0

Concentration of young people

Southwest Bend tied for
No. 1 among Bend neighborhoods

27% of residents under 18

Looking ahead

Key remaining issues

- Connect Bend and BPRD welcome a traffic impact study
- Forest Service is the landowner and must apply to OPRD to move ahead with the project

Other Business

Chair Campbell & Staff

Other Business

- Policy Board meeting topic requests
- The next meeting of the BMPO Policy Board is scheduled for April 19, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. Topics will include:
 - 2023-2024 Budget Adjustment
 - 2024-2025 Budget Adoption
 - 2023-2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendments Adoption
 - US97/Hawthorne Ave intersection

Public Comment

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Adjourn

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