



BEND MPO
Metropolitan Planning Organization

Policy Board Meeting

May 17, 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

- Andrea Breault, CET
- Eric Lint, CET

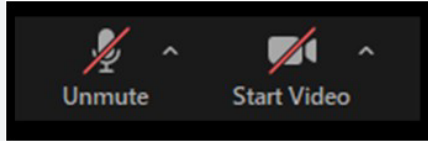
Members of the public, visitors, and presenters will be asked to introduce with name and entity.

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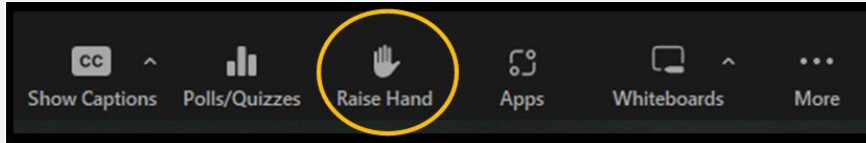
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Hybrid Meeting Guidelines

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- Please click the **raise hand** icon to speak next.



- If you join the webinar by phone, dial ***9** to raise or lower your hand.
- 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

Chair Campbell

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

Chair Campbell

Meeting Minutes

- Review and approve April 19, 2024, Policy Board draft meeting minutes (Attachment A).
 - Recommended language for motion: *I move approval of the April 19, 2024, Policy Board draft meeting minutes as presented.*

2024-2027 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) Amendments

Kelli Kennedy

2024-2027 MTIP Amendments

- 21-day public comment period opened on April 22.
 - No comments received.

Project No.	Project Name & Description	Previous Project Total	Amendment Action	More Information
23056	Local STBG allocation FFY26-27 - Bend MPO. Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) funding for the Bend MPO to use on projects to be determined through their project selection process and budget development. Comprised of funding from FY25, 26 and 27 estimated allocations.	\$ 2,932,732	Remove the project from ODOTs State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and MPO MTIP due to change in funding source.	Funding source change from federal STBG to state highway funds. No longer need to include in STIP.
23059	Local STBG FFY25-27 - City of Bend Street Maintenance. Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) funding for the city of Bend to use on maintenance, preservation and signal projects. Comprised of funding from FY25, 26 and 27 estimated allocations from Bend MPO.	\$ 2,513,338	Remove the project from ODOTs STIP and MPO MTIP due to change in funding source.	Funding source change from federal STBG to state highway funds. No longer need to include in STIP.

- Action requested: review and consider approval of the proposed amendments.
 - Recommended language for motion: *I move approval of the proposed amendments to the 2024-2027 MTIP, as presented.*

Federal Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Performance Measure

Tyler Deke

Federal GHG Performance Measure

- Rule approved by Federal Highway Administration on December 7, 2023
 - Requires state DOTs and MPOs to establish declining targets for tailpipe CO₂ emissions
 - Requires regular reporting intervals
- Applies to National Highway System (NHS)
 - Bend MPO NHS includes: US20, US97, 3rd Street (Greenwood to Murphy), Reed Market Road (3rd Street to 27th Street), 27th Street (Reed Market Road to Empire Avenue) and Empire Avenue (27th Street to 3rd Street)
- Multiple calculation methodologies allowed
- ODOT will provide data for local calculations

Federal GHG Performance Measure

- Two legal challenges to rules.
- On March 27, 2024, the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas vacated and remanded the GHG Performance Measure Final Rule to USDOT, in effect nullifying the rule Nationwide.
- Consistent with the Court's decision, State DOTs and MPOs are not required to submit initial targets and reports at this time.
- ODOT chose to develop and submit GHG targets.
- ODOT will support MPOs that choose to do so as well.

Federal GHG Performance Measure

- Should Bend MPO develop targets and report on this measure?
- Pros
 - ODOT will provide data
 - Minimal staff time to track and report
 - Potentially useful measure as Bend works to meet Climate Friendly and Equitable Communities (CFEC) rules and implement its Community Climate Action Plan
 - Without federal requirements, will have flexibility for tracking and reporting
- Cons
 - Will require some staff time to track and report
- Action Requested
 - *Should staff develop and track this performance measure?*

BMPO Sponsorships

Tyler Deke

BMPO Sponsorships

- MPO occasionally receives requests to sponsor external speakers and events
- Past requests: Charles Marohn (Strong Towns) lecture & Dutch Cycling Embassy workshop
- Future requests
 - Staff recommends Policy Board only consider requests with a direct transportation link
 - Not seeking formal policy
- Action Requested
 - *Provide direction to staff on future external funding requests*

Cascades East Transit (CET) System

Andrea Breault, CET

Eric Lint, CET

Cascades East Transit

Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council



COIC

Transit Update for Bend MPO Policy Board

May 17, 2024

Transit Services Report

Annual Ridership Statistics, March 2024

Service	Trips	YOY change
Total system	613,957	↑ 46.9%
Bend Fixed Route	213,308	↑ 30.0%
Community Connectors	123,930	↑ 50.4%
Dial-A-Ride	61,699	↑ 34.8%
Recreation services	139,205	↑ 34.4%
Vanpool	35,977	<i>new!</i>

Nearly 200,000 *more* trips served in the past year! That's 537 more rides *every day*.

Service offerings

- Vanpools take off!
- Veterans Healthcare Transport
- ADA Paratransit
- Rural Dial-A-Ride
- Community Connectors
- Recreational Transportation
- Fixed Route Services



Redmond Flex Routes

- Starting Monday, June 3
- Monday – Friday, 7:30am – 5:30pm
- Route A key stops: Bi-Mart, Airport, COCC
- Route B key stops: Redmond High, Walmart, St Charles, Senior Center, Centennial Park
- All routes start/end at Redmond Transit Hub
- Call ahead for “flex” service – request a pickup or drop off within ¼ mile of route



Service Change Roundup

Bend Fixed Route frequency restored

- Routes 1, 3, 4, 7, 9, and 11 will all be 30-minute frequency by July
- Focus on East/West and North/South routes

Community Connectors add frequency

- Extra trips added June 3, 2024
- Mid-day runs added to Routes 22, 24 & 29
- Mid-day and morning runs added to Routes 26 & 28

Recreational service launch dates

- June 15 – Lava Butte
- June 19 – Transit to Trails
- June 22 – Ride the River

Route 3 now serves Northwest Crossing

- Request from riders working at NWX restaurants



Project Updates

Capital Plan development, clean fuel transition plans

- Going to bid for consultant support on major planning efforts

Bus Stop Improvement Project

- Now slated to begin in Summer 2024

New security cameras, asset mgmt coming

- Major procurements reaching completion this year

Transit to Trails returns

- Larger bike trailer arriving early May

ODOT Innovative Mobility Program Microgrant

- \$15,000 grants available for transportation projects that serve disadvantaged populations, [open to nonprofits](#)



Project Updates

Bus Stop Improvement Project

- Revised infrastructure guide + standards
- More accessory equipment deployed (benches, etc)
- Cleaner branding, improved wayfinding
- Working with developers to reserve expansion sites
- Always ADA accessible
- Ready for additional tech enhancements
- Community input process coming



Related improvements

New bus stop signs

New schedule formats

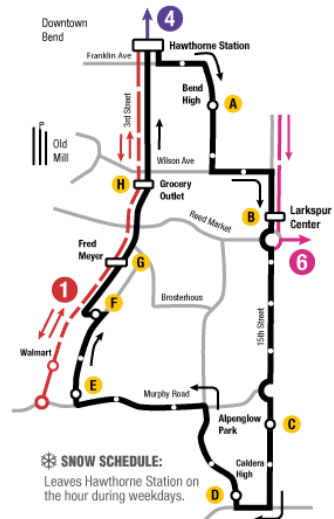


1 South 3rd Street
Hawthorne Station

9 15th Street
Murphy Rd

bus stop 116

9 15th St / Murphy



SNOW SCHEDULE:
Leaves Hawthorne Station on the hour during weekdays.

Ride for free!

Cascades East Transit went fare free on fixed routes in 2020.

Buses arrive every
45 minutes
Monday through Friday

This bus is an **express**
on 3rd Street

- 1** This bus connects with Route 1 on 3rd Street. While riding, you can request a stop at any of the Route 1 stops that this bus passes.
- 6** This bus connects with Route 6 at 15th & Surtree. Route 6 goes to St Charles and Wells Acres Road. Route 5 is available across the street from this stop.
- Hawthorne Station** Find connections with all Bend fixed routes and community connectors to nearby cities.
- All buses are wheelchair accessible**

Not all stops shown on schedule.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H		
	9th at Bend High	15th at Surtree	15th at Alpenglow Park	Brosterhaus at Caldera Dr	Parrell at Murphy Rd	Powers at Parrell	3rd at Fred Meyer (E)	3rd at Roosevelt	Hawthorne Station	
WEEKDAYS	7:30	7:33	7:38	7:45	7:49	7:47	7:59	8:01	8:04	8:08
	8:15	8:18	8:23	8:30	8:34	8:32	8:44	8:46	8:49	8:53
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! Find Service Alerts and the latest route information on our website at CascadesEastTransit.com

Scan the QR code to visit our website now!



Plan your ride with the app and see live bus locations



This bus has free wifi! Connect to "CET WiFi"

Contact us at CascadesEastTransit.com/contact or call 541-385-8680 during business hours.

Updated: September 25, 2023

1 South 3rd Street



Ride for free!

Cascades East Transit went fare free on fixed routes in 2020.

Weekdays
buses arrive every
30 minutes
Every 45 minutes after 4:30pm

Saturdays
buses arrive every
60 minutes

SNOW SCHEDULE:
Leaves Hawthorne Station on the hour during weekdays.

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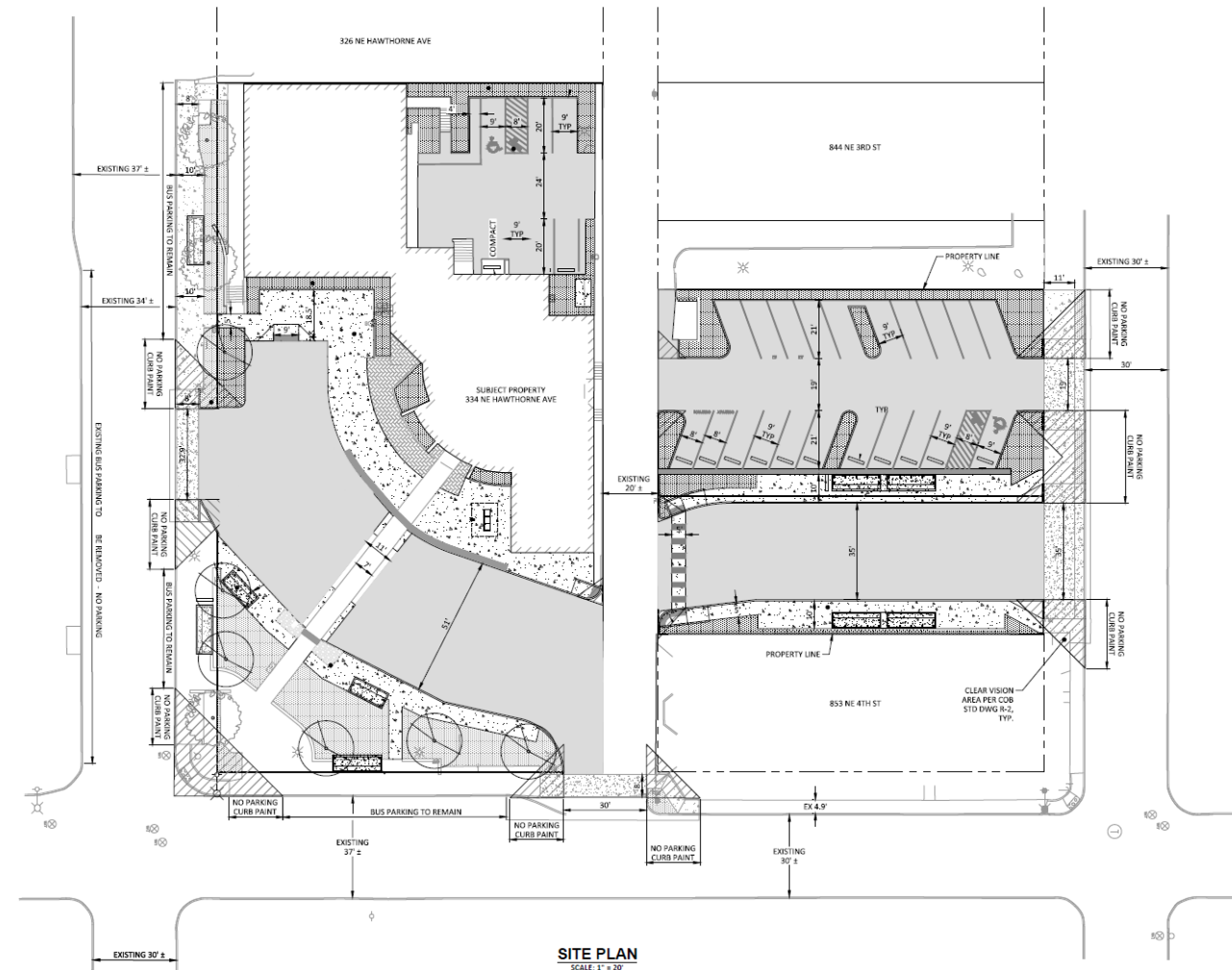
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Project Updates

Hawthorne Station Safety Improvement Project

- New off-street bus bays
- Improved traffic flow
- New bus shelters and information stations
- Improved pedestrian safety
- Upgraded ADA access
- Ready for additional tech enhancements



Program Administration

Staff

- 6 Dispatchers
- 7 Customer Service Representatives
- 35 Vehicle operators (staff)
- 25 Vehicle operators (contract)
- 4 Mechanics
- 2 Maintenance workers
- 7 Supervisors/managers
- 3 Administrative staff



Qualified Entity status

STIF funding is distributed to QEs.

Because CET is not a transit district, it is not a QE.

This causes counties to then be responsible for all administrative functions.

COIC is exploring options in cooperation with ODOT and local QEs to have COIC/CET designated as the responsible party for QE functions in Central Oregon and act as direct recipient for STIF funds.

Regional STIF Advisory Committee Meetings

- Committees meet in May and October
- Sub-recipients invited to share project data, submit new project ideas
- Ranking of new projects occurs in October
- STIF plan submitted to ODOT in December 2024
- Subrecipients to submit proposed budgets to COIC in August/September



STIF Meeting Schedule Spring 2024

Deschutes County

Monday, May 13 @ 1pm in Bend

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

Thursday, May 16 @ 11am in Warm Springs

Jefferson County

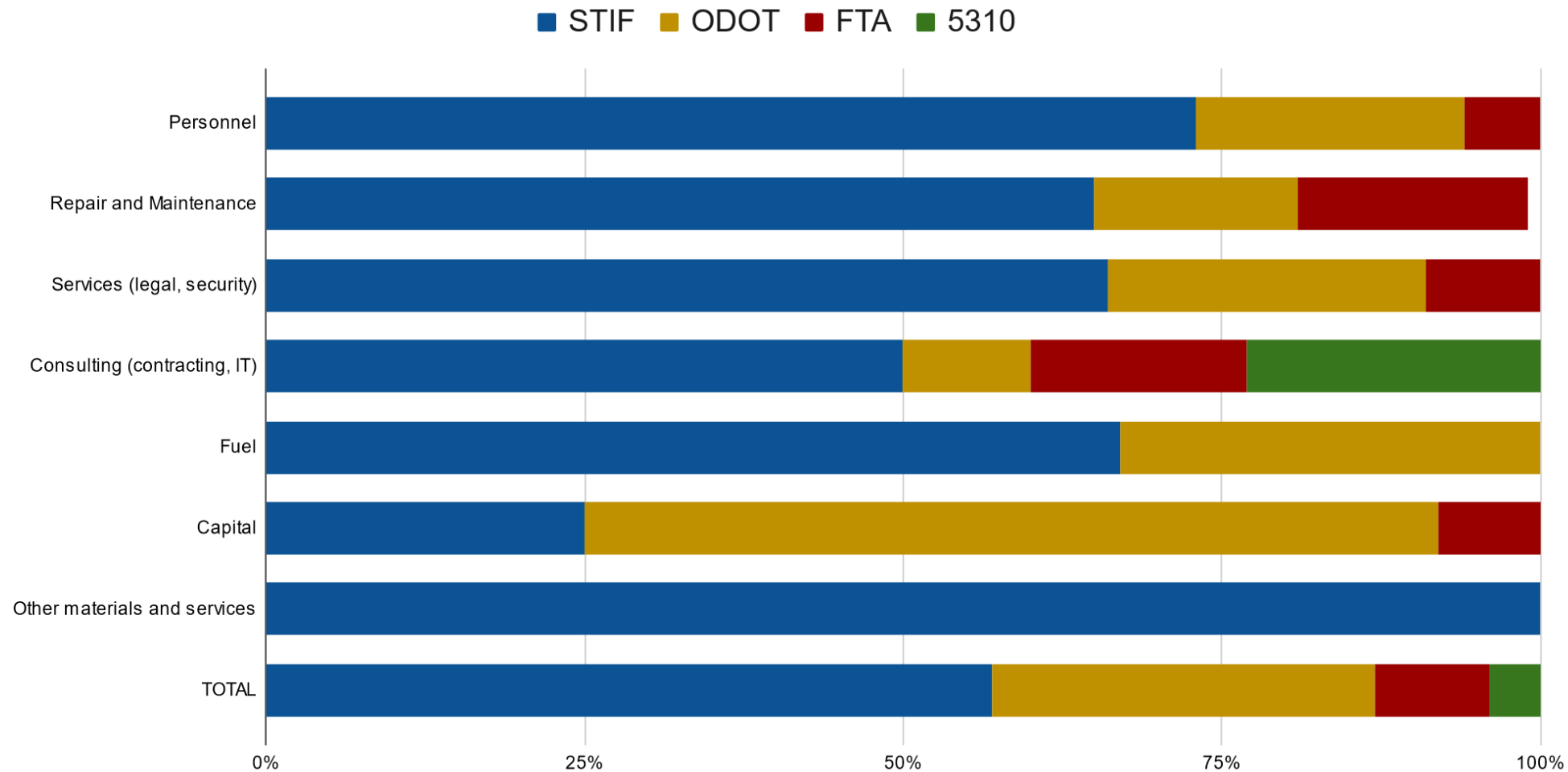
Wednesday, May 29 @ 1pm in Madras

Crook County

Friday, May 31 @ noon in Prineville

STIF in Central Oregon

STIF is now the primary funding source for CET.





Thank you!

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Eric Lint

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Other Business

Chair Campbell & Staff

Other Business

- Policy Board agenda item requests
- The next meeting of the BMPO Policy Board is scheduled for June 21, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. Topics will include:
 - Budget adjustment
 - STBG funding program update
 - 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update

Public Comment

Chair Campbell

Adjourn

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