

Meeting Minutes



BMPO Bend Metropolitan
Planning Organization

BMPO Policy Board

Location: Baney Conference Room, ODOT Region 4, Building M,
63055 N. Highway 97, Bend, Oregon

Date: August 16, 2024

Time: 12:00 p.m.

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In Attendance

Policy Board Members

- Chair Barb Campbell, Bend City Councilor
- Vice-Chair Phil Chang, Deschutes County Commissioner
- Ariel "Ari" Mendez, Bend City Councilor

Member Alternates

- Emerald Shirley, Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Region 4

BMPO Staff and Other Attendees

- Andrea Napoli, BMPO Senior Planner
- Kelli Kennedy, BMPO Staff
- Greg Bryant, BMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) member
- Aaron Berger, DKS Associates
- Chris Doty, Deschutes County
- Tarik Rawlings, Deschutes County
- David Abbas, City of Bend
- Susanna Julber, City of Bend
- Morgan Wagner, member of the public
- Clayton Franke, member of the media, The Bulletin, arrived at approx. 12:07 p.m.

Agenda Items

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chair Campbell called the regular meeting to order at 12:01 p.m., with a quorum established.

2. Hybrid Meeting Guidelines

Andrea Napoli reviewed the meeting guidelines.

3. Public Comment

None.

4. Meeting Minutes

Materials referenced: July 19, 2024, Policy Board draft meeting minutes (Attachment A in agenda packet)

Motion 1: Ariel Mendez moved approval of the July 19, 2024, Policy Board draft meeting minutes as presented. Phil Chang seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

5. Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) Amendment

Materials referenced: Public notice including a summary of the proposed amendment (Attachment B in the agenda packet)

Kelli Kennedy presented an overview of the MTIP amendment, which consisted of a proposed increase in funding for the Hawthorne Ave Pedestrian and Bicyclist Overcrossing project. No public comments were received during the public comment period. Clarification was provided regarding how remaining funds could be used, and the amount of the funding increase.

Motion 2: Ariel Mendez moved to approve the proposed amendment to the 2024-2027 MTIP as presented. Phil Chang seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

6. Draft 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Overview and Update

Materials referenced: The agenda packet included a link to the Draft 2045 MTP, available at <https://bendoregon.gov/mtp>

Andrea Napoli and Aaron Berger, DKS, shared background on the progress made in the MTP process and presented a high-level overview of the draft 2045 MTP document.

Questions and comments were addressed about designating between culverts with fish passage issues and watershed issues, and disaster response planning work including the County Emergency Management Plan and the Deschutes County Emergency Management application for a FEMA Hazard Mitigation Program grant to do evacuation route planning work.

There was discussion on strategies to keep tractor trailers on designated freight routes, the logistics of using driverless vehicles without devastating economic impacts, the sensitivity of the freight industry, and ensuring infrastructure could meet the needs of truck drivers.

Questions were addressed regarding prioritization of projects, possibly including Cascades East Transit in the MTP document, complexity around calculating growth projections, the impact of increased population density on sewer systems and exploring legislative changes to limit multi-

family housing and updating the MTP to reflect significant changes while remaining aware of elements that were not accounted for.

Clarification was provided on the projected decreases in Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) per capita in 2045 related to shifts in travel modes due to completion of financially constrained and aspirational projects. The difference between interpreting text narratives and tables or graphs was noted, and the importance of focusing on how investments would improve conditions was emphasized. It was also confirmed that all three phases of the City of Bend Transportation Utility Fee had been included in the MTP.

There was discussion on the best way to commit to the goal of reducing fatalities, the possibility of adopting Vision Zero, going for a percent reduction in fatalities versus having target goal of zero, feeling uncomfortable with leaving the high target goal for crash fatalities, continuing to use standard metrics for direct comparison with other cities, and measuring fatalities per capita rather than by VMTs to avoid appearing to make progress without an actual reduction in fatalities. Clarification was provided on the difference between performance measures vs performance targets. Staff was given direction to provide both the metrics of crash fatalities per capita and per VMTs in the future.

Next steps included noticing a 21-day public comment period for the draft MTP with a link to a slideshow giving an overview of the MTP update and awaiting edits to the MTP document following review by State and Federal partners and Staff. The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) would be given the same presentation at their meeting on September 3, 2024, and a draft MTP document would be presented for approval consideration by the Policy Board at the meeting on September 20, 2024.

The Board confirmed they wanted to prioritize the projects and planning recommendations that identified in studies associated with the MTP including the Southern River Crossing, 27th Corridor Implementation Plan, the Z Study, Revere Wall, the Program Funding Implementation Study, and updates to the key bicycle and pedestrian route scoping in the Bend Transportation System Plan (TSP).

7. Other Business

Chair Campbell noted there had been an MPO tent and display at CityFest, and she thanked Staff for their work engaging with the public. She provided a reminder that members could ask questions or request agenda items by reaching out to her or Staff.

The next scheduled Policy Board meeting is September 20, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. at City Hall.

8. Public Comment

None.

9. Adjournment

Chair Campbell adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m.



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