

Meeting Summary



BMPO Bend Metropolitan
Planning Organization

BMPO Technical Advisory Committee

Location: Board Room, Bend City Hall
710 NW Wall, Bend, Oregon

Date: April 3, 2024

Time: 10:00 a.m.

In Attendance

TAC Voting Members

Sharon Smith, Bend-La Pine Schools (BLS)
Henry Stroud, Bend Park and Recreation District (BPRD)
Eric Lint, Cascades East Transit (CET)
Greg Bryant, Citizen
James Dorofi, Citizen
Robin Lewis, City of Bend
Brian Potwin, Commute Options
Tarik Rawlings, Deschutes County
Dave Thomson, Deschutes County Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)
Ken Shonkwiler, Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Region 4
Casey Bergh, OSU Cascades

TAC Non-Voting Members

Tyler Deke, BMPO Manager

BMPO Staff and Other Attendees

Andrea Napoli, BMPO Senior Planner
Kelli Kennedy, BMPO Staff
Aaron Berger, DKS Associates
Matt Kittelson, Kittelson & Associates
Susanna Julber, City of Bend

Agenda Items

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Mr. Deke called the regular meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with a quorum established.

2. Hybrid Meeting Guidelines

Mr. Deke reviewed the meeting guidelines.

3. Public Comment

None.

4. Meeting Summaries

Materials referenced: December 6, 2024, TAC draft meeting summary (Attachment A) and January 9, 2024, TAC draft meeting summary (Attachment B)

Motion 1: Dave Thomson moved to approve the December 6, 2023, TAC draft meeting summary as presented. Eric Lint seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Motion 2: Greg Bryant moved to approve the January 9, 2024, TAC draft meeting summary as presented. Brian Potwin seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

5. MTP Update

Materials referenced: Refined Project List Scenario Evaluation Memo (Attachment C)

Aaron Berger presented an update on the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), including project list refinements (i.e., additions and modifications), project list evaluation results, and key performance metrics for active transportation, transit, mode split/vehicle miles traveled (VMT), PM peak hour volume shift, and congestion.

Key highlights included Neff Road change driven by a significant mode shift and the decrease in VMT per capita between 2019 and 2045.

Committee questions regarding added projects were addressed, including clarification on the concept of an interchange at the southern part of Deschutes River Woods, whether there was funding for a Revere Avenue study, and whether GO Bond funding was available for improvements in the "Z" area, and the difference between "no-build" and "refined" scenarios. It was noted that the southern interchange would be incorporated into the project list, and that comments would help inform "Z" study limits, extents, and cost estimates. Clarifications were also provided regarding household and jobs growth in specific areas, increased traffic volume at Baker Road interchange and in the Downtown area, modeling for VMT forecasting and the difference between forecasts per capita versus total, statistics for trips in Bend, and whether electric bike trips are differentiated from non-electric bike trips.

Matt Kittelson presented an update on project cost estimates, including a high-level overview of methodology, key changes, and ongoing updates. A recommendation for more comprehensive and frequent cost estimates, as project changes occur, was put forth. Clarification was provided regarding total cost for all projects, including reference to the initial cost and revenue estimates presented at the [January 9, 2024] TAC meeting. It was noted that further refinement was needed.

Mr. Berger presented next steps and upcoming tasks, including completion of CFA sensitivity scenario model run, project prioritization, and drafting a financially constrained project list. It was confirmed that April 12, 2024 would be the deadline for the Committee to submit comments on the project list. It was clarified that locations for the CFA model run were coordinated with a contact in the City's Growth Management department.

6. Member & Guest Roundtable

Deschutes County: Tarik Rawlings provided an update on the County's Transportation System Plan (TSP), noting that a second reading was recently concluded, initiating the 90-day adoption clock for the new

TSP to take effect on June 18th. An update on the Tumalo Community Plan was also provided, including note of about \$70,000 in grant funding for active transportation, that deliberation included a soft amendment regarding the number of multi-family housing units that could be developed, and that the plan would be wrapped up soon. After these two large projects, focus would be on various local items.

Bend Park and Recreation District: Henry Stroud announced a preliminary public meeting for the joint Riverfront Street project with the City of Bend would be on April 18th and would focus on providing project background information and receiving input from the community to help develop design alternatives. Information could be found on the BPRD and City websites.

Cascade East Transit: Eric Lint reported CET was planning to go to bid for a Capital Plan enhancement, noting it would involve building on their 2040 Master Plan and efforts to incorporate more technical consulting to create a formal transition plan to convert to electric vehicles. Updates were also provided on mobility hubs – highlighting status of projects at Troy Field and Bend South – and on bus stop improvements. Transit to Trails was also mentioned, with note that it would return with a bigger bike trailer and an extra run through the summer. Additionally, CET would be launching two flex routes in Redmond, potentially on June 3rd. CET would pursue the ODOT Innovative Mobility Grant.

ODOT Region 4: Ken Shonkwiler reported that the preceding day marked the kickoff for an ODOT project looking at the riskiest crosswalks on all the state highways across Region 4, including a couple in Bend that are within the top 25% on the list. It was also noted that ODOT was still working through the Lava Butte Path project, which would go to the Land Use Board of Appeals. Future updates would be provided on both projects would be provided. It was also reported that the US 20 Facility Plan still requires work on a few project refinements and there would be a presentation to the TAC in the future.

City of Bend: Robin Lewis reported that the Transportation Utility Fee (TUF) Phase 1 implementation was important for maintenance. It was also reported that the League of American Bicyclists rating application would be due in July.

7. Public Comment

None.

8. Next TAC Meeting

Mr. Deke announced the next TAC meeting would be held May 1, 2024, at 10:00 am.

9. Adjournment

Mr. Deke adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m.



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