

# Meeting Summary



**BMPO** Bend Metropolitan  
Planning Organization

## BMPO Technical Advisory Committee

**Location:** Council Chambers, Bend City Hall  
710 NW Wall, Bend, Oregon

**Date:** July 9, 2024

**Time:** 10:30 a.m.

**Prepared by:** ABC Transcription Services, LLC.

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### In Attendance

#### TAC Voting Members

- Quinn Keever, Bend Park and Recreation District (BPRD)
- Greg Bryant, Citizen
- James Dorofi, Citizen
- Susanna Julber, 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

#### TAC Non-Voting Members

- Angie Brewer, Oregon Department of Land Conservation & Development (DLCD)
- Tyler Deke, BMPO Manager

#### BMPO Staff and Other Attendees

- Andrea Napoli, BMPO Senior Planner
- Kelli Kennedy, BMPO Staff
- Doug Pigman, Bend La Pine Schools (BLS)
- Seth Rankin, Parametrix
- Tobi Marx, City of Bend

### Agenda Items

#### 1. Call to Order and Introductions

Mr. Deke called the regular meeting to order at 10:32 a.m., with a quorum established.

#### 2. Hybrid Meeting Guidelines

Mr. Deke reviewed the meeting guidelines.

#### 3. Public Comment

None.

#### 4. Meeting Summary

Materials referenced: June 5, 2024, TAC draft meeting summary (Attachment A)

**Motion 1:** James Dorofi moved to approve the June 5, 2023, TAC draft meeting summary as presented. Dave Thomson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

#### 5. Federal COVID Funding – Project Summaries & Review

Materials referenced: CET project proposal (Attachment B), BLS proposal (Attachment C), City of Bend proposal (Attachment D), and Cost summary (Attachment E)

Manager Deke reviewed via PowerPoint the background of the \$1.5 million COVID Relief Act funds and three project funding proposals, noting the remaining balance was \$298,186. He presented the details of Cascades East Transit's (CET) proposal for the Cascades East Transit project at an estimated cost of \$257,275, adding that real-time signage could be cut from the proposal if needed.

David Abbas, City of Bend, presented via PowerPoint the City's project funding request for the Cooley Road Pedestrian Enhancement Sidewalk Infill Project with an estimated \$60,000 cost. The project would be performed by City crews and not be put out to bid which was the reason for the low cost.

Questions and comments from the TAC were addressed regarding the lack of infrastructure in the area of the Cooley Road project, the lack of connectivity between the old Highway 97 and the newly aligned Highway 97, use of the Accessibility Construction Fund, the multi-use path along old Highway 97, as well as crossings, paths, and connectivity options throughout the project area.

Doug Pigman, Bend La Pine Schools, presented the details of the request for \$345,000 for the Bend La Pine Schools multi-use path project.

Questions and comments from the TAC were addressed regarding the trail's realignment and upgrades, the timeframe for the Southeast Area Plan's elementary school, prioritization of connectivity between the current middle school and Caldera Drive going east-west, possibilities for the Haul Road, and concern from residents in the Old Farm District regarding pathway access and safety along 27th Street.

Board members discussed the project funding requests, the cost and timeline of each project, and options for funding each project. There was discussion of the critical connection of Cooley Road, concerns about putting the Haul Road back to its natural state versus a gravel path, and giving CET direction from the MPO on how to spend the funds.

The consensus of the TAC was to recommend the MPO award \$60,000 to the City of Bend's Cooley Road Sidewalk project, \$50,000 to Bend La Pine Schools for the Planning/Design portion and \$75,000 for the Construction Segment 2A portion of their Multi-Use Path project, and the remainder to the CET Transit Stop Improvement project, with most members in favor of making real-time signage a lower priority.

#### 6. Bike Share Update

Materials referenced: A link to the website with bike share system information was provided in agenda packet.

Tobi Marx, City of Bend, presented information on the first two years of the Bike Share program with Bird, noting statistics on usage, responses to complaints, and this year's focus on complaint monitoring, equity and accessibility. He demonstrated the Populus Mobility Manager, which the City is using to monitor and support Bird with real-time data. He also shared about new technologies being used to improve the program, as well as public outreach and education. Finally, he updated on the process of Bird's bankruptcy, clarifying the bankruptcy had no negative impact on the program.

#### **7. Member & Guest Roundtable**

Deschutes County: TAC Member Rawlings said the Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) has remanded the matter of the Baker Road to Lava Butte Trail back to the County for further findings on the zoning for the particular area. The County had 180 days to respond, but additional appeals could extend the matter six months to a year. He should have more information for the next TAC meeting.

#### **8. Public Comment**

None.

#### **9. Next TAC Meeting**

Manager Deke announced the next TAC meeting would be held August 7, 2024, at 10:00 am.

#### **10. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:03 pm.



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