

# Meeting Minutes



**BMPO** Bend Metropolitan  
Planning Organization

## BMPO Policy Board

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

**Date:** September 20, 2024

**Time:** 12:00 p.m.

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### In Attendance

#### Policy Board Members

- Chair Barb Campbell, Bend City Councilor
- Ariel "Ari" Mendez, Bend City Councilor
- David Amiton, Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Region 4 Interim Board Member

#### Member Alternates

- Chris Doty, Deschutes County

#### BMPO Staff and Other Attendees

- Tyler Deke, BMPO Manager
- Andrea Napoli, BMPO Senior Planner
- Kelli Kennedy, BMPO Staff
- Tory Carr, City of Bend
- Aaron Berger, DKS Associates
- Greg Bryant, BMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
- David Abbas, City of Bend
- Bob Townsend, Cascades East Transit (CET)
- Royce Kallerud, Connect Bend
- Brent Stinski, Connect Bend
- Lisa Donahue, City of Bend

### Agenda Items

#### 1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chair Campbell called the regular meeting to order at 12:06 p.m., with a quorum established.

#### 2. Hybrid Meeting Guidelines

Manager Deke reviewed the meeting guidelines.

### 3. Public Comment

Royce Kallerud, Connect Bend, supported the South UGB footbridge project proposed in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and expressed concern about opposition to the project due to claims made without evidence by Oregon Wild.

### 4. Meeting Minutes

Materials referenced: August 16, 2024, Policy Board draft meeting minutes (Attachment A in agenda packet)

**Motion 1:** Ariel Mendez moved approval of the August 16, 2024 Policy Board draft meeting minutes as presented. Chris Doty seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

### 5. 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Adoption

Materials referenced: Resolution 2024-04 (Attachment B in the agenda packet), Public Agency comments and responses (Attachment C in the agenda packet), and the draft 2045 MTP is available at <https://bendoregon.gov/mtp>.

Manager Deke, Aaron Berger, DKS, and Senior Planner Napoli reviewed the progress made in the MTP process and presented a summary of public and agency comments received, recent editorial changes made to the draft 2045 MTP document, and next steps.

Questions and comments from the Board were addressed regarding focusing on solutions apart from capital projects to address congestion, a potential transit component update in 2025 or 2026, increased Transportation Demand Management (TDM) due to climate-friendly rules, the possibility of planning for light rail rights-of-way, the MTP document's ability to be updated and amended to include new projects, and confirming that the maps in the MTP did not reflect a project that had been approved by the Policy Board on the eastern side of US 97.

**Motion 2:** Ariel Mendez moved to adopt the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. Chris Doty seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

### 6. Fiscal Year 2024 – 2025 (FY25) Budget Adjustment

Materials referenced: Issue Summary and Resolution 2024 – 05 to adopt the FY25 budget adjustment. The Budget and UPWP are posted on the BMPO website. <http://www.bendoregon.gov/mpobudget>. (Attachment D in the agenda packet)

Manager Deke explained the small increase in the FY25 Budget to reflect the total amount of federal funding received.

**Motion 3:** Ariel Mendez moved to adopt the FY25 Budget Adjustment. Chris Doty seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

## **7. Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) Amendments**

Materials referenced: Public notice including a summary of the proposed amendments (Attachment E in the agenda packet), Public comment record as of Sept 13, 2024 (Attachment F in the agenda packet)

Kelli Kennedy presented the four proposed amendments to projects in the 2024 – 2027 MTIP and reviewed the public comment received. Clarification was provided on fluctuations in project funding and the inability to move forward with projects if the Board was opposed. There was discussion on transportation funding that captured the intensity of use, using a Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) grant to maintain pavement on US 97, the need for a sustainable funding source for US 97 that was not grant-based, and the challenges of seeking alternative funding for necessary road maintenance.

**Motion 4:** Ariel Mendez moved to approve the proposed amendments to the 2024 – 2027 MTIP as presented. Chris Doty seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

## **8. 2025 Oregon Legislative Session – BMPO Opportunities to Engage**

Materials referenced: BMPO comment letter – Oregon Joint Transportation Committee (Attachment G in the agenda packet)

Manager Deke stated the Oregon State Legislature would convene in January 2025 and a transportation funding package was expected to be developed during the session.

There was discussion regarding outcomes of the Joint Transportation Committee bus tour and roundtable held in Bend on September 12, 2024, the emphasis on funding safety, maintenance, and commitments to House Bill 2017, uncompleted projects in the Portland metro area, sources of funding, targeted increases for metro area residents to fund metro area projects, the split in funding for state, county, and city projects, the disparity between urban and rural funding opportunities, and the impacts of choosing to fund new projects over maintenance.

The Policy Board and Staff discussed upcoming engagement opportunities including submitting letters of support or testimony. The challenge would be identifying policies to support and continuing to track activities of other entities like the League of Oregon Cities (LOC) and the lobbying efforts for the City of Bend to look for opportunities to engage. State representatives could potentially be invited to upcoming Policy Board meetings. The benefits of tolling to support the cost of infrastructure were noted.

Manager Deke shared an estimated timeline for transportation funding package engagement opportunities and the remaining schedule for the Joint Transportation Committee bus tour.

## 9. Other Business

Manager Deke spoke about the Policy Board support letter sent on behalf of the City of Bend's grant application to partially fund engineering for the Reed Market railroad overcrossing through the Railroad Crossing Elimination Program, and another grant to fund construction to supplement the GO Bond, which would complete funding for the \$46 million project.

Policy Board member agenda item requests: Ari Mendez requested a discussion on State highway funding allocated by the MPO to City of Bend pavement preservation in order to identify sustainable funding opportunities and alternatives.

There was discussion on availability to attend the Policy Board meeting on December 20, 2024, phasing in the new Transportation Utility Fee, using various funding tools to improve the transportation system, and possibly funding the Neighborhood Safe Streets program.

Chair Campbell announced upcoming topics and provided a reminder that members could ask questions or request agenda items by reaching out to her or Staff.

The next scheduled meeting of the Policy Board would be October 18, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. at ODOT Region 4 Headquarters.

## 10. Public Comment

None.

## 11. Adjournment

Chair Campbell adjourned the meeting at 1:33 p.m.



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