

# Meeting Summary



**BMPO** Bend Metropolitan  
Planning Organization

## BMPO Technical Advisory Committee

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

**Date:** September 4, 2024

**Time:** 10:00 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)
- Susanna Julber, City of Bend
- Eric Lint, Cascades East Transit (CET)
- Greg Bryant, Citizen
- James Dorofi, Citizen
- 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

### Agenda Items

#### 1. Call to Order and Introductions

Manager Deke called the regular meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. with a quorum established.

#### 2. Hybrid Meeting Guidelines

Manager Deke reviewed the meeting guidelines.

#### 3. Public Comment

None.

#### 4. Meeting Summary

Materials referenced: July 9, 2024 TAC draft meeting summary (Attachment A)

**Motion 1:** Quinn Keever moved approval of the July 9, 2024 TAC draft meeting summary as presented. Dave Thomson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

#### 5. Draft Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Overview

Materials referenced: The draft MTP is available at <https://bendoregon.gov/mtp>

Manager Deke and Senior Planner Napoli shared background on the progress and updates in the MTP process and presented a high-level overview of the draft 2045 MTP document.

Questions and comments were addressed on future growth and development patterns; MPO jurisdiction boundaries; the planned location for the multi-use path on the eastern side of US 97; the projected 50% funding gap, which was typical for MPOs; comparing projected funding gaps with previous MTPs; adjusting for inflation; the impacts of increasing congestion and trip diversion potential; comparing use of trip reliability metrics to capacity, preferring the use of metrics that related to the MPO's performance measures; creating new models to reflect changing travel patterns and behaviors and address seasonal fluctuations; anticipating more growth than forecasted; conservative growth in the Bend Central District; upcoming high-density residential development proposals in the city, including the requirement to update the MTP every five years in the MTP document, and comparing performance measures with other Transportation System Plans (TSPs) in the county.

Next steps in the MTP process included a public comment period open through September 7, 2024, making edits in response to comments from the MPO Policy Board and other federal and state partners, and adoption of the MTP by the Policy Board scheduled for September 20, 2024. Continuing efforts would be made to prioritize planning recommendations from the MTP and other considerations around changing travel behaviors. A possible ODOT funding package coming up in the 2025 State legislative session was mentioned.

There was discussion on being able to revisit the plan to reconsider projects, anticipating the new Bend area population forecast from PSU (Portland State University) in 2026, Bend's population doubling in the last 20 years, and population growth being affected by factors outside of planning, such as wildfires or water availability.

#### 6. Member & Guest Roundtable

City of Bend: Susanna Julber reported Parametrix was working with ODOT statewide to help jurisdictions under the new Climate Friendly and Equitable Communities (CFEC) rules to assemble data sets to track performance toward targets set by State law and ODOT, and the City would soon receive the targets to be incorporated into future TSP and MTP updates. A low-car district study would consider the feasibility of a bike/ped corridor between Juniper Park and Drake Park to meet CFEC requirements to allow for low- to no-car districts in the next TSP

update. Janet Hruby would attend the October 18<sup>th</sup> MPO Policy Board meeting to talk about the Dutch Cycling Workshop. School safety beacons were replaced near NW Crosby Drive to support those navigating through the schools in the area. The Bend Fiscal Year 2025–2027 Budget had funds to upgrade safety beacons near schools citywide, and designs had been completed for the Transportation Safety Action Plan (TSAP) project on Third Street and Powers Road for signal modification to add a westbound turn lane, which would be going to bid this fall for construction next year.

ODOT Region 4: Ken Shonkwiler reported on the scoping cycle for the 2027-2030 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to identify projects for MPOs, including a signal rebuild and intersection improvements at US 20, Third Street, and Empire Avenue, an All Roads Transportation Safety (ARTS) project with the county at Dodds Road and US 20, the Murphy Road interchange project as described in the GO Bond, and the ARTS project to add a multi-use trail on Knott Road from China Hat Road to Brosterhouse Road. The Revere Avenue Railroad Crossing Study had begun and an advisory committee would be assembled over the next few weeks. The US 20 Corridor Study was underway and ODOT was working on the draft plan. He provided an update on the Lava Butte path project LUBA case.

Cascades East Transit (CET): Eric Lint reported Bob Townsend, former Area Manager for ODOT, would begin next Monday as the new Transportation Director at CET. He announced the Oregon State Legislature’s Joint Committee on Transportation statewide tour would visit Bend next Thursday, and the public was invited to provide written testimony or attend a public hearing from 5 pm to 7 pm at the OSU Cascades campus. CET would submit some STIF discretionary applications by the due date on Thursday as part of their grant solicitation cycle, and he noted STIF formula funds provided the bulk of CET revenue, requiring plans, public review, and advisory committees that would meet in September and October to discuss transportation funding for the area. More information is available at <https://www.coic.org>.

Envision Bend: James Dorofi reported Envision Bend would submit an application to the City of Bend within the next month to do four citywide community engagements and all entities and nonprofits were encouraged to attend.

Deschutes County BPAC: Dave Thomson stated he was moving out of area in October and the BPAC would hold elections tomorrow for a new chair and a new representative for the TAC.

## **7. Public Comment**

None.

## **8. Next TAC Meeting**

The next meeting of the BMPO TAC is scheduled for October 2, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

## **9. Adjournment**

Manager Deke adjourned the meeting at 11:09 a.m.



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