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Policy Board Meeting

January 24, 2025

Call to Order & Introductions

Vice Chair Chang

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Policy Board Members

- Phil Chang, Vice Chair, Deschutes County Commissioner
- Ariel Mendez, City of Bend Councilor
- Omar Ahmed, ODOT Central Oregon Area Manager
- Mike Riley, City of Bend Councilor
- Melanie Kebler, City of Bend Mayor

Alternates (when applicable):

- David Abbas, City of Bend
- David Amiton, ODOT
- Chris Doty, Deschutes County
- Tarik Rawlings, Deschutes County

Members of the public, visitors, and presenters will be asked to introduce with name and entity.

BMPO Staff

- Tyler Deke, Manager
- Andrea Napoli, Senior Planner
- Kelli Kennedy, Program Coordinator

Agency & Consultant Staff

- Janet Hruby, City of Bend
- Paul Dean, Bend La Pine Schools (BLS)



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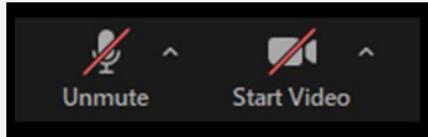
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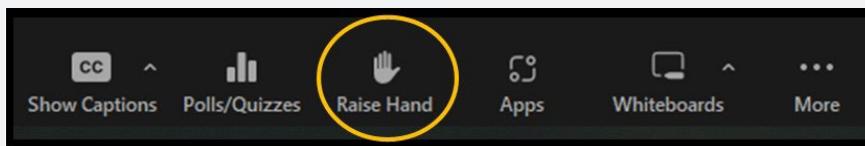
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Public Comment

Vice Chair Chang



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Public Comment

- Time for members of the public to provide comment.
- Additional time for public comment will be provided before the meeting adjourns.



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Meeting Minutes

Vice Chair Chang



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Meeting Minutes

- **Action requested:** review and approve the December 20, 2024, Policy Board draft meeting minutes (Attachment A).
 - Recommended language for motion: *I move approval of the December 20, 2024, Policy Board draft meeting minutes as presented.*

2025 Policy Board Meeting Schedule

Tyler Deke



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2025 Policy Board Meeting Schedule

- Staff request to confirm meeting date and time for February meeting (Feb 21), and possibly the remainder of the calendar year
- Does the 3rd Friday at 12 noon still work for Policy Board members?
- Need to revisit meeting schedule at next Policy Board meeting?

MPO Funded Projects (STBG/SHF) – Annual Status Updates

Andrea Napoli, BMPO

Janet Hruby, City of Bend

Paul Dean, BLS



Background

- 2020 & 2022: MPO conducted competitive project application processes awarding STBG funds
 - *Reminder: STBG is now SHF (State Highway Funds)*
- Prior Policy Board asked that annual updates be given on status of funded projects

Table of Projects Awarded STBG/SHF Funds & Status

Agency (Short Title)	Project Name	Status	Amount Awarded (original)
BPRD	Gilchrist Bridge Replacement (Design)	Complete	\$ 100,000
BPRD	CO Historic Canal Trail: Crossing Safety Improvements	Complete	\$ 64,218
City	NE 8th Street: Sidewalk and Crosswalk for Juniper/Pilot Butte (SRTS)	Complete	\$ 184,100
City	SW Larkwood Drive: Sidewalk for Pine Ridge (SRTS)	Complete	\$ 90,000
City	Relaunch Bikeshare in Bend	Complete	\$ 33,750
City	Deschutes River Trail @ Archie Briggs: Grade Separation Feasibility Study	Complete	\$ 100,000
City	Stress Reduction for Bike Lanes: 3rd St, 9th St, & 15th St	Complete	\$ 79,963
BLPSD	Juniper Elementary School: Accessible Trail from Crossing Guard (SRTS)	In Process	\$ 50,000
City & BPRD	Riverfront Street/Deschutes River Trail (DRT): Galveston to Miller's Landin	In Process	\$ 345,750
City	Low Stress Network Implementation (Phase 4 Greenways)	In Process	\$ 664,036
City	Colorado Ave: Corridor Planning Study	Revised/Upcoming	\$ 132,700
City	Downtown Signal Upgrades & Bike/Ped Improvements	Upcoming	\$ 1,129,400
City	Travel Options & Safe Routes to School Programs	Upcoming	\$ 210,000
			\$ 3,083,917



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MPO STBG/SHF Projects Update

**Janet Hruby, City of Bend Transportation & Mobility
Department**

January 24, 2024

2022 – 2027 STBG/SHF Projects

7 Projects

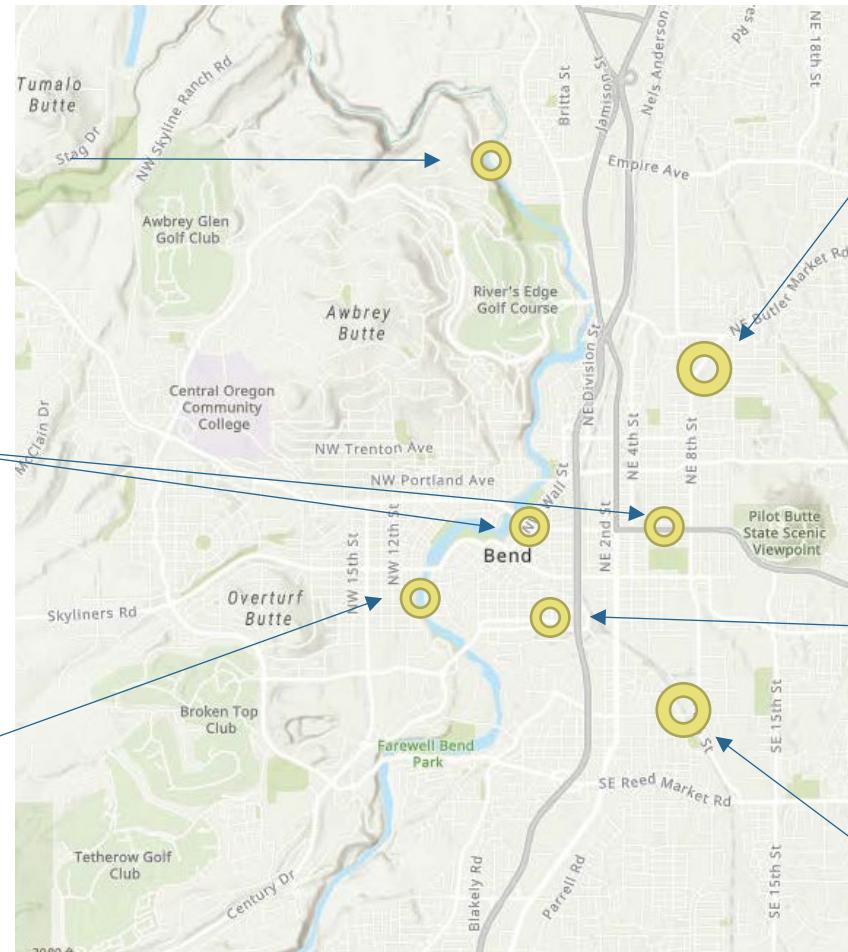
4 Completed

Deschutes River Trail at
Archie Briggs: Grade
Separation Feasibility
Study

Downtown Signal
Upgrades & Bike/Ped
Improvements

Gilchrist Bridge
Replacement (Design)

Larkwood Sidewalk



8th Street
Sidewalk

Colorado Ave:
Corridor

Stress
Reduction for
Bike Lanes:
2nd, 3rd, 9th
& 15th



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Funding Update

Project	Amount
<i>TOTAL Funding</i>	2,722,949
Stress Reduction for bike Lanes: 2 nd , 3 rd , 9 th , 15th	\$79,963
DRT at Archie Briggs: Grade Separation Feasibility Study	\$100,000*
School Route- Larkwood Street Sidewalk	\$90,000
School Route – 8 th Street Sidewalk and Crosswalks	\$181,000
Total Completed	450,963*
<i>Remaining Funding</i>	2,271,949

*Engineering evaluating remaining funding with scope/ timing of next steps (design/construction)



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Stress Reduction for Bike Lanes

Description: Removed and Restriped 2nd, 3rd, 9th, 15th

Status: Completed



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3rd Street – Added Bike Lane



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2nd Street – Added Separated Bike Lane



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15th Street – Added Buffered Bike Lane



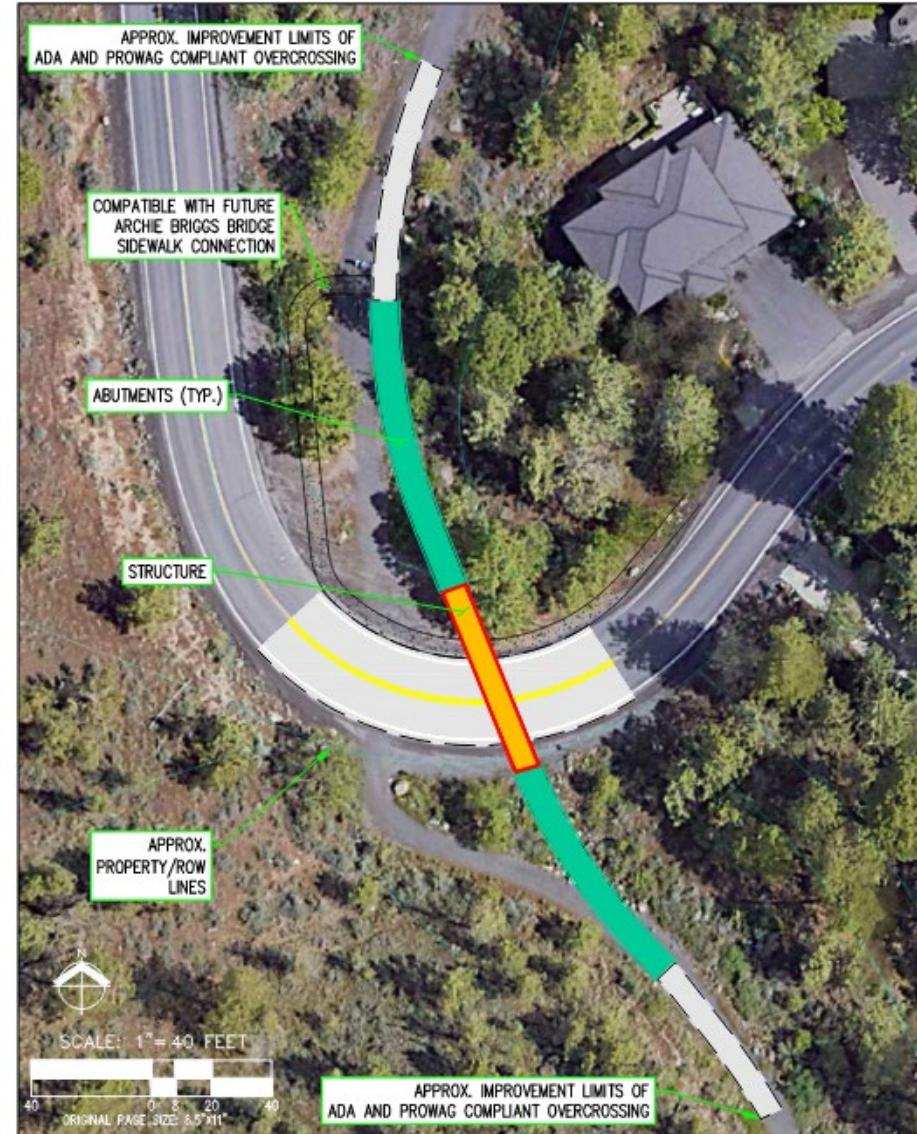
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DRT Trail Crossing at Archie Briggs Road

Description: Grade Separation Feasibility Study

Status: Completed

Spent less than budgeted, coordinating to reallocate remaining funds



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School Route- Larkwood Street Sidewalk

Description: Build missing sidewalk and mark school crossing

Status: Completed



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School Route- 8th Street

Description: Build missing sidewalk and enhanced crossings at Seward Ave and Isabella Ave

Status: Completed



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Projects In Progress

Project	Status	Amount
Deschutes River Trail at Riverfront	In design	\$345,750
Colorado Avenue Corridor Study*	Q2 2025 start	\$132,700
Downtown Signal Upgrades (part of \$1,129,400)	Q3 2025 start	\$460,000
Downtown Bike / Ped Improvements (part of \$1,129,400)	In design	\$566,00
Phase 4 Greenways Project	In design	\$664,036



STBG Funds are Improving Safety and Travel Options

Thank you

Any Questions?



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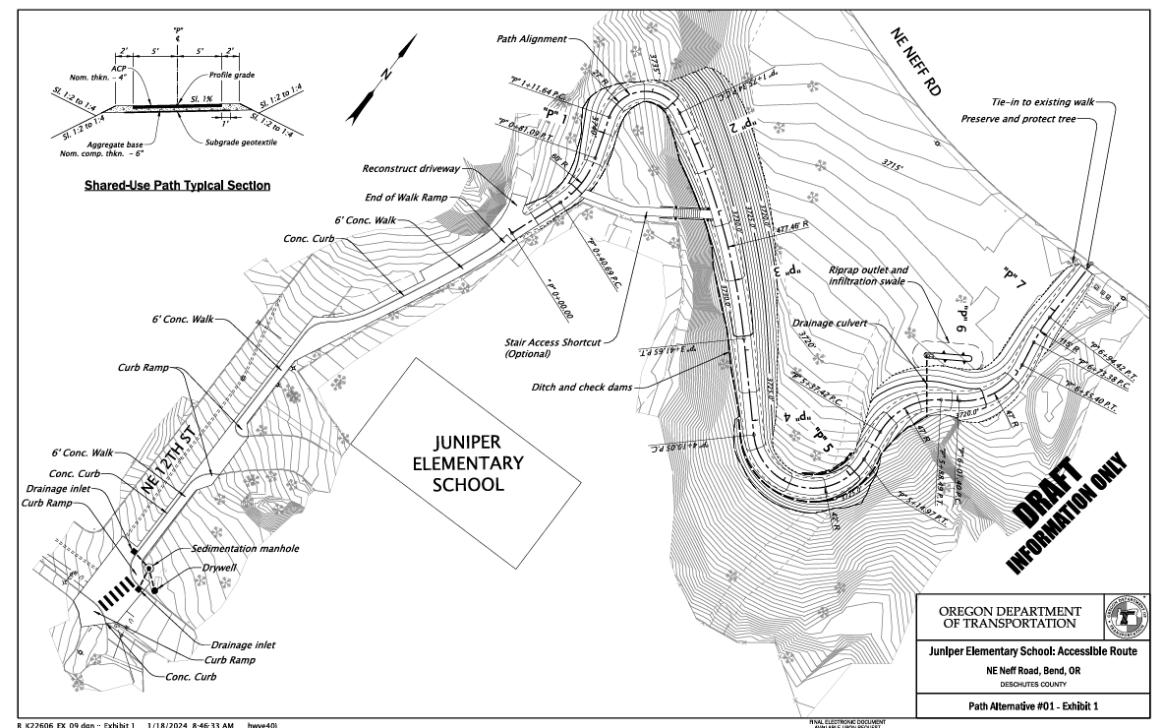
Juniper Elementary Safe Routes to School (SRTS)

Accessible Path

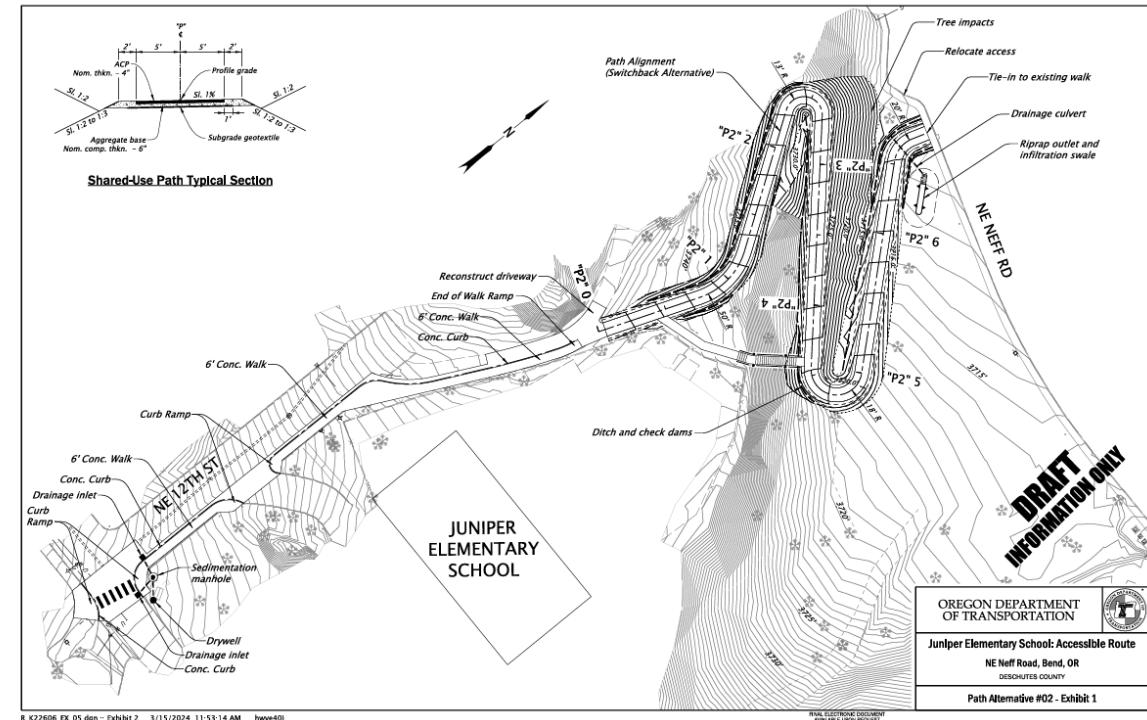
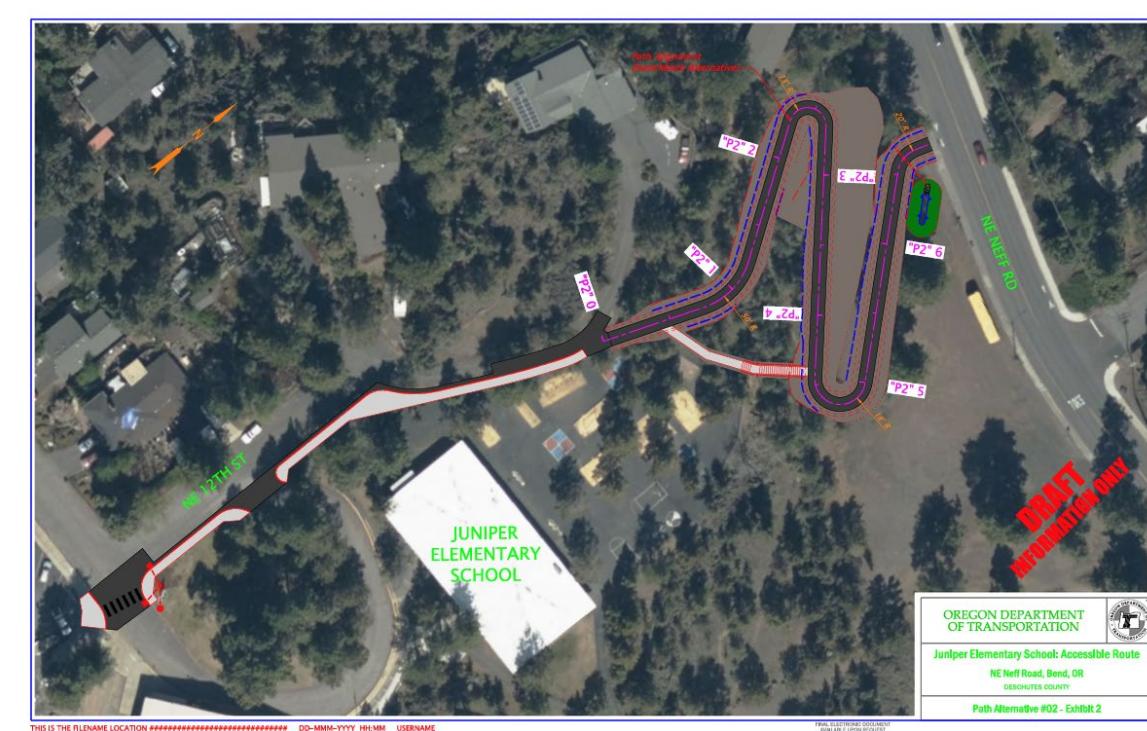
Bend-La Pine School District

- Paul Dean to share screen

Path Alternative 1



Path Alternative 2



SHF Program Upcoming Efforts

- **Spring 2025:** Policy Board to decide how future SHF allocations are distributed
 - How much to dedicate to the next competitive project application process
- **Summer 2025:** Revisit application process for changes
- **Fall 2025:** Begin call for projects for 2028, 2029, 2030 SHF funds
- **Winter 2025:** Projects awarded funds



MPO Budget Reserves and Earned Interest

Tyler Deke, BMPO

MPO Budget – Reserves

- At the December 20, 2024 meeting, Policy Board discussed building a funding reserve and options for programming earned interest
- Reserves
 - In 2023, Policy Board approved setting aside \$80,000 of SHF funds in FY25, FY26 and FY27 to build a reserve for future MPO needs and potential cost increases to awarded projects.
 - City of Bend policy is to have reserves equal to 16% of operating budget.
 - MPO does not have a reserves policy but will reach that 16% threshold in two years.
 - Late spring, staff will present long-range funding needs (e.g., next MTP update, next household travel survey, travel model updates) and discuss potential need to build larger reserve.
 - Questions?
 - No action requested at this time



MPO Budget – Earned Interest

- Earned Interest
 - MPO has built up earned interest from COVID funding and SHF funding
 - Difficult to forecast future earned interest
 - Future earned interest expected to decline as balances decline and interest rates decline
 - Recommend Policy Board review earned interest total at beginning of each fiscal year and determine how/if to spend
 - Questions?
 - Does Policy Board support this proposal?

Cascades East Transit (CET) Funding Reallocation Request

Tyler Deke



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CET Funding Reallocation Request

- A prior Policy Board awarded \$10,000 (STBG) to CET to develop a transit modeling tool
- CET utilized different funding source to develop the tool
- CET is requesting to use the funding for its bus stop improvement program
- **Action requested:** Approve CET request to reallocate the STBG funding.
 - Recommended language for motion: *I move approval of CET's request to reallocate previously awarded funding to its bus stop improvement program.*



Deschutes County BPAC Annual Summit Funding Request

Tyler Deke



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Deschutes County BPAC Funding Request

- Deschutes County Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) hosting Tri-County Bicycle and Pedestrian Summit on April 10
- BPAC is requesting MPO sponsorship funding (\$125) to cover cost of room reservation for the Summit
- **Action requested:** Approve BPAC funding request.
 - Recommended language for motion: *I move approval of MPO sponsorship of \$125 for the 2025 Tri-County Bicycle and Pedestrian Summit.*

2025 Oregon Legislative Session

Tyler Deke

2025 Oregon Legislative Session

- 2025 Oregon Legislative Session started January 21
- Transportation funding expected to be focus area
- MPO Manager participating on Bend legislative team and Oregon APA legislative committee
 - Tracking bills and providing input on legislative proposals
- Does Policy Board wish to engage in 2025 legislative session
 - Consider staff constraints
 - Possibly piggyback on City, County and CET efforts
 - Submit written testimony or provide oral testimony for key bills
 - Identify specific priorities (e.g., US97 safety)
- **Action requested:** Discuss potential Policy Board engagement in transportation funding legislative discussions.

Other Business

Policy Board members & Staff

Other Business

- Policy Board agenda item requests
- Oregon MPO Consortium meeting scheduled for January 31 (9:30 am – 1 pm)
 - Policy Board member(s) available to participate?
- The next meeting of the BMPO Policy Board is *tentatively* scheduled for February 21, 2025, at 12:00 p.m.
 - Potential topics:
 - Elect Chair and Vice Chair
 - Federal Safety Performance Measures – support state targets
 - Initial FY26-FY27 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) review
 - 2024-2027 MTIP amendment
 - MPO/City IGA
 - Federal Land Management Agency (FLMA) coordination

Public Comment

Policy Board member



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Adjourn

Policy Board member

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