



Policy Board

August 15, 2025

Call to Order & Introductions

Chair Méndez

Introductions

- Policy Board Members

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

- Alternates

- David Abbas, City of Bend

- BMPO Staff

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

- Guest Presenters

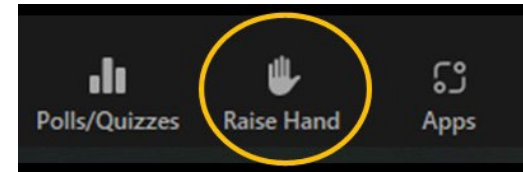
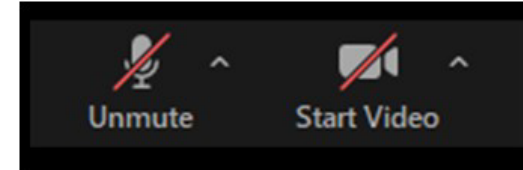
- Jamie Lemon, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Western Federal Lands Highway Division

Hybrid Meeting Guidelines

Tyler Deke, BMPO

Hybrid Meeting Guidelines

- You will be on **mute**, and your **video** will be off when you first join the meeting.
- Please click the raise hand icon to speak next.
 - If you join the webinar by phone, dial *9 to raise or lower your hand.
- This meeting will be recorded and is available as a live streaming event on YouTube.
 - The YouTube event can be reviewed on the City of Bend YouTube channel.



Public Comment

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Public Comment

- Time for members of the public to provide comment.
- Additional time for public comment will be provided prior to adjournment.

Meeting Minutes

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Meeting Minutes

- **Action requested:** review and approve the June 20, 2025, Policy Board draft meeting minutes (Attachment A).
 - Recommended language for motion: *I move approval of the June 20, 2025, Policy Board draft meeting minutes, as presented.*

Oregon Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) Overview and Draft Statewide Needs Assessment

Jamie Lemon, FHWA



AGENDA

- Who is WFLHD
- What is the Federal Lands Access Program
- Purpose of PDC & TAG
- Program Management
- 2024 FLAP Needs Assessment

WESTERN FEDERAL LANDS HIGHWAY DIVISION (WFL)

- Located in Office of Federal Lands Highway within the FHWA
- 3 Division Offices
 - Eastern, Central & Western
- Deliver projects that access or are in:
 - National Parks
 - National Wildlife Refuges
 - National Forests
 - Bureau of Land Management Lands
 - US Army Corp of Engineers Lands
 - Bureau of Reclamation Lands



WESTERN FEDERAL LANDS HIGHWAY DIVISION

- Western Federal Lands Highway Division (WFL)
 - Located in Vancouver, Washington
 - Serves Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana
 - Approximately 150 staff
 - Provides:
 - Planning & Project Development
 - Project Development
 - Construction advertisement and administration
 - Includes material testing verification in our AASHTO & ISO accredited lab
 - Technical services (capacity dependent)





TELL ME MORE ABOUT OR FLAP

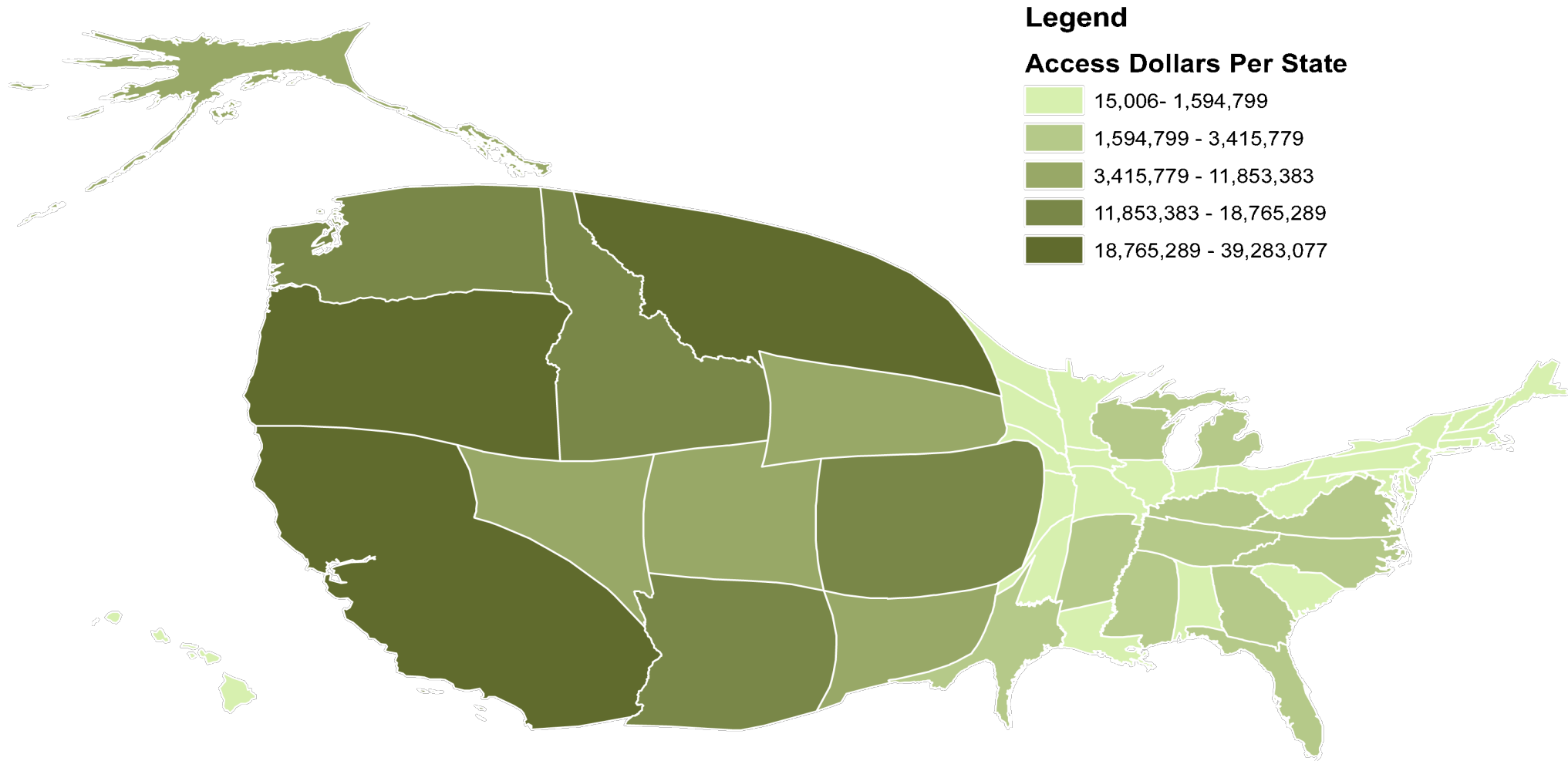
Improving *transportation facilities* that **provide access to, are adjacent to, or are located within** Federal lands with an emphasis on high-use recreation sites and economic generators.



FLAP OVERVIEW

- Administered per Title 23, USC 204
- Must be a public transportation facility, including highways, roads, bridges, trails, or other transit systems
- Is located on, is adjacent to, or provides access to Federal Lands (NPS, FS, FWS, BLM, BOR, USACE, DOD)
- Title or maintenance responsibility is vested with State, Borough, Local Government, or Tribe
- The Federal Lands Access Program focuses on ACCESS to FEDERAL LANDS
- Is a transportation program, not a grant program

FLAP FUNDING BY STATE

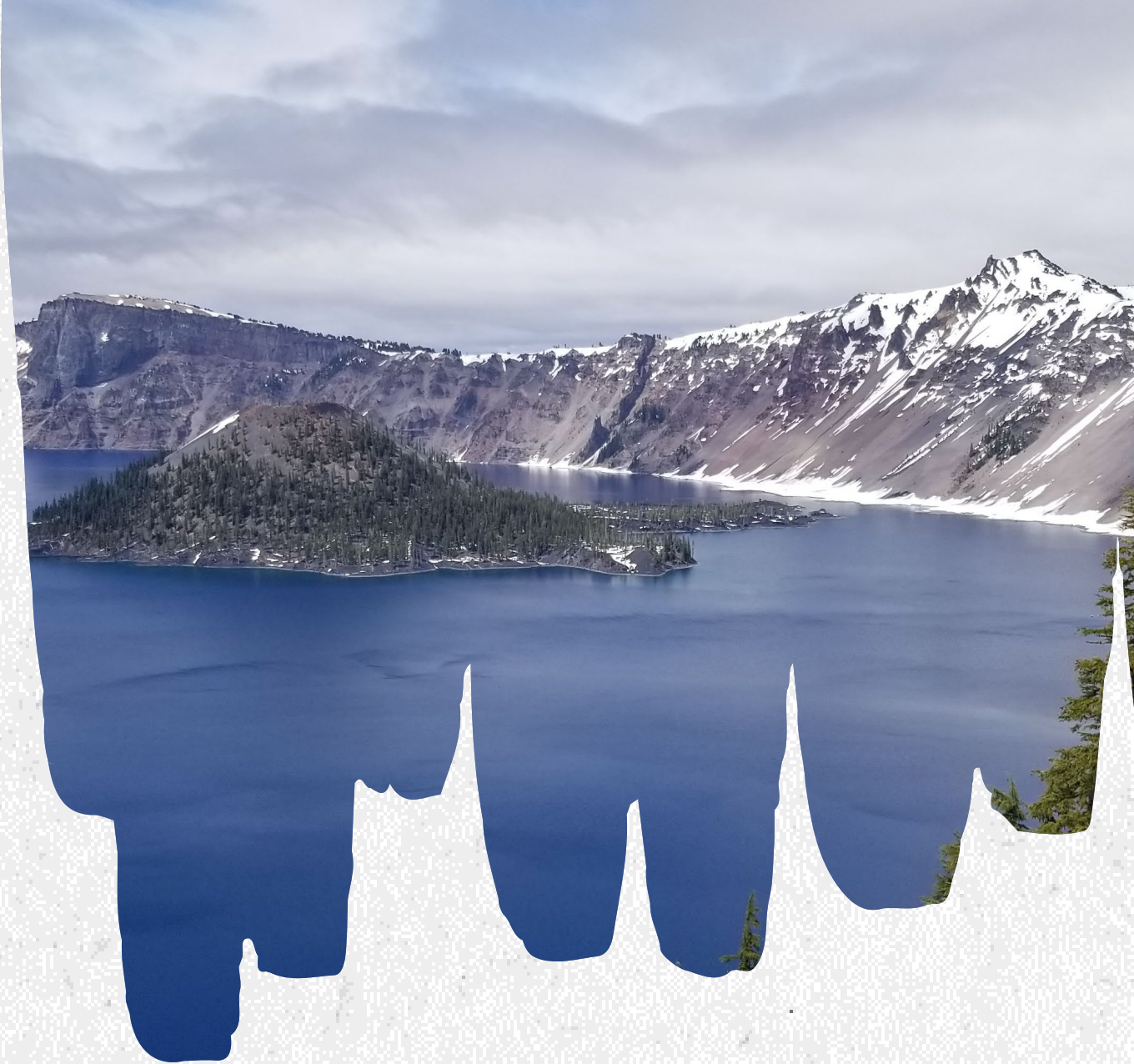


Sources:
State Shapefile: US Census
Access Dollars: FLHD, Access Program Funding Table Dated 10/26/2012

Puerto Rico is not represented, but will receive
around \$78,000 per year in Access Funds

PURPOSE OF THE PDC

Programming Decision Committee



PDC MEMBERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Members include:
 - Representative from FHWA (WFL – Planning, Programming and Environment Branch Chief) – Matt Miller
 - Representative from State Department of Transportation (ODOT – Region 1 Manager) – Rian Windsheimer
 - Representative from Local Agency (Association of Oregon Counties – County Road Program Director) – Brian Worley
 - Must cooperate with each applicable Federal agency before final programming decisions. This is done by:
 - Applicants submitting joint application (LPA and FLMA)
 - Each FLMA is on the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) and makes recommendations to the PDC.
 - TAG members provide regional priorities for their FLMA
 - Solicit projects to program and gives preference to projects that provide access to, adjacent to or located within high-use Federal Recreation sites or Federal economic generators as identified by each FLMA.
 - WFL Program Manager facilitates the solicitation
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PDC MEMBERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- **Additional responsibilities during solicitations:**

- Setting funding limits (program and/or project)
- Approving application package
- Approving selection criteria
- Select projects scope and budget for programming
- Determines if match or project contributions are required
- Delivery agency (begin with assumption of WFL delivery)

- **Responsibilities outside of solicitation:**

- Approves programmed project's scope changes
- Approves programmed project's budget changes
- Approves loan/borrows between states
- May be requested to provides direction on priorities
- May be requested to help facilitate project issues
- Attend PDC Meetings



PURPOSE OF THE TAG

Technical Advisory Group

TAG MEMBERS

- National Park Service
- Fish and Wildlife Service
- Forest Service
- Bureau of Land Management
- Army Corps of Engineers
- Association of Oregon Counties
- ODOT
- FHWA - WFL
- FHWA – Oregon

TAG RESPONSIBILITIES

- **Additional responsibilities during solicitations:**
 - Review application package
 - Review applications for partners
 - Review and rate applications
 - Provide agency priorities
 - Make recommendations to the PDC on project selections
- **Responsibilities outside of solicitation:**
 - May be requested to help facilitate project issues
 - Attend PDC meetings



NEXT OR FLAP CALL FOR PROJECTS

- **TENTATIVE Schedule**
 - October 2025 – January 2026: Project submission window for applicants
 - February – April 2026: PDC/TAG review and rank applications
 - May – June 2026: PDC makes final programming decision
- This CFP is looking to fund projects in FY29 and FY30.



2024 OREGON FLAP NEEDS ASSESSMENT



QUESTIONS?

Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) Amendments

Kelli Kennedy, BMPO

2024-2027 MTIP – Overview

- Short-term (4-year) listing
 - Federal fiscal years 2024 through 2027
 - Transportation projects & programs
 - Expenditures
- Amended as needed – 2 types of amendments
 - Administrative
 - Full
- Available on [BMPO MTIP webpage](#):
 - Project list (updated quarterly)
 - Amendment log (updated quarterly)
 - Adopted MTIP



2024-2027 MTIP – Proposed Amendments

- Two (2) proposed amendments

DETAILS	Amendment 1 (#24-27-2845)	Amendment 2 (#24-27-2849)
Project Name (number)	Central Oregon Transit Planning Support (#22306)	Sisters and Bend Curb Ramps (#22442)
Amendment & Reason	Cancel project, funding no longer needed.	Reduce the Construction phase by \$8,256,095.66, due to favorable bid. Savings will be returned to the ADA program.
Regulatory Agency	Federal Transit Administration (FTA)	Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
Funding Responsibility	FTA Local Recipient	Statewide ADA Transition
Funding Source	FTA Section 5307	Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) – Flex IIJA
New Project Total	\$ 0	\$ 8,813,250.34

2024-2027 MTIP – Public Comments & Action

- 21-day public comment period opened July 18.
 - No comments received.
- **Action requested:** review and consider approval of the proposed amendments.
 - Recommended language for motion: *I move approval of the proposed amendments to the 2024-2027 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program, as presented.*

BMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Amended Bylaws Adoption

Tyler Deke

TAC Bylaws Amendments

- Proposed amendments
 - Change “citizen” members to “community” members
 - Add language about preference for community members to serve on the TAC and Budget Committee
 - Change membership status of COCC
 - Policy Board approves amendments instead of TAC
 - Consider removing reference to *Roberts Rules of Order* (align with Policy Board bylaws)
- Review Process
 - Policy Board review – May
 - TAC review – July

TAC Bylaws Amendments (cont.)

- **Action requested:** Review and consider adoption of the revised TAC Bylaws.

Recommended language for motion: *I move approval of the proposed Technical Advisory Committee Bylaws amendments as presented (or with edits).*

Federal Surface Transportation Legislation Reauthorization

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Federal Surface Transportation Legislation Reauthorization

- Current federal surface transportation legislation (Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act [IIJA]) expires Sept 30, 2026
- USDOT issued a Request for Information (RFI) seeking recommendations to inform the next transportation bill
- RFI identifies 4 themes:
 - Enhance transportation safety
 - Accelerate project delivery
 - Increase opportunities through transportation investment
 - Strengthen partnerships with States and other stakeholders

Federal Surface Transportation Legislation Reauthorization (cont.)

- The Association of MPOs (AMPO) prepared a draft response template for MPOs
 - Staff modified to include local context and remove nonapplicable information
- **Action requested:** Consider approval of draft letter to USDOT
 - Recommended language for motion: *I move approval of the letter to USDOT regarding federal surface transportation legislation reauthorization (or with edits).*

BMPO Committee Stipend Program Update

Tyler Deke

Stipend Policy Update

- Policy Board adopted Committee Stipend Policy in March 2024
- Additional payment options have since become available
- Propose revising policy to include general language about payment options
- **Action requested:** Review and consider adoption of the revised BMPO Committee Stipend Policy.
 - Recommended language for motion: *I move approval of the revised BMPO Committee Stipend Policy, as presented (or with modifications).*

Other Business

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Other Business

- Policy Board agenda item requests
- Staff updates
 - Bend Transportation Safety Action Plan (TSAP) Update - status
 - State Highway Fund (SHF) Program application cycle
- Next meeting of the BMPO Policy Board – September 19, 2025, at 12:00 p.m.
 - Potential topics:
 - 2024 Oregon Congestion Overview
 - Earned Interest – FY26 Starting Balance Review & Allocation
 - FY26 Budget Adjustment
 - MTIP Amendments
 - Sponsorship Program

Public Comment

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Adjourn

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