



# Policy Board

August 15, 2025

# Call to Order & Introductions

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# Introductions

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- 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

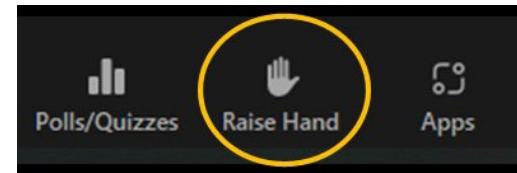
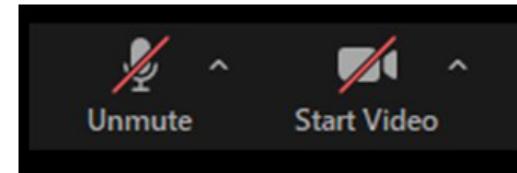
# Hybrid Meeting Guidelines

**Tyler Deke, BMPO**

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- 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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- 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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- **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**



Mitchell Point Tunnel Project

[OregonFLAP2025.org](http://OregonFLAP2025.org) | FHWA (dot.gov)



Cape Meares Road Relocation

## AGENDA

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- 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

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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.

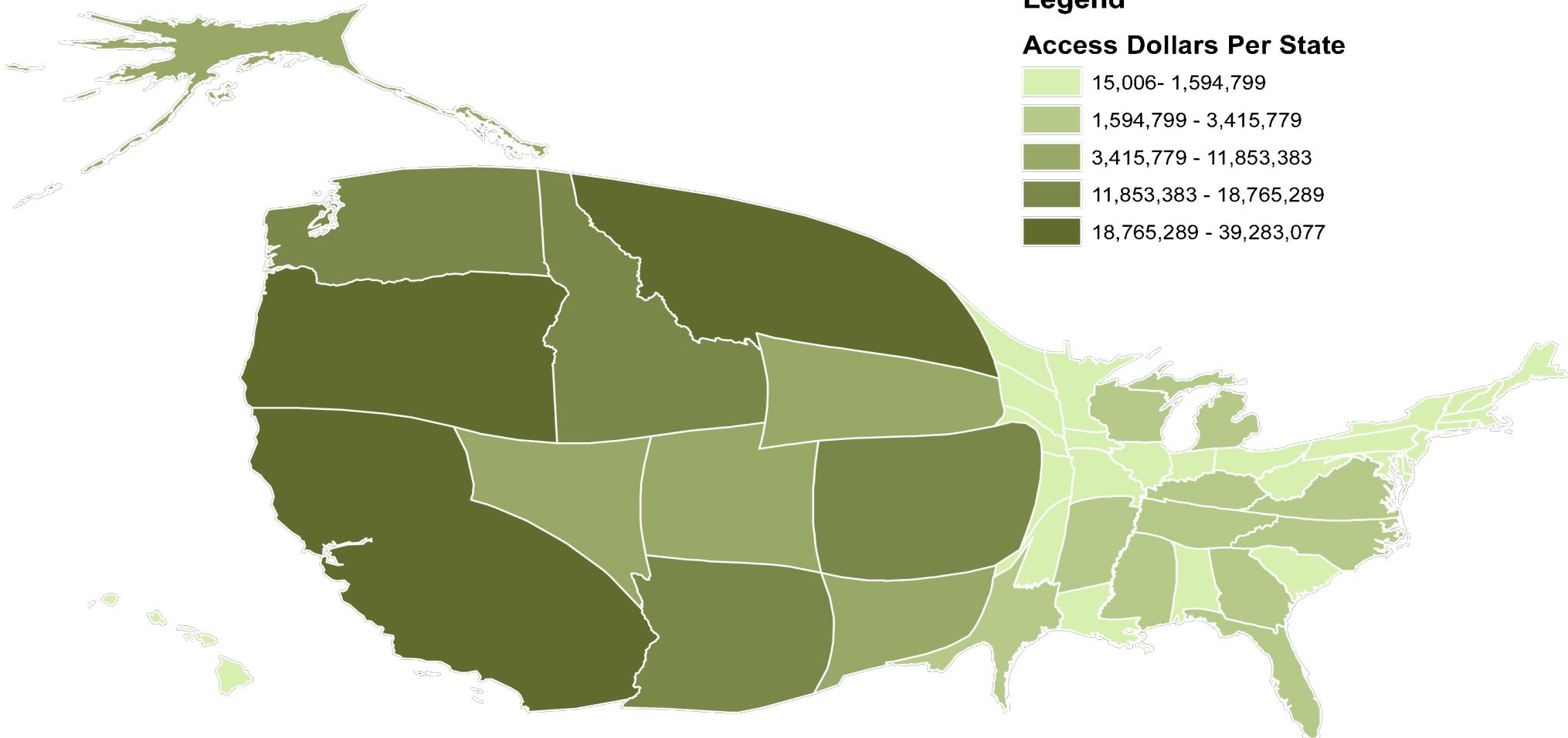


# FLAP OVERVIEW

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- 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

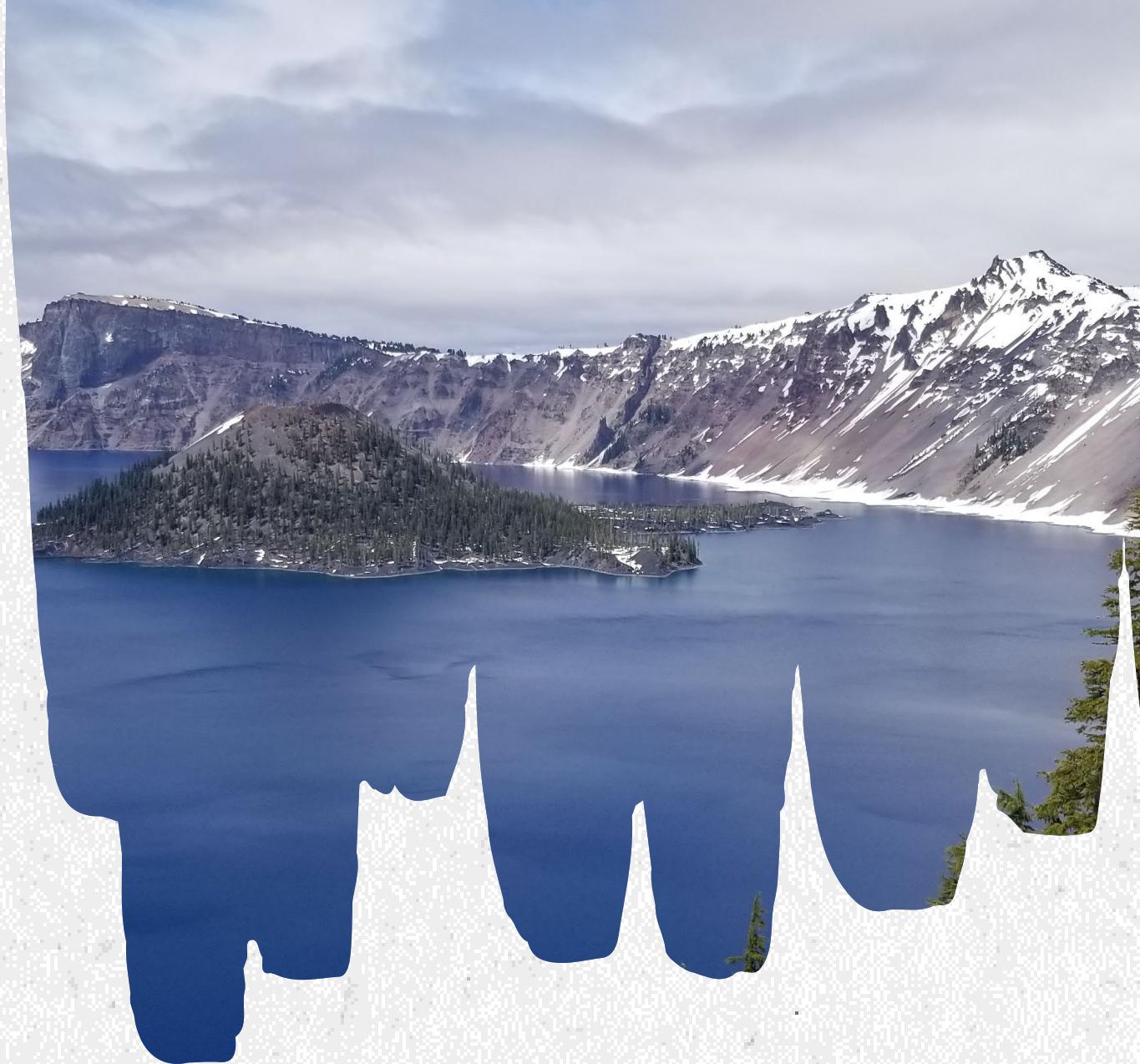
Access Dollars: FLHD, Access Program Funding Table Dated 10/26/2012

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

# PURPOSE OF THE PDC

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Programming Decision Committee



# PDC MEMBERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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- 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

# PDC MEMBERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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- **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 provide direction on priorities
  - May be requested to help facilitate project issues
  - Attend PDC Meetings



# PURPOSE OF THE TAG

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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**

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- **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

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**QUESTIONS?**

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

**Kelli Kennedy, BMPO**

# 2024-2027 MTIP – Overview

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- 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

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- Two (2) proposed amendments

DETAILS	Amendment 1 (#24-27-2845)	Amendment 2 (#24-27-2849)
<b>Project Name (number)</b>	Central Oregon Transit Planning Support (#22306)	Sisters and Bend Curb Ramps (#22442)
<b>Amendment &amp; Reason</b>	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.
<b>Regulatory Agency</b>	Federal Transit Administration (FTA)	Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
<b>Funding Responsibility</b>	FTA Local Recipient	Statewide ADA Transition
<b>Funding Source</b>	FTA Section 5307	Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) – Flex IIJA
<b>New Project Total</b>	\$ 0	\$ 8,813,250.34

# 2024-2027 MTIP – Public Comments & Action

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- 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

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- 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.)

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- **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**

**Tyler Deke**

# Federal Surface Transportation Legislation Reauthorization

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- 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.)

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- 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

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- 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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- 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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