

Agenda

BMPO Technical Advisory Committee



September 2, 2025
Hybrid Meeting

Location

Board Room, Bend City Hall
710 NW Wall, Bend, Oregon

Zoom webinar

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10:00 a.m. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting

Start Time	Item	Information	Presenters
10:00	1. Call to Order & Introductions		Tyler Deke, BMPO
10:05	2. Hybrid Meeting Guidelines		Tyler Deke
10:07	3. Public Comment		Tyler Deke
10:10	4. Meeting Summary	Attachments/Links Attachment A: TAC draft meeting summary for July 1, 2025. Action Requested Review and approve the draft meeting summary. Recommended language for motion: <i>I move approval of the July 1, 2025, TAC draft meeting summary, as presented.</i>	Tyler Deke

10:12	5. Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council (COIC) Safety Grant – Implementation/ Outreach	<p>Background COIC was awarded a Transportation Safety Action Plan (TSAP) safety implementation grant for federal fiscal year 2025. COIC will provide an overview of implementation/outreach efforts, accomplishments, and goals for next year.</p> <p>Attachments/Links Attachment B: Central Oregon Safe Travel Program Update Memo.</p> <p>Action Requested None. Information item.</p>	Megan Tuck, COIC
10:30	6. Update of the BMPO Title VI Plan	<p>Background The BMPO is federally required to have a Title VI Plan (Title VI of the Civil Rights Act). The last plan update was completed in 2019. Staff will provide an overview of the plan and changes due to recent federal actions.</p> <p>Attachments/Links Link to Draft Title VI Plan, 2025.</p> <p>Action Requested Review and provide recommendation to BMPO Policy Board.</p> <p>Recommended language for motion: <i>I move to recommend approval to the BMPO Policy Board of the Draft Title VI Plan, as presented.</i></p>	Andrea Napoli, BMPO
10:45	7. Bend Transportation Safety Action Plan (TSAP) Update – Status/Timeline	<p>Background The BMPO was awarded federal Safe Streets and Roads for All funding to update the Bend TSAP. Staff will provide a project status update.</p> <p>Attachments/Links Link to the 2019 Bend TSAP.</p> <p>Action Requested None. Information item.</p>	Tyler Deke
10:50	8. State Highway Fund (SHF) Program – Call for Projects Schedule Reminder	<p>Background Project application submittal opens September 1 and closes September 23. Applicants are asked to present their projects to the TAC and Policy Board at subsequent meetings. Staff will provide details.</p> <p>Attachments/Links Attachment C: SHF Call for Projects Schedule.</p>	Andrea Napoli

		Link to the BMPO SHF Program webpage. Action Requested None. Information item.	
10:55	9. Member & Guest Roundtable	Time for TAC members to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide updates on current projects and planning efforts. • Request/suggest future agenda topics. 	TAC Members
11:05	10. Public Comment		Tyler Deke
11:08	11. Next TAC Meeting	The next meeting of the BMPO TAC is scheduled for October 7, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.	Tyler Deke
11:15	12. Adjourn		Tyler Deke



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Meeting Summary

BMPO Technical Advisory Committee

Location: Board Room (City Hall)
710 NW Wall Street, Bend, Oregon
Date: July 1, 2025
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Prepared by: ABC Transcription Services, LLC.

In Attendance

Voting Members

1. Susanna Julber, City of Bend
2. Greg Bryant, Community Member
3. James Dorofi, Community Member
4. Brian Potwin, Commute Options
5. Tarik Rawlings, Deschutes County
6. Ken Shonkwiler, ODOT Region 4

Voting Member Alternates

1. Dave Green, Deschutes County BPAC

Non-Voting Members

1. Tyler Deke, BMPO Manager

BMPO Staff and Other Attendees

1. Kelli Kennedy, BMPO Program Coordinator
2. Jamie Lemon, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Western Federal Lands

Notes

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Manager Deke called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. with a quorum established.

2. Hybrid Meeting Guidelines

Manager Deke reviewed the meeting guidelines.

3. Public Comment

There was none.

4. Meeting Summary

Materials referenced: June 3, 2025, BMPO Technical Advisory Committee draft meeting summary (Attachment A in agenda packet).

Motion 1: Tarik Rawlings moved approval of the June 3, 2025, TAC draft meeting summary as presented. Susanna Julber seconded the motion which passed 7 to 0.

(Ayes: Bryant (Community Member), Dorofi (Community Member), Julber (City of Bend), Potwin (Commute Options), Rawlings (Deschutes County), Dave Green (Deschutes County BCAC), and Shonkwiler (ODOT). Nays: None.)

5. Oregon Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) – Draft Statewide Needs Assessment

Materials referenced: Links were provided to the **Oregon FLAP Statewide Needs Assessment website** and the **Draft Oregon FLAP Needs Assessment document**.

Jamie Lemon provided an overview of the Western Federal Lands Highway Division (WFL) and Oregon FLAP program, highlighting the role of the Programming Decision Committee, who made project funding determinations after receiving recommendations from the Technical Advisory Group. The next Oregon FLAP Call for Projects would fund projects occurring in fiscal years 2029 and 2030, with a project submission window opening October 2025 through January 2026 and final funding decisions made in May or June 2026. She presented the draft FLAP Needs Assessment and outlined potential project needs identified within ODOT Region 4.

Questions and comments were addressed about the existing scoring rubric used to prioritize FLAP projects, which may change in the future; the Needs Assessment's primary audience being ODOT, MPOs, and county governments; the recent determination for the trail from South Bend to the Lava Lands Visitor Center to follow the originally planned alignment on the east side of Highway 97; informing the community about local projects completed with FLAP funding to increase public interest and engagement with the program; Cascades East Transit (CET) being partially funded by FLAP; and potential for the FLAP program to be affected by the possible sale of federal lands under the current administration.

6. TAC Bylaws Amendments

Materials referenced: Draft TAC Bylaws (Attachment B in the agenda packet).

Manager Deke reviewed the proposed amendments to the TAC Bylaws and described recent changes to Policy Board Bylaws including adding CET as a voting member of the Board and changing the voting structure.

Kelli Kennedy explained the amendment to the TAC Bylaws regarding the process for community members serving consecutive terms.

Motion 2: Greg Bryant moved to recommend the Policy Board adopt the revised TAC Bylaws. Tarik Rawlings seconded the motion which passed 7 to 0.

(Ayes: Bryant (Citizen Member), Dorofi (Citizen Member), Julber (City of Bend), Potwin (Commute Options), Rawlings (Deschutes County), Dave Green (Deschutes County BPAC), and Shonkwiler (ODOT). Nays: None.)

7. Member & Guest Roundtable

Deschutes County: Tarik Rawlings reported the County's Title 17 text had been amended in accordance with the mandate for clear and objective housing standards and would become effective on July 17, 2025, after the 21-day appeal period. The County would comply with State law by providing a review path with clear and objective terms and standards alongside the existing unchanged discretionary review path. A working group would begin meeting in the summer to move forward with the Transportation Safety Action Plan (TSAP) update process. He confirmed the County had projects planned that were either partially or fully funded by ODOT and noted if the projects were lowered in priority or dropped entirely by ODOT, the County's Transportation System Plan (TSP) would shift accordingly.

Manager Deke provided an update on the recent State Legislative Session, detailing the failure of three separate transportation bills, resulting in no transportation package being adopted, though there was speculation that the governor may call a Special Session regarding transportation funding later in the summer. He did not expect the City to take any action in the next few months if a Special Session was called; otherwise, it was likely the City Council and County Commission would begin discussions in three or four months to identify alternative revenue sources for projects. The new Policy Board Bylaws would likely be in effect at the next meeting, and he would request an update on CET's funding plan for the next two years be provided at the July or August Policy Board meeting.

ODOT: Ken Shonkwiler reported due to the lack of transportation funding, ODOT would lay off up to 800 employees with notices going out by July 7, 2025. He confirmed many positions being eliminated in Region 4 had been vacant, but he still expected layoffs to affect active Staff members. Every element of ODOT would be impacted including planning, project scheduling and delivery, road repair and maintenance, and winter snow plowing. He did not know whether an official statement would be made to the public, but a meeting would be held with local agencies to discuss the anticipated level of service and road maintenance for winter safety operations. The Bend Lava Butte Trail project was through the appeal process, plan designs were being finalized, the Forest Service was doing National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) assessment for the project, and construction would begin in 2026 or 2027.

8. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

9. Next TAC Meeting

The next meeting of the BMPO TAC is scheduled for August 5, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

10. Adjourn

Manager Deke adjourned the meeting at 10:58 a.m.



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MEMO

To: Bend MPO Technical Advisory Committee
From: Megan Tuck, CED Program Coordinator
Date: 8/25/2025
RE: **Central Oregon Safe Travel Program Updates**

Background

The Central Oregon Safe Travel Program was started by Bend MPO with funding from ODOT's Transportation Safety Office. During the 2023-24 grant cycle, Bend MPO partnered with COIC to implement the program. At the recommendation of MPO staff, COIC took on the project in 2024 with the goal of coordinating traffic safety efforts at a regional scale. This initiative is focused on implementing outreach, education, and communications strategies to encourage safe driving behavior and reduce the number of fatal and serious injury crashes occurring on Central Oregon's transportation systems.

Program Updates

With COIC's first year managing this grant coming to a close, we are excited to share what has been accomplished so far and what we are looking forward to next year. Listed is a summary of program activities since October 2024:

- Convened Advisory Team made up of local stakeholders and practitioners in public health, transportation planning, public works, law enforcement, and communications.
- Partnered with a Public Relations student group through the University of Oregon's Sustainable City Year Program (SCYP) to develop a mascot/logo design contest and youth focused transportation safety campaign.
- Contracted with a firm, Behavioral Insights Team (BIT) to develop the Central Oregon Regional Communications & Outreach Plan. Their analysis of crash data and focus group responses will inform communications and engagement strategies that can be implemented by COIC and partners in Central Oregon.
- BIT conducted six focus groups, three in Madras, two in Bend, and one in Prineville. One of the Madras focus groups was facilitated in Spanish as well.

Next Steps

The draft plan and strategies are expected to be completed by the end of September. Finalization of the plan is scheduled for October 2025, coinciding with the start of another grant cycle from ODOT.

This plan will inform the implementation approach to safety communications, outreach, and education for the 2025-26 grant year, and provide a clear framework for the type of messaging and engagement that is likely to make the most impact in Central Oregon communities. Funding will go towards supporting COIC staff time, contracting with a firm to implement the plan, and the development of marketing materials that can be distributed locally and at in-person engagement opportunities.

COIC looks forward to further collaboration with local partners on this project and is grateful for the support from Bend MPO and City of Bend.

Sincerely,

Megan Tuck
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SHF Program, Call for Projects Schedule

Date (2025)	Topic
Sept. 1 – Sept. 23	Project application window opens (9/1); Project application window closes (9/23)
Oct. 7	Applicants present project applications to BMPO TAC (5 min + 5 min Q&A, each)
Oct. 17	Staff to provide brief overview to BMPO Policy Board of applications received
Nov. 4	TAC workshop to evaluate applications and provide funding recommendation to Policy Board
Nov. 21	Applicants present applications to Policy Board. Board to award funds.
Dec. 19	Additional time for Policy Board to make funding decisions, if needed.