



# Technical Advisory Committee

September 2, 2025

# Call to Order & Introductions

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- Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Members

- Quinn Keever, Bend Park and Recreation District (BPRD)
- Paul Dean, Bend La Pine Schools (BLS)
- Bob Townsend, Cascades East Transit (CET)
- Greg Bryant, Community Member – last meeting as TAC member
- James Dorofi, Community Member
- Susanna Julber, City of Bend
- Brian Potwin, Commute Options
- Tarik Rawlings, Deschutes County
- Neil Baunsgard, Deschutes County Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)
- Ken Shonkwiler, Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Region 4
- Casey Bergh, Oregon State University-Cascades (OSU Cascades)
- Josh Clawson, Central Oregon Community College (COCC)\*
- Angie Brewer, Department of Land Conservation & Development (DLCD)\*
- Jasmine Harris, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)\*
- Danielle Casey, Federal Transit Administration (FTA)\*

- BMPO Staff

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

- Guest Presenters

- Megan Tuck, Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council (COIC)

*\*Non-voting TAC member.*

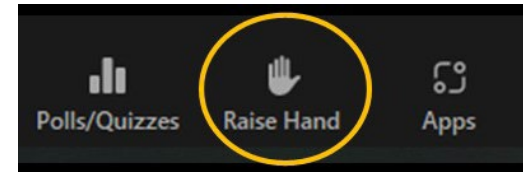
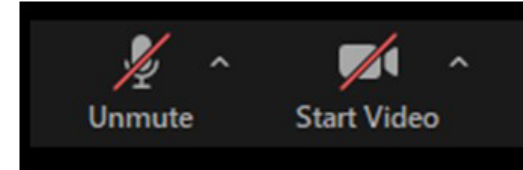
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# Public Comment

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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 Summary

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- **Action requested:** review and approve the July 1, 2025, TAC draft meeting summary (Attachment A).
  - Recommended language for motion: *I move approval of the July 1, 2025, Technical Advisory Committee draft meeting summary, as presented.*

# **COIC Safety Grant – Implementation/Outreach**

**Megan Tuck, COIC**



# Central Oregon Safe Travel Program Updates

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Bend MPO TAC

September 2, 2025



# Background

- Central Oregon Safe Travel (COST) program previously stewarded by Bend MPO
- COIC took on the project – regional scale coordination of traffic safety efforts
  - All three counties & Bend MPO developing TSAPs
- Lack of local communications & engagement programs that encourage safe driving behavior
- **Reduce the number of fatal and serious injury crashes occurring on our transportation systems**

# Advisory Team

- Stakeholders and transportation safety practitioners including:
  - Deschutes, Jefferson & Crook Counties, Bend MPO, law enforcement, public health, community organizations, ODOT
- Provide direction, feedback, and professional advice on this project
- Ensure alignment with other regional safety efforts

# Engagement & Outreach Activities

- Partnering with PR Class from UO to develop a mascot/logo design contest and youth focused transportation safety campaign
- Contracted with firm, Behavioral Insights Team (BIT), to conduct local research and develop communications & outreach plan
  - Focus groups (6 in total), crash data analysis to develop strategies with high potential for impact

**YOUR BUZZ  
COULD KILL.**

**Buzzed driving is drunk driving.**



# Next Steps

- Applied for another grant from ODOT for 2025-26
  - Implement Regional Communications & Plan, launch regional safety campaign and evaluate impact
- Finalization of Regional Plan scheduled for October 2025.
- Will continue to convene Advisory Team and other local partners to ensure regional consistency and alignment of efforts
- Fundraising for 2025-26 grant year matching funds
  - Previously received match funds from Bend MPO, City of Bend, and Central Oregon Health Council. Thank you for your support!!



# **Update of the BMPO Title VI Plan**

**Andrea Napoli, BMPO**

# Presentation Outline

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- Title VI definition
- Major changes to BMPO Title VI Plan from last update (2019)
- BMPO Title VI Plan Goals
- Updated and revised population mapping
- BMPO activities and strategies to support Title VI
- Next steps

# Title VI Legislation

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- Civil Rights Act of 1964:
  - “No person in the United States shall, on the grounds of:
    - **Race,**
    - **Color,** or
    - **National origin,**
    - Be **excluded from participation** in, be **denied the benefits** of, or be **subjected to discrimination** under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.”
- A Title VI Plan is a commitment to not discriminating against protected populations.

# Recent Changes Impacting BMPO Title VI Plan

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- **RESCINDED:**
  - **Executive Order on Environmental Justice (EJ)** – Directed federal agencies to evaluate impacts on low-income and minority populations to avoid disproportionate impacts.
  - **USDOT Orders on EJ** – Directed DOTs to not carry out programs/policies/activities having disproportionately high and adverse effects on minority or low-income populations w/out mitigation.
- *Per ODOT Office of Civil Rights, references to Environmental Justice have been deleted in BMPO's updated plan.*

# BMPO Title VI Plan Goals (*revised per ODOT Office of Civil Rights*)

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- Make transportation decisions that **strive to meet the needs of all people**.
- **Enhance the public involvement process** to reach all segments of the population and ensure that all groups have a voice in the transportation planning process, regardless of race, color, national origin, gender, age, disability, and income status.
- **Provide the community with opportunities to learn** about and improve the quality and usefulness of transportation in their lives.
- **Improve data collection, monitoring, and analysis tools** that assess the needs of Title VI protected populations. ~~and Analyze the potential impacts of transportation plans and programs on low-income, minority, and~~ Title VI protected populations.
- **Avoid disproportionately high and adverse impacts** on Title VI protected populations ~~and environmental justice populations.~~

# Demographic Mapping

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- Use data to:
  - To assess BMPO funded project impacts and benefits
  - To inform plans/programs/studies
  - Determine areas for targeted outreach

## **FHWA Title VI Program: Mapping Included in Plan**

- Non-white and/or Hispanic population
- Limited English Proficiency (LEP) population
- Senior population (Age 65+)
- Persons with Disabilities

## **BMPO Demographic Mapping Tool (on BMPO website)**

- Non-white and/or Hispanic population
- Limited English Proficiency (LEP) population
- Senior population (Age 65+)
- Persons with Disabilities
- Those living below the Federal Poverty Level (FPL)
- Those living below 200% of the FPL
- Zero-car households
- Households with children
- ODOT Transportation Disadvantaged Population Index (2021)

# Activities/Strategies to Support Title VI

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- Examples of Current Efforts:
  - Provide accessibility assistance
  - Evaluate the effectiveness of public involvement efforts and make appropriate adjustments
  - Maintain a demographic profile of the MPO area, explore/update w new data sources
  - Use targeted outreach efforts
  - Make the Title VI complaint process available to the public
  - Ensure annual Title VI-related training for MPO staff
  - Track activities/outcomes and submit required annual report to ODOT Office of Civil Rights
  - Evaluate benefits/burdens of BMPO funded projects on subject populations

# Draft Plan Review/Comment Period/Adoption

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- 21-Day Public Comment Period currently underway
- Draft plan sent for review/comment to:
  - FHWA
  - FTA
  - ODOT Office of Civil Rights (worked with directly for update)
  - MPO Interested Individuals Email List
  - MPO Title VI Contacts List
- Policy Board considers adoption, October 17
- [BMPO Title VI webpage](#)

# Member & Guest Roundtable

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- Time for TAC members to:
  - Provide updates on current projects and planning efforts.
  - Request future agenda topics.

# Public Comment

Time for members of the public to provide comment.

# Next TAC Meeting

The next meeting of the BMPO TAC is scheduled to occur on  
October 7, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

# Adjourn

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