



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 Dorof, 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)

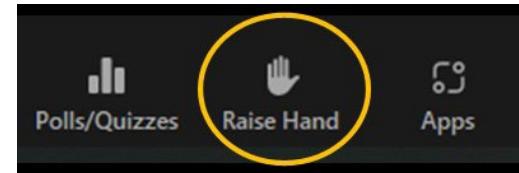
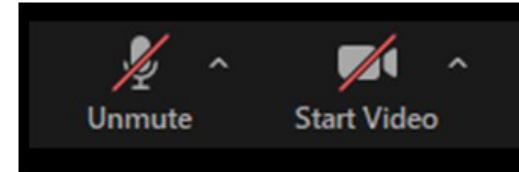
**Non-voting TAC member.*

Hybrid Meeting Guidelines

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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

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

- 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

- 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

- **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*)

- 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

- 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

- 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

- 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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