



# Policy Board

September 19, 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 (if present)
  - Brian Rankin, City of Bend
- BMPO Staff
  - Tyler Deke, Manager
  - Andrea Napoli, Senior Planner
  - Kelli Kennedy, Program Coordinator
- Guest Presenters
  - None

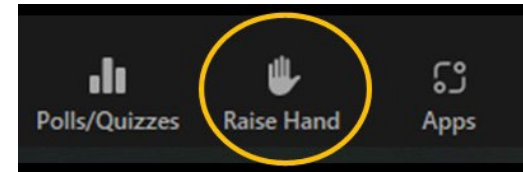
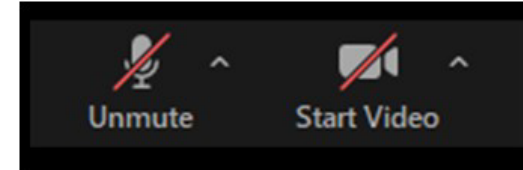
# Hybrid Meeting Guidelines

Tyler Deke, BMPO

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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 Minutes

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# Meeting Minutes

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- **Action requested:** review and approve the August 15, 2025, Policy Board draft meeting minutes (Attachment A).
  - Recommended language for motion: *I move approval of the August 15, 2025, Policy Board draft meeting minutes, as presented.*

# **Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council (COIC) Transportation Safety Grant Match**

**Tyler Deke**

# Background

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- Bend and Deschutes County Transportation Safety Action Plans (TSAPs) completed in 2019
- Both TSAPs identified several behavioral issues as major contributors to crashes, including:
  - Intoxicated driving
  - Speeding
- Some behavioral issues can be addressed with infrastructure improvements but will be costly and take years to implement
- Education, outreach, and messaging campaigns may improve and modify behavior

# History – BMPO Safety Grants

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- BMPO awarded 1-year ODOT safety grants for 3 consecutive years
  - Federal fiscal years 2022 (FFY22) through FFY24
  - October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2024
- BMPO grants – key focus areas:
  - Education, outreach, messaging
  - Initially Deschutes County, expanded to include Jefferson and Crook counties
- COIC provided paid consulting services
- Incomplete implementation (3-year average of grant funds utilized = less than 50%)
- BMPO/COIC discuss COIC as next grant applicant, COIC would:
  - Have greater hiring/staffing options for completion of grant work
  - Need partner cash support to meet local match requirement

# History – COIC FFY25 Safety Grant

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- June 2024
  - COIC applied for 2-year grant (FFY25-FFY26)
  - Requested partner funds to meet local match requirement
    - Total contribution needed ~ \$50,000 (per grant year)
    - Other contributors include:
      - COIC
      - City of Bend
      - Central Oregon Health Council
- July 2024
  - BMPO authorized contribution = \$5,000 (per grant year)
- September 2024
  - COIC awarded 1-year grant (FFY25)

# History – COIC FFY25 Safety Grant (continued)

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- September 2025
  - BMPO transfer of funds to COIC (in progress) = \$5,000
- COIC FFY25 grant – key accomplishments:
  - Hired a Regional Safety Coordinator
  - Organized Regional Safety Advisory Team to provide direction, feedback, and professional advice. Ensure alignment with other regional safety efforts
  - Partnering with Public Relations class from University of Oregon to develop logo and youth focused transportation safety campaign
  - Coordinated 6 focus groups to identify strategies with high potential for impact
  - Developing communications plan (delivery expected October 2025)

# COIC FFY26 Safety Grant – Local Match Needs

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- August – September 2025
  - COIC applied for 1-year grant (FFY26)
  - Requested partner funds to meet local match requirement
    - Total need = \$47,500
    - BMPO requested contribution = \$5,000
    - Other potential funding partners include:
      - COIC = \$5,000 committed
      - City of Bend
      - Central Oregon Health Council
      - Others to be determined

# COIC FFY26 Safety Grant – Focus

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- COIC FFY26 grant – key focus areas:
  - Finalize and implement Regional Transportation Safety Communications and Outreach Plan
  - Help implement communications and outreach strategies identified in local TSAPs
  - Convene Regional Safety Advisory Team



# BMPO Funding Availability

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- BMPO FY26 annual budget
  - Includes some unallocated funds and contingency funds, available to-date:
    - Contingency = \$100,000
    - Unallocated Consulting (M&S) = \$77,800 (finance recommendation)
  - Includes a “Sponsorship & Contributions” category
    - Budgeted = \$2,500
    - Encumbered (contribution to COIC FFY25 grant) = \$5,000
    - Available = **-\$2,500**
    - Budgeted amount could be increased
    - Consider proposed Sponsorship Program (subsequent topic)
- BMPO FY27 annual budget
  - Not yet developed

# Safety Grant Request

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- **Action requested:** consider authorizing BMPO funding support for the COIC FFY26 *Central Oregon Regional Transportation Safety Education and Outreach* grant, with payment programmed in state fiscal year 2027 (July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027).
  - Recommended language for motion: *I move the BMPO provide \$\_\_\_\_ to COIC for the federal fiscal year 2026 safety grant local match requirement, to be paid in state fiscal year 2027.*

# Sponsorship Program Policy

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- FY26 Budget includes sponsorship funding (\$2,500)
- Staff modeled draft policy (Attachment B) after City of Bend policy
- Draft policy includes
  - Eligibility requirements
  - Acceptable uses of funds
  - Reporting requirements

# Sponsorship Program Policy (continued)

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- Policy Board direction needed
  - Award minimum = \$500
  - Award maximum = \$2,500
  - Maximum of \$2,500 per year per applicant
  - Establish application periods
    - September 30 for fall review
    - March 31 for spring review
  - Consider expanding policy to include grant match contributions for local partners
    - If added, staff will bring revised policy to October meeting

# Sponsorship Program Policy Request

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- **Action requested:** Review and consider approval of the Sponsorship Program Policy
  - Recommended language for motion: *I move approval of the Sponsorship Program Policy [as written or with edits].*

# **Bend Transportation Safety Action Plan (TSAP) Update – Status/Timeline**

**Tyler Deke**

# Bend TSAP Update – Background & Status

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- Background
  - Existing Bend TSAP developed in 2019
  - BMPO secured federal Safe Streets and Roads for All funds to update the Bend TSAP
- Status
  - Negotiating scope of work, budget, and contract with consultant team
  - Update should begin early October and conclude spring 2027



# Bend TSAP Update – Policy Board Role

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- Policy Board oversee and guide TSAP development
- Hold three Policy Board meetings focused on TSAP
  - Meeting #1:
    - Introduce TSAP and the purpose
    - Provide overview of the Safe System Approach
    - Discuss public engagement plan, project vision, and goals
    - Review 2019 TSAP completed strategies
    - Seek perspective on performance
    - Gather input on current safety concerns

# Bend TSAP Update – Policy Board Role (continued)

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- Meeting #2:
  - Summarize current regulatory context, past planning efforts, and results of the crash analysis
  - Discuss potential crash emphasis areas and revisions to goals and objectives
  - Provide overview of Virtual Open House #1 results
- Meeting #3:
  - Discuss non-infrastructure, multidisciplinary strategies needed to address the crash emphasis areas
  - Present systemic countermeasures to address the top crash patterns in the BMPO boundary and the site-specific countermeasures targeted at the BMPO's high priority locations
  - Share performance measures to monitor progress toward reducing fatal and serious injury crashes

# Bend TSAP Update – Bend City Council Role

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- Hold three meetings with Bend City Council Community Building Subcommittee (same topics as above)
- Questions?

# **Executive Session**

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- The BMPO Policy Board will now meet in Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2) (i) To review and evaluate the employment-related performance of the chief executive officer or a public officer who does not request an open hearing. Representatives of the news media and designated staff shall be allowed to attend the executive session. Representatives of the news media are specifically directed not to report on any of the deliberations during the executive session, except to state the general subject of the session as previously announced. No decision may be made in executive session. At the end of the executive session, we will return to open session.

**Executive Session is now in progress.  
We will return to the Policy Board meeting shortly.  
Thank you for your patience.**

# **Return to Open Session**

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# Other Business

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# Other Business

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- Policy Board agenda item requests
- Staff updates
  - State Highway Fund (SHF) Program – Solicitation Process Update
  - Upcoming BMPO work: Annual Obligation Report, 2027-2030 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP), and FY27 Budget
- Next meeting of the BMPO Policy Board – October 17, 2025, at 12:00 p.m.
  - 2-hour meeting
  - Potential topics:
    - FY26 Budget Adjustment
    - Earned Interest – FY26 Starting Balance Review and Allocation
    - MTIP Amendments
    - SHF Program – Summary of Applications Received

# Public Comment

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# Adjourn

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