



Technical Advisory Committee

October 7, 2025

Call to Order & Introductions

Tyler Deke, BMPO

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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)
 - James Dorofi, Community Member
 - Sydney Forbes, Community Member – **Welcome!**
 - 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
 - None.

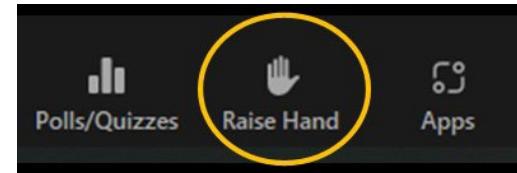
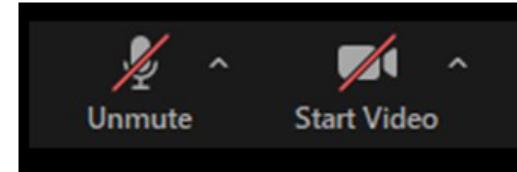
**Non-voting TAC member.*

Hybrid Meeting Guidelines

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 - The YouTube event can be reviewed on the City of Bend YouTube channel.



Public Comment

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Public Comment

- 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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Meeting Summary

- **Action requested:** review and approve the September 2, 2025, TAC draft meeting summary (Attachment A).
 - Recommended language for motion: *I move approval of the September 2, 2025, Technical Advisory Committee draft meeting summary, as presented.*

State Highway Fund (SHF) Program: Project Proposals – Applicant Presentations

**Andrea Napoli &
Applicants**

2025 SHF Program Call for Projects

- Application submittal period closed on September 23
- 10 project applications received
- Applicants to provide project presentations with Q & A

Project Number	Applicant	Project Title
1	Meissner Nordic Ski Club	<i>Bend-to-Meissner Sno-Park Shuttle Program</i>
2	Commute Options	<i>Safe Routes to School</i>
3	Bend-La Pine Schools	<i>Pedestrian Safety Education - Safety Routes to School</i>
4	Bend-La Pine Schools	<i>Bend Traffic Garden</i>
5	Cascades East Transit	<i>Deschutes River Woods Microtransit Pilot Project</i>
6	City of Bend	<i>Travel Options Assessment, Education and Engagement</i>
7	City of Bend	<i>NE 6th St Sidewalk Connection</i>
8	City of Bend	<i>NE Butler Market Sidewalk Connection and Enhanced Crossing</i>
9	City of Bend	<i>NE Boyd Acres Rd Sidewalk Network Connection</i>
10	City of Bend	<i>SE American Ln Sidewalk Connection</i>

2025 SHF Program Call for Projects (continued)

- Funding Requested:

PROJECT NUMBER & TITLE	FY28	FY29	FY30
1. Bend-to-Meissner Sno-Park Shuttle Program	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ -
2. Safe Routes to School	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
3. Pedestrian Safety Education - Safety Routes to School	\$ 59,500	\$ 53,500	\$ 61,500
4. Bend Traffic Garden	\$ 66,550	\$ -	\$ -
5. Deschutes River Woods Microtransit Pilot Project	\$ 120,000	\$ 60,000	\$ -
6. Travel Options Assessment, Education and Engagement	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
7. NE 6th Street Sidewalk Connection	\$ 131,000	\$ -	\$ -
8. NE Butler Market Sidewalk Connection and Crossing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 310,000
9. NE Boyd Acres Road Sidewalk Network Connection	\$ -	\$ 215,000	\$ -
10. SE American Lane Sidewalk Connection	\$ 77,000	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL REQUESTED	\$ 549,050	\$ 398,500	\$ 441,500
Total Available	\$ 313,250	\$ 313,250	\$ 313,250
Total Remaining	\$ (235,800)	\$ (85,250)	\$ (128,250)

BEND-TO-MEISSNER SNO-PARK SHUTTLE PROGRAM

Presented by: Meissner Nordic Ski Club | Steve Roti, Board President

Ask: \$25,000 SHF grant (FY28), with organization's own matching funds



A safe, equitable, and sustainable connection to winter recreation



ABOUT MEISSNER NORDIC

- 501(c)(3) nonprofit maintaining 47 km of groomed trails on U.S. Forest Service land.
- 100% volunteer-run; raises ~\$100K annually for grooming.
- Average 200 daily users each winter day (66% local, 34% visitors).
- Partners: USFS, BPRD, Cog Wild, Visit Bend.

THE PROBLEM

- Cascade Lakes Hwy = single-access corridor to Mt. Bachelor & Meissner.
- Traffic up 9.6%/year since 2017 — double state average.
- 20+ crashes in Dec 2024 storms; plows unable to keep up.
- Full parking lots; unsafe conditions for student and parent carpools.
- Equity gap: families without vehicles miss out on recreation.

THE SOLUTION: SHUTTLE SERVICE

- Operated by Cog Wild (local USFS-approved provider).
- \$5 roundtrip fare subsidized by Meissner Nordic + grants.
- 3-4 roundtrips/day on weekends (pilot operating 2025–26).
- Data-driven expansion to weekdays (Tues → Wed) based on Visit Bend data.
- Total cost: \$50K | SHF request: \$25K (50% match).

Removes hundreds of cars from the Cascade Lakes Highway every weekend.

MEETING SHF CRITERIA

- Safety: Fewer student drivers; fewer crashes; improved plow access.
- Multiple Users: Serves students, families, visitors, transit-dependent residents.
- Efficiency: Reduces congestion w/out lane expansion; data-driven scheduling.
- VMT & Emissions: Thousands of single-occupancy trips eliminated.
- Equity: \$5 fare, central pickup, Vámonos Outside partnership.
- Cost Sharing: 50% non-SHF match (rider fares + club + in-kind).

COMMUNITY SUPPORT & READINESS

- Broad coalition: 4 Bend-area HS ski teams, OISRAN, Vámonos Outside, Deschutes Trails Coalition, John Allen (ret. USFS).
- Vendor contract with Cog Wild secured.
- BPRD providing pickup site and free parking.
- Data collection plan for VMT and equity tracking.

This project is ready to roll.

CLOSING

A safe, sustainable model for Central Oregon recreation.

With SHF support, we can expand service next winter.

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Safe Routes To School

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Oregon Department of Transportation
Safe Routes to School



Project Description

- Walk and Roll Safety Education
 - Encouragement Events
 - Learn to Ride Program
 - Volunteer Program

Safety

- Teach Walk and Roll Behaviors
- Hands-On Learning
- Promote Low-Stress Routes
- Community Involvement

Alignment with Local Safety Plans

- Bend Transportation Safety Action Plan (TSAP)
- Neighborhood Street Safety Program (NSSP)
- "Safer by Design" Initiative



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Mapping



Safe Routes

Oregon Safe Routes To School



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VMT/Emissions Reduction

- Reduces SOV trips
- Builds lifelong active travel habits
- Decreases idling at drop-off/pick-up zones
- Avoiding high-emission roadway expansions



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Equity

- Prioritized Support
- Multilingual materials
- Ensure culturally relevant programming
- Volunteers from underserved communities
- Increases mobility for families who cannot drive



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COMO CRUZAR LA CALLE

PASO #1



Parer en la acera

PASO #2



PASO #2

Extender tu pietita hacia adentro

PASO #3



Mirar
a la izquierda,
derecha,
izquierda



PASO #4

Cruzar rápidamente
mirando a la derecha y a la izquierda
saluda y sonríe



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System Efficiency

- Shifts short trips
- Reduces congestion in school zones
- Maximizes use of existing infrastructure



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Since 2005

- Walk and Roll Safety Education and Encouragement
 - 3 Counties, 4 School Districts, 35 Schools
 - Building long standing partnerships and trust



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Questions?

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Pedestrian Safety Education Safe Routes to School

Proposed by Bend – La Pine Schools

With funding support from Bend MPO State Highway Fund

Safe Routes to School Experiential Walk & Roll Educational Programs

Six E's:

- Education
- Encouragement
- Engagement
- Engineering
- Equity
- Evaluation



Why support pedestrian safety education?

- Reduction of injuries & fatalities due to improved pedestrian safety skills
- More students walking to school
- Parents/caregivers more likely to encourage & allow student(s) to walk to school if student has been educated
- Build lifelong skills & confidence
- Increased transportation system resiliency, capacity & efficiency & reduced traffic congestion & VMT
- Lower transportation costs for families & the community



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E D U C A T I N G T H R I V I N G S T U D E N T S

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Bend Traffic Garden Safe Routes to School

Proposed by Bend – La Pine Schools

With funding support from Bend MPO State Highway Fund

A motor vehicle-free space for teaching & practicing roadway safety & biking skills



Why should Bend build a traffic garden?

- Reduction of injuries & fatalities due to increased safety skills
- Increased system resiliency, capacity & efficiency with increased active transportation use
- Reduction in traffic congestion & VMT
- Lower transportation costs for families & community
- Community resource & play area available to everyone, especially vulnerable groups identified in Bend MPO Title VI Plan
- Fun, mobility, health, independence, & vibrant community experience



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Cascades East Transit

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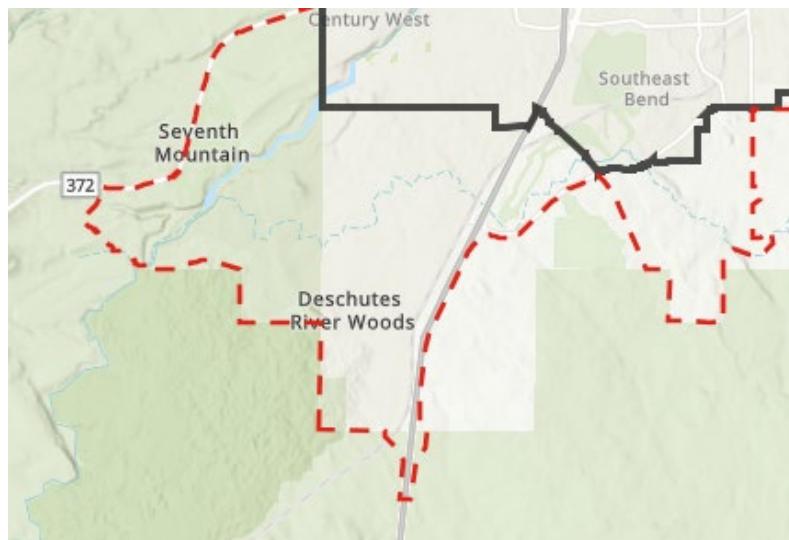
Deschutes River Woods Microtransit

State Highway Fund Program Bend MPO TAC

October 7th, 2025

Deschutes River Woods Microtransit

- DRW currently does not have direct access to Transit
- Proposal for 18 month Microtransit pilot project
 - On Demand Services Connecting to Bend Fixed Routes & Bend Paratransit
 - Specifically, will connect to Routes 1, 2, 9 (Brookwood, South 3rd, and Murphy)



Black – Bend City Limits

Red Dashed – MPO Boundary

**Deschutes River Woods – Area outside City limits
within MPO boundary, west of US97, east of
Deschutes River**



DRW Microtransit

- SHF Criteria
 1. Enhances Safety
 - Transit is safer per mile than automobile – also reduces number of vehicles on the road
 2. Increases System Capacity for cyclists, pedestrians, transit users
 - DRW has over 4000 resident who currently do not have access to transit
 3. Increases system efficiency and reliability without increasing lane capacity
 - Microtransit uses technology to maximize efficiency without adding lane capacity
 - Microtransit connecting to existing Bend Transit Options will further expand efficiencies
 4. Reduces Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) & Emissions
 - Transit reduces VMT and emissions by reducing number of vehicles on the roadway
 - Reduced numbers of vehicles on the roadway also reduce overall congestion and idling



DRW Microtransit

- SHF Criteria

5. Advances Equity

- DRW is historically underserved when it comes to transportation investments
- DRW is one of the highest needs area within the MPO based on equity mapping
- Population living below the Federal Poverty Level (FPL): 18.0%
- Population living below 200% of FPL: 48%
- Senior population (age 65+): 41%
- Non-white and Hispanic population: 32%

6. Includes cost sharing or investment from other funding sources

- CET is requesting \$180k, but also providing \$132k towards this program





Thank you!

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QUESTIONS?



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City of Bend MPO State Highway Fund (SHF) 2025 Grant Applications Overview

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October 7, 2025

City of Bend SHF Grant Application Projects Summary

**Project 1
Travel Options
Assessment &
Engagement**

**Projects 2-5
Sidewalk Completion
NE 6th Street
NE Butler Market Road
NE Boyd Acres Road
SE American Lane**

**\$793,000
Total SHF Funds
Requested**

**\$33,000
Total Local
Match Provided**



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Project 1

Travel Options Assessment, Education and Engagement

Funding Years: FY 28, 29, 30

SHF Funds Requested: \$60,000

Local Match Provided : \$3,000

Project 1: Travel Options Assessment, Education & Engagement

Primary Goals

- Assess awareness, attitudes, and barriers using travel options.
- Engage, educate, and encourage residents and employees to utilize enhanced bike/ped infrastructure.
- Increase travel options use for commute and shorter, discretionary vehicle trips.
- Meet required Climate Friendly and Equitable Communities (CFEC) performance targets and measures by 2050.



Community Bike Ride Photos October 2025

Project 1: Travel Options Assessment & Engagement

Project Details:

- Surveys to measure travel options use, attitudes & awareness.
- Distribute informational mailers to households within one mile of new multimodal facilities and focus areas.
- Host nine pop-up events to provide route maps, guided tours, trip planning support, E-bike resources, driver education and Safe Routes to School materials, and safety/incentive items.
- Use a mapping tool to identify barriers and improve existing and future bike/ped/transit connections.
- Identify residents interested in using travel options more frequently for enhanced engagement.
- \$3,000 match from City and support from Commute Options



Photos of City of Bend 2024 Bike Night

Project 2

**NE 6th Street Sidewalk Connection on a
Key Route and Neighborhood Greenway**

Funding Year: FY 28

SHF Funds Requested: \$131,000

Project 2: NE 6th St. Sidewalk Connection on a Key Route and Neighborhood Greenway

Location

- West side of NE 6th St. between Innes and Revere
- Connects to parks, schools, transit and shopping in Bend's Central District

Primary Goals

- Fills a critical sidewalk gap along a Key Route and Neighborhood Greenway to improve safety, accessibility and connectivity.
- Supports first/last mile connections for transit riders accessing CET's Routes 4, 5, and 6.
- Replaces shorter driving trips with biking, walking, rolling and transit trips to access nearby parks, shops, restaurants, and amenities.



Project 2: NE 6th St. Sidewalk Connection

Project Details

- Completes 2,700 linear feet of ADA-accessible sidewalk along a Key Route & Neighborhood Greenway.
- Project is identified as a Tier 1 priority in the City of Bend's Pedestrian Implementation Plan.
- Connects to Orchard Park and Cascades East Transit (CET) Routes 4, 5 and 6.
- High percentage of zero-car households (13%).
- 18% of the population lives below 200% poverty level.



Project 3

NE Butler Market Sidewalk Connection and Enhanced Crossing for Safer Routes to Schools

Funding Year: FY 30

SHF Funds Requested: \$310,000

Local Match Provided: \$30,000

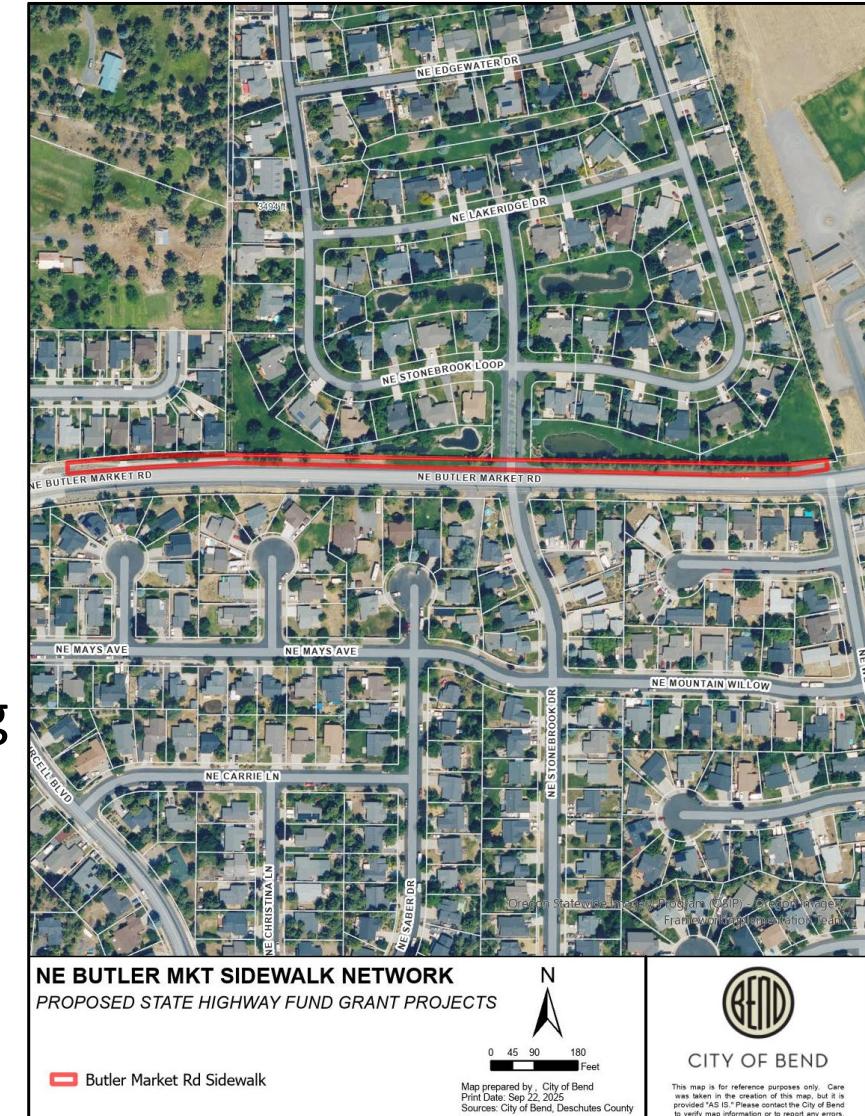
Project 3: NE Butler Market Rd. Sidewalk Connection and Enhanced Crossing for Safer Routes to School

Location

- North side of NE Butler Market Road between NE Purcell Road and NE Weeping Willow Drive
- Enhanced crossing with pedestrian refuge island at NE Weeping Willow Drive

Primary Goals

- Complete a critical sidewalk gap along a busy arterial.
- Provide a safe pedestrian network and enhanced crossing to Ponderosa Elementary and Mountain View Schools.
- Eliminate bussing children across NE Butler Market Rd. who are close enough to walk to school.
- Enhance connectivity to CET's Routes 5, 6, and 8.



Project 3: NE Butler Market Rd. Sidewalk Connection

Project Details

- Construct 3,750 linear feet of sidewalk, enhanced crossing with pedestrian refuge island and lighting.
- Support and prioritization from Bend-La Pine School District.
- Leverages investments to the NE Butler Market corridor by filling the last network sidewalk gap.
- \$33,000 local match contribution from City of Bend and support from Stonebrook Neighborhood.
- Bend Works sidewalk and enhanced crossing requests from people walking on road shoulder.



Project 4

NE Boyd Acres Road Sidewalk Network Connection to Cooley Road

Funding Year: FY 29
SHF Funds Requested: \$215,000

Project 4: NE Boyd Acres Sidewalk Network Connection to Cooley Road

Location

- East side of NE Boyd Acres Road between Double Peaks Drive and Cooley Road
- Adjacent to City of Bend's new Juniper Ridge Public Works Campus

Primary Goals

- Complete a safe and accessible pedestrian network.
- Leverage future City of Bend repaving and Cooley Road sidewalk project.
- Improve access and connectivity to Cascade Village Shopping Area and CET's Route 8 bus stops.



Project 4: NE Boyd Acres Sidewalk Connection

Project Details

- Constructs 3,750 linear feet of missing sidewalk.
- People are currently walking and biking on narrow shoulder.
- Aligns with existing City of Bend sidewalk improvements on the south section of NE Boyd Acres Road.
- Improves pedestrian access to Lava Ridge Elementary School and Sky View Middle School.
- 17% non-white and Hispanic populations and 16% older adults living in adjacent neighborhoods.



Project 5

SE American Lane Sidewalk Connection to Businesses and Schools

Funding Year: FY 28
SHF Funds Requested:
\$77,000

Project 5: SE American Lane Sidewalk Connection to Businesses and Schools

Location

- East side of SE American Lane just south of Reed Market Road
- Growing, light-industrial area flanked by neighborhoods and schools

Primary Goals

- Overcome physical pedestrian barriers such as Railroad track and the canal.
- Provide a safe, alternative to illegal railroad crossing.
- Connects neighborhoods and businesses to the new 9th Street shared use path.
- Provide a pedestrian route to Title 1 schools.



Project 5: SE American Lane Sidewalk Connection

Project Details

- Existing worn path through the dirt acknowledges use of pedestrian system.
- Project completes an entire north-south pedestrian network along a major corridor
- No likely redevelopment in this area to fill an essential sidewalk gap.
- Improves access to CET's Route 9 bus stops.
- Area demographics: 39% households with children, 17% older adults, and 6% zero-car households.



**Thank You
for the Grant Opportunity to
Engage the Community and
Expand Travel Options**

Questions?

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SHF Program: Next Steps

- Reminder: Project application packets available on [**BMPO SHF Program webpage**](#)
- Staff working with ODOT to finalize funding eligibility
- Staff to begin application scoring to provide to TAC (November meeting)
 - Two TAC members (non-applying entities) to also provide scoring
- November 4 TAC Meeting – TAC to develop funding recommendation to Policy Board
- November 21 Policy Board Meeting – Applicants to present projects; funding decision

2026 TAC Meeting Schedule

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- TAC meetings currently held on first Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.
- Want confirmation of 2026 meeting dates
- Options (see Attachment C)
 - Maintain current schedule (first Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.)
 - Move to first Thursday at 10:00 a.m.
 - Alternate recurrence that works for TAC members
- **Action requested:** Select a standing meeting date/time for 2026.

Member & Guest Roundtable

Member & Guest Roundtable

- 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
November 4, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

Adjourn

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