



Policy Board

October 17, 2025

Call to Order & Introductions

Chair Méndez

Introductions

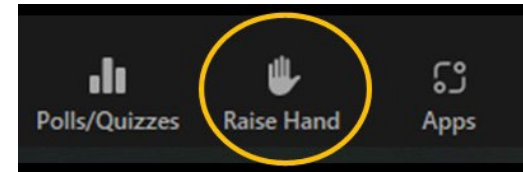
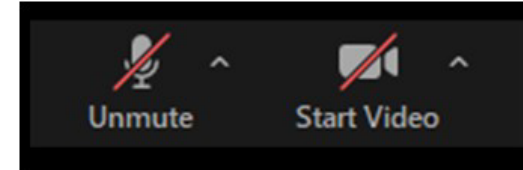
- Policy Board Members
 - Ariel Méndez, Chair, City of Bend Councilor
 - Phil Chang, Vice Chair, Deschutes County Commissioner
 - Mike Riley, City of Bend Councilor
 - Omar Ahmed, ODOT Central Oregon and Lower John Day Area Manager
 - Melanie Kebler, City of Bend Mayor
- Alternates (if present)
 - Chris Doty, Deschutes County
 - Tarik Rawlings, Deschutes County
 - Ken Shonkwiler, ODOT
- 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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Public Comment

- 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

- **Action requested:** review and approve the September 19, 2025, Policy Board draft meeting minutes (Attachment A).
 - Recommended language for motion: *I move approval of the September 19, 2025, Policy Board draft meeting minutes, as presented.*

Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) Supplemental Budget

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FY26 Supplemental Budget

- This supplemental budget adds funds to the BMPO FY26 Budget as follows:
 - \$360,200 increase to the State Highway Fund (SHF) Program for grant awards originally anticipated in FY25 that will now occur in FY26.
 - \$155,200 increase to the COVID Relief Program for grant awards originally anticipated in FY25 that will now occur in FY26.
 - \$1,900 increase to the BMPO Program for additional FTA 5303 funds (\$1,700), per revised ODOT funding estimates, and the corresponding local match increase (\$200).

FY26 Supplemental Budget (continued)

- **Action requested:** review and consider approval of the following FY26 Supplemental Budget by way of Resolution 2025-04.
 - Recommended language for motion: *I move approval of the fiscal year 2026 supplemental budget by way of Resolution 2025-04.*

Resources	Increase
Beginning Working Capital – COVID Relief Funding	\$155,200
State Highway Funds – Awards	\$360,200
FTA 5303 Planning funds – federal share	\$1,700
FTA 5303 Planning funds – local match	\$200
Total Resources Adjustment	\$517,300

Earned Interest – FY26 Starting Balance Review and Allocation

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Earned Interest – Background

- BMPO received federal COVID funding in 2021.
 - Disbursement of some of the funds to project recipients over the past 2 years.
 - Expected to be completed in fiscal year 2027.
 - Held COVID funds have accrued interest.
- BMPO receives SHF funds each year.
 - Held SHF funds accrue interest.
- Earned interest balance currently unallocated.
 - Once available for use, funds are unrestricted.
- Current balance of earned interest: ~\$135,000.

Earned Interest – Federal Funding Status

- The current federal surface transportation legislation (Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act) expires October 2026.
- Schedule for development of draft legislation has not been released.
- New bill could be approved by October 2026.
- Congress could also take short-term action and extend existing funding beyond October 2026.

Earned Interest – Action Requested

- **Staff Recommendation**

- Given uncertainty at the federal level, staff recommendation is to allocate \$133,000 of the earned interest to Reserves and \$2,000 for BMPO Program costs not covered by federal funding.

- **Action requested:** Consider allocating majority of earned interest to Reserves.

- Recommended language for motion: *I move to allocate \$133,000 of the earned interest to Reserves and \$2,000 for BMPO Program operating costs not covered by federal funding.*

Bend Transportation Safety Action Plan (TSAP) Update – Consultant Contract Approval

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Bend TSAP Update – Consultant Contract Background

- Bend TSAP Update will assess current crash data and identify programs and projects to reduce serious and fatal injury crashes within the BMPO.
- A consultant team was selected through a formal procurement process in accordance with the City of Bend Purchasing Code.
- The plan update is expected to begin in late October 2025 with substantial completion anticipated by April 2027.
- Questions?

Bend TSAP Update – Consultant Contract Action Requested

- **Action requested:** Authorize contract with Kittelson and Associates for the Bend TSAP Update in an amount not to exceed \$234,931.
 - Recommended language for motion: *I move to authorize a contract with Kittelson and Associates for the Bend TSAP Update in an amount not to exceed \$234,931, in substantially the form presented to the Policy Board.*

Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) Amendments

Kelli Kennedy, BMPO

2024-2027 MTIP – Overview

- Short-term (4-year) listing
 - Federal fiscal years 2024 through 2027
 - Transportation projects & programs
 - Expenditures
- Amended as needed – 2 types of amendments
 - Administrative
 - Full
- Documents available on [**BMPO MTIP webpage**](#):
 - Adopted MTIP
 - Amended project list (posted quarterly)
 - Amendment log (posted quarterly)

2024-2027 MTIP – Proposed Amendments

- Three (3) proposed amendments
 - Amendment 1 (#24-27-2975)
 - Project name: US20 (Greenwood Avenue): 1st Street to 6th Street (Bend)
 - Project number: 20073
 - Amendment 2 (#24-27-3002)
 - Project name: US97: Multi-Use Trail (Baker Road – Lava Butte)
 - Project number: 20714
 - Amendment 3 (#24-27-3074)
 - Project name: Larkspur Path School Connection (Bend)
 - Project number: 24108

2024-2027 MTIP – Amendment 1 Overview

- Project: US20 (Greenwood Avenue): 1st Street to 6th Street (Bend)
 - Applicant: City of Bend
 - Delivery: ODOT
 - Regulatory Agency: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
- Amendment: Cancel the Construction phase and increase the Preliminary Engineering (PE) phase by \$562,800 with Construction (CN) phase funds. Update project description to reflect change in scope
- Funding source: All Roads Transportation Safety (ARTS)
 - 10.27% local match from City of Bend
 - Current Project Total: \$701,000
 - New Project Total: \$701,000

2024-2027 MTIP – Amendment 1 Detail

- Project purpose/intent:
 - Tie into City work west of 2nd Street on Greenwood Avenue
 - Help find solution for safe bike travel on Greenwood Avenue (east to west)
 - Maintain traffic and freight mobility
- Amendment background:
 - Area has highly constrained right of way
 - Project team realized design was progressing toward solution that could create further conflict points for cyclists, decision to:
 - Pause current spending
 - Spend more on design to better analyze solutions in area or alternatives
 - ODOT is committed to eventual CN phase

2024-2027 MTIP – Amendment 2 Overview

- Project: US97: Multi-Use Trail (Baker Road – Lava Butte)
 - Applicant: ODOT
 - Delivery: ODOT
 - Regulatory Agency: FHWA
- Amendment: Increase the Right of Way phase and CN phase with Western Federal Land funds and Fix-It Sidewalk Improvement Program (SWIP) funds
- Funding source: Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP)
 - 10.27% match from ODOT (fix it sidewalk/path)
 - Current Project Total: \$6,657,189
 - New Project Total: \$9,640,791

2024-2027 MTIP – Amendment 2 Detail

- Project awarded additional funds
 - Part of 2024 rebalancing effort
 - Helps support updated cost estimates for path
- Project will move forward following approval of amendment

2024-2027 MTIP – Amendment 3 Overview

- Project: Larkspur Path School Connection (Bend)
 - Applicant: City of Bend
 - Delivery: ODOT
 - Regulatory Agency: FHWA
- Amendment: Add new project using Oregon Community Paths program funds
- Funding source: Federal Oregon Community Paths Program (OCP) grant
 - 10.27% local match from City of Bend Transportation GO Bond
 - 2024-2027 MTIP/STIP
 - Estimated total (PE phase only): \$1,048,787
 - 2027-2030 MTIP/STIP
 - Estimated total: ~\$3.3M (remaining grant funds)
 - CN phase expected in 2028

2024-2027 MTIP – Amendment 3 Detail

- Project purpose/intent:
 - Allows City of Bend to construct a Critical Link path
 - Creates ADA-accessible connection
 - Larkspur trail (northern terminus) to Pilot Butte Middle School and Juniper Elementary School
 - Part of the City of Bend Transportation System Plan (TSP)
 - TSP identifies 12 Key Walking and Biking Routes
 - Routes act as arterials for walking and biking Low Stress Network (LSN) the City is implementing

2024-2027 MTIP – Action Requested

- 21-day public comment period opened September 19
 - No comments received
- **Action requested:** review and consider approval of the proposed amendments.
 - Recommended language for motion: *I move approval of the proposed amendments to the 2024-2027 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program, as presented.*

Establishment Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) and Policy Board Bylaws

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IGA and Bylaws – Background

- **April 2025**
 - Policy Board recommended several modifications to the BMPO Establishment IGA; directed staff to initiate IGA amendment process.
- **June 2025**
 - Policy Board approved amendments to the Policy Board Bylaws, which included changes to Policy Board membership and voting structure.
- **Fall 2025**
 - Staff met with BMPO legal counsel and City of Bend legal counsel and determined some components of the amended Bylaws cannot go into effect until the IGA is updated.
 - Policy Board action needed – staff have prepared 3 options

IGA and Bylaws Action – Option 1

- Option 1 requirements:
 - Operate under prior Bylaws (as adopted October 2019).
 - Continue IGA amendment process.
 - After IGA is amended, operate under June 2025 amended Bylaws.
- **Action requested:** approve a motion to rescind the June 2025 approval of the amended Bylaws and continue operating under the October 2019 Bylaws.

IGA and Bylaws Action – Option 2

- Option 2 requirements:
 - Approve a modified, interim version of June 2025 Bylaws.
 - Staff to initiate 30-day agency notice period.
 - Policy Board will adopt modified Bylaws at November 2025 meeting.
 - Continue IGA amendment process.
 - After IGA is amended, operate under June 2025 amended Bylaws.
- Staff will present draft modifications to June 2025 Bylaws.
- **Action requested:** provide tentative approval of proposed modifications to June 2025 Bylaws and direct staff to initiate 30-day agency notice period.

IGA and Bylaws Action – Option 3

- Option 3 requirements:
 - Approve a modified, interim version of June 2025 Bylaws.
 - Staff to initiate 30-day agency notice period.
 - Discontinue IGA amendment process.
 - Policy Board will adopt modified Bylaws at November 2025 meeting.
- Staff will present draft modifications to June 2025 Bylaws.
- **Action requested:** provide tentative approval of modifications to June 2025 Bylaws and direct staff to initiate 30-day agency notice period.

IGA and Bylaws Action – Recommendations

- **Staff Recommendation:**
 - Select Option 1 or Option 2.
 - Staff will provide additional information about the options during discussion.
- **BMPO Legal Counsel Recommendation:**
 - Select Option 1.
 - Ratify all Policy Board decisions made since June 2025.

June 2025 Bylaws – Modifications

- Options 2 and 3: Potential modifications to June 2025 Bylaws
 - Article III
 - Subsections a. and b.
 - Delete Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council/CET
 - Subsection c.
 - Change number of members to “4” and votes to “4”
 - Subsection g.
 - Delete subsection
 - Subsection i.
 - Delete last sentence

June 2025 Bylaws – Modifications (continued)

- Options 2 and 3: Potential modifications to June 2025 Bylaws (continued)
- Other considerations
 - Article III, Subsection h.
 - Consider adding CET as nonvoting member.
 - Article VII, Subsection a.
 - If IGA amendment is delayed through spring 2026, will need to remove one community member from Budget Committee

IGA and Bylaws – Action Requested

- **Action requested:** Select an option. If option 1, approve motion below. If option 2 or 3, direct staff to initiate the 30-day agency review period.
 - Recommended language for motion: *I move to rescind the June 2025 approval of the amended Policy Board Bylaws, and the Policy Board continue operating under the October 2019 Bylaws.*

State Highway Fund (SHF) Program Call for Projects Update

Andrea Napoli, BMPO

2025 SHF Program Call for Projects, Applications Received

- Ten (10) project applications received; application deadline was September 23.
- Applications 1-5 of 10 shown below.

	Applicant	Project Title (abbreviated)	Brief Description of Work to be Funded
1	Meissner Nordic Ski Club	Bend-to-Meissner Sno-Park Shuttle Program	Contracted service for public shuttle.
2	Commute Options	Safe Routes to School (SRTS)	Staff time and materials for education, events, administering volunteer program.
3	Bend-La Pine Schools	Pedestrian Safety Education - SRTS	Purchase two pedestrian education mobile kits, fund 0.5 FTE staff.
4	Bend-La Pine Schools	Bend Traffic Garden	Design and construct mini streetscape for safety education.
5	Cascades East Transit	Deschutes River Woods Microtransit Pilot Project	On-demand transit service to connect to fixed route.

2025 SHF Program Call for Projects, Applications Received (continued)

- Applications 5-10 of 10 shown below.

	Applicant	Project Title (abbreviated)	Brief Description of Work to be Funded
6	City of Bend	Travel Options Assessment, Education and Engagement	Staff time and materials for campaign to highlight newer multimodal infrastructure, encourage use.
7	City of Bend	NE 6th St Sidewalk Connection on Key Route and Neighborhood Greenway	Sidewalk infill.
8	City of Bend	NE Butler Market Sidewalk Connection, Enhanced Crossing for SRTS	Sidewalk infill, new crossing, pedestrian refuge island.
9	City of Bend	NE Boyd Acres Rd Sidewalk Connection to Cooley Rd	Sidewalk infill.
10	City of Bend	SE American Ln Sidewalk Connection to Businesses and Schools	Sidewalk infill.

2025 SHF Program Call for Projects, Funding Requested

Project Number & Title (abbreviated)	FY28	FY29	FY30
1. Bend-to-Meissner Sno-Park Shuttle Program	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ -
2. Safe Routes to School (SRTS)	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
3. Pedestrian Safety Education - SRTS	\$ 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)

2025 SHF Program Call for Projects, Next Steps

- **Confirm Eligibility:** Staff currently working with ODOT.
- **Criteria-based Scoring:** Staff and two BMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) members (non-applicants) to review applications.
- **Nov. 4th TAC Meeting:** TAC to develop funding recommendation for the Policy Board.
 - Using applications, presentations, scoring, other identified considerations.
- **Nov. 21st Policy Board Meeting:** Applicant presentations; award funds.
- **Dec. 19th Policy Board Meeting:** If additional time is needed.

Special State Legislative Session Update and Local Implications

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Special Session – SHF

- State Legislature approved House Bill (HB) 3991 on September 29.
 - Effective January 1, 2026.
- SHF revenue increases
 - Gas tax: \$0.06/gallon increase
 - Base registration fee: \$42 increase
 - Supplemental registration fees (40+ miles per gallon vehicles): \$30 increase
 - Standard title fee: \$139 increase

Special Session – SHF (continued)

- Per-mile road usage charge for electric vehicles (EVs) and hybrids
 - July 2027
 - Existing EVs
 - January 2028
 - New EVs
 - July 2028
 - Hybrids/plug-in hybrids
- Vehicle owners may pay annual flat fee of \$340 instead of per-mile fee

Special Session – Public Transportation and Heavy Trucks

- State Transportation Improvement Fund (public transportation)
 - Payroll tax: 0.1% increase
 - Sunsets on January 1, 2028
- Heavy Truck Taxation Changes
 - July 1, 2027
 - Reduces weight-mile tax classifications from 80 to 10
 - July 1, 2029
 - Commercial Vehicle Registration System (aligns with US and Canadian systems). Heavy trucks pay fuels tax and reduced weight-mile tax
 - July 1, 2029
 - Electric trucks pay weight-mile tax

Special Session – Other Changes

- Highway Cost Allocation Study: cost equity between light and heavy vehicles
 - Continues regular reviews
- ODOT Accountability and Oversight
 - Biennial audit by Secretary of State
 - Legislative Policy and Research Office review
 - ODOT Director hiring/retention shifts from Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) to Governor

Special Session – Other Changes (continued)

- ODOT Accountability and Oversight (continued)
 - Greater oversight of major projects (cost greater than \$250 million) by ODOT Continuous Improvement Advisory Committee and Legislative Joint Committee on Transportation (JCT)
 - Review of project budget and scope additions from local governments by OTC and JCT

Special Session – Local Impacts

- New SHF distributed 50% to ODOT, 30% to counties and 20% to cities
- City of Bend and Deschutes County estimated SHF receipts by fiscal year

Jurisdiction	FY24	FY26	FY28	FY30
City of Bend	\$8.1 million	\$9.7 million	\$10.8 million	\$11.2 million
Deschutes County	\$21.6 million	\$24.8 million	\$28.0 million	\$29.4 million

Special Session – Other Notes

- ODOT impacts
 - 2025-2027
 - Most ODOT funding restored, but some additional reductions occur (on top of reductions in 2023-2025 approved budget).
 - 2027-2029
 - Inflation likely to outpace growth in revenue. Additional spending reductions may be necessary.
 - 2029-2031
 - Budget cuts likely necessary.
- Referendum Effort
 - Taxpayer Association of Oregon and two state Senators will be chief petitioners of a referendum to cancel HB 3991 tax increases.
- Questions?

2026 Policy Board Meeting Schedule – Tentative Dates

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2026 Policy Board Meeting Schedule

- In 2025, Policy Board meetings are scheduled on third Fridays from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m.
- Availability of meeting space is limited
 - Staff need to confirm the 2026 meeting schedule in advance of the new year
- Staff seeking support to continue with this schedule (third Fridays at 12:00 p.m.)
- If the proposed schedule does not work for members, staff will request members propose alternate options
- **Action requested:** confirm Policy Board meeting schedule for 2026 or propose alternate options.

Other Business

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Other Business

- Policy Board agenda item requests
- Staff updates
 - Title VI Plan Update status
 - BMPO/City of Bend IGA
- Next meeting of the BMPO Policy Board – November 21, 2025, at 12:00 p.m.
 - Request to extend meeting to 2-hours (ending at 2:00 p.m.)
 - Potential topics:
 - SHF Program: Project Proposals – Presentations & Awards
 - Bend Transportation Data Program – Overview and Funding Request

Public Comment

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Adjourn

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