



Policy Board

December 19, 2025

Call to Order & Introductions

Chair Méndez

Introductions

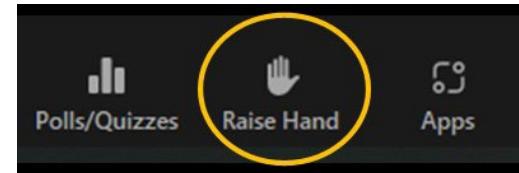
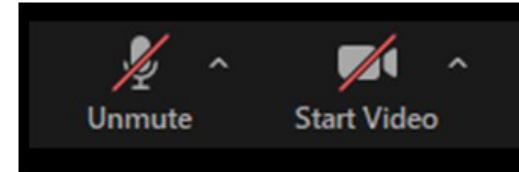
- Policy Board Members
 - Ariel Méndez, Chair, City of Bend Councilor
 - Phil Chang, Vice Chair, Deschutes County Commissioner
 - Mike Riley, City of Bend Councilor
 - Omar Ahmed, ODOT Central Oregon and Lower John Day Area Manager
 - Melanie Kebler, City of Bend Mayor
- Alternates (if present)
 - Chris Doty, Deschutes County
 - Tarik Rawlings, Deschutes County
 - Ken Shonkwiler, ODOT
- BMPO Staff
 - Tyler Deke, Manager
 - Andrea Napoli, Senior Planner
 - Kelli Kennedy, Program Coordinator

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 November 25, 2025, Policy Board draft meeting minutes (Attachment A).
 - Recommended language for motion: *I move approval of the November 25, 2025, Policy Board draft meeting minutes, as presented.*

Title VI Plan Adoption

Andrea Napoli, BMPO

Presentation Outline

- Title VI Legislation / Definition
- Recent Title VI-related Changes at Federal Level
- Title VI “the law” vs. Title VI “the program”
- Changes to BMPO’s Title VI Plan
- High-level Overview of BMPO Title VI Plan Contents
- Public and Agency Review Opportunities
- Adoption Consideration of the BMPO Title VI Plan

Title VI Legislation

- Title VI of the 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.**”*

- Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987

- Title VI applies to all programs and activities of Federal-aid recipients, subrecipients, and contractors whether those programs and activities are federally funded or not.
- All MPO's are required to have a Title VI Plan - a formal commitment to not discriminate against protected populations.
- The BMPO's Title VI Plan was last updated in 2019.

Recent Title VI-related Changes at Federal Level

- Executive Orders (EO) rescinded in 2025:
 - **EO 12898 (Environmental Justice)** – Directed federal agencies to evaluate impacts on low-income and minority populations to avoid disproportionate environmental, social, and economic impacts.
 - **EO 13166 (Limited English Proficiency (“LEP”) Populations)** – Intended to improve access to federally funded programs for those who have limited English proficiency. Required federal agencies to review services, identify needed services, and develop and implement a program so LEP populations have meaningful access.
- The BMPO Title VI Plan (2019) included and addressed these EO's.

Title VI “the law” vs Title VI “the program”

- BMPO’s Title VI Plan has followed FHWA’s Title VI Program

TITLE VI THE LAW VS. FHWA’S TITLE VI PROGRAM IN 2019

Title VI of Civil Rights Act Coverage	FHWA Title VI Program Coverage
Race	Race
Color	Color
National Origin	National Origin
	Disability
	Sex
	Age
	Low Income & Linguistic Minorities (“LEP”)

TITLE VI THE LAW VS. FHWA’S TITLE VI PROGRAM IN 2025

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Changes to BMPO's Title VI Plan

- Removed the rescinded EO's
- Deleted the term "Environmental Justice"
- Replaced subsection title of "Limited English Proficiency (LEP)" with "Language Access"
 - Replaced term "LEP" with "those with limited English proficiency" or "language access" throughout document
- Deleted mapping of low-income and LEP populations
 - Plan continues to include seniors, race & ethnicity, disability
 - BMPO Demographic Mapping Tool (on BMPO website) includes low-income and LEP populations, as well as other traditionally underserved populations
- Added signed Title VI assurances (standard FHWA language)
- Updated Title VI Complaint Process to show investigations are conducted by FHWA
- Added a signed, non-discrimination policy statement

High-Level Overview of BMPO Title VI Plan Contents

- **Section I** provides information on the organization and operation of the BMPO.
- **Section II** outlines the principles and regulations related to nondiscrimination and responsibilities of the BMPO.
- **Section III** presents U.S. Census data of FHWA Title VI covered populations within the BMPO area and refers to the online BMPO Demographic Mapping Tool.
- **Section IV** summarizes how nondiscrimination principles and requirements have been incorporated into planning activities.
- The **Appendices** include required Title VI Assurances, Title VI complaint procedures and complaint forms (English/Spanish), and plan update comments received.

Public and Agency Review Opportunities

- 21-Day Public Comment Period completed (no comments received)
- BMPO TAC reviewed draft Title VI Plan (Sept. meeting); recommendation of approval to Policy Board
- Draft plan sent for review/comment to:
 - FHWA
 - FTA
 - ODOT Office of Engagement and Civil Rights (OECR)
 - BMPO Interested Individuals Email List & BMPO Title VI Contacts Email List
- Comments received from FHWA and ODOT OECR

Adoption Consideration of Title VI Plan (2025)

- **Action requested:** review and consider approval of the Title VI Plan.
 - Suggested language for motion: *I move approval of the BMPO Title VI Plan, as presented, by way of Resolution 2025-05.*

Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) Amendment

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

- One (1) proposed amendment, modifying 2 projects
 - Amendment #24-27-3290
 - Project 1 – **US20: Empire – Greenwood (3rd Street, Bend)**
 - Key Number: 20391
 - Lead/Delivery: ODOT
 - Regulatory Agency: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
 - Project 2 – **US20: (3rd Street) at Empire**
 - Key Number: 22791
 - Lead/Delivery: ODOT
 - Regulatory Agency: FHWA

2024-2027 MTIP – Amendment Overview

- Project 1
 - Cancel the Right of Way (RW) and Utility Relocation (UR) phases of the project, and move the remaining funds to Project 2
 - Funding sources (RW, UR): Fix-It (Statewide, Region 4)
 - Current Project Total: \$1,994,889
 - New Project Total: \$1,844,889
- Project 2
 - Increase the Preliminary Engineering (PE) phase by \$150,000, with funds from cancelled phases of Project 1
 - Funding source: Fix-It (Region 4)
 - Current Project Total: \$250,000
 - New Project Total: \$400,000

2024-2027 MTIP – Amendment Purpose

- Project scopes overlap, consolidate project funds for efficiency purposes
 - Project 1 description:
 - Pavement preservation, ADA upgrades, sidewalks, bike lanes, pedestrian crossing, sign and signal upgrades
 - To increase safety for travelers and extend the life of the road
 - Project 2 description:
 - Replace the traffic signal at the intersection of US20 at Empire Avenue
 - To accommodate increased traffic volumes and safety issues
 - To account for the proposed elements that are part of the Bend North Corridor INFRA Grant project
 - Pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure can be incorporated into traffic-controlled crossing and ADA deficiencies can be addressed

2024-2027 MTIP – Action Requested

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

Policy Board Bylaws Adoption and Policy Board Membership

Tyler Deke

Establishment 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, including 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 agreed to proceed with modified version of Bylaws (October 2025 meeting)

Proposed Bylaws

- Maintains nearly all changes approved in June
 - Removes CET from Policy Board
 - Policy Board will have 4 voting members
- Next Steps
 - Continue IGA amendment process
 - After IGA amendment process is complete, revise Bylaws to include CET

Proposed Bylaws – Action

- **Action requested:** Adopt revised Bylaws
 - Recommended language for motion: *I move approval of the proposed BMPO Policy Board Bylaws as presented.*

Policy Board Membership

- Bylaws (Article III) allow the Policy Board to appoint nonvoting members
- Nonvoting members can participate in all Policy Board discussions and deliberations
- Consider appointing CET Director as nonvoting member until the Establishment IGA is updated and Bylaws are updated to include CET as a voting member

Policy Board Membership – Action

- **Action requested:** consider appointing CET Director as nonvoting member of Policy Board
 - Recommended language for motion: *I move to appoint the CET Director as a nonvoting member of the Policy Board*

Reapprove Policy Board Decisions

Tyler Deke

Background

- Policy Board initiated a review of the BMPO Establishment IGA and BMPO Policy Board Bylaws in late 2024
- Policy Board approved edits to the IGA in April 2025 and the Bylaws in June 2025
- After consultation with legal counsel, it was determined that one change to Policy Board membership approved in the Bylaws cannot take effect until the IGA is amended
- Policy Board adopted revised Bylaws in prior agenda item
- Legal counsel recommends the Policy Board re-approve decisions taken since the June 2025 meeting.

Policy Board Decisions and Action

- Policy Board actions taken since the adoption of the Bylaws at the June 2025 are listed on Attachment E.
- Questions?
- **Action requested:** Reapprove Policy Board decisions listed on Attachment E.
 - Recommended language for motion: *I move to reapprove the Policy Board motions listed on Attachment E.*

Bend Transportation Safety Action Plan (TSAP) Update – Appoint Special Committee and Project Update

Tyler Deke

Background

- The TSAP update will follow the Safe System Approach.
- Safe System Approach Principles include:
 - Death and Serious Injuries are Unacceptable
 - Humans Make Mistakes
 - Humans Are Vulnerable
 - Responsibility is Shared
 - Safety is Proactive
 - Redundancy is Crucial

Background (continued)

- Objectives of the Safe System Approach include:
 - Safer People
 - Safer Roads
 - Safer Vehicles
 - Safer Speeds
 - Post Crash Care

Project Advisory Committee

- Following the Safe System Approach requires involvement of additional stakeholders.
- Staff recommend the Policy Board form a special Project Advisory Committee (PAC) to guide development of the TSAP.
- The Policy Board Bylaws (Article VIII) allow for formation of Special Committees.

Project Advisory Committee (2)

- Staff recommend the PAC include existing Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) members and other local agency representatives that have a role in transportation safety.

TAC Members	TAC Members
Bend LaPine Schools	Commute Options
Bend Park and Recreation District	City of Bend
Cascades East Transit	Deschutes County
Community Members (2)	ODOT
Deschutes County BPAC	OSU Cascades
BMPO Manager (non-voting)	COCC (non-voting)
DLCD (non-voting)	FHWA (non-voting)
FTA (non-voting)	

Project Advisory Committee (3)

- Other members

Other Members	Other Members
Deschutes County Road Department	ODOT Region 4 Traffic
ODOT Region 4 Safety	Bend Police
Bend Fire and Rescue	COIC Transportation Safety
Deschutes County Sheriff	Deschutes County Public Health
City of Bend Transportation and Mobility	

Project Advisory Committee (4)

- PAC Meetings and Responsibilities:
 - The BMPO Manager or designee will serve as Chair of the PAC.
 - The PAC is expected to meet three times during development of the TSAP.
 - The PAC will assist in development of the TSAP and make formal recommendations to the Policy Board.
 - Meetings of the PAC shall comply with Oregon's Public Meetings Law.

Project Advisory Committee (5)

- **Action requested:** Consider appointing a special project advisory committee to guide development of the TSAP.
 - Recommended language for motion: *I move approval of the Project Advisory Committee roster as presented.*

TSAP Status

- Project work tasks underway
 - Public Engagement Plan
 - Regulations and Plans Review
 - Safety Analysis Framework
- Upcoming meetings
 - PAC meeting in mid-January
 - Special Policy Board meeting in late January
- Questions?

Other Business

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Other Business

- Policy Board agenda item requests
- Staff updates
 - Transportation funding ballot measure
 - Upcoming work: FY27 Budget, FY26-FY27 UPWP amendment, 2027-2030 MTIP, and FFY25 Annual Obligation Report
- Next meeting of the BMPO Policy Board – January 16, 2026, at 12:00 p.m.
 - Potential topics:
 - 2024 Statewide Congestion Overview
 - 2027-2030 MTIP – Initial Draft Review
 - SHF Program: Project Status Updates
 - COVID Relief Program: Project Status Updates

Public Comment

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Adjourn

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