

Bend Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board Bylaws

Article VI Committees

Section 1. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

d. TAC Membership

Voting membership on the BMPO TAC shall be as follows:

- City of Bend - Three (3) positions: (to be named by City Manager)
- Deschutes County - One (1) position (to be named by County Administrator)
- ODOT - One (1) position: Region 4 Planning Manager or designee
- Bend Area Transit - One (1) position: (to be named by governing body)
- Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council (COIC) - One (1) position: (to be named by governing body)
- Central Oregon Area Commission on Transportation (COACT) - One (1) position: (to be named by governing body)
- Central Oregon Community College (COCC) - One (1) position: (to be named by governing body)
- Commute Options - One (1) position: (to be named by governing body)
- Deschutes County Bike/Pedestrian Advisory Committee - One (1) position: (to be named by governing body)
- Bend-La Pine School District - One (1) position: (to be named by governing body) to attend as needed

Ex-Officio Members on the BMPO TAC shall be as follows:

- Federal Highway Administration
- Federal Transit Administration
- Oregon Dept of Land Conservation and Development
- Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

Note: There are technically 12 government entities or committees with TAC voting privileges. Two agency staff members represent more than one government entity or committee.

Proposed Membership

Working with the TAC, staff initiated an update to the TAC roster. Proposed changes to the membership are outlined below:

- City of Bend - Three (3) positions: (to be named by City Manager)
✓ **Proposal: Reduce from 3 positions to 2 positions**
- Deschutes County - One (1) position (to be named by County Administrator)
- ODOT - One (1) position: Region 4 Planning Manager or designee
- Bend Area Transit - One (1) position: (to be named by governing body)
✓ **Proposal: Change to "Cascades East Transit" & "Executive Director or designee"**
- Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council (COIC) - One (1) position: (to be named by governing body)
✓ **Proposal: Change to "Executive Director or designee"**
- Central Oregon Area Commission on Transportation (COACT) - One (1) position: (to be named by governing body)

- ✓ Proposal: Eliminate position – most members of the TAC are also members of the COACT TAC and can raise COACT related issues
- Central Oregon Community College (COCC) - One (1) position: (to be named by governing body)
 - ✓ Proposal: Change to “President or designee”
- Commute Options - One (1) position: (to be named by governing body)
 - ✓ Proposal: Change to “Executive Director or designee”
- Deschutes County Bike/Pedestrian Advisory Committee - One (1) position: (to be named by governing body)
 - ✓ Proposal: Change to “Chair or designee”
- Bend-La Pine School District - One (1) position: (to be named by governing body) to attend as needed
 - ✓ Proposal: change to Ex-Officio. The School District has not had sufficient resources to participate in the MPO, and many of the MPO actions do not warrant direct input from the School District
 - Bend Park and Recreation District
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 - ✓ Proposal: add Bend Park and Recreation District (BPRD) as a voting member of the TAC & “to be named by Executive Director”. BPRD is responsible for planning, development, and maintenance of many trails throughout the MPO. Those trail systems are important part of the region’s transportation system.

Ex-Officio Members on the BMPO TAC shall be as follows:

- Federal Highway Administration
- Federal Transit Administration
- Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development
 - ✓ Proposal: change from Ex-Officio to Voting & “to be named by DLCD Director”. The work of the MPO is heavily influenced by the state’s planning regulations. DLCD is regularly engaged in the activities of the MPO and should have voting representation on the TAC.
- Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
 - ✓ Proposal: eliminate position. The Bend MPO does not have air quality issues and is not expected to have air quality issues in the coming years. As a result, the DEQ does not participate in MPO planning activities.

These changes reduce the voting roster from 12 members to 11 members. The changes would reduce the number of Ex-Officio members from 4 to 2.

Next Steps

Amending the bylaws requires 30 day notice to all MPO parties. If the Policy Board supports the proposed changes, MPO staff will forward notice to MPO members and initiate the 30 day review period. Formal adoption of the proposed changes will be scheduled for the November 21 Policy Board meeting.

In addition, the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Bylaws will need to be revised. Those Bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the TAC. Amendments to the TAC Bylaws must be reviewed and endorsed by the Policy Board.