

# Meeting Minutes

## BMPO Policy Board



Location: Baney Conference Room (ODOT Region 4 Headquarters, Building M)  
63055 N. Highway 97, Bend, Oregon  
Date: April 18, 2025  
Time: 12:00 p.m.  
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## In Attendance

### Members

1. Chair Ariel "Ari" Méndez, Bend City Councilor
2. Omar Ahmed, Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Central Oregon and Lower John Day Area Manager
3. Mike Riley, Bend City Councilor

### Member Alternates

1. Chris Doty, Deschutes County

### BMPO Staff and Other Attendees

1. Tyler Deke, BMPO Manager
2. Andrea Napoli, BMPO Senior Planner
3. Kelli Kennedy, BMPO Program Coordinator
4. David Abbas, City of Bend
5. David Amiton, ODOT Region 4
6. Greg Bryant, BMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), Deschutes River Woods resident
7. Bob Townsend, Cascades East Transit (CET)
8. Matt Welner, member of the public

## Notes

### 1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chair Méndez called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m. with a quorum established.

### 2. Hybrid Meeting Guidelines

Manager Deke reviewed the hybrid meeting guidelines.

### 3. Public Comment

There was none.

### 4. Meeting Minutes

Materials referenced: March 21, 2025, BMPO Policy Board draft meeting minutes (Attachment A in the agenda packet).

**Motion 1:** Omar Ahmed moved approval of the March 21, 2025, Policy Board draft meeting minutes as presented. Mike Riley seconded the motion which passed 4 to 0.  
(Ayes: Méndez (City of Bend), Riley (City of Bend), Ahmed (ODOT), Doty (Deschutes County).  
Nays: None. Abstain: None.)

**5. Fiscal Years 2026-202 (FY26-FY27) Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**

Materials referenced: Resolution 2025-02 to adopt the FY26-FY27 UPWP (Attachment B in the agenda packet).

A link was provided to the **BMPO Work Plan and Budget webpage**.

Manager Deke requested adoption of the FY26-27 UPWP.

**Motion 2:** Mike Riley moved to adopt the FY26-FY27 UPWP by way of Resolution 2025-02. Chris Doty seconded the motion which passed 4 to 0.  
(Ayes: Méndez (City of Bend), Riley (City of Bend), Ahmed (ODOT), Doty (Deschutes County).  
Nays: None. Abstain: None.)

**6. FY26 BMPO Budget – Public Hearing and Adoption**

Materials referenced: Resolution 2025-03 (Attachment C in the agenda packet).

A link was provided to the **BMPO Work Plan and Budget webpage**.

Manager Deke reviewed the FY26 Budget summary and development schedule.

Chair Méndez opened the public hearing and called for public comment. Hearing none, he closed the public hearing.

**Motion 3:** Chris Doty moved approval of the FY26 Budget by way of Resolution 2025-03. Omar Ahmed seconded the motion which passed 4 to 0.  
(Ayes: Méndez (City of Bend), Riley (City of Bend), Ahmed (ODOT), Doty (Deschutes County).  
Nays: None. Abstain: None.)

**7. 2024 – 2027 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) Amendments**

Materials referenced: Public notice with summary of the proposed amendments.  
(Attachment D in agenda packet).

Kelli Kennedy provided an overview of the 2024-2027 MTIP, noting the full document was available at the **BMPO MTIP webpage**, and then reviewed the proposed MTIP amendments regarding the cancelation of three duplicate projects.

Questions were addressed about the cause of the duplication; the unclear funding status of the projects; resolving errors found in planning documents; and the unlikelihood that the duplication would result in extra funding to be reallocated.

**Motion 4:** Mike Riley moved approval of the proposed amendments to the 2024 – 2027 MTIP as presented. Chris Doty seconded the motion which passed 4 to 0.  
(Ayes: Méndez (City of Bend), Riley (City of Bend), Ahmed (ODOT), Doty (Deschutes County).  
Nays: None. Abstain: None.)

#### **8. State Highway Fund (SHF) Program – Funding Distribution**

Materials referenced: Distribution of BMPO's FY28-FY30 State Highway Funds Memo  
(Attachment E in the agenda packet).

Senior Planner Napoli noted this item was continued from the March 21, 2025 Board meeting and regarded distribution of the remaining \$581,570 per year, for FY28-FY30, in SHF funding.

David Abbas presented an overview of the Street Preservation Program. He described deferred maintenance needs and the projected impact of BMPO funding toward maintaining the pavement condition index (PCI) in Bend, highlighted the Neighborhood Street Safety Program (NSSP), Low Stress Network (LSN), and Pedestrian Implementation Plan, and provided a list of needs that could be supported through continued BMPO funding.

Staff addressed questions regarding the PCI rating assessed yearly by Capital Asset and Pavement Services (CAPS); potential for PCI to drop in the future due to increasing deferred maintenance costs; Bend's PCI in comparison to other cities; and local areas integrated into the LSN.

The Board discussed allocating the remaining funding, noting the opportunity to use the funds to address safety concerns unrelated to PCI and emphasizing the importance of maintaining PCI. Previous Policy Boards had prioritized improving the PCI of arterial and collector roads, so the Board consented to continue funding the Street Preservation Program with a focus toward improving residential roads that were also key bicycle and pedestrian routes, neighborhood greenways, or a part of the LSN, while facilitating quick builds and efforts toward traffic calming and safe crossings.

David Abbas noted he could return to the Board to report on the projected funding use. He planned to work with the City Traffic Engineer, Janet Hruby, and her team to consider safety enhancements or traffic calming measures that could be completed during the following year.

**Motion 5:** Chris Doty moved to approve the distribution of the remaining \$581,570 dollars of FY28-FY30 SHF annual allocations with a focus on Street Preservation on greenways, key bicycle and pedestrian routes, Low Stress Networks, and to include quick builds, safe crossings, support traffic calming, and other safety-oriented enhancements. Mike Riley seconded the motion which passed 4 to 0.

(Ayes: Méndez (City of Bend), Riley (City of Bend), Ahmed (ODOT), Doty (Deschutes County).  
Nays: None. Abstain: None.)

#### **9. BMPO Establishment Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA)**

Materials referenced: Existing BMPO Establishment IGA (Attachment F in the agenda packet).

Proposed Amendment to BMPO Establishment IGA (Attachment G in the agenda packet).

Manager Deke reviewed the proposed modifications to the BMPO Establishment IGA to include Cascades East Transit (CET), a change regarding voting requirements, and administrative edits.

The Board talked about the pros and cons of moving from the current unanimous voting requirement for making changes to foundational documents to a super majority vote or a simple majority vote, especially while expanding the voting membership to include CET and considering the potential for Redmond to be involved in the future. The roles and relationships between the BMPO Establishment IGA and Bylaws were outlined and the process for amending the signatory parties was discussed.

**Motion 6:** Omar Ahmed moved approval to direct Staff to initiate the IGA amendment process, add Cascades East Transit, make no change to Section 3.2.3., and adopt the administrative and grammatical edits. Mike Riley seconded the motion which passed 3 to 0 to 1.

(Ayes: Méndez (City of Bend), Riley (City of Bend), Ahmed (ODOT). Nays: None. Abstain: Doty (Deschutes County).)

#### **10. Extra Planning (PL) Funding**

Materials referenced: Unused Metropolitan Planning Funding Memo (Attachment H in the agenda packet).

A link was provided to the **OMPOC website**.

Manager Deke provided background information on unspent funding previously dedicated to supporting the Oregon Metropolitan Planning Organization Consortium (OMPOC) in the amount of \$435,000. He outlined the three options OMPOC provided for reallocating the funds, answered clarifying questions, and asked which option the Board would prefer, noting OMPOC's discussion on the topic would resume after the State Legislative Session concluded due to the potential release of a new transportation funding package.

Following discussion of the advantages of activity-based models (ABM) over trip-based models and the inevitable transition to ABM pending available funding, the Board consented to support Option 3 to direct the funding toward development of ABM.

#### **11. 2025 State Legislative Session Update**

Materials referenced: Joint Committee on Transportation funding framework press release. (Attachment I in the agenda packet).

Oregon Transportation Re-Investment Package (TRIP) 2025 – Starting Point (Attachment J in the agenda packet).

Manager Deke stated the Joint Committee on Transportation had released a transportation funding framework, and he highlighted the included Transportation Re-Investment Package (TRIP), noting that no draft legislation had been released yet. He confirmed the one-time vehicle purchase fee in the TRIP would apply to both new and used vehicle purchases.

Board discussion included, Senator Starr's ongoing study to ensure funds were being used in the prescribed manner; tolling being approved in Washington to help fund the I-5 bridge project, and potentially being used as a funding mechanism in Oregon; situations that caused angst about tolling; aligning the MPO's position with the City and County on the transportation package; and anticipating the transportation funding package to continue using the current funding formulas with a heavy emphasis on funding maintenance.

## **12. Federal Update and BMPO Document Updates**

Manager Deke stated many federal programs were currently frozen or under review and grant programs were facing delays. He described the bottleneck created by the increase in federal oversight, with many items being pushed to Washington D.C. for review. He noted the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) would expire September 2026, and the process was beginning to ramp up over the next 18 months with Congress holding preliminary hearings to create the next transportation bill.

Staff and Board members discussed the anticipated impacts of the significant upcoming government staff reductions, including the potential for much slower response times for guidance or approval, and the hope for eventual relaxation of the bureaucracy.

## **13. Other Business**

Bend Transportation Safety Action Plan (TSAP) Update: Manager Deke stated that due to a complaint filed by American Council of Engineering Companies of Oregon (ACEC Oregon) about the wording, the request for proposals (RFPs) recently posted for the TSAP may need to be pulled, revised, and reposted. He was waiting to hear from Procurement regarding the RFP, and was hopeful a consultant would be secured sometime in May 2025.

Manager Deke announced two vacancies on the Budget Committee and one vacancy on the Technical Advisory Committee.

The next scheduled meeting of the Policy Board would be May 16, 2025, at 12:00 p.m.

## **14. Public Comment**

There was none.

## **15. Adjourn**

Chair Méndez adjourned the meeting at 1:47 p.m.

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