



BMPO
Bend Metropolitan
Planning Organization

Meeting Summary

BMPO Technical Advisory Committee

Location: Board Room (City Hall)
710 NW Wall Street, Bend, Oregon
Date: June 3, 2025
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Prepared by: ABC Transcription Services, LLC.

In Attendance

Voting Members

1. Paul Dean, Bend-La Pine Schools (BLS)
2. Quinn Kever, Bend Park and Recreation District (BPRD)
3. Eric Lint, Cascades East Transit (CET)
4. Greg Bryant, Citizen Representative
5. James Dorofi, Citizen Representative
6. Susanna Julber, City of Bend
7. Brian Potwin, Commute Options
8. Tarik Rawlings, Deschutes County
9. Neil Baunsgard, Deschutes County Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)
10. Ken Shonkwiler, ODOT Region 4

Non-Voting Members

1. Angie Brewer, Department of Land Conservation & Development (DLCD)
2. Tyler Deke, BMPO Manager

BMPO Staff and Other Attendees

1. Andrea Napoli, BMPO Senior Planner
2. Kelli Kennedy, BMPO Program Coordinator
3. Chi Mai, ODOT Transportation Planning Analysis Unit (TPAU)
4. Becky Knudson, ODOT TPAU
5. Dave Green, Deschutes County BPAC
6. Don Morehouse, ODOT Region 4

Notes

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Manager Deke called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. with a quorum established.

2. Hybrid Meeting Guidelines

Manager Deke reviewed the meeting guidelines.

3. Public Comment

There was none.

4. Meeting Summary

Materials referenced: April 1, 2025, TAC draft meeting minutes (Attachment A in the agenda packet).

Motion 1: Greg Bryant moved approval of the April 1, 2025, TAC draft meeting summary as presented. Eric Lint seconded the motion which passed 10 to 0.

(Ayes: Dean (BLS), Keever (BPRD), Lint (CET), Bryant (Community Member), Dorofi (Community Member), Julber (City of Bend), Potwin (Commute Options), Rawlings (Deschutes County), Baunsgard (Deschutes County BPAC), Shonkwiler (ODOT). Nays: None. Abstain: None.)

5. 2024 Statewide Congestion Report Overview

Materials referenced: A link was provided to the **2024 Statewide Congestion Report**.

Chi Mai presented the 2024 Statewide Congestion Report and shared maps detailing levels of congestion and reliability of routes in Bend and statewide, noting congestion in Bend was mostly caused by signal operations.

Becky Knudson shared transportation system use data from the 2024 Statewide Congestion Report, describing the need for decision makers to have reliable data to lay the foundation for policies that accommodate household, commercial, and freight travel needs, support economic growth, and meet mobility-related performance measures amidst the recent increase in population, employment, and vehicle miles traveled (VMTs) in Bend.

Questions and comments were addressed about providing statewide data rather than local MPO data due to unreliable rural road use measurements; exploring travel demand model scenarios for the Bend area to inform priorities, investments, and land use planning; uncertainty whether the methodology differentiated between roundabouts and signals; use of data from 2023 and possible changes in the upcoming 2026 congestion data after completing large projects like the North Corridor Project; encouraging City Engineers and Planners to use the ODOT analytics platform to track trends before and after projects; inability to separate transit data from general vehicle traffic data; the goal to reduce VMTs by capita over time; and the complex relationship between road capacity and demand being further impacted by fuel and vehicle costs, availability of other transit options, and land use situations.

6. State Highway Fund (SHF) Program: Application Criteria Update

Materials referenced: SHF Project Application Criteria and Scoring Memo (Attachment B in the agenda packet).

A link was provided to the **BMPO SHF Program webpage**.

Senior Planner Napoli presented background on the SHF Program and reviewed the criteria used during previous 2020 and 2022 project application processes, noting revisions suggested

by Staff. She asked Committee members to provide feedback regarding the criteria to be recommended to the Policy Board for the 2025 call for projects.

Staff and Committee members discussed scoring applications according to how a project would reduce car crashes or enhance safety, noting previously funded projects were primarily small bicycle and pedestrian improvements. Also discussed was keeping the criteria broad to accommodate different project types; clarifying project scoring and ranking; the impacts of recent signal improvements on Franklin Ave at the Wall St and Bond St the intersections; the distinction between state and federal purview when withholding funding for projects advancing equity; and coordinating with applicants to schedule funding for projects.

Board members considered potential revisions to the SHF project application criteria (Attachment B) and agreed to:

- Keep Criteria 1, 5, 6, and 7 unchanged
- Revise Criterion 2 as follows:
 - Add “and those who do not drive”
 - Increase its maximum point value to ten
 - Delete “multiple users”
 - Delete “drivers”
- Revise Criterion 3 by adding “and/or reliability” and revising the language to “without increasing lane capacity”
- Delete Criteria 4, 8, and 9

Staff would send the revised SHF project application criteria to Committee members via email.

Motion 2: Quinn Keever moved to recommend the project application criteria and scoring for the 2025 call for projects as revised to the Policy Board for approval. Greg Bryant seconded the motion which passed 10 to 0.

(Ayes: Dean (BLS), Keever (BPRD), Lint (CET), Bryant (Community Member), Dorofi (Community Member), Julber (City of Bend), Potwin (Commute Options), Rawlings (Deschutes County), Baunsgard (Deschutes County BPAC), Shonkwiler (ODOT). Nays: None. Abstain: None.)

7. TAC Bylaws Amendments

Materials referenced: Draft TAC Bylaws (Attachment C in the agenda packet).

This item was not addressed due to time constraints.

8. Member & Guest Roundtable

This item was not addressed due to time constraints.

9. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

10. Next TAC Meeting

The next meeting of the BMPO TAC is scheduled for July 1, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

11. Adjourn

Manager Deke adjourned the meeting at 11:32 a.m.



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