

Meeting Summary

BMPO Technical Advisory Committee

Location: Board Room (City Hall)
710 NW Wall Street, Bend, Oregon
Date: November 4, 2025
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Prepared by: ABC Transcription Services, LLC.

In Attendance

Voting Members

1. Quinn Keever, Bend Park and Recreation District (BPRD)
2. Susanna Julber, City of Bend
3. James Dorofi, Community Member
4. Sydney Forbes, Community Member
5. Brian Potwin, Commute Options
6. Tarik Rawlings, Deschutes County
7. Neil Baunsgard, Deschutes County Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC), arrived at 10:06 a.m.
8. Ken Shonkwiler, Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Region 4
9. Casey Bergh, Oregon State University-Cascades (OSU Cascades), arrived at 10:33 a.m.

Voting Member Alternates

1. Michelle Rhoads, Bend-La Pine Schools (BLS)
2. David Green, Deschutes County BPAC, served as alternate until 10:06 a.m.

Non-Voting Members

1. Angie Brewer, Department of Land Conservation & Development (DLCD), left at approximately 11:30 a.m.
2. Tyler Deke, BMPO Manager

BMPO Staff and Other Attendees

1. Andrea Napoli, BMPO Senior Planner
2. Kelli Kennedy, BMPO Program Coordinator
3. Greg Bryant, member of the public
4. Janet Hruby, City of Bend

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 were no public comments.

4. Meeting Summary

Materials referenced: October 7, 2025 BMPO TAC draft meeting minutes (Attachment A in agenda packet).

Motion 1: Susanna Julber moved approval of the October 7, 2025, TAC draft meeting summary as presented. Tarik Rawlings seconded the motion which passed 10 to 0.

(Ayes: Keever (BPRD), Julber (City of Bend), Dorofi (Community Member), Forbes (Community Member), Potwin (Commute Options), Rawlings (Deschutes County), Shonkwiler (ODOT), Bergh (OSU Cascades), Rhoads (BLS), Green (BPAC). Nays: None.)

5. State Highway Fund (SHF) Program: Project Application Evaluation and Funding Recommendation

Materials referenced: SHF Call for Projects, Application Evaluations, and Ranking Memo (Attachment B in agenda packet).

A link was provided to the [SHF Program webpage](#).

Senior Planner Napoli stated the project applications received during the 2025 SHF Call for Projects had been scored by Staff and two TAC members from non-applying agencies and tonight the TAC would develop a funding recommendation for the Policy Board. She reviewed the criteria and provided a brief overview of each project, including the funding requested, ranking according to criteria-based scoring, and project readiness. The Meissner Sno-Park Shuttle project had been determined ineligible and was not included.

Questions and comments were addressed about possibly shifting timelines or using other funding sources to complete projects with less BMPO funding; potential for the City to fund the crossing portion of the NE Butler Market sidewalk project; the likelihood the City would fund the NE 6th St sidewalk project if not funded by the BMPO; the Bend Traffic Garden not having an identified location eligible for SHF funding and the unlikelihood of being able to use federal funding; the SE American Ln sidewalk project having no other funding source identified; the differing restrictions on SHF and federal funds; the Key Route adjacent to the NE Butler Market sidewalk project; and the BMPO's ability to move funds to future years but not previous years.

TAC members reviewed and discussed each of the following program and project applications with consensus about the application and key additional discussion items as noted:

Cascades East Transit (CET) – Deschutes River Woods (DRW) Microtransit Pilot Program

Consensus: The TAC showed preliminary support for using SHF funding for the DRW Microtransit Pilot Program. By a show of hands, the vote passed 9 to 1.
(Ayes: Shonkwiler (ODOT), Keever (BPRD), Forbes (Community Member), Baunsgard (BPAC), Julber (City of Bend), Rhoads (BLS), Rawlings (Deschutes County), Bergh (OSU Cascades), Potwin (Commute Options). Nays: Dorofi (Community Member).)

City of Bend – NE Butler Market Sidewalk Connection and Enhanced Crossing
The Committee discussed the priority order of City projects.

Consensus: The TAC showed preliminary support for using SHF funding for the NE Butler Market Sidewalk Connection and Crossing project. By a show of hands, the vote passed 10 to 0.
(Ayes: Shonkwiler (ODOT), Keever (BPRD), Forbes (Community Member), Baunsgard (BPAC), Julber (City of Bend), Rhoads (BLS), Rawlings (Deschutes County), Bergh (OSU Cascades), Potwin (Commute Options), Dorofi (Community Member). Nays: None.)

City of Bend – NE 6th St Sidewalk Connection on a Key Route and Neighborhood Greenway

Consensus: The TAC did not show preliminary support for using SHF funding for the NE 6th St Sidewalk Connection project. By a show of hands, the vote failed to pass 1 to 9.
(Ayes: Potwin (Commute Options). Nays: Shonkwiler (ODOT), Keever (BPRD), Forbes (Community Member), Baunsgard (BPAC), Julber (City of Bend), Dorofi (Community Member), Rhoads (BLS), Rawlings (Deschutes County), Bergh (OSU Cascades).)

Commute Options – Safe Routes to School

Consensus: The TAC showed preliminary support for using SHF funding for the Safe Routes to School program. By a show of hands, the vote passed 9 to 0 to 1.
(Ayes: Keever (BPRD), Forbes (Community Member), Baunsgard (BPAC), Julber (City of Bend), Dorofi (Community Member), Rhoads (BLS), Rawlings (Deschutes County), Bergh (OSU Cascades), Potwin (Commute Options). Nays: None. Abstain: Shonkwiler (ODOT).)

City of Bend – Travel Options Assessment, Education, and Engagement

Consensus: The TAC showed preliminary support for using SHF funding for Travel Options Assessment, Education, and Engagement. By a show of hands, the vote passed 8 to 0 to 2.
(Ayes: Keever (BPRD), Forbes (Community Member), Baunsgard (BPAC), Dorofi (Community Member), Julber (City of Bend), Rhoads (BLS), Potwin (Commute Options), Bergh (OSU Cascades). Nays: None. Abstain: Shonkwiler (ODOT), Rawlings (Deschutes County).)

City of Bend – NE Boyd Acres Rd Sidewalk Network Connection to Cooley Rd

Consensus: The TAC showed preliminary support for using SHF funding for the NE Boyd Acres Rd Sidewalk Network Connection project. By a show of hands, the vote passed 10 to 0.
(Ayes: Shonkwiler (ODOT), Keever (BPRD), Forbes (Community Member), Baunsgard (BPAC), Dorofi (Community Member), Julber (City of Bend), Rhoads (BLS), Rawlings (Deschutes County), Bergh (OSU Cascades), Potwin (Commute Options). Nays: None.)

City of Bend – SE American Ln Sidewalk Connection to Businesses and Schools

It was noted that this project, though located near neighborhoods with students attending Silver Rail Elementary, would not significantly benefit the existing school travel routes.

Consensus: The TAC showed preliminary support for using SHF funding for the SE American Ln Sidewalk Connection project. By a show of hands, the vote passed 8 to 2. (Ayes: Shonkwiler (ODOT), Keever (BPRD), Forbes (Community Member), Baunsgard (BPAC), Dorofi (Community Member), Rhoads (BLS), Rawlings (Deschutes County), Potwin (Commute Options). Nays: Julber (City of Bend), Bergh (OSU Cascades).)

Bend-La Pine Schools (BLS) – Pedestrian Safety Education for Safe Routes to School

Consensus: The TAC showed preliminary support for using SHF funding for the Pedestrian Safety Education project. By a show of hands, the vote passed 6 to 0 to 4. (Ayes: Forbes (Community Member), Baunsgard (BPAC), Dorofi (Community Member), Rhoads (BLS), Bergh (OSU Cascades), Keever (BPRD). Nays: None. Abstain: Julber (City of Bend), Rawlings (Deschutes County), Shonkwiler (ODOT), Potwin (Commute Options).)

BLS – Bend Traffic Garden

Michelle Rhoads described potential locations for the Bend Traffic Garden.

Consensus: The TAC did not show preliminary support for using SHF funding for the Bend Traffic Garden project. By a show of hands, the vote failed to pass 1 to 6 to 3. (Ayes: Rhoads (BLS). Nays: Forbes (Community Member), Baunsgard (BPAC), Dorofi (Community Member), Julber (City of Bend), Bergh (OSU Cascades), Potwin (Commute Options), Abstain: Shonkwiler (ODOT), Keever (BPRD), Rawlings (Deschutes County).)

Senior Planner Napoli showed an adjusted funding table excluding the NE 6th St project, the Bend Traffic Garden, Pedestrian Safety Education, and \$165,000 for the crossing portion of the NE Butler Market project.

The Committee discussed scenarios to reduce funding to the amount available, centering around whether to reduce program funding for Safe Routes to School, Travel Options and Assessment, and Pedestrian Safety Education by approximately 35 – 40 percent every year, or cut Pedestrian Safety Education funding for Fiscal Year 2028. The possibility of reducing CET DRW Microtransit Pilot Program funding by \$20,000 per year was mentioned, and the importance of the City meeting future CFEC goals through the Travel Options Assessment was emphasized.

Consensus: The TAC did not support removing SHF funding for the BLS Pedestrian Safety Education/Safe Routes to School program. By a show of hands, the vote failed to pass 3 to 4 to 3. (Ayes: Forbes (Community Member), Julber (City of Bend), Potwin (Commute Options). Nays: Keever (BPRD), Baunsgard (BPAC), Dorofi (Community Member), Rhoads (BLS). Abstain: Rawlings (Deschutes County), Shonkwiler (ODOT), Bergh (OSU Cascades).)

The Committee discussed possibly providing full funding to CET in Fiscal Year 2028 and providing reduced funding in the following years to allow CET time to get supplemental funding. The benefits of having applicants collaborate with each other and Staff to reduce funding needs were mentioned, and the difficulty of voting to reduce proposed project funding was noted.

The uncertainty of transportation funding and possibility of a referendum on the recent transportation funding bill was acknowledged.

Staff recommended bringing the funding sheet in the current state of discussion to the Policy Board as the TAC's funding recommendation. As shown, the funding sheet excluded the BLS Bend Traffic Garden, the City of Bend's NE 6th St sidewalk connection, and reflected a \$165,000 decrease for the crossing portion of the City of Bend's NE Butler Market project.

Motion 2: Quinn Keever moved to approve the recommended list of projects for SHF funding, as presented. Susanna Julber seconded the motion, which passed 10 to 0.

(Ayes: Shonkwiler (ODOT), Keever (BPRD), Forbes (Community Member), Baunsgard (BPAC), Dorofi (Community Member), Julber (City of Bend), Rhoads (BLS), Rawlings (Deschutes County), Bergh (OSU Cascades), Potwin (Commute Options). Nays: None.)

Senior Planner Napoli reviewed next steps, noting SHF funding would be awarded at the BMPO Policy Board meeting on November 25, 2025.

6. Member & Guest Roundtable

There were no reports.

7. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

8. Next TAC Meeting

The next meeting of the BMPO TAC is scheduled for December 2, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

9. Adjourn

Manager Deke adjourned the meeting at 11:46 a.m.



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