

Agenda

BMPO Policy Board



January 16, 2026
Hybrid Meeting

Location

Baney Conference Room (ODOT Region 4 Headquarters, Building M)
63055 N. Highway 97, Bend, Oregon

Zoom webinar

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12:00 p.m. Policy Board Meeting

Start Time	Item	Information	Presenters
12:00	1. Call to Order & Introductions		Chair Méndez
12:04	2. Hybrid Meeting Guidelines		Tyler Deke, BMPO
12:06	3. Public Comment		Chair
12:10	4. Meeting Minutes	Attachments/Links Attachment A: Policy Board draft meeting minutes. Action Requested Review and approve the draft meeting minutes. Recommended language for motion: <i>I move approval of the December 19, 2025, Policy Board draft meeting minutes, as presented.</i>	Chair
12:12	5. 2026 Policy Board Meeting Schedule Confirmation	Background In 2025, the Policy Board met on the 3 rd Friday of each month. Staff will ask the Policy Board to confirm the 2026 meeting schedule.	Tyler Deke

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		Attachments Attachment B: Proposed 2026 meeting dates. Action Requested Establish standing meeting schedule for 2026.	
12:17	6. BMPO Discretionary Funds – Previously Funded Projects, Updates	Background This is an annual update for projects awarded BMPO discretionary funds in past project solicitations. Recipients will provide short project status updates. Attachments/Links Attachment C: BMPO Discretionary Funds, Past Funded Project Updates memo. Action Requested None. Information item.	Andrea Napoli, BMPO Doug Pigman, Bend-La Pine Schools (BLS) Paul Dean, BLS Griffin Gilbert, Rooted Homes Bob Townsend, Cascade East Transit David Abbas, City of Bend Brian Potwin, Commute Options
1:17	7. 2024 Statewide Congestion Overview	Background The 2024 Statewide Congestion Overview document developed by Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) is a report designed to inform decision makers about the transportation system’s role in Oregon’s economic activity. It focuses on several areas: travel demand behavior, population growth, highway infrastructure, congestion, and system reliability. Attachments/Links Link to 2024 Statewide Congestion Report . Action Requested None. Information item.	Chi Mai, ODOT
1:45	8. Other Business	Member Updates/Requests Time for board members to provide updates on current projects and planning efforts and request future meeting topics. Staff Updates	Chair & Staff

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BMPO messaging <p>Next Meeting A special meeting of the BMPO Policy Board is scheduled for February 13, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>The next regular meeting of the BMPO Policy Board is scheduled for February 20, 2026, at 12:00 p.m.</p>	
1:55	9. Public Comment		Chair
2:00	10. Adjourn		Chair



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Meeting Minutes

BMPO Policy Board

Location: Baney Conference Room (ODOT Region 4 Headquarters, Building M)
63055 N. Highway 97, Bend, Oregon
Date: December 19, 2025
Time: 12:00 p.m.
Prepared by: ABC Transcription Services, LLC.

In Attendance

Members

1. Chair Ariel "Ari" Méndez, Bend City Councilor
2. Vice Chair Phil Chang, Deschutes County Commissioner
3. Mike Riley, Bend City Councilor, joined at 12:07 p.m.
4. Melanie Kebler, Bend City Mayor
5. Emerald Shirley, Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Interim Central Oregon and Lower John Day Area Manager

BMPO Staff and Other Attendees

1. Tyler Deke, BMPO Manager
2. Andrea Napoli, BMPO Senior Planner
3. Kelli Kennedy, BMPO Program Coordinator
4. Brenda Gessner, ODOT Office of Engagement and Civil Rights (OECR)
5. Greg Bryant, member of the public
6. Jovi Arellano, ODOT
7. James Dorofi, BMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
8. David Abbas, City of Bend, left at 1:05 p.m.
9. Chris Doty, Deschutes County, left at 12:36 p.m.

Notes

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chair Méndez called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.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 Minutes

Materials referenced: November 25, 2025, BMPO Policy Board draft meeting minutes (Attachment A in agenda packet).

Motion 1: Phil Chang moved approval of the November 25, 2025, Policy Board draft meeting minutes as presented. Emerald Shirley seconded the motion which passed 3 to 0. (Ayes: Méndez (City of Bend), Chang (Deschutes County), Kebler (City of Bend), Shirley (ODOT). Nays: None.)

5. Title VI Plan Adoption

Materials referenced: Memo, BMPO Title VI Plan Update (Attachment B in agenda packet).

A link was provided to the **Draft Title VI Plan**.

City Councilor Riley joined the meeting via Zoom during the presentation.

Senior Planner Napoli provided background on Title VI, highlighting differences between Title VI “the law” and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Title VI program. She provided a high-level overview of the BMPO Title VI Plan contents, noting changes due to recent legislation at the federal level, including removing language related to environmental justice, replacing terms related to limited English proficiency, and removing maps of low-income or limited English proficiency. Agency comments were included in the agenda packet. No public comments were received. The BMPO TAC recommended approving the draft Title VI Plan.

Staff and Board members discussed changes to the BMPO Title VI Plan, noting that the BMPO would continue to consider the populations removed from the Title VI Plan and meet State environmental justice requirements using the online Demographic Mapping Tool.

Brenda Gessner explained that environmental justice had never been codified into law or held in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). Executive Orders were issued as guidance, not law, but must be followed to receive federal money. If the federal government raised an issue with language in the BMPO Title VI Plan, the BMPO would be provided notes on the proper corrective action and given 90 days to complete the requested correction. She confirmed the draft Title VI Plan met current standards for CFRs or federal guidance; professional translation and interpretation services would continue to be provided to those with limited English proficiency under State law; the BMPO could continue to use demographics to consider how projects impact the community holistically; and a statewide demographic mapping tool was under development and expected to be available in 2027.

Motion 2: Phil Chang moved approval of the Draft Title VI Plan, as presented, by way of Resolution 2025-05. Mike Riley seconded the motion which passed 3 to 0. (Ayes: Méndez (City of Bend), Chang (Deschutes County), Riley (City of Bend), Kebler (City of Bend), Shirley (ODOT). Nays: None.)

6. Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) Amendment

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

A link was provided to the **BMPO MTIP webpage**.

Kelli Kennedy presented an amendment to the 2024 – 2027 MTIP which would resolve the overlapping scopes of two ODOT projects at US 20 and Empire Ave by canceling two phases of one project and moving the remaining \$150,000 to the other project.

Emerald Shirley provided clarification on consolidating funding between the two projects with the shared scope of addressing sidewalk, ADA, intersection, and crossing upgrades along the corridor from Empire Ave to Greenwood Ave.

Motion 3: Phil Chang moved approval of the proposed amendment to the 2024 – 2027 MTIP, as presented. Emerald Shirley seconded the motion which passed 3 to 0.

(Ayes: Méndez (City of Bend), Chang (Deschutes County), Riley (City of Bend), Kebler (City of Bend), Shirley (ODOT). Nays: None.)

7. Policy Board Bylaws Adoption and Policy Board membership

Materials referenced: Draft Policy Board Bylaws (Attachment D in agenda packet).

Manager Deke stated the Policy Board had recommended several modifications to the BMPO Establishment Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) and directed Staff to initiate the IGA amendment process in April 2025. The Policy Board had approved amendments to the Policy Board Bylaws, including changes to membership and voting structure in June 2025. Staff met with both BMPO and City of Bend legal counsel and determined some components of the amended Bylaws could not go into effect until the IGA update was complete. During the October 2025 meeting, the Policy Board had agreed to proceed with a modified version of the Bylaws. The current proposed Bylaws would include the previously approved changes and remove Cascades East Transit (CET) from the Policy Board, leaving four voting members: two from the City of Bend, and one County and one ODOT representative. When the IGA process was complete, the Policy Board could revise the Bylaws to include CET again as a voting member.

In Article IV, Paragraph C, the second sentence was corrected to state, “A quorum consists of three of the ~~five~~ **four** voting members.”

Motion 4: Mike Riley moved approval of the proposed BMPO Policy Board Bylaws, correcting the second sentence of Paragraph C in Article IV to state, “A quorum consists of three of the ~~five~~ **four** voting members.” Phil Chang seconded the motion which passed 3 to 0.

(Ayes: Méndez (City of Bend), Chang (Deschutes County), Riley (City of Bend), Kebler (City of Bend), Shirley (ODOT). Nays: None.)

Motion 5: Phil Chang moved to appoint the CET Director as a non-voting member of the Policy Board. Mike Riley seconded the motion which passed 4 to 0.

(Ayes: Méndez (City of Bend), Chang (Deschutes County), Riley (City of Bend), Shirley (ODOT). Nays: None.)

8. Reapprove Policy Board Decisions

Materials referenced: Memo, List of Policy Board actions (Attachment E in agenda packet).

Manager Deke stated, based on the Board's actions tonight, legal counsel had recommended that the Policy Board re-ratify all decisions made since the Bylaws were adopted at the June 2025 meeting as listed in Attachment E in the agenda packet.

Motion 6: Mike Riley moved to reapprove the Policy Board motions listed in Attachment E. Phil Chang seconded the motion which passed 4 to 0.
(Ayes: Méndez (City of Bend), Chang (Deschutes County), Riley (City of Bend), Shirley (ODOT).
Nays: None.)

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

Materials referenced: Memo, Project Advisory Committee roster (Attachment F in agenda packet).

Manager Deke stated the TSAP update was underway. Staff recommended that the Policy Board form a special Project Advisory Committee (PAC) to guide TSAP development and make formal recommendations to the Policy Board. The PAC would hold three meetings with Manager Deke serving as Chair. He provided information about potential members on the roster which included representatives from the TAC and other local agencies with transportation safety roles to provide expertise and assistance in identifying grant-eligible projects for the TSAP. He described public engagement opportunities and provided a status update on TSAP project work tasks currently underway. The first PAC meeting would be held on January 23, 2026, and a special Policy Board meeting would likely be scheduled in early February 2026.

Questions were addressed about the possibility of overlapping scopes or missing perspectives from the roster of potential PAC members; extensive transportation safety outreach coordinated by Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council (COIC); and involving both the City of Bend's Accessibility Advisory Committee and Human Rights and Equity Commission by inviting them to participate in the PAC or presenting them with information after the three PAC meetings.

Board members and Staff discussed working with the City's Communications Department to get input from the Latino Community Association and those with limited English proficiency; engaging the public to get input early in the TSAP update process; completing the draft TSAP Public Engagement Plan by January; ensuring transit riders are given an opportunity to provide input; addressing behavioral issues like distracted or intoxicated driving; working toward consensus during PAC meetings and bringing differences of opinion to the Board for consideration; and ensuring all PAC members are able to provide input despite the large number of committee members.

Motion 7: Mike Riley moved approval of the formation of a Project Advisory Committee for the TSAP update and the Project Advisory Committee roster, as presented, with the additions of adding a representative from the City of Bend's Human Rights and Equity Commission and its Accessibility Advisory Committee. Phil Chang seconded the motion which passed 4 to 0.

(Ayes: Méndez (City of Bend), Chang (Deschutes County), Riley (City of Bend), Shirley (ODOT).
Nays: None.)

10. Other Business

Traffic Camera Data Use: Councilor Mendez reported that City Council had received many public comments and a digital petition expressing concerns about the use of automatic license plate readers. He hoped to see policies developed and formalized by local agencies including the BMPO, City of Bend, Deschutes County, ODOT, and the Bend Police regarding the privacy and security of traffic camera data.

Policy Board member agenda item requests:

Board members requested more information at a future meeting about the use of traffic camera data by local agencies and any existing data privacy policies or practices.

Transportation Funding Ballot Measure: Manager Deke reported some components of the transportation funding bill would not move forward due to almost 200,000 signatures being submitted. ODOT Staff would have more information in January regarding how much revenue to expect from the components that were not impeded by the ballot measure.

The next scheduled meeting of the Policy Board would be January 16, 2026, at 12:00 p.m.

11. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

12. Adjourn

Chair Méndez adjourned the meeting at 1:20 p.m.



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MEMO

To: BMPO Policy Board

From: Tyler Deke, BMPO Manager

Date: 1/9/2026

Re: 2026 Meeting Schedule

In 2025, the Policy Board met on the 3rd Friday of each month. Maintaining that schedule, the Policy Board will meet on the following dates.

2026 Proposed Meeting Dates

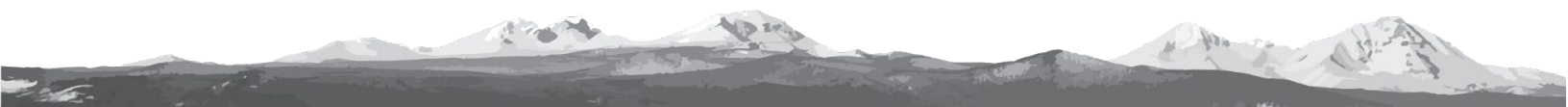
February 20	March 20	April 17
May 16	June 26 (date change because June 19 is the Junteenth Holiday)	July 17
August 21	September 18	October 16
November 20	December 18	

Special Meetings

A special Policy Board meeting is scheduled for February 13 to focus on the Transportation Safety Action Plan (TSAP). Additional special meetings for the TSAP update will likely be scheduled in May/June and October.

Questions

- 1) Do the proposed regular meeting dates work for all Policy Board members?
- 2) Does the Policy Board want to cancel the July or August meeting?





MEMO

To: BMPO Policy Board

From: Andrea Napoli

Date: 1/9/2026

Re: BMPO Discretionary Funds – Updates of Past Funded Projects

Beginning in 2020, the BMPO has conducted project solicitations every 2-3 years with the requirement that recipients provide annual project updates. Funds awarded include State Highway Funds (SHF) and federal Covid funds.

Projects to be presented (as listed below) include those awarded SHF or Covid funds in 2020-2024 by the BMPO Policy Board and are either currently active or recently completed.

City of Bend

- **Colorado Ave: Corridor Planning Study** (SHF awarded in 2022)
- **Downtown Signal Upgrades & Bike/Ped Improvements** (SHF awarded in 2022)
- **Low Stress Network Implementation** (SHF awarded in 2022)
- **Street Preservation Program** (SHF awarded in 2022)
- **Maintenance Equipment for Walking/Bike Facilities** (Covid funds awarded in 2024)
- **Cooley Road Pedestrian Enhancement Sidewalk Infill** (Covid funds awarded in 2024)

Cascades East Transit

- **Bus Stop Improvement Project** (Covid funds awarded in 2024)
- **Bus Stop Improvement Program** (Covid funds awarded in 2023, SHF awarded in 2020)

Bend-La Pine Schools

- **Multi-use Trail Planning & Construction Near High Desert Middle School** (Covid funds awarded in 2024)
- **Simpson Avenue Affordable Housing Project** (Covid funds awarded in 2023)

Commute Options

- **Travel Options & Safe Routes to School Programs** (SHF awarded in 2022)

