



Policy Board

February 20, 2026

Call to Order & Introductions

Chair Méndez

Introductions

- Policy Board Members
 - Ariel Méndez, Chair, City of Bend Councilor
 - Phil Chang, Vice Chair, Deschutes County Commissioner
 - Mike Riley, City of Bend Councilor
 - Emerald Shirley, ODOT Interim Central Oregon and Lower John Day Area Manager
 - Bob Townsend, Cascades East Transit (CET) Director*
- Alternates
 - Tarik Rawlings, Deschutes County
- BMPO Staff
 - Tyler Deke, Manager
 - Andrea Napoli, Senior Planner
 - Kelli Kennedy, Program Coordinator
- Guest Presenters
 - Kymala Lutz, City of Bend

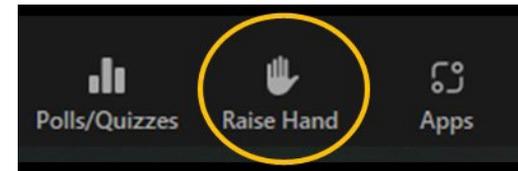
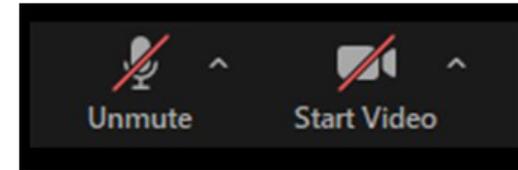
**Non-voting member.*

Hybrid Meeting Guidelines

Tyler Deke, BMPO

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Public Comment

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Public Comment

- Time for members of the public to provide comment.
- Additional time for public comment will be provided prior to adjournment.

Elect Chair & Vice Chair

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Elect Chair & Vice Chair

- The Policy Board Bylaws state that the Policy Board shall elect the Chair and Vice Chair at the second meeting of the calendar year to serve for that year.
- **Action requested:** Elect officers for calendar year 2026.
 - Recommended language for motion: *I move that [name] serve as Chair and [name] serve as Vice Chair of the BMPO Policy Board for 2026.*

Meeting Minutes

Chair

Meeting Minutes

- **Action requested:** review and approve the January 16, 2026, Policy Board draft meeting minutes (Attachment A).
 - Recommended language for motion: *I move approval of the January 16, 2026, Policy Board draft meeting minutes, as presented.*

Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25) Annual Financial Report

Kymala Lutz, City of Bend

FY25 Annual Financial Report

- Review the FY25 Annual Financial Report from independent auditors on the [BMPO Work Program & Budget webpage](#).
- **Action requested:** review and accept the FY25 Annual Financial Report.
 - Recommended language for motion: *I move to accept the fiscal year 2024-2025 BMPO Annual Financial Report.*

2024-2027 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) Amendment

Kelli Kennedy, BMPO

2024-2027 MTIP – Overview

- Short-term (4-year) listing
 - Federal fiscal years 2024 through 2027
 - Transportation projects & programs
 - Expenditures
- Amended as needed – 2 types of amendments
 - Administrative
 - Full
- Documents available on [BMPO MTIP webpage](#):
 - Adopted MTIP
 - Amended project list (posted quarterly)
 - Amendment log (posted quarterly)

2024-2027 MTIP – Proposed Amendment

- One (1) proposed amendment
 - Amendment (#24-27-3444): Advance the Preliminary Engineering phase from 2027 to deliver in federal fiscal year 2026
 - Project details
 - Name: **US97 Culvert Corridor Phase 2**
 - Number: 23071
 - Lead/Delivery: ODOT
 - Regulatory Agency: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
 - Funding sources: Fix-it SW Culvert, HB2017 Culvert
 - Current Project Total: \$468,430
 - New Project Total: \$468,430

2024-2027 MTIP – Action Requested

- 21-day public comment period opened January 30
 - No comments received
- **Action requested:** review and consider approval of the proposed amendment.
 - Recommended language for motion: *I move approval of the proposed amendment to the 2024-2027 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program, as presented.*

2027-2030 MTIP – Draft Review

Tyler Deke

What is the MTIP?

- List of most federally funded projects and investment priorities within BMPO area, programmed over the next 4-years
 - Draft MTIP is for the 2027-2030 timeframe
- May include state and locally funded projects
- Updated as projects change (amendments)
- Must be fully updated at least every 4-years
- Must be in-sync with ODOT's Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)
- Must be approved by BMPO Policy Board and Governor

MTIP and STIP Relationship

- MTIP

- MPO area projects
- MPO boundary
- Approval at local level

- STIP

- Projects throughout state
- Statewide, includes MTIP projects
- Approval at state level

MTIP Supports Federal Performance Goals

- Federal performance goals, measures, and targets for BMPO include:
 - Highway Infrastructure Conditions
 - Roadway Safety
 - Highway System Reliability
 - Transit Asset Management
 - Transit Safety
- MTIP lists baseline metrics and targets
- MTIP identifies which projects help meet the measures

MTIP Project Summary

- BMPO
 - Annual planning funding
- City of Bend
 - Archie Briggs Road bridge replacement
 - NE Norton Avenue bicycle boulevard improvements (4th St – 12th St)
 - Hawthorne Avenue bicycle and pedestrian bridge
 - Mobility Points project
 - Big Sky Trail Undercrossing at US20 study (connecting Big Sky Park to Central Oregon Historic Canal Trail)
 - Knott Road multi-use trail and safe crossing (Brosterhous Rd – China Hat Rd)

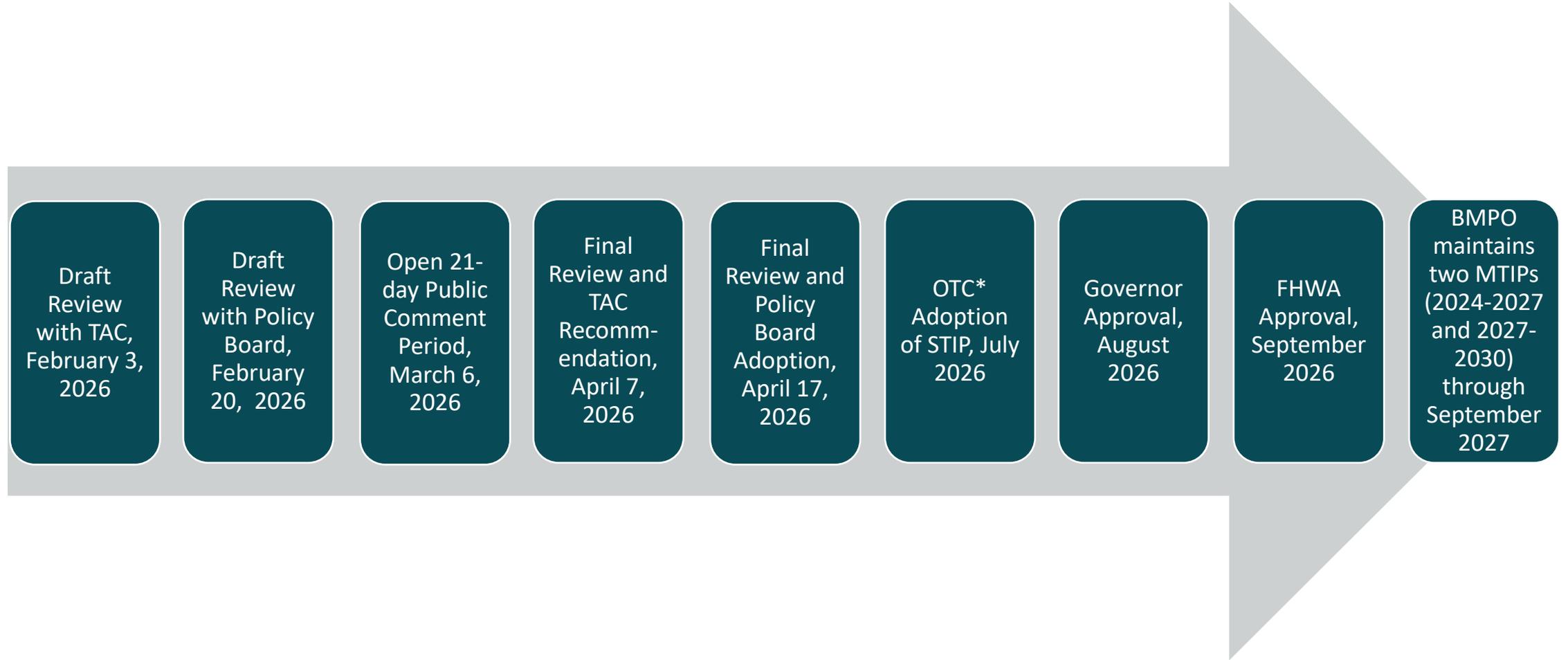
MTIP Project Summary (cont.)

- ODOT
 - US97 Culverts repairs and replacements
- Cascades East Transit
 - Fixed route operations
 - Services for seniors and people with disabilities
 - Capital projects

2027-2030 MTIP – Funding Summary

Agency	Federal Total	State Total	Local Total	Total Current Estimate
BMPO	\$1,174,897	\$46,498	\$859,384	\$1,307,334
City of Bend	\$33,642,445	\$144,444	\$7,549,996	\$41,336,885
ODOT	\$420,322	\$48,108	\$-	\$468,430
Transit	\$9,350,409	\$-	\$5,540,527	\$14,890,936
TOTAL	\$44,588,073	\$239,050	\$13,949,907	\$58,003,585

2027-2030 MTIP – Timeline



2027-2030 MTIP – Request

- **Action requested:** identify a subgroup of Policy Board members to complete a full review of the draft 2027-2030 MTIP and provide comments to BMPO staff by March 3
 - All Policy Board members are encouraged to review the draft document, or sections of interest, and provide comments to BMPO staff by March 3
 - Reminder: this is a draft document that staff will continue to revise during this time

Federal Safety Performance Measure Targets

Tyler Deke

Federal Safety Performance Measures

- State DOT's and MPO's are federally required to monitor and report on progress on the following safety performance measures:
 - **Number of fatalities**
 - **Rate of fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles traveled (VMT)**
 - **Number of serious injuries**
 - **Rate of serious injuries per 100 million VMT**
 - **Number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries**
- Intended to support the national goal of reducing traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads.

Safety Performance Measure Targets

- **Each year**, state DOTs must establish statewide safety performance measure targets, and MPOs are required to either:
 - **Support the state's targets, or**
 - **Set their own MPO-specific targets for each of the five measures.**
- MPOs must act within 180 days of the state DOT's adoption of its annual safety performance measure targets.
 - **BMPO must re-establish its targets by the end of February.**
- Required to maintain compliance with federal performance management rules and to ensure continued eligibility for federal transportation funding.

Supporting ODOT's Safety Targets

- ODOT's safety targets are based on the 5-year rolling average for base year 2020.
- The same methodology has been applied to BMPO's safety data to develop the proposed 2026 BMPO safety targets, which continue to support ODOT's safety targets.

Federal Safety Performance Measures	2024 BMPO Crash Data	2026 Target
Number of Fatalities	6	4.8
Fatality Rate (per 100 million vehicle miles traveled (VMT))	0.86	0.79
Number of Serious Injuries	64	23.0
Serious Injury Rate (per 100 million VMT)	9.13	3.81
Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries	11	4.0

Next Steps

- **Action requested:** Approve the 2026 safety targets as proposed.
 - Recommended language for motion: *I move approval of the 2026 safety targets as proposed.*

Oregon Senate Bill 1544 – BMPO Letter of Support

Tyler Deke

Oregon SB 1544 – BMPO Support

- Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) revenues support public transportation services throughout Oregon.
- STIF dollars must be administered through Qualified Entities (QE).
- In Central Oregon, the three counties and the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs (CTWS) are currently the QEs.
- Administering transit funding through four entities creates administrative burden and duplicative work.
- SB 1544 would amend the definition of a QE to include intergovernmental entities such as the Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council (COIC).

Oregon SB 1544 – BMPO Support (cont.)

- If approved, COIC could directly manage regional STIF dollars in a unified manner.
- Counties and CTWS would retain final authority and continue using their local STIF committees.
- Potential benefits include:
 - An estimated 10% reduction in administrative costs, allowing more dollars to go directly into transit service.
 - Streamlined decision-making, reducing delays created by multiple layers of approval.
 - A unified regional mission, ensuring all jurisdictions work together instead of competing for discretionary funds.

Oregon SB 1544 – Request

- **Action requested:** Approve a letter of support for SB 1544.
 - Recommended language for motion: *I move approval of the letter of support for the SB 1544 Qualified Entities amendments.*

Deschutes County & ODOT BUILD Applications – BMPO Letters of Support

Tyler Deke

BUILD grant applications – BMPO Support

- The federal Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant program provides funding for projects with significant local or regional impact.
- Deschutes County will submit a planning grant application for the proposed US97/Deschutes River Woods/High Desert Museum interchange to complete planning and preliminary design and obtain environmental clearances.
- ODOT will submit a grant application to construct safety improvements on a section of US97 between Terrebonne and Madras.

BUILD grant applications – Request

- **Action requested:** Approve letters of support for the Deschutes County and ODOT BUILD grant applications
 - Recommended language for motion: *I move approval of the letters of support for the Deschutes County and ODOT BUILD grant applications.*

Federal Fiscal Year 2025 (FFY25) Annual Obligation Report

Kelli Kennedy

Annual Obligation Report – Introduction

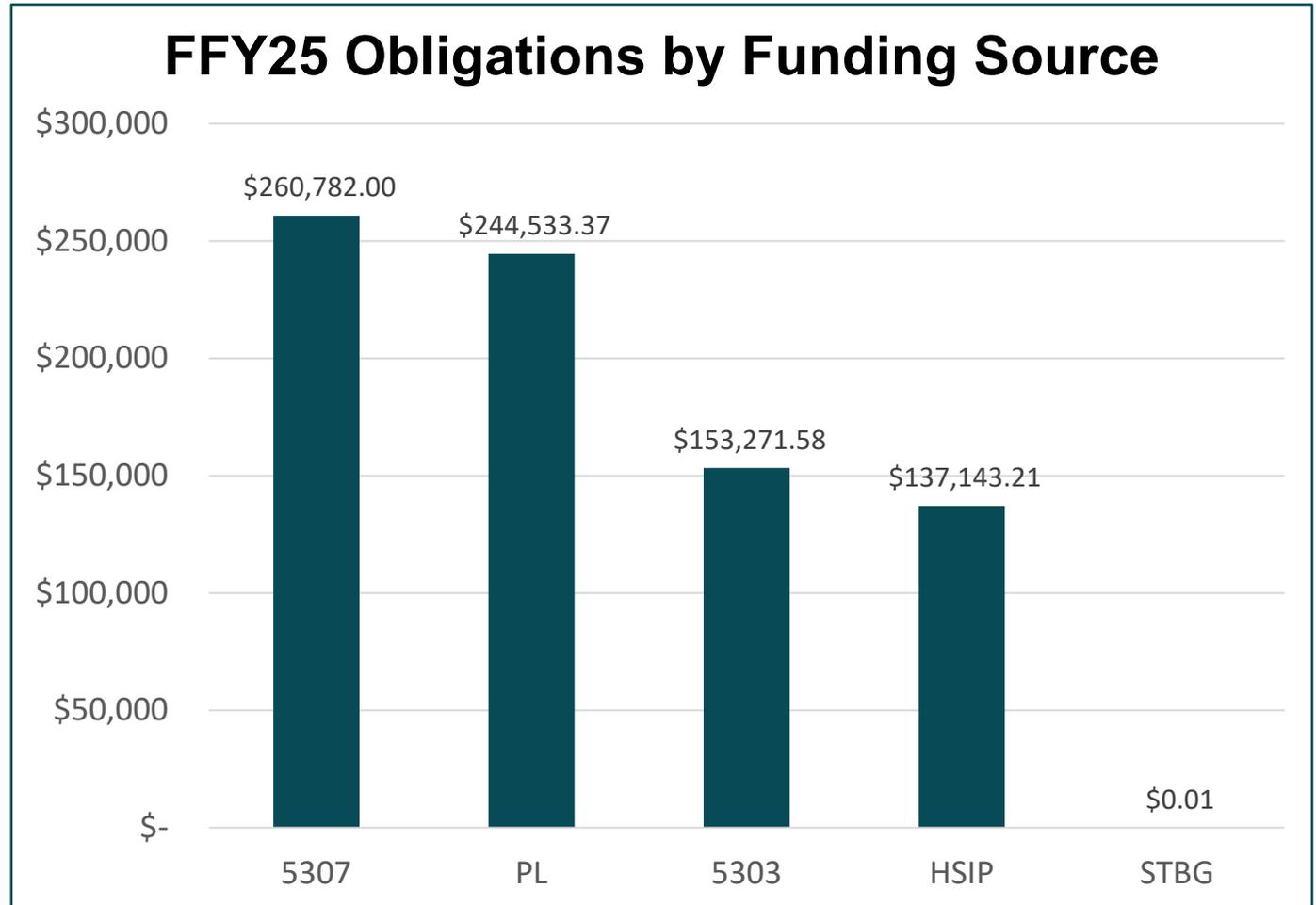
- **Annual Obligation Report:** a federally required listing of obligations
- **Obligation:** federal government’s legal commitment to pay federal share of project costs
- Purpose
 - **Transparency** with government spending on area transportation projects
 - **Public awareness & understanding** of how federal funds are being spent
 - **Progress reporting** for projects programmed in the MTIP
- Developed in cooperation with ODOT and CET
- Includes federal obligations for projects
 - Located at least partly within BMPO area
 - Programmed in the MTIP

FFY25 Annual Obligation Report – Overview

- Obligation period: FFY25 (October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025)
- Total obligated: \$795,730.17
 - Five (5) funding sources, 4 primary
 - Six (6) projects, 5 primary
- Highest obligation
 - Project name: Bend MPO Planning SFY26
 - SFY: state fiscal year
 - Project obligation amount = \$327,125.09
 - Proportion of total BMPO annual obligations = 41.1%

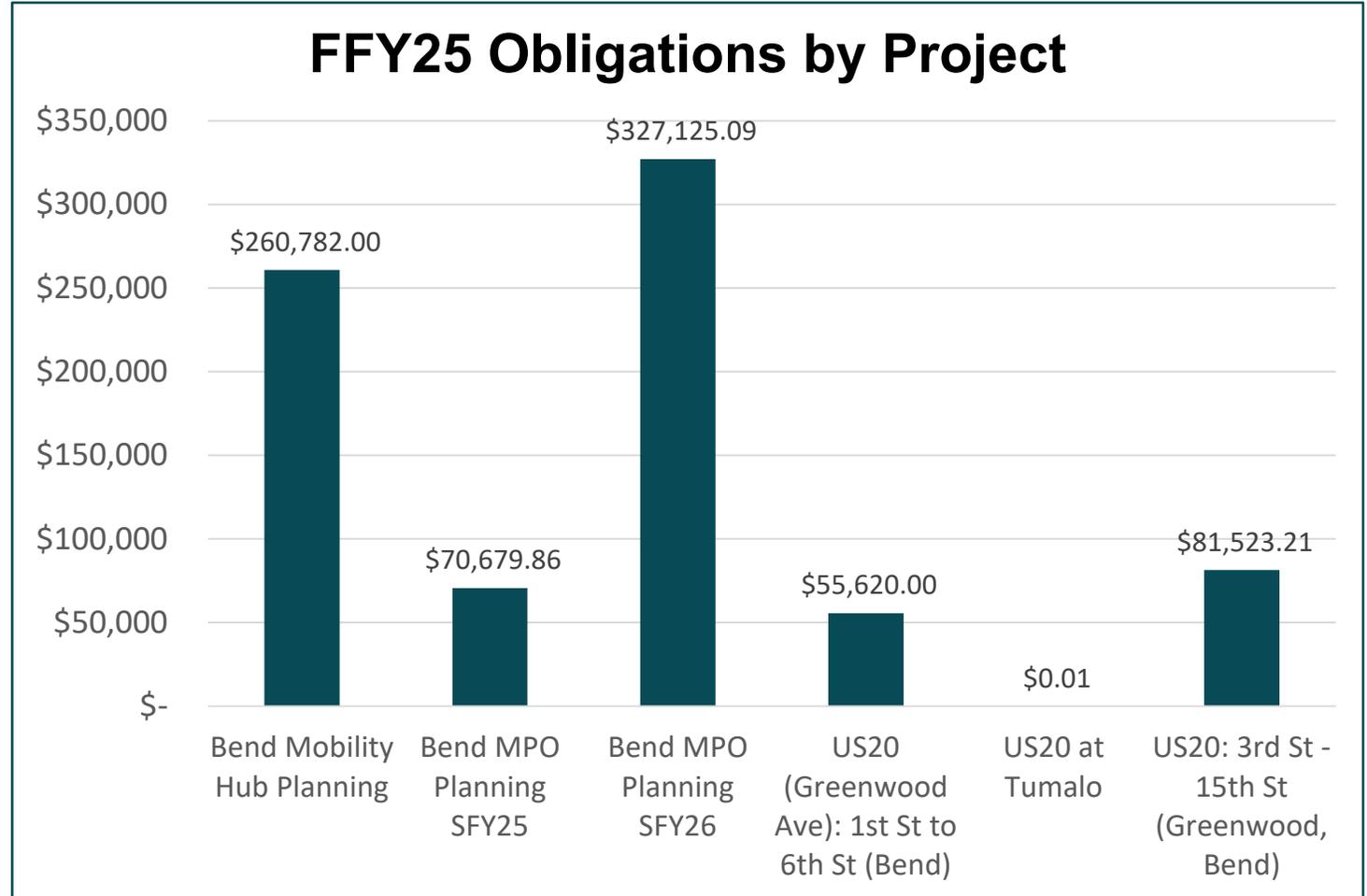
FFY25 Obligations by Funding Source

- Funding sources obligated:
 - **5307:** Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307
 - **PL:** Metropolitan Planning
 - **5303:** FTA Section 5303
 - **HSIP:** Highway Safety Improvement Program
 - **STBG:** Surface Transportation Block Grant Program



FFY25 Obligations by Project

- Projects obligated:
 - Bend Mobility Hub Planning
 - Bend MPO Planning SFY25
 - Bend MPO Planning SFY26
 - US20 (Greenwood Ave): 1st St to 6th St (Bend)
 - US20 at Tumalo
 - US20: 3rd St – 15th St (Greenwood, Bend)



Questions?

- Full report is available on the [BMPO MTIP webpage](#)

Other Business

Chair

Other Business

- Policy Board agenda item requests
- Staff updates
 - Federal surface transportation legislation update
 - Oregon legislative session update
- Next meeting of the BMPO Policy Board – March 31, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.
 - Potential topics:
 - FY26-FY27 UPWP Midcycle Amendment – Draft Review
 - COVID Relief Program – Bend-La Pine Schools Award

Public Comment

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Adjourn

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