



Meeting Summary

BMPO Technical Advisory Committee

Location: Hawthorne Station Conference Room
334 NE Hawthorne Avenue, Bend, Oregon

Date: January 6, 2026

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Prepared by: ABC Transcription Services, LLC.

In Attendance

Voting Members

1. Paul Dean, Bend-La Pine Schools (BLS), joined at 10:10 a.m.
2. Quinn Keever, Bend Park and Recreation District (BPRD)
3. Bob Townsend, Cascades East Transit (CET)
4. Susanna Julber, City of Bend
5. James Dorofi, Community Member
6. Brian Potwin, Commute Options
7. Tarik Rawlings, Deschutes County
8. Neil Baunsgard, Deschutes County Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)
9. Ken Shonkwiler, Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Region 4

Voting Member Alternates

1. Michelle Rhoads, BLS, not acting as alternate
2. David Green, Deschutes County BPAC, not acting as alternate

Non-Voting Members

1. Angie Brewer, Department of Land Conservation & Development (DLCD), joined at 11:03 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, joined at 10:06 a.m.
4. David Abbas, City of Bend
5. Seth Rankin, Parametrix
6. Jovi Arellano, ODOT
7. Griffin Gilbert, Rooted Homes
8. Doug Pigman, BLS, joined at 10:12 a.m.

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: November 4, 2025, BMPO TAC draft meeting summary (Attachment A in agenda packet).

Kelli Kennedy confirmed the November 4, 2025 meeting summary had previously been corrected to reflect Quinn Keever represented BPRD, not the City of Bend.

Motion 1: Bob Townsend moved approval of the November 4, 2025, TAC draft meeting summary as presented. Ken Shonkwiler seconded the motion which passed 8 to 0. (Ayes: Keever (BPRD), Townsend (CET), Julber (City of Bend), Dorofi (Community Member), Potwin (Commute Options), Rawlings (Deschutes County), Baunsgard (BPAC), Shonkwiler (ODOT). Nays: None.)

5. Bend Transportation Safety Action Plan (TSAP) Update – Status/Timeline

Manager Deke stated the TSAP update was underway. A Project Advisory Committee (PAC) including TAC members and representatives from other local agencies involved in transportation safety would hold three meetings to discuss TSAP Goals, public engagement, and safety regulations. The first PAC meeting would be held on January 23, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

6. BMPO Discretionary Funds – Previously Funded Projects, Updates

Materials referenced: BMPO Discretionary Funds, Previously Funded Project Updates memo (Attachment B in agenda packet).

Senior Planner Napoli stated brief status updates would be provided for active or recently completed projects that had been awarded COVID funds or State Highway Funds (SHF) during project solicitations that occurred between 2020 – 2024.

David Abbas, City of Bend, provided updates on equipment purchased by the City to maintain bicycle and pedestrian facilities; a sidewalk infill project at NE Cooley Rd being delayed due to coordinating the project construction timeline near a BNSF railroad crossing; road maintenance treatments completed by the Street Preservation Program; identifying safety improvement concepts in the Colorado Avenue Corridor Planning Study; design work for the upcoming Downtown Signal Upgrades and Bicycle/Pedestrian Improvements project; and

bicycle/pedestrian improvements and traffic calming measures for Low Stress Network implementation.

Questions were addressed about on-call contractors providing additional winter road maintenance equipment and services; the City's use of alternative funding for a pedestrian sidewalk on Brosterhous Rd; the City having no plans to reconstruct Brosterhous Rd to lower the road, despite the current vertical clearance issues for semi-trucks; and providing follow-up information on a potential tax measure to create economic improvement districts being spearheaded by Bend Economic Development Advisory Board (BEDAB).

Doug Pigman, BLS, provided an overview of a proposed realignment for a shared-use path near High Desert Middle School, noting the proposed plan had not been accepted. He spoke about the difficulty of planning the shared-use path, noting nearby development schedules and the uncertain future alignment of adjacent Caldera Drive were key factors influencing path alignment. He described complications presented by school access and circulation issues, crossing considerations, and the ideal to connect to the Central Library at Stevens Ranch being built north of High Desert Middle School. Future developments would clarify path alignments in the area, but currently BLS did not have a recommendation on how to use the construction funds that had been allotted.

Questions and comments were addressed about having no current plans to construct a proposed roundabout at 27th Street and Ferguson Road; including the Old Farm District Neighborhood Association in future planning conversations regarding the area near High Desert Middle School; BLS holding property in reserve near High Desert Middle School and Caldera High School to develop more schools if indicated by enrollment numbers; potential impacts to future BLS or BPRD developments posed by 50 ft easements on either side of the Trans-Canadian pipeline; and ensuring school route paths connect well to school sidewalks and remain wide near the school entrance for safer onsite pedestrian circulation.

Griffin Gilbert, Rooted Homes, provided an update on the Simpson Avenue Affordable Housing Project. He confirmed the funding had been used to complete asphalt, curbing, and sidewalk improvements along Simpson Ave and 18th Ave, spanning the full length of the project site.

A PAC member suggested contacting Pollinator Pathway for landscaping assistance as an alternative to installing gravel or rock beds. The bicycle and pedestrian connectivity facilitated by numerous paths throughout the apartment complex was acknowledged.

Brian Potwin, Commute Options, provided an update on Safe Routes to School's safety education efforts. He described walk and roll safety education in local schools, community encouragement events, volunteer opportunities, and school route mapping projects.

Questions were addressed about suggested walking distances from schools and bus riding opportunities for students, and the sample map showing routes to Elk Meadows Elementary.

Bob Townsend, CET, provided an update on bus stop improvements including upgraded signs, schedule holders, and posts at all 286 bus stops in Bend, and installation of around 40 new

benches. The next project phase would include using BMPO funds to purchase additional benches and shelters and using GO Bond funds from the City of Bend to install and construct improvements. Not all bus stops would be receiving benches and shelters. Some bus stops may be moved or added as bus routes evolve in Bend over the next few years.

Senior Planner Napoli noted the project updates would also be presented at the next Policy Board meeting.

7. Member & Guest Roundtable

ODOT: Ken Shonkwiler stated ODOT was working on the US20 Bend Facility Plan. The Revere Ave Planning Study with the City of Bend had been completed and would be sent back to ODOT Rail Program to seek project funding. ODOT was participating in the Bend Transportation Safety Action Plan (TSAP) Update process and going through negotiations for the Deschutes County Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Plan update.

Deschutes County: Tarik Rawlings described the County's work on the Sunriver corridor, stating public comments were being received and a second round of virtual open houses had been held for the three intersections being improved along South Century Dr at Huntington Rd, Spring River Rd, and Venture Ln. The County was doing assessments to prepare a variety of rehabilitation efforts for the bridge on South Century Dr north of the Sunriver Business Park entryway roundabout. A dirt road section of Buckhorn Rd to Lower Bridge Way would slowly be brought up to County Road improvement standards, with preliminary engineering to be completed in 2026 and construction tentatively beginning in 2027. The County TSAP update would hopefully be finalized in February 2026.

James Dorofi thanked the County for work on the bike path from Bend to Lava Butte, and thanked TAC members for contributing to planning decisions that would have long-term effects on the community. He encouraged attendance at the City Council meeting next week to hear the update from City Staff and legal counsel regarding the concept of complete communities. Neighborhood districts and the Central Oregon Land Watch had pointed out that many transportation designs did not make sense without complete communities. A few developers seemed to make a majority of the local planning decisions, and citizen input was needed to keep the focus on complete communities in the future.

8. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

9. Next TAC Meeting

The next meeting of the BMPO TAC is scheduled for January 23, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting would include additional members of the PAC and focus on the Bend TSAP Update. City representatives would include Janet Hruby, Susanna Julber, and representatives from the Police, Fire, and EMS Departments.

10. Adjourn

Manager Deke adjourned the meeting at 11:09 a.m.



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