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710 NW Wall Street
Bend, OR 97703

MEETING MINUTES

Transportation Bond Oversight Committee (TBOC)

Location: Public Works HQ, Prowell Springs Conference Room (*hybrid meeting*)
21051 NE Talus Place, Bend, OR 97701
Date: Thursday, January 29, 2026
Time: 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Facilitator: Garrett Sabourin, PE

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m.

In Attendance

TBOC Members: Will Green (Chair); Scott Robinson (Vice Chair); Kim Curley; Kristin Reidelberger; Dave Howe (joined at 4:07 p.m.); Mason Lacy (joined at 4:41 p.m.); Sean Perkins (left at 5:41 p.m.); Sharlene Wills*; Travis Widdifield*; Sam Johnson* (joined at 4:05 p.m.)
Partner Agencies: Kim Crabtree* (BLSD)
Council Laision: Councilor Ariel Mendez*
City Staff: Garrett Sabourin; Ryan Oster; Mary Packebush; Russell Grayson; Elizabeth Oshel*; Susanna Julber*

** In attendance virtually*

Review Previous Meeting Minutes

Sharlene Wills motioned to approve the November 20, 2025, TBOC meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

No public comment was provided.

Chair & Vice-Chair Elections

2026 TBOC Chair nominations: Scott Robinson; Will Robinson

2026 TBOC Vice-Chair nominations: Scott Robinson

Sean Perkins motioned to elect Will Green as the 2026 TBOC Chair, seconded by Sharlene Wills. Motion passed unanimously.

Will Green motioned to nominate Scott Robinson as the 2026 TBOC Vice-Chair, seconded by Dave Howe. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Updates

Staff provided committee updates including:

- Upcoming City Council actions on right-of-way acquisitions for Ferguson Road & 15th Street and Franklin Avenue.
- TBOC purview recommendation to Council on February 18, 2026.
- Franklin construction sequencing Council work session on March 11, 2026.
- Ferguson & 15th Open House scheduled for February 5, 2026.
- Advisory Body/Council Summit scheduled for February 26, 2026.
- New Advisory Body Member Orientations on January 23 & February 2, 2026.
- Discussion of 2026 TBOC meeting cadence; February TBOC meeting tentatively cancelled with March/April meetings under consideration. Desire to keep meeting frequency the same and held at City Hall Council Chambers.

Future TBOC Purview Recommendation to Council

The drafted TBOC Recommendation, Purpose, Guiding Principles, and Operational Structure, as collected from individual members, was presented to TBOC. An extensive discussion ensued regarding the recommendation to expand TBOC into a broader Transportation Advisory Committee and clearly defining the proposed committee purview. Key themes included:

- Expanding scope beyond bond oversight to include strategic transportation planning and policy advisory functions. Does purview include operations & maintenance (O&M)? A recommendation was made to draft a mock meeting agenda with the updated committee purview.

- Providing advisory input on the Transportation System Plan (TSP), including future updates.

- Reviewing and recommending input on the Transportation Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and transportation-related Master Plans.

- Review and recommend updates to transportation standards and specifications and act as a sounding board for staff-requested input for project scoping and deviations from standards and specifications.

- Advisory involvement in transportation safety, education, and travel behavior initiatives. Collaboration with other committees, community stakeholder agencies, and

neighborhood associations. Support public engagement and transparent communication to build community trust. Make recommendations to Council and staff and provide a public forum for community members to present traffic safety concerns and promote public awareness of traffic safety programs.

- Continuing financial oversight of the transportation bond program while expanding to provide advisory input on other transportation funding tools such as grants, system development charges, and the Transportation Utility Fee.

Elizabeth Oshel clarified that the City Attorney's Office helps with word smithing Council recommendations into code language. Staff will refine the draft recommendation based on committee feedback and will share the updated draft with TBOC members. The recommendation is scheduled for discussion at the February 18 Council work session. Staff encouraged TBOC members to attend and to designate a speaker to answer questions and support the discussion.

Public Comment

No public comment was provided.

Good of the Order

A suggestion was made that a future name change may be appropriate if the committee's scope is expanded beyond bond oversight.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher Coleman
Senior Administrative Support Specialist

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