FFY 2026 BMPO Title VI Annual Accomplishment Report

October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2026

Title VI Program

Summarize the key components of your Title VI Program:

- The BMPO's Title VI program has three main components: data collection, public outreach and participation, and consideration of protected populations in decision-making processes. Additionally, BMPO maintains a process for handling civil rights complaints.

Describe any changes that were made to the approved Title VI Program during the reporting period:

- An updated Title VI Plan was adopted. It reflects recent Title VI-related changes at the federal level (ex: recission of Title VI-related Executive Orders).

Organization/Staffing Changes

Report any changes in organizational structure or staffing changes that are relevant to the Title VI program or Civil Rights Team (e.g. new Title VI Coordinator, planning or public works director etc.). If no changes occurred, indicate accordingly.

- No changes to report.

Depict the relationship between the Title VI Coordinator and Director:

- The Title VI Coordinator is a staff planner for the MPO who works under the MPO manager. The MPO manager works under the City of Bend Growth Management Department senior strategist.

Planning

Summarize any transportation projects that identify potential impacts to minority and/or low-income Environmental Justice (EJ) populations (i.e., impacts such as displacements, increased noise, bisecting neighborhoods):

- N/A

Indicate how identified impacts were minimized/mitigated on projects that affected minority and/or low-income populations:

- N/A

Describe any projects that specifically benefit community cohesion such as adding sidewalks,

improving access to properties that improve access for EJ populations:

- In September and October 2025 (FFY 2025 / FFY 2026), we added mappable project locations from our 2025 State Highway Fund (SHF) Call for Projects applications to our Demographic Viewer (mapping tool). Locations were used to compare against areas containing high percentages of traditionally disadvantaged populations. This information was used to evaluate projects in October 2025 (FFY 2026). Mapped projects awarded funds included sidewalk gap infill and pedestrian roadway crossing infrastructure on the east side of Bend (contains areas of high disparity), and new transit service in Deschutes River Woods (contains areas of high disparity). All projects were seen as beneficial to such populations.

Public Outreach/Involvement

Summarize public outreach efforts (e.g. public meetings, hearings, public announcements) used during planning to enhance citizen participation, focusing particularly on minority populations, women, older adults, people with disabilities and low-income populations:

- All monthly BMPO Technical Advisory Committee and Policy Board meetings are public meetings. Outreach efforts used for these meetings include: email solicitation, website news item postings (on City of Bend news webpage and to notification subscribers), and Facebook posts.
- The BMPO led the update to the Bend Transportation Safety Action Plan and the public engagement. Efforts related to Phase 1 of engagement included the following:

Table 1: Actions for TSAP Public Engagement

Date	Event/Item/Entity	Description
2/6/2026	Presentation to City of Bend Accessibility Advisory Committee	Described project, asked if they wanted us to return as project moves forward. Yes.
3/3/2026	Attend Central Oregon Homeless Forum	Preemptively made contacts for engagement
March	City of Bend Neighborhood Districts	TSAP outreach heads-up item in newsletter via City Communications Dept
3/30/2026	MPO temporary project webpage	Update and add email list sign up for updates
4/6/2026	Online open house/project webpage	Goes live
4/7/2026	BMPO TAC Meeting	Announce online open house and provide link
4/7/2026	City of Bend News Item	Project description and link to online open house
4/8/2026	Press Release	Project description and link to online open house
4/9/2026	BMPO Facebook	Project description and link to online open house
4/10/2026	BMPO TAC and TSAP PAC	Provide project description and link to online open house to share
4/10/2026	City of Bend Neighborhood Districts	Provide project description and link to online open house to share
4/13/2026	Tumalo resident contacts	Provide project description and link to online open house to share
4/16/2026	Deschutes River Woods resident contacts	Provide project description and link to online open house to share

4/21/2026	Central Oregon Daily	Interview and TV media story on TSAP and online open house
4/22/2026	Community organizations representing underserved populations	Provide project description, open house link, ask to provide paper open house/fliers
4/22/2026	The Source Weekly	Interview and media story on TSAP and online open house
4/24/2026	Cascades East Transit (CET)	Provide English and Spanish paper open house docs and fliers
4/24/2026	The Giving Plate (food bank)	Provide English and Spanish paper open house docs and fliers
4/25/2026	Earth Day Festival	Tabling
April	Latino Community Association	Coordinated outreach with City Communications (required)
April	BIPOC organizations	Coordinated outreach with City Communications
4/28/2026	Latino families (contacts of Bend Park and Recreation District)	Open house posted to BPRD Spanish Facebook, Instagram, and Mercado Hispano; paper open house and flier placed in BPRD Spanish section
4/28/2026	Bethlehem Inn (homeless shelter)	Provide English and Spanish paper open house docs and fliers
4/28/2026	City of Bend New Roundabout Open House	Tabling
5/1/2026	CityFest	Tabling

Provide data collection supporting public outreach decisions to assess special language needs and what services provided:

- All equity-related datasets were updated in our publicly available Bend MPO Equity Mapping Tool to ACS 2024 5-year estimates. These datasets are updated annually as new data is released.
- The BMPO collects American Community Survey data for Limited English Proficiency (LEP) individuals. Less than 2% of individuals in the Bend Urbanized Area meet the definition of LEP according to ACS 2024 5-year data. In an effort to establish "reasonable steps" (based on the USDOT four-factor analysis) to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to the programs, services, and information provided by the BMPO, the BMPO will upon request provide written and/or oral communications in Spanish (note: approximately 87% of our LEP individuals speak Spanish). Spanish versions of Title VI complaint forms are available on the BMPO website and in the Title VI Plan Appendices.
- We generally target our LEP population by event type, rather than using data. We have found this to be more effective. During outreach efforts, we seek out events with a higher Latino population attendance (our park district's Community Celebrations events, for example). We provide our outreach materials in both English and Spanish with Spanish speaking staff on hand.
- The newest version of the ODOT Transportation Disadvantaged Population Index (2023) was made available to BMPO in FFY25 and was added to our Online Demographic Viewer in FFY26.

Summarize public involvement metrics. What tools or methods were used to identify the communities represented and measure citizen participation at public meetings (e.g., Citizen Advisory Committee member and stakeholder committee lists or attendance sign-in sheets)?

- Comment count for TSAP public engagement - over 1,800 comments received from online open house and survey, and in-person events. The survey also included demographic questions. Results from demographic questions (only for online survey; does not capture in-person events) are shown below.

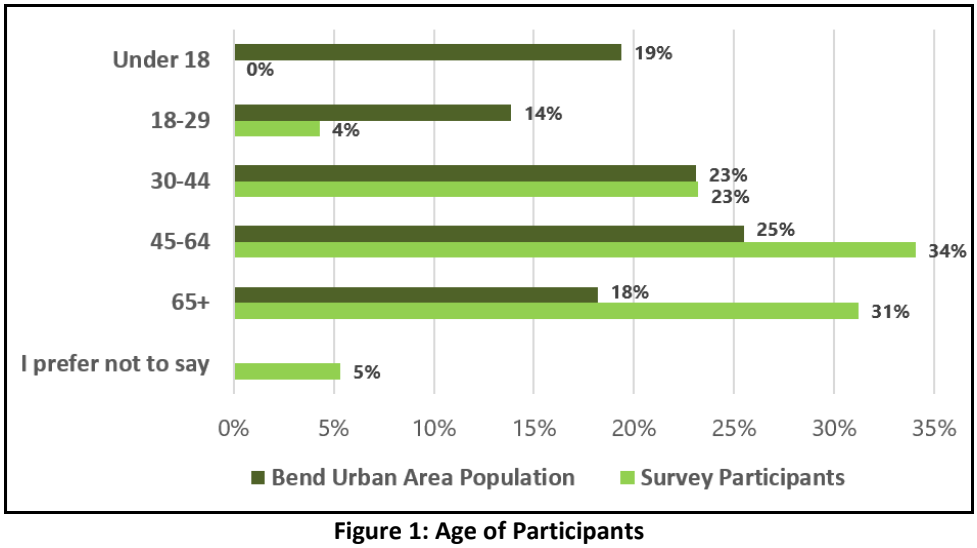


Figure 1: Age of Participants

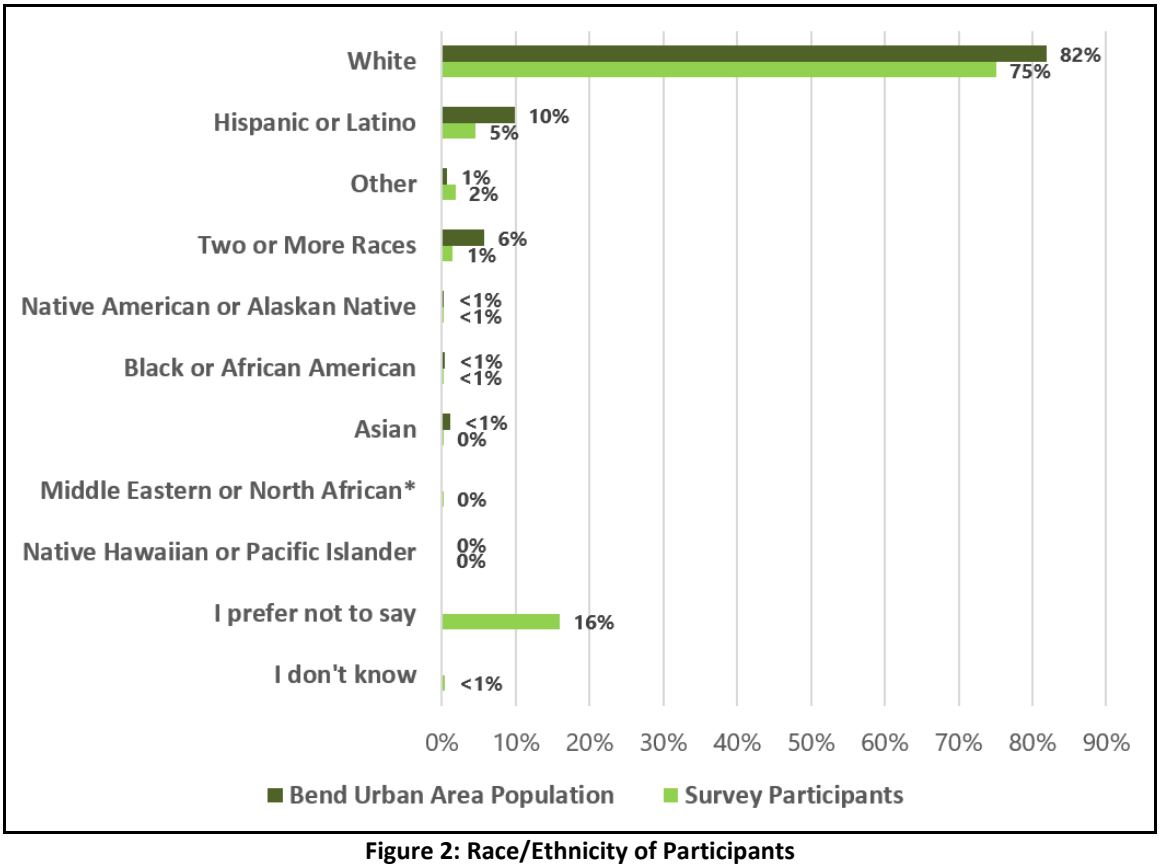


Figure 2: Race/Ethnicity of Participants

Describe any effects Title VI public involvement activities had on planning outcomes:

- TSAP public involvement which included Title VI populations via social media (see

explanation in next response) resulted in a specific intersection undergoing further analysis, that would not have otherwise.

Summarize significant problem areas and any actions taken to improve Title VI process integration, documentation, and reporting for planning. If possible, include examples of public notices as an appendix.

- It was more difficult to reach our Latino and Hispanic populations in-person due to cancelled events that target our Latino population. As mentioned in previous Title VI annual reports, we had success in reaching Latinos at Community Celebration events hosted by Bend Park and Recreation District (BPRD). These events were cancelled for 2026 due to safety concerns. In lieu of that, we posted the TSAP online open house to BPRD's Spanish Facebook & Instagram, and to Mercado Hispano's Facebook site, in addition to providing our paper open house and fliers (in Spanish) in BPRD's Spanish resources section.

Data Collection

Provide baseline demographic data used to describe the population demographics within your jurisdiction:

- Percent of Population Living below the Federal Poverty Level: 5-yr ACS data, Table C17002
- Percent of Population Living below 200% of FPL: 5-yr ACS data, Table C17002
- Percent of Population Age 65+: 5-yr ACS data, Table B01001
- Percent of Non-White/Not Hispanic Population: 5-yr ACS data, Table B03002
- Percent of Population with Limited English Proficiency: 5-yr ACS data, Table B16004
- Percent of Population with (one or more) Disabilities: 5-yr ACS data, Table DP02
- Percent of Households without Access to a Vehicle: 5-yr ACS data, Table B25044
- Percent of Households with Children: 5-yr ACS data, Table B11005
- ODOT Transportation Disadvantaged Population Index (2023)

The Public Participation, Non-Discrimination & Equity | City of Bend (bendoregon.gov) Bend MPO webpage includes the Bend MPO Equity Mapping Tool.

Education & Training

Describe any training or actions taken to promote staff awareness on Title VI compliance:

Related training topics completed by BMPO staff:

- Participation in City of Bend DEIA Advisory Committee (1.22.2026)
- Webinar training: GARE, Navigating Cross-Agency Attacks on Civil Rights (1.15.26)
- Webinar training: American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) Equity Course, Community and Economic Opportunity (1.29.2026)
- Bend City Council presentation, Equity Program Structure (1.28.2026)
- City of Bend Lunch and Learn: Gender Identity, Civil Liberties, Eugenics, and Resistance in

Oregon History (February 2026)
- ODOT: Federal Changes & Guidance webinar (March 2026)
- Title VI Training: Section 508, Accessibility (4.17.2026)
- Accessibility of ICT: An Overview for Government Executives (May 2026)
- Better Planning Podcast: Tribal Planning (8.19.2026)
- DEIA Advisory Committee Quarterly Meeting (8.20.2026)
- Title VI Training: Language Access (8.21.2026)
- Hablamos! Monthly Meeting (8.25.2026)
- Title VI Training: Digital Accessibility (8.28.2026)
- Title VI Training: Data Analysis (9.14.2026)
- Great Lakes ADA webinar training: US Digital Accessibility: Laws, Resources (9.22.2026)

Complaints

List any Title VI complaints resulting from transportation projects:

- None received during this reporting period.

Provide a summary of the complaint basis, investigatory actions, and the outcome or resolution:

- N/A

Title VI Goals for Upcoming Year

Describe plans for the upcoming year and any significant problem areas and plans to manage:

- An update to our Public Participation Plan is expected to begin in FY2027, which will include Title VI-related populations.