
AGENDA
Bend Metropolitan Planning Organization
Citizens Advisory Committee

Date: June 12, 2012
Time: 5:30 to 7:00 pm
Location: Board Room
Bend City Hall
710 NW Wall Street (Bend)
Contact: Tyler Deke, BMPO (541) 693-2113
Jovi Anderson, BMPO (541) 693-2122

1. Call Order/Introductions

2. Review and approve CAC meeting minutes: March 2012 (Attachment A)

3. Bend Public Transit Plan

Background: The Bend MPO was awarded a grant to develop a new long-range public transit plan for the Bend area. MPO staff will provide a project update and seek feedback from the CAC on public involvement opportunities.

Attachments: None. Copies of the project materials are posted on the MPO website: <http://www.bendoregon.gov/transitplan>

Action Requested: Provide input on public involvement opportunities for the public transit plan

4. Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update

Background: An update to the Bend MPO long range transportation plan will begin in the coming months. MPO staff will provide an overview of the project and seek input from the CAC on public involvement opportunities.

Attachments: None. The current long-range plan is posted on the MPO website: <http://www.bendoregon.gov/index.aspx?page=124>

Action Requested: Initiate discussions on public participation and engagement opportunities for the plan update

5. MPO Grant Projects

Background: The MPO has secured two small grants to focus on pedestrian and bicycle safety. MPO staff will provide an overview of the projects and seek input from the CAC on public involvement opportunities.

Attachments: Project summaries (Attachment B)

Action Requested: Provide input on public involvement opportunities for the safety projects

6. Next CAC meeting

A CAC meeting will not be held in July. CAC members are invited to attend a special meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee scheduled for July 18 at 1 p.m. The meeting will focus on the land use/corridor analysis and future public transit opportunities being developed for the new Public Transit Plan.

The next regular meeting of the CAC is tentatively scheduled for August 14th at 5:30 p.m.

7. Adjourn



Accessible Meeting Information

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BEND METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DRAFT Meeting Summary

March 13, 2012

Bend City Hall Boardroom, 710 NW Wall Street, Bend, Oregon

1. CALL TO ORDER – INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Lovely called the BMPO CAC meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. with a quorum of members present. Attending during the meeting were:

CAC members

Mike Lovely, *Chair*
Bill Wagner
Jerry Mitchell
Michel Bayard
Robin Vora
Sheree MacRitchie

Staff

Tyler Deke, *BMPO Manager*
Jovi Anderson, *Program Technician*
Cameron Prow, *TYPE-Write II*

Visitors

Karen Friend, *Cascades East Transit*

2. APPROVE DECEMBER 2011 and JANUARY 2012 MEETING SUMMARIES

Motion 1 (4/0/0): Mr. Bayard moved that the CAC approve the December 13, 2011, and the January 10, 2012, meeting summaries as presented. Mr. Wagner seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

3. CASCADES EAST TRANSIT – MT. BACHELOR SHUTTLE

Handouts: Cascades East Transit – Overview; Cascades East Transit Monthly Management Report, January 2012; Bend Ridership FY04/05-FY10/11; CET Combined Rides Sep '10-Jan '12; Cascade East Transit Rural Rides Jan '08-Jan '12; and Mountain Service 18 (Zone 5 route & schedule)

Ms. Friend presented an overview of the recently launched Mt. Bachelor shuttle service and other initiatives underway. One of the stops for this shuttle is at Hawthorne Station, enabling inter-city connections with Mt. Bachelor. Mt. Bachelor is setting the fares since it is fully funding the service.

Mr. Vora and Ms. MacRitchie arrived at 5:39 p.m.

CAC members asked about *bus stops at sno-parks other than Meissner and potential for a U.S. Forest Service shuttle to/from the Cascade Lakes Highway.*

4. ELECT CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR 2012

Motion 2 (6/0/0): Ms. MacRitchie moved to nominate Bill Wagner to serve as Chair for 2012. Mr. Wagner agreed to serve. Mr. Bayard seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

At Mr. Wagner's request, Mr. Lovely agreed to chair the rest of this meeting.

Motion 3 (6/0/0): Mr. Wagner moved to nominate Ms. MacRitchie to serve as Vice Chair for 2012. Ms. MacRitchie agreed to serve. Mr. Bayard seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

5. BEND PUBLIC TRANSIT PLAN – DRAFT EXISTING CONDITIONS REPORT

Handouts: PowerPoint presentations made to Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) on February 15, 2012, and Policy Board on February 16, 2012; and Public Transit Plan and Transit Corridor Land Use Assessment Project Update #1

Action: Provide input on the draft Existing Conditions report.

Mr. Deke reviewed (via PowerPoint) key components of the 150-page report: *Project Schedule, Public Involvement/Internet Survey, Existing Conditions, and Transit/Land Use Coordination*. Also discussed were impacts from demographic changes, trends, targeting nontransit-dependent riders, and lessons from Lane County and Boulder, Colorado.

Key findings to date: Transit's relevance in Bend/Central Oregon has increased dramatically in the past five years, service levels are not high enough to allow spontaneous use, facilities and fleet are evolving, disincentives to auto use (delay, congestion) are not significant, opportunities/desire to address expected congestion through traditional means (road building) are limited, and existing utility capacity issues will influence future development potential. When completed, this report will be posted on the BMPO website.

CAC concerns included *type of demographic data being collected; correlating the model data with fuel prices, unemployment, and the economy; correlating data between maps; inclusion of Deschutes River Woods; identifying current ridership in more detail; basis of 2030 assumptions, and need for nonstop east-west and north-south bus connections across Bend to reduce commuting times.*

6. BICYCLE SHARING PROGRAMS OVERVIEW

Postponed due to lack of time.

7. NEXT CAC MEETING: Tuesday, May 8, 2012.

Mr. Deke invited CAC members to attend the next meeting of the Bend Public Transit Plan TAC at 10 a.m., April 4, 2012.

8. ADJOURN

With no further business, Chair Lovely adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m.



2011 - 2012 BUILDING SAFER COMMUNITIES MINI-GRANT PROGRAM

The Bend Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has been awarded a 2012 Building Safer Communities Mini-Grant of \$5000 from the Alliance for Community Traffic Safety in Oregon (ACTS Oregon) and ODOT Transportation Safety Division. Grant monies will be used to create a Street Smarts program. Commute Options, Bend Police and Bend Transportation Division, Bend MPO will develop a safety presentation that can be tailored to small areas or specific safety issues. A community safety presentation kit will be available to all interested groups. The Community Approach to Pedestrian, Bicyclist and Driver Safety Education: Street Smarts program will **provide a presentation to inform driver, bicyclist and pedestrian behavior and strive to reduce the number of crashes in our area.** The safety presentation and outreach will be targeted to neighborhood associations and other local groups. The presentation will have a few slides that can be customizable to a small geographic location such as a neighborhood association, etc.

A “train the trainer” session will be held at a future date this summer. Please contact the Bend MPO if you are interested in attending this training.



OREGON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Transportation Safety Division

GRANT PROJECT APPLICATION (\$9,990 award - pending)

The Street Smarts Community Awareness Program will be created as a pilot project to develop a network wide pedestrian, bicycle and driver crash analysis that brings a coordinated enforcement effort along with recurring analysis and coordination for pedestrian, bicyclist and motorist safety that can be with provided by Oregon Department of Transportation crash data. This project will provide **safety outreach by Commute Options and enforcement by Bend PD to drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians** at identified high crash locations. The City of Bend PD currently has 4 officers that must patrol all of Bend. With focused enforcement using overtime hours and outreach at key locations, we may be able to reduce crashes based on a data driven approach to increase safety in our region.

Both projects will provide safety elements with different methods. Our data driven approach will be an effective way to use these grants to full potential with a small amount of funding.