

Why Should I Get Involved?

If you use transportation, you are involved!



You probably used some form of transportation today. Whether it's a car, bike, bus, wheelchair or walking – you are involved.



Transportation allows us to get to and from work, school, shopping, meetings, events, medical services, etc. Transportation affects our quality of life, from the air we breathe, safety of our families, and to our own personal budgets.

The transportation system is designed to serve you. The funding to develop and maintain our transportation system comes from several sources – including your tax dollars!



Your input is critical to the overall quality of our region's transportation system, and to ensure your transportation needs are being met.

- What type of transportation do you use?
- Are you satisfied with your choices?

Interested in Getting Involved?

→ **Inquire about serving on the Public Advisory Council (PAC)**, which is the public sounding board to the MPO Policy Committee. Email Sue Casavan at scasavan@rvcog.org or call 541-423-1360.

→ **Visit the RVMPO website:** www.rvmopo.org. From the website you can read/download our documents, learn about future events, read our meeting minutes, check our meeting agendas and meet the staff.

→ **Join the RVMPO email list:** To receive notices when public meetings and comment periods are held: Email Sue Casavan at scasavan@rvcog.org or call 541-423-1360.



Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization

Staffed by the Rogue Valley Council of Governments, 155 N. First St.,
P.O. Box 3275, Central Point, OR 97502
541.664-6674 www.rvmopo.org



Citizens Guide to Metropolitan Transportation Planning

Guide # 4

RVMPO Plans and Programs

Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization

RVMPO Plans & Programs

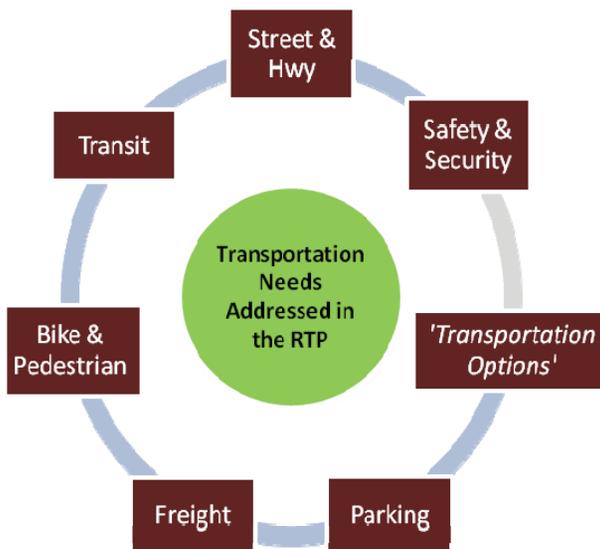
Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)

What: The RTP is the main MPO document guiding future transportation improvements, and sets goals that are developed from federal guidelines and public and stakeholder input. The plan documents the transportation needs for the future, forecasts available revenue and estimates the costs of projects.

How Often: Updated every 4-years with a minimum horizon of 20-years.

Significance: Projects funded with state or federal funds must be included in the RTP.

Purpose of the RTP: To develop and maintain a multimodal transportation system that serves regional needs, promotes safety, supports economic development, and provides personal choice in the movement of people and goods.



Other Key Components: Land Use, Air Quality, Fiscal Constraint, Transportation Demand Mgmt, Transportation Systems Mgmt

The RVMPO coordinates and completes many plans, projects, and studies. The MPO is responsible for preparing four main federally required plans, programs and findings. These plans and programs are designed to create a vision, implement and monitor projects, conform to air quality requirements, and provide financial guidance. The documents are:

- REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP)
- TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)
- AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY DETERMINATION
- UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)

To view these documents, go to www.rvmmpo.org

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

What: The TIP is used as management tool to gauge progress in achieving the goals identified in the RTP. It documents the anticipated costs of projects, and the expected revenues from all three funding sources: local, state, and federal. Basically, the TIP is the tool that allows federal funds to be programmed towards projects.

How Often: The TIP identifies and lists transportation projects for implementation within the next four federal fiscal years. It is updated annually.

Significance: To receive federal funds, projects must be included in the TIP, and most cases must have matching local funds available. As with the RTP, the costs of projects cannot exceed the limited amount of available revenue.

Air Quality Conformity Determination

What: The RVMPO prepares air quality conformity determinations (AQCD) for the federal component of the RTP and the TIP as required by state and federal law.

How Often: Required every 4-years for updates to the RTP and TIP. In certain cases, an AQCD may be needed when new projects are added to the RTP and TIP.

Significance: In order for the RVMPO to receive federal funding, the document needs to show that the region will continue to meet federal and state air-quality standards for the duration of the planning period.

Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

What: The UPWP documents the transportation planning activities and products the RVMPO and RVTD will conduct or complete over a year's time.

How Often: Every year, however it can be amended as needed.

The public has multiple opportunities to provide comment on, and to be involved in the development of all plans and programs before they are approved by the RVMPO Policy Committee. **See back of pamphlet for information on how you can get involved!**