



AGENDA
Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization
Policy Committee

Date: Tuesday, February 27, 2024

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Join In-Person

Location: Lewis Conference Room
RVCOG, 155 N 1st Street,
Central Point

Transit: Served by RVTB Route #40

Contact: RVCOG: 541-423-1375

Website: www.rvmop.org

Or via Zoom

Meeting ID: 846 2782 3341

Phone #: +1 346 248 7799

Zoom Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84627823341>

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1. Call to Order / Introductions / Review Agenda

Chair

Consent Agenda

2. Review / Approve Minutes

Chair

Attachment: [#1 RVMPO Policy Meeting Draft Minutes 12/20/2023](#)

Action Item

3. Election of Officers

Karl Welzenbach

Background: Each year the Policy Committee selects a new Chair and Vice-Chair. They will serve a term of one year.

Attachments: [#2 Bylaws](#)

Action Requested: *Election of new officers*

Public Hearing

Chair will read Public Hearing procedures

4. Amendment to the 2024-27 TIP

Ryan MacLaren

Background: The Policy Committee is being asked to consider the amendments to the 2024–2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include the following project(s):

- Amend Project in TIP: *I-5: Southern Oregon Wrong Way Driver Mitigation (KN21699)*
- Amend Project in TIP: *Jackson County curb ramps, phase 2 (KN 22438)*
- Amend Project in TIP: *NB Highland Dr to Barnett Rd (KN 23416)*



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The 21-day public comment period and public hearing was advertised on or before Monday, February 5, 2024, in the *Rogue Valley Times*, and information is currently available on the RVMPO website.

Attachments: [#3 TIP Amendments](#)
[#4 Pending CMR for KN21699](#)
[#5 CMR for KN22438](#)
[#6 CMR for KN 23416](#)

Action Requested: *Consideration of the amendments*

5. Dues

Karl Welzenbach

Background: Each year the MPO assesses dues for each member jurisdiction. Dues are assessed at the rate of \$0.16 per capita.

Attachments: [#7 RVMPO Dues](#)

Action Requested: *Approval of the Dues*

6. RVTB Letters of Support

Karl Welzenbach

Background: RVTB has requested two Letters of Support from RVMPO. One is for ODOT toward three different grant requests, all in one letter. The other is for Congressional Direct Spending to the federal delegation to replace paratransit vans.

Attachments: [#8 Letter of Support for ODOT Grants](#)
[#9 Letter of Support for Van Replacement](#)

Action Requested: *Approval of the Chair signing the Letters of Support*

7. New PAC Member Application

Karl Welzenbach

Background: The RVMPO PAC has received a new member application from Christine Gleason. The possible open position they are interested in is East Medford.

Attachments: [#10 Application](#)

Action Requested: *Approval of the new PAC Member*

Discussion Items

8. Public Comment

Chair

Regular Updates

9. RVMPO Update

Karl Welzenbach

10. Other Business / Local Business

Chair



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Opportunity for RVMPO member jurisdictions to talk about transportation planning projects

11. Adjournment

Chair

Scheduled Meetings		
RVMPO TAC	March 13, 2024	1:30 p.m.
RVMPO PAC	March 19, 2024	5:30 p.m.
RVMPO Policy Meeting	March 26, 2024	2:00 p.m.

All meetings are available in-person and online via Zoom unless otherwise noted.



SUMMARY MINUTES
Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization
Policy Committee

Date: Tuesday, December 20, 2023

Voting Members	Organization	Phone Number
Mike Quilty	Central Point	664-7907
Kathy Sell	Eagle Point	826-4212
Terry Baker	Phoenix	899-1231
Eleanor Ponomareff	Talent	535-1566
Rick Dyer	Jackson County	774-6118
Jerry Marmon, Chair	ODOT	774-6353
Tonia Moro	RVTD	973-2063
Alternate Members	Organization	Phone Number
Scott Fleury	Ashland	
Mike Upston	Eagle Point	
John Vial	Medford	
Paige West	RVTD	
Staff	Organization	Phone Number
Karl Welzenbach	RVCOG	423-1360
Kelsey Sharp	RVCOG	423-1375
Interested Parties	Organization	
Marjorie Donovan	Citizens for a Safer Jacksonville	
Cindy Rasmussa	Citizens for a Safer Jacksonville	
Ashley Bryer	FHWA	

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[Agenda Packet](#)

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1. Call to Order at 2:00 p.m. / Introductions / Review Agenda 00:00 – 01:41

Quorum: Ashland, Central Point, Eagle Point, Jacksonville, Talent, Jackson County, ODOT, RVTD

2. Review / Approve Minutes 01:41 – 02:08

- 01:50** Mike Quilty moved to approve the November 28, 2023, RVMPO Policy Committee Meeting Minutes as presented. Seconded by Kathy Sell.
No further discussion.
Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.



Public Hearing

3. Amendment to the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program 02:08 – 24:48

Chair Jerry Marmon opened the Public Hearing

No comments received.

Chair Jerry Marmon closed the Public Hearing.

09:28 Mike Quilty moved to approve the Amendments to the 2024-2027 TIP as presented.

Second by John Vial.

No further discussion.

Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

10:31 *Discussion of the replacement project from Eagle Point and how the funds will be used.*

23:53 Mike Quilty moved to approve the exchange of Shasta and East Main Street ADA project as discussed. Seconded by Terry Baker.

No further discussion.

Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Discussion Items

4. Public Comment 24:48 – 25:00

No comments received.

Regular Updates

5. MPO Planning Update 25:0 – 33:08

Provided by Karl Welzenbach regarding changes to the recent transportation bill and how that will affect future funding.

6. Other Business / Local Business 33:08– 33:12

Updates about the Oregon Freight Advisory, Medford, and Phoenix.

7. Adjournment

2:36 p.m.

Scheduled Meetings

RVMPO TAC	January 10, 2024	1:30 p.m.
RVMPO PAC	January 16, 2024	5:30 p.m.
RVMPO Policy Meeting	January 23, 2024	2:00 p.m.



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DATE: February 5, 2023
TO: RVMPO Technical Advisory Committee
FROM: Ryan MacLaren, Senior Planner
SUBJECT: TIP Amendments

The Policy Committee is being asked to consider approval of the following amendment(s) to the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program.

A press release for the 21-day public comment period and public hearing was sent on or before February 5th to the Rogue Valley Times and information is currently available on the RVMPO website. The RVMPO TAC and PAC have recommended approval of the amendment(s) listed. Information on the project(s) is listed, below: Information on the projects is enumerated, below:

A. Amend Project in TIP: *I-5: Southern Oregon Wrong Way Driver Mitigation (KN21699)*

Description: Increase Construction Phase estimate by \$800K, adding savings from the Region 3 Fix-It program savings.

Project Name	Project Description	RTP Project Number	Air Quality Status	Key #	Federal Fiscal Year	Phase	Federal		Federal Required Match		Total Fed+Req Match	Other		Total All Sources
							\$	Source	\$	Source		\$	Source	
ODOT														
I-5: Southern Oregon Wrong Way Driver Mitigation	Install signs for wrong-way drivers on I-5 exit ramps throughout Southern Oregon to help improve safety to the travelling public.	n/a	Exempt (40 CFR § 93.126 Table 2) - Safety			Planning					\$ -			\$ -
				21699	2021	Design	\$ 491,000	HSIP			\$ 491,000			\$ 491,000
				21699	2024	Land Purchase	\$ 5,400	HSIP	\$ 600	ODOT	\$ 6,000			\$ 6,000
						Utility Relocate					\$ -			\$ -
				21699	2024	Construction	\$ 2,727,900	HSIP	\$ 303,100	ODOT	\$ 3,031,000			\$ 3,031,000
						Other					\$ -			\$ -
					Total FFY24-27		\$ 3,224,300		\$ 303,700		\$ 3,528,000	\$ -		\$ 3,528,000

B. Amend Project in TIP: Jackson County curb ramps, phase 2 (KN 22438)

Description: Increase CN by \$3,460,776 Garvee financial plan

Project Name	Project Description	RTP Project Number	Air Quality Status	Key #	Federal Fiscal Year	Phase	Federal		Federal Required Match		Total Fed+Req Match	Other		Total All Sources
							\$	Source	\$	Source		\$	Source	
ODOT														
Jackson County curb ramps, phase 2	Construct curb ramps to meet compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.	n/a	Exempt (40 CFR § 93.126 Table 2) - Bicycle and pedestrian facilities			Planning					\$ -			\$ -
				22438	2022	Design	\$ 3,980,337	STBG IJA	\$ 455,567	ODOT	\$ 4,435,904			\$ 4,435,904
				22438	2023	Land Purchase	\$ 564,402	STBG IJA	\$ 75,598	ODOT	\$ 640,000			\$ 640,000
						Utility Relocate					\$ -			\$ -
				22438	2024	Construction	\$ 7,982,472	STBG IJA	\$ 517,528	ODOT	\$ 8,500,000			\$ 8,500,000
						Other					\$ -			\$ -
					Total FFY24-27		\$ 12,527,211		\$ 1,048,693		\$ 13,575,904	\$ -		\$ 13,575,904

C. Amend Project in TIP: NB Highland Dr to Barnett Rd (KN 23416)

Description: Add RW, UR, CN funded from Fix-It Region 3 savings

Project Name	Project Description	RTP Project Number	Air Quality Status	Key #	Federal Fiscal Year	Phase	Federal		Federal Required Match		Total Fed+Req Match	Other		Total All Sources
							\$	Source	\$	Source		\$	Source	
ODOT														
NB Highland Dr to Barnett Rd	Design to widen the existing single right turn lane on Highland northbound to Barnett Road eastbound to a dual right turn lane and a shared multiuse path to improve traffic flow for the traveling public.	n/a	Exempt (40 CFR § 93.126 Table 2) - Safety - Hazard elimination program.			Planning					\$ -			\$ -
				23416	2023	Design	\$ 838,975	STBG FLX	\$ 96,025	ODOT	\$ 935,000			\$ 935,000
				23416	2024	Land Purchase	\$ 89,730	STBG FLX	\$ 10,270	ODOT	\$ 100,000			\$ 100,000
				23416	2026	Utility Relocate	\$ 89,730	STBG FLX	\$ 10,270	ODOT	\$ 100,000			\$ 100,000
				23416	2026	Construction	\$ 3,055,063	STBG FLX	\$ 349,666	ODOT	\$ 3,404,729			\$ 3,404,729
						Other					\$ -			\$ -
					Total FFY24-27		\$ 4,073,498		\$ 466,231		\$ 4,539,729	\$ -		\$ 4,539,729

Change Management Request

Request Date:	01/08/24	CMR Number:	21699-02	Project Lead (TPM/RE-CP):	ROBERTS THOMAS D	
Project Name:	I-5: Southern Oregon Wrong Way Driver Mitigation					
KN:	21699	Region:	3	Area:	Rogue Valley	Project Delivery Phase:
						PS&E
Main Funding Program:	ARTS Region 3					
Additional Funding Program(s):						
STIP Amendment:	Admin	Approval Authority:	None	MPO Amendment:	Yes	
IGA Amendment:	No	A&E Contract Amendment:	No	Re-baseline Schedule:	Yes	
				Re-baseline Budget:	Yes	
Scope, Schedule & Budget Change - Reason(s):	Not Applicable Not Applicable Avoidable - Project estimate exceeds project budget					
Current Scope:	N/A					

Change Management Request

Describe Scope Change:	N/A
Justification for Scope Change:	N/A

Change Management Request

Describe the Risk of not Approving the Scope Change:	N/A
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	Current Dates	Proposed Dates		Current Dates	Proposed Dates
PE EA Open – 008			PS&E Submittal – 551	01/08/24	05/20/24
PDT Kick-Off – 018			Bid Opening – 560	02/29/24	07/11/24
Project Initiation Phase Complete - 050			Forecasted 1 st Note - 735	05/03/24	09/16/24
DAP Phase Complete–325			Forecasted 2 nd Note - 790	02/25/25	07/08/25
ROW EA Open - 470			Forecasted 3 rd Note - 796	12/12/25	04/27/26

Change Management Request

<p>Describe Schedule Change:</p>	<p>Delayed PS&E and Bid to allow for adding funds for CON</p>
<p>Justification for Schedule Change:</p>	<p>Delay allowed time to secure funds and process Amendments for funds to be in STIP/FP</p>

Change Management Request

Describe the Risk of not Approving the Schedule Change:	Project would not have CON funding for Bid if the schedule was not adjusted
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	Current Budget	Requested Budget	Change
Planning	\$0	\$0	
Preliminary Engineering	\$385,000	\$385,000	
Right of Way	\$6,000	\$6,000	
Utility Relocation	\$0	\$0	
Construction	\$3,031,000	\$3,831,000	\$800,000
Other	\$0	\$0	
Total:	\$3,422,000	\$4,222,000	\$800,000

Describe Budget Change (Break down the change by Funding Program):	Add \$800K from Region bottom-line funds to CON
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Change Management Request

Justification for Budget Change:	PS&E Estimate exceeded existing CON budget				
Describe the Risk of not Approving the Budget Change:	Project will not be allowed to bid without full funding in place for CON				

	Signatures	Dates		Signatures	Dates
Funding Prg Manager:	Eric Finney		Additional Signator:		
STIP Coordinator:	Naomi Birch		Additional Signator:		
Area Manager:	MARMON JERRY		Additional Signator:		
Project Sponsor:			Additional Signator:		
Tech Center Manager:	Mark Thompson		Additional Signator:		
Region Manager:			Additional Signator:		
Additional Signator:			Additional Signator:		

Change Management Request

Request Date:	11/01/23	CMR Number:	22438-01	Project Lead (TPM/RE-CP):	THOM ROGER	
Project Name:	Jackson County curb ramps, phase 2					
KN:	22438	Region:	3	Area:	ROGUE VALLEY	Project Delivery Phase:
		Advance Plans				
Main Funding Program:		GARVEE - ADA				
Additional Funding Program(s):						
STIP Amendment:	Full	Approval Authority:	ODOT Director		MPO Amendment:	Yes
IGA Amendment:	No	A&E Contract Amendment:	No		Reset Baseline Project:	No
Scope, Schedule & Budget Change - Reason(s):		Not Applicable Not Applicable Unanticipated - Project estimate exceeds project budget				
Current Scope:		Construct American with Disabilities ACT (ADA) compliant curb ramps in Jackson County				

Change Management Request

Describe Scope Change:	n/a
Justification for Scope Change:	n/a

Change Management Request

Describe the Risk of not Approving the Scope Change:	n/a
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	Current Dates	Proposed Dates		Current Dates	Proposed Dates
PE EA Open – 008	11/24/21		PS&E Submittal – 551	02/05/24	
PDT Kick-Off – 018	03/30/22		Bid Opening – 560	03/28/24	
Project Initiation Phase Complete - 050	09/15/22		Forecasted 1 st Note - 735	05/09/24	
DAP Phase Complete–325	04/06/23		Forecasted 2 nd Note - 790	04/10/25	
ROW EA Open - 470	04/13/23		Forecasted 3 rd Note - 796	09/25/25	

Change Management Request

<p>Describe Schedule Change:</p>	<p>n/a</p>
<p>Justification for Schedule Change:</p>	<p>n/a</p>

Change Management Request

Describe the Risk of not Approving the Schedule Change:	n/a
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	Current Budget	Requested Budget	Change
Planning	\$0.00	\$0	\$0
Preliminary Engineering	\$4,435,904	\$4,435,904	\$0
Right of Way	\$1,254,000	\$1,254,000	\$0
Utility Relocation	\$0	\$0	\$0
Construction	\$5,039,224	\$8,500,000	\$3,460,776
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total:	\$10,729,128	\$14,189,904	\$3,460,776
Describe Budget Change (Break down the change by Funding Program):	Add \$3,460,776 from ADA Delivery Program		

Change Management Request

Justification for Budget Change:	Advance estimate higher than anticipated.				
Describe the Risk of not Approving the Budget Change:	Project will not bid				

	Signatures	Dates		Signatures	Dates
Funding Prg Manager:	Melissa Sutkowski	11/06/23	Additional Signator:	Jim West	11/03/23
STIP Coordinator:	Adriana Antelo	11/07/23	Additional Signator:		
Area Manager:	MARMON JERRY	11/02/23	Additional Signator:		
Project Sponsor:			Additional Signator:		
Tech Center Manager:	Mark Thompson	11/02/23	Additional Signator:		
Region Manager:	Darrin Neavoll	12/12/23	Additional Signator:		
Additional Signator:	Naomi Birch	12/12/23	Additional Signator:		

Change Management Request

Request Date:	11/03/23	CMR Number:	23416-P1	Project Lead (TPM/RE-CP):	OBERLANDER ELI	
Project Name:	NB Highland Dr to Barnett Rd					
KN:	23416	Region:	3	Area:	ROGUE VALLEY	Project Initiation
				Project Delivery Phase:		
Main Funding Program:	Fix-It Region 3					
Additional Funding Program(s):						
STIP Amendment:	Full	Approval Authority:	ODOT Director	MPO Amendment:	Yes	
IGA Amendment:	No	A&E Contract Amendment:	No	Reset Baseline Project:	No	
Scope, Schedule & Budget Change - Reason(s):	Not Applicable Not Applicable Elective - Additional budget added					
Current Scope:	Design to widen the existing single right turn lane on Highland northbound to Barnett Road eastbound to a dual right turn lane and a shared multiuse path to improve traffic flow for the traveling public.					

Change Management Request

Describe Scope Change:	No scope change.
Justification for Scope Change:	N/A

Change Management Request

Describe the Risk of not Approving the Scope Change:	N/A
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PE EA Open – 008			PS&E Submittal – 551		
PDT Kick-Off – 018			Bid Opening – 560		
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DAP Phase Complete–325			Forecasted 2 nd Note - 790		
ROW EA Open - 470			Forecasted 3 rd Note - 796		

Change Management Request

<p>Describe Schedule Change:</p>	<p>No schedule change.</p>
<p>Justification for Schedule Change:</p>	<p>N/A</p>

Change Management Request

Describe the Risk of not Approving the Schedule Change:	N/A
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	Current Budget	Requested Budget	Change
Planning	\$0.00	\$0	\$0
Preliminary Engineering	\$935,000	\$935,000	\$0
Right of Way	\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000
Utility Relocation	\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000
Construction	\$0	\$3,404,729	\$3,404,729
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total:	\$935,000	\$4,539,729	\$3,604,729
Describe Budget Change (Break down the change by Funding Program):	Adding \$100,000 to the ROW phase for FFY24, \$100,000 to the UR phase for FFY26 and \$3,404,729 to the CN phase for FFY26. ROW and UR phases are funded from R3 Fix-IT, \$30k from ADA funding remaining funds from R3 Fix-IT.		

Change Management Request

Justification for Budget Change:	Adding ROW/UR/CH phases to the current STIP.				
Describe the Risk of not Approving the Budget Change:	Project will not be deliverable without phase funding.				

	Signatures	Dates		Signatures	Dates
Funding Prg Manager:	Darrin Neavoll	12/12/23	Additional Signator:	Melissa Sutkowski	12/12/23
STIP Coordinator:	Naomi Birch	12/11/23	Additional Signator:		
Area Manager:	MARMON JERRY	12/08/23	Additional Signator:		
Project Sponsor:	Jeremiah Griffin	12/11/23	Additional Signator:		
Tech Center Manager:	Mark Thompson	12/08/23	Additional Signator:		
Region Manager:	Darrin Neavoll	12/12/23	Additional Signator:		
Additional Signator:	Adriana Antelo	12/12/23	Additional Signator:		



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DATE: January 22, 2024
TO: Local Jurisdictions
FROM: Karl Welzenbach, Planning Program Manager
SUBJECT: FY 2024-25 RVMPO Dues Recommendation

This memo addresses the setting of RVMPO member dues. Staff is seeking a recommendation on the dues for the coming year.

RVMPO Member Dues

Staff proposes maintaining the dues formula and rate that was approved by the Policy Committee in February of 2013. The rate, \$0.16 per capita, would generate a total of \$30,881 for the 2024-25 fiscal year.

Table 1, below, summarizes population and proposed dues for each jurisdiction. Population estimates are from the December 15, 2023 estimates from Portland State University.

Table 1

RVMPO Proposed 2024-25 Dues					
Member Jurisdictions	Population	Dues Rate per Capita	Proposed FY2024-25 Dues	FY2023-24 Dues	Dues Increase
Ashland	21,457	\$0.16	\$3,433	\$3,463	-\$30
Central Point	19,666	\$0.16	\$3,147	\$3,166	-\$19
Eagle Point	9,955	\$0.16	\$1,593	\$1,595	-\$2
Jacksonville	3,197	\$0.16	\$512	\$496	\$16
Medford	90,887	\$0.16	\$14,542	\$14,137	\$405
Phoenix	3,773	\$0.16	\$604	\$643	-\$39
Talent	5,228	\$0.16	\$836	\$936	-\$100
Jackson County*	38,845	\$0.16	\$6,215	\$6,845	-\$630
<i>Total</i>	193,008		\$30,881	\$31,281	-\$400

RVCOG staff utilized Portland State University population estimates of 2023 for cities populations.

*For unincorporated areas population estimates are derived from Southern Oregon ABM Model data which uses PSU certified estimates.

Dues provide funding for general operations, primarily activities that require local funds including lobbying and local match obligations. Dues pay for Policy Committee participation in advocacy activities for which federal funds cannot be used, including the Oregon MPO Consortium, the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations and the West Coast Corridor Coalition. Dues can also be used to supplement the MPO’s planning budget.

Table 2 summarizes anticipated use of FY2024-25 member dues.

Table 2

Table 2: Summary	2024-2025
Policy Committee Dues, Travel; state, regional, national	\$12,353
UPWP Work Activities Support	\$18,529
Total	\$30,881



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February 27, 2024

Cosette Rees, PTAC Chair
ODOT Public Transportation Advisory Committee
355 Capitol Street NE, MS 11
Salem, OR, 97301-3871 USA

Dear Chair Rees:

I am writing on behalf of the Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (RVMPO) to extend strong support for the Rogue Valley Transportation District's (RVTD) applications to the ODOT 2024-2026 discretionary grant programs. RVTD will use funding to acquire 3 replacement ADA vans for their Valley Lift service, to complete a mid-life rehabilitation of their CNG compressors and to fund planning services to begin phase II of their Campus Master Plan.

RVTD provides safe, reliable transit service for nearly 200,000 residents throughout southern Oregon's Rogue Valley, including the cities of Medford, Ashland, Central Point, Talent, Phoenix, White City, Eagle Point and Jacksonville. Through its service, RVTD aims to provide a viable, quality public transportation option that improves quality of life in the Rogue Valley by reducing traffic, boosting business, and allowing individuals to access jobs, school, and health care.

RVTD will use ODOT STBG grant funding to acquire three ADA vans for their Valley Lift paratransit service. The three vans will replace vans that have reached their useful life in 2024. RVTD will use ODOT 5339 funds to replace two CNG compressors, a CNG master control center and related infrastructure improvements. This mid-life rehabilitation of the CNG compressors is urgent due to one compressor experiencing catastrophic failure in December 2023 putting RVTD in a vulnerable position to fuel its fleet of 34 CNG buses. RVTD will use 5304 planning funds to begin Phase II of their Campus Master Plan consisting of future bus staging and parking and identifying locations for zero emission bus charging to support a ZEB transition in 2027.

Investment in these projects would support the vital service RVTD provides to the cities within the RVMPO. I respectfully ask for your support for this request and assistance in securing the benefits it will bring to the community. Thank you for your consideration and your continued work on behalf of southern Oregon.

Sincerely,

Jerry Marmon
RVMPO Policy Committee Chair

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Senator Ron Wyden
221 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20002

Senator Jeff Merkley
531 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20002

Dear Senator Wyden and Senator Merkley:

I am writing on behalf of Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (RVMPO). The RVMPO extends strong support for the Rogue Valley Transportation District's (RVTD) application to replace gasoline-powered paratransit vans with battery electric powered paratransit vans for its Valley Lift ADA service.

RVTD provides safe, reliable transit service for nearly 200,000 residents throughout southern Oregon's Rogue Valley, including the cities of Medford, Ashland, Central Point, Talent, Phoenix, White City, Eagle Point and Jacksonville. Through its service, RVTD aims to provide a viable, quality public transportation option that improves quality of life in the Rogue Valley by reducing traffic, boosting business, and allowing individuals to access jobs, school, and health care. RVTD also provides over 50,000 trips per year to older adults and persons who experience a disability who cannot use the fixed route bus service due to limited ambulatory abilities. The Valley Lift service requires vans that are equipped with a mobility device lift, special securements on board vehicles and are operated by professional drivers who provide excellent customer service.

The request to replace gasoline-powered vans with state-of-the-art Ford Transit vans powered by battery electric propulsion will assist with the RVTD's transition to a zero-emission fleet and improve air quality in the Rogue Valley. Investment in this project would support the vital service RVTD provides to older adults and persons experiencing a disability within our community. The RVMPO respectfully asks for your support for this request and assistance in securing the benefits it will bring to the community. Thank you for your consideration and your continued work on behalf of southern Oregon.

Jerry Marmon
RVMPO Policy Committee Chair

**Office Use Only**

Committee: _____

Date Rec'd: _____

Appointed: Yes No

Appointment Date: _____

Term Ended Date: _____

**ROGUE VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
(RVMPO)****Public Advisory Council (PAC)
Membership Application****Return Application to:**

Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization
Rogue Valley Council of Governments
P.O Box 3275 Central Point, OR 97502
541-423-1338 | www.rvmppo.org

Email return to: rmaclaren@rvcog.org

For background about the Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization and the role of the Public Advisory Council, please visit our website: www.rvmppo.org

PLEASE PRINT**Personal Information:**

Name: _____

Home address (include Zip code): _____

Telephone: (home) _____ (business) _____

Email: _____

About PAC membership...The Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization Public Advisory Council (PAC) makes recommendations on transportation planning issues to the RVMPO's Policy Committee. PAC members are appointed by the Policy Committee to two-year terms, representing one of the RVMPO's regional areas of interest. The PAC has positions for both geographic and special interest areas. Appointments are based on an applicant's ability to represent one of the geographic or special interest areas.

- To represent one of the **Geographic Areas** listed below and illustrated on the attached RVMPO map, you must live, own property or operate a business within that area. You do not have to live within city limits. Please refer to the RVMPO map or call Ryan MacLaren at 423-1338 for clarification.
- **Special Interest Areas** represent the freight industry, mass transit, low-income citizens, minority citizens, senior citizens, public health, and bicycle/pedestrian. Low-income and minority representatives do not have to be low-income or a racial minority, but would advocate for the concerns of those communities. Special interest representatives may live, own property, or operate a business anywhere within the RVMPO.

Please indicate below the Geographic Area, or special interest that you would represent. Select only one from the following list, section (A) or (B) below.

A. Geographic Area (*see Citizen Involvement Area map on the last page*):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ashland | <input type="checkbox"/> Central Point | <input type="checkbox"/> Eagle Point |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jacksonville | <input type="checkbox"/> East Medford | <input type="checkbox"/> West Medford |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Phoenix | <input type="checkbox"/> Talent | <input type="checkbox"/> White City |

- B. Special Interest Area:** ☐ Freight industry ☐ Mass Transit ☐ Minority Citizens
- ☐ Low Income Citizens ☐ Senior Citizens ☐ Bicycle/Pedestrian
- ☐ Public Health

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1. What experience, interest, knowledge or qualifications would you bring to the Public Advisory Council?

2. Why do you want to become a member of the Public Advisory Council?

Signature:

Date:

Thank You!