

AGENDA

Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee



Date: Wednesday, March 09, 2022

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Location: Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 872 2143 2751

Passcode: 327184

Phone #: 253 215 8782

Contact: Office Specialist, RVCOG: 541-423-1375

RVMPO website: www.rvmppo.org

1	Call to Order / Introductions / Review Agenda	Chair
Consent Agenda		
2	Review / Approve Minutes	Chair
<i>Attachment</i>	#1 RVMPO TAC Meeting Draft Minutes 02/09/2022	
Action Items		
3	Review, Discussion, and Vote on Modified Project Selection Criteria	Karl Welzenbach
<i>Background</i>	At the direction of the Policy Committee, the TAC formed a subcommittee to review and, if necessary, revise the criteria utilized to rank project applications. This subcommittee met twice and thoroughly reviewed and made several revisions to the current criteria and criteria descriptions.	
<i>Attachment</i>	#2 Project Scoring Spreadsheet (Opens as a downloadable Excel) #3 Criteria Description Matrix	
4	Amendments to the 2021–2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)	Ryan MacLaren
<i>Background</i>	The TAC is being asked to review the adoption of amendments to the 2021–2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include the following project(s): <ul style="list-style-type: none">Adjust Project in TIP: OR66 over RR bridge & E. Main St. over I-5 bridge	

	(Ashland) (KN21180)	
	The 21-day public comment period and public hearing was advertised on or before Monday, January 3, 2022 in the <i>Medford Mail Tribune</i> , and information is currently available on the RVMPO website.	
<i>Attachment</i>	#4 TIP Amendments #5 Maps	
<i>Action Requested</i>	Recommendation of approval to the Policy Committee	
Discussion Items		
5	Public Comment	Chair
Regular Updates		
6	RVMPO Planning Update	Karl Welzenbach
7	Other Business / Local Business Opportunity for RVMPO member jurisdictions to talk about transportation planning projects.	Chair
8	Adjournment	Chair

- The next RVMPO TAC meeting will be **Wednesday, April 11, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.** Location to be determined.
- The next RVMPO Policy Committee meeting will be **Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.** Location to be determined.
- The next RVMPO PAC meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 15, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.** Location to be determined.

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, IF YOU NEED SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING, PLEASE CONTACT RVCOG, 541-664-6674. REASONABLE ADVANCE NOTICE OF THE NEED FOR ACCOMMODATION PRIOR TO THE MEETING (48 HOURS ADVANCE NOTICE IS PREFERABLE) WILL ENABLE US TO MAKE REASONABLE ARRANGEMENTS TO ENSURE ACCESSIBILITY TO THIS MEETING.

**Summary Minutes
Rogue Valley MPO Technical Advisory Committee
February 09, 2022**



The following attended:

Voting Members	Organization	Phone Number
Karl Johnson	Ashland PW	448-5587
Stephanie Holtey	Central Point PL	423-1031
Matt Samitore	Central Point PW	664-3321 x205
Mike Upston	Eagle Point PL	826-4212
Alex Georgevitch, Chair	Medford PW	774-2114
Joe Slaughter	Phoenix PW	951-1971
Kristen Maze	Talent PL	535-1566 x1010
Charles Bennett	Jackson County PL	774-6115
James Philip	Jackson County R&P	774-6228
Justin Shoemaker	ODOT	774-6376
Ian Horlacher	ODOT	774-6399
Paige West	RVTD PL	608-2429
Josh LeBombard	DLCD (Quorum)	414-7932
Alternate Members	Organization	Phone Number
Staff	Organization	Phone Number
Karl Welzenbach	RVCOG	423-1360
Ryan MacLaren	RVCOG	423-1338
Kelsey Sharp	RVCOG	423-1375
Interested Parties	Organization	Phone Number

Michael Montero	PAC	
Jenna Marmon	ODOT	
Eleanor Ponomareff	Talent	

[RVMPO TAC February 9, 2022 Agenda Packet](#)

[Meeting Audio 02/09/2022](#)

1. Call to Order / Introductions / Review Agenda 00:00–01:58

1:30 p.m. | *Quorum:* Ashland, Central Point, Eagle Point, Medford, Phoenix, Talent, Jackson County, ODOT, RVTD, DLCD

2. Review / Approve Minutes 01:58–02:52

02:08 | *Ian Horlacher moved to approve the January 12, 2022 RVMPO TAC Meeting Minutes as presented. Seconded by Mike Upston.*

No further discussion.

Motion passed by unanimously voice vote.

Action Items

3. Election of Officers 02:52 – 05:10

03:20 | *Paige West nominated Alex Georgevitch as Chair for the RVMPO TAC. Seconded by Ian Horlacher.*

No further nominations.

Motion passed with none apposed.

04:15 | *Charles Bennett nominated Paige West as Vice-Chair for the RVMPO TAC. Seconded by Mike Upston.*

No further nominations.

Motion passed with none apposed.

4. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on Matrix and Scoring Criteria for Project Selection 05:10 – 01:39:35

11:05 | *Comments by Paige West: Concerns have been raised that removing the alternative measures may have been pre-mature. The policy committee had adopted policies and goals that are also within the Regional Transporting Plan, as well as more that will improve the bike\ped facilities and improve transit service. Another concern is the commitment of 50% of STBG funds will go towards bike\ped facilities and a portion of that will go to RVTD for preventative maintenance. Removing the alternative measures may go against some of the policies that have been adopted.*

17:18 | Comments by Josh LeBombard: *Alternative measures have been adopted by LDCD. When deleting the alternative measures, there is less weight on the Committee vitality livability parts and the transportation options parts. They can be overcome by adding more weight, but this won't get at what the alternative measures are promoting.*

27:09 | Comments by Alex Georgevitch: *Alternative measures are something that the MPO is supposed to be testing against, some were then incorporated to help with the project selection. They originally were separate, and things have changed since the alternate measures were first introduced. Alternate measures do still need to happen, but how the projects are selected are not completely tied to them.*

59:53 | Paige West motioned for the next project section the RVMPO continues to use the existing scoring criteria, and the language at the top of the scoring criteria sheet is re-evaluated for clarity. Seconded by Ian Horlacher.

Further discussion of the motion and what it would entail.

Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Further discussion of creating of a subcommittee to review and, if necessary, edit the criteria.

Discussion Items

5. Draft UPWP and Dues 01:39:35 – 01:45:42

5. Public Comment 01:45:42 – 01:46:28

Comments provided by Mike Montero and Eleanor Ponomareff.

Regular Updates

6. MPO Planning Update 01:46:28 – 01:55:30

Provided by Karl Welzenbach regarding the Covid-19 relief funds, the State no longer doing a fund exchange, the new IJA bill coming up, and the upcoming workshop.

7. Other Business / Local Business 01:55:30–01:23:13

Updates from Central Point, Jackson County, and Grants Pass.

8. Adjournment

3:37 p.m.

Scheduled Meetings

RVMPO TAC | March 09, 2022 | 1:30 p.m.

RVMPO Policy Committee | February 22, 2022 | 2:00 p.m.

RVMPO PAC | February 15, 2022 | 5:30 p.m.

RVMP0 Evaluation Measures – Goals and Project Funding Criteria

Items in blue will be part of CMAQ funding evaluation unless specifically disqualified (adds capacity, maintains existing facility/service)

As discussed at Feb 28 meeting, subcommittee meetings

Deleted: For discussion purposes for Feb 2022

	RVMP0 Goal	2021-2045 RTP Goal	MPO Requirements (23 CFR, Part 450.306)	Evaluation Criteria	How Measured
1: Mobility		Plan for, develop and maintain a balanced multi-modal transportation system to address existing and future needs.	Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes for people and freight.	1. Safety or security issue addressed; Accident/injury reduction	Describe safety problem, and how project would reduce number and severity of crashes. (If project demonstrates air quality benefit it will be evaluated for CMAQ.)
				2. Congestion relief/reduce delay	Level of Service improvement; idle time reduced. HDV may be calculated separately. (To qualify for CMAQ project must provide cost-effective congestion mitigation that provides an air quality benefit. If project adds capacity, it will not be considered for CMAQ.)
		Optimize safety and security of the transportation system.	Increase accessibility and mobility. Increase safety of the transportation system.	3. Promote connectivity (ex: more direct travel, network infill)	Describe connectivity feature. If project reduces VMT it could help the region meet greenhouse emission requirements.
				4. Population # served (ADT; pop/jobs w/in 1/2-mi)	Provide traffic count; estimate # jobs and population that will be served by this project. Objective is to show the number of people who will be served by the project. Staff will estimate population & employment using RVMP0 model data. Numbers generated will be used to estimate VMT reduction and air quality benefit.
2: Community Vitality & Livability	Continue to work toward more fully integrating transportation and land use planning.	Use transportation investments to foster compact, livable communities. Develop a plan that builds on the character of the community, is sensitive to the environment and enhances quality of life.	Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, improve quality of life, and promote consistency between transportation improvements and planned growth and economic development.	1. Benefit to traditionally underserved populations (Low-Income, Minority, Seniors, Children, Limited English Proficiency)	Does the project invest in and/or provide benefit to an area identified in the Title VI and Environmental Justice Plan or the Transportation Needs Assessment for Traditionally Underserved Populations; or meet a need identified in the Needs Assessment?
				2. Support Alternative Measure 2: improve transit accessibility	Is the project located along existing/planned transit route? Does the project promote or support an increase in housing along fixed route transit?
		Use transportation investments to foster economic opportunities.	Support economic vitality especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity and efficiency.	Is the project located in an Activity Center? Does the project support, or is it part of, a high-density (at least 10-unites/acre for housing) area? Describe the relationship.	
				3. Benefit to freight movement, commercial traffic	Describe the benefit to movement of commercial vehicles. (If project reduces truck VMT or emissions – esp. pre 1986 trucks – project will be evaluated for CMAQ.)
3: Transportation Options	Increase integration and availability of transportation options.	Use incentives and other strategies to reduce reliance on single-occupant vehicles.		1. Encourage/support SOV reduction; Reduce auto dependence	Does the project reduce SOV use; what elements of project contribute?
				2. Is the project included in RVMP0 Active Transportation Plan?	Assigns points depending on whether path is regional bike arterial or bike collector.
				3. Support Alternative Measure 3: increase bike facilities	Provide total length of bicycle facility, service to/within/between Activity Centers, and/or describe other improvement.
				4. Support Alternative Measure 4: increase sidewalks on collectors, arterials in Activity Centers	Provide total length of qualifying sidewalks/paths.
4: Resource Conservation	Incorporate environmental and energy conservation into the RVMP0 planning process.	Maximize efficient use of transportation infrastructure for all users and modes.	Promote efficient system management and operation.	1. Address/mitigate environmental impacts	Describe project's benefit to natural environment. Does project include conservation features (ex. permeable surface).
				2. Air quality benefit, long term including NOX and VOC.	If there are air quality benefit in addition to responses provided to RED-TEXT criteria, describe. Emission reductions and cost/benefit analysis will be done based on responses provided to items in red. Numbers supplied or staff-generated for Mobility item 4 will be used in this analysis.
				3. Reduce greenhouse gas emissions (CO) ₁	Does the project reduce reliance on travel by combustion vehicles, or shift to lower-carbon fuel? (It's anticipated that projects contributing to the Alternative Measures will reduce GHG emissions.)
		Encourage use of cost-effective emerging technologies to achieve regional transportation goals.	Emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system.	4. Use emerging/new technology	Describe technology to be incorporated into project.
				5. Preserves existing transportation asset	How does the project extend the life of facility without the construction of new facilities? Does the project refurbish existing facility? (If facility is transit, bike or pedestrian it will be considered for CMAQ evaluation.)
				6. Reduce VMT	Reduction formula based on project type
				7. Improve system efficiency	Describe efficiency: Facility able to handle greater ADT without expansion; Improve other transportation function with smaller investment; reduced operational costs; other?
				8. Lifespan	Useful life of investment. For roadway projects, uniform lifespan applies as determined by predominate material used: concrete = 30 yrs; asphalt = 20 yrs; bike lanes = 20 yrs
				9. Other public, private funding sources (leverage)	List overmatch, other funds

Deleted: Level of density w/in 1/4 mile buffer of project area.

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Deleted: Support Alternative Measure 1: increase transit, bike, ped mode share

Deleted: Describe how the project will increase use of alternative modes

(1) Greenhouse gas emissions can be reduced by reducing congestion, increasing operational efficiency, supporting alternative modes reducing use of combustion vehicles, and shifting to lower-carbon fuels (<http://www.deq.state.or.us/committees/lowcarbon.htm>).



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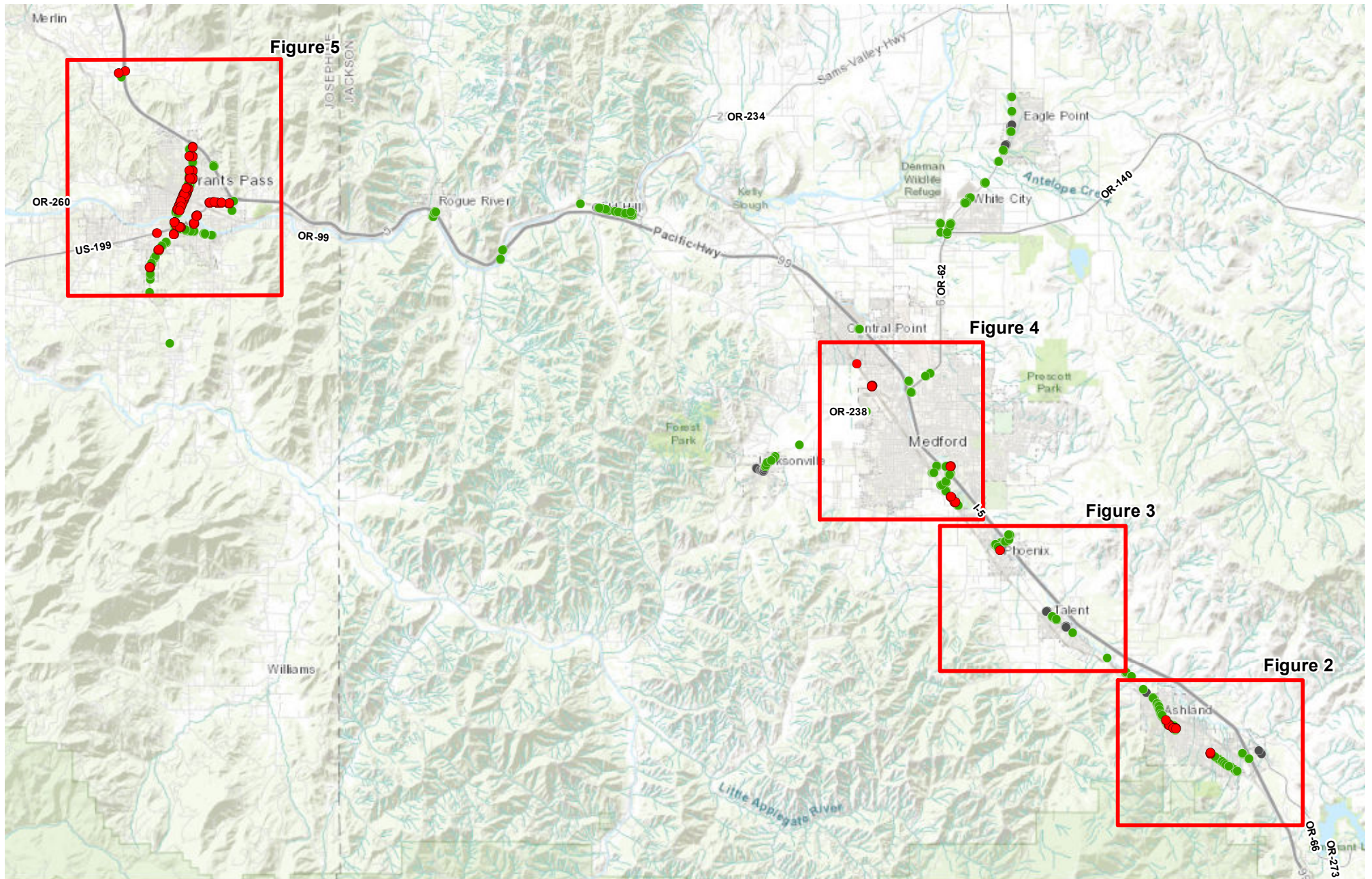
DATE: February 22, 2022
 TO: RVMPO Technical Advisory Committee
 FROM: Ryan MacLaren, Senior Planner
 SUBJECT: TIP Amendments

The TAC is being asked to make recommendations to the Policy Committee on the proposed TIP amendments described below and on the following pages. The Policy Committee will hold a public hearing at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 22, 2022 to consider adoption of the proposed TIP amendments. A press release for the 21-day public comment period and public hearing was sent on or before February 22nd to the Medford Tribune, and information is currently available on the RVMPO website. Information on the projects is enumerated, below:

A. Add Project to TIP: Jackson and Josephine County curb ramps, phase 3 (KN22571)

Description: Design for future construction of curb ramps to meet compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.

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 and Josephine County curb ramps, phase 3	Design for future construction of curb ramps to meet compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards	n/a	Exempt 93.126 (Table 2) Safety & Bike and Pedestrian Facilities.			Planning								\$ -
				22571	2022	Design	\$ 4,215,901	SW ADA	\$ 482,529	ODOT	\$ 4,698,430			\$ 4,698,430
						Land Purchase					\$ -			\$ -
						Utility Relocate					\$ -			\$ -
						Construction					\$ -			\$ -
						Other					\$ -			\$ -
		Total FFY21-24			\$ 4,215,901		\$ 482,529		\$ 4,698,430	\$ -		\$ 4,698,430		



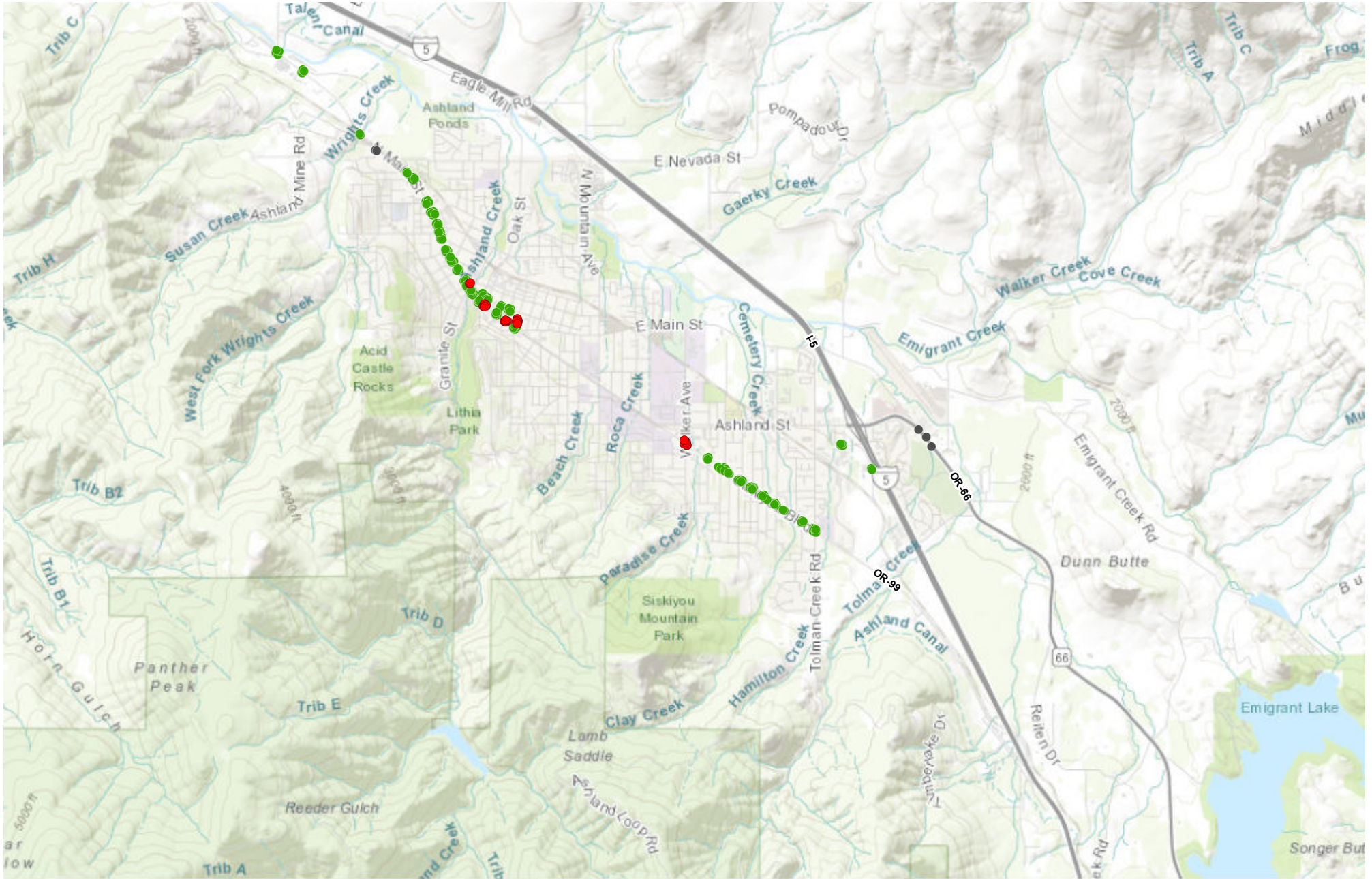
- 2024 - Package #1
- Ramps Included in another STIP Project Package
- STIP Settlement Ramps After 2024 Project



2024 - PACKAGE #1
FIGURE 1

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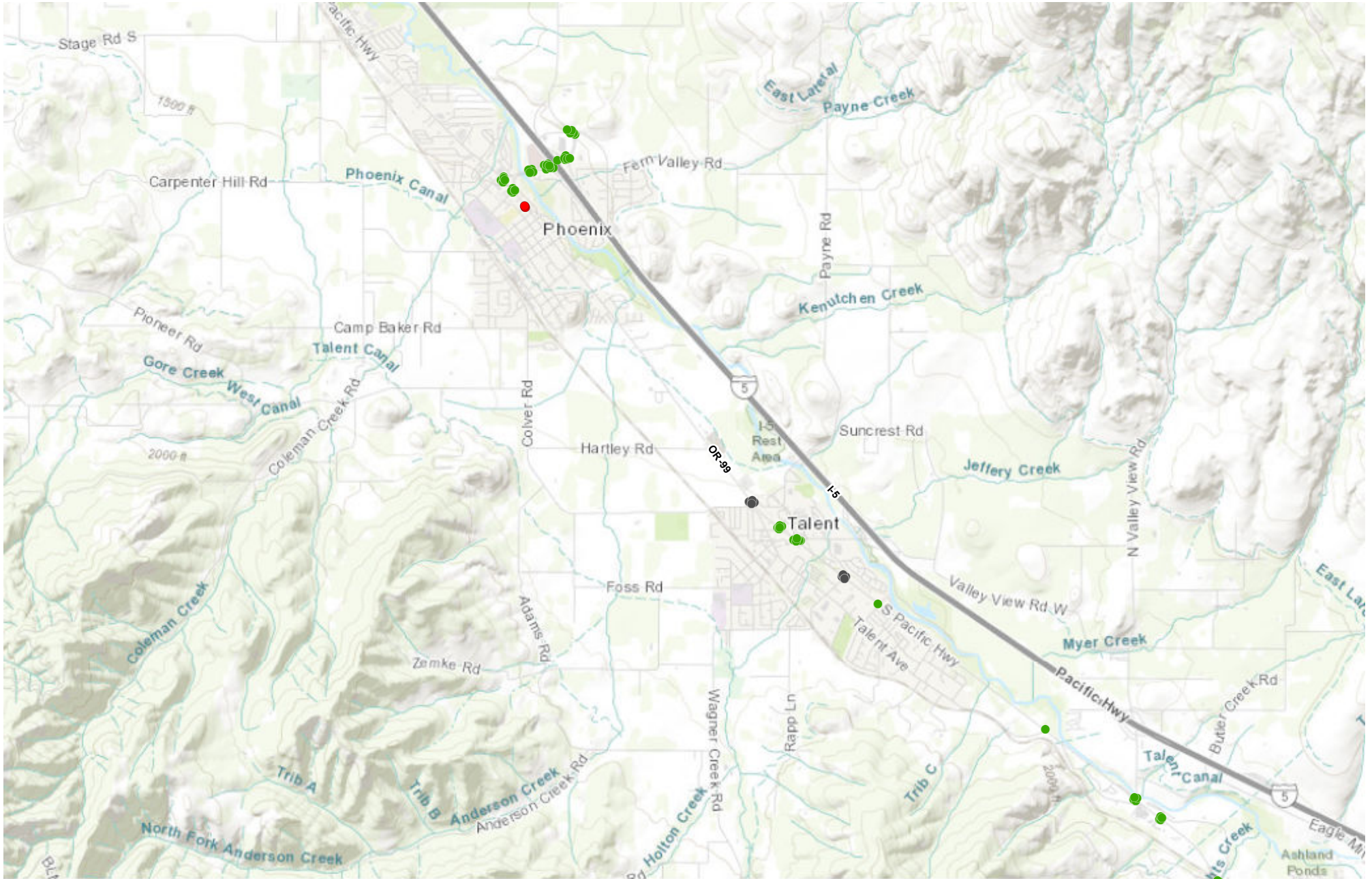
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2024 - PACKAGE #1
FIGURE 2

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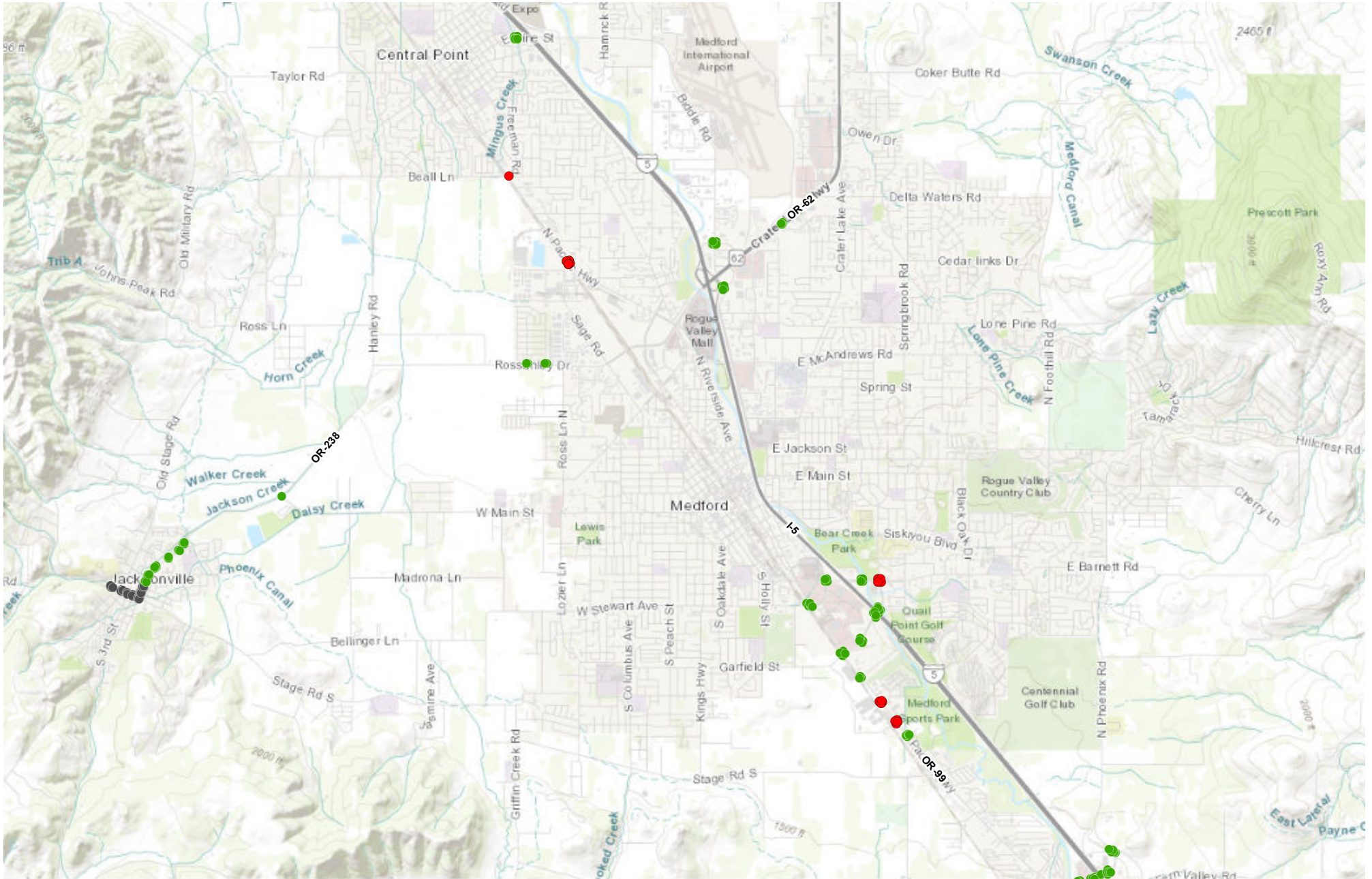
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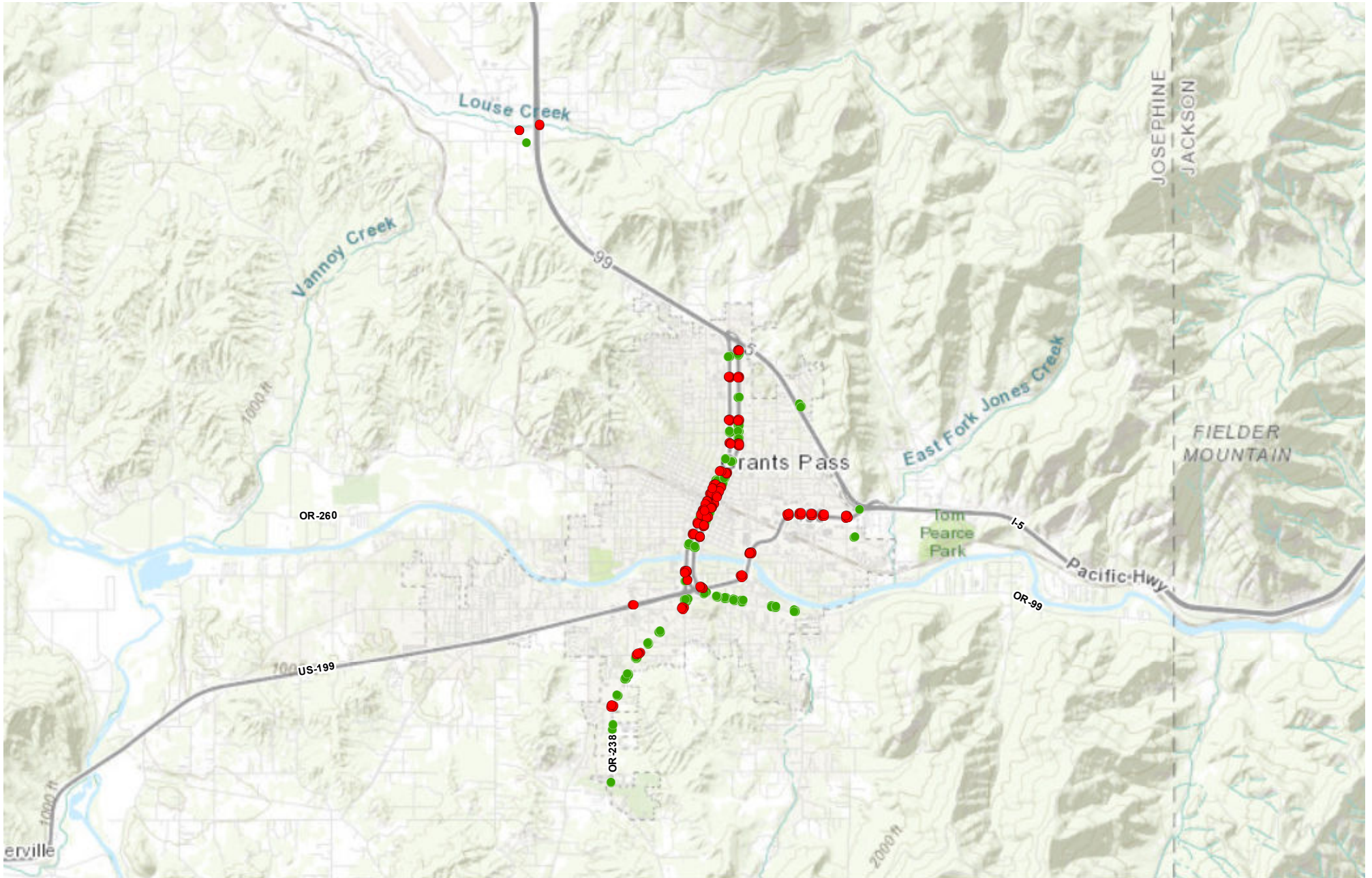
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2024 - PACKAGE #1
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FIGURE 5
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