

AGENDA

Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee & Public Advisory Council



Date: Wednesday, September 8, 2021

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Location: Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88689815310?pwd=K0hiQ3JQdXQxMHRCMF10dmJ0TThvQT09>

Meeting ID: 886 8981 5310

Passcode: 025657

Phone#: 253 215 8782

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

RVMPO website: www.rvmopo.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 08/11/2021 #2 RVMPO PAC Meeting Draft Minutes 07/20/2021	
Action Items		
3	Presentation on the RTP and AQCD	Karl Welzenbach
<i>Background</i>	For the past several months the MPO staff has been working on the update to the Regional Transportation Plan and its accompanying Air Quality Conformity Determination. The draft plan and AQCD have been available on the MPO's website for several weeks now.	
<i>Attachment</i>	#3 Presentation on draft RTP and AQCD	
<i>Action Requested</i>	Recommendation of approval to the Policy Committee	
4	Amendments to the 2021–2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)	Ryan MacLaren
<i>Background</i>	The TAC and PAC are 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"> I-5 Medford Viaduct Advance Right of Way Purchase OR 99/I-5 Curb Ramps <p>The 21-day public comment period and public hearing was advertised on or before Friday, September 3, 2021 in the <i>Medford Mail Tribune</i>, and information is currently available on the RVMPO website.</p>
<i>Attachment</i>	<p>#4 TIP Amendments</p> <p>#5 CMR Transaction for Curb Ramps</p> <p>#6 Map for Viaduct</p>
<i>Action Requested</i>	Recommendation of approval to the Policy Committee.
5	Covid-19 Funding Discussion Karl Welzenbach
<i>Background</i>	<p>The RVMPO is the recipient of \$810,000 in COVID relief funding. These funds come with no strings attached and therefore may be used for virtually anything. The purpose of this joint meeting is to discuss how these funds may be utilized and bring some recommendations to Policy Committee for their consideration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ashland Chip Seal Project
<i>Attachment</i>	#7 City of Ashland Request
<i>Action Requested</i>	Recommendation(s) to Policy Committee
Discussion Items	
6	Public Comment Chair
Regular Updates	
7	RVMPO Planning Update Karl Welzenbach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Memo for Improvements to Project Selection
8	Other Business / Local Business Chair <p>Opportunity for RVMPO member jurisdictions to talk about transportation planning projects.</p>
9	Adjournment Chair

- The next RVMPO TAC meeting will be **Wednesday, October 26, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.** in the Jefferson Conference Room, RVCOG, Central Point.
- The next RVMPO Policy Committee meeting will be **Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.** in the Jefferson Conference Room, RVCOG, Central Point.

- The next RVMPO PAC meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 19, 2021, at 5:30 p.m.** in the Jefferson Conference Room, RVCOG, Central Point.

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
August 11, 2021**



The following attended:

Voting Members	Organization	Phone Number
Karl Johnson	Ashland PW	448-5587
Matt Samitore	Central Point PW	664-3321 x205
Mike Upston	Eagle Point PL	826-4212
Robert Miller	Eagle Point PW	826-4212
Matt Brinkley	Medford PL	774-2381
Alex Georgevitch, Chair	Medford PW	774-2114
Charles Bennett	Jackson County PL	774-6115
John Vial for Mike Kuntz	Jackson County R&P	774-6228
Justin Shoemaker	ODOT	774-6376
Ian Horlacher	ODOT	774-6399
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	
James Philip	Jackson Co	
Dan Roberts	ODOT	
Tonia Moro	RVTD	

1. Call to Order / Introductions / Review Agenda 00:00–01:28

1:31 p.m. | *Quorum*: Ashland, Central Point, Eagle Point, Medford, Jackson County, ODOT.

2. Review / Approve Minutes 01:28–02:20

01:42 | *Mike Upston moved to approve the July 14, 2021 RVMPO TAC Meeting Minutes as presented. Seconded by Charles Bennett.*

No further discussion.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Action Items

3. Changes to Amendment Matrix in the TIP 02:20 – 08:30

07:18 | *John Vial moved to recommended approval of the changes to the Amendment Matrix in the TIP. Seconded by Justin Shoemaker*

No further discussion.

Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

4. Ashland Chip Seal Project 08:30 – 27:38

20:48 | *John Vial moved to Table the Ashland Chip Seal project discussion until the discussion of the Covid Relief funds. Second by Matt Samitore.*

Further discussion on the time sensitivity of this project.

Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

5. Improvements to Project Selection Process 27:28 – 01:11:30

This is continued discussion from the previous TAC meeting.

31:12 | *Alex Georgevitch: Planning projects were always allowed to be submitted, no one ever has, however. Some type of different scoring may need to be implemented for planning projects, with the understanding that it could lead to a “No Build Project.”*

33:35 | *Charles Bennett: There was concerns with the Second Item on the memo sent out. More discussion will need to be had. RVTD was very concerned.*

RVTD would be an exception to most if not all of the changed discussed. These changes are focused mostly on roadway/sidewalk/bikeway projects.

37:43 | *John Vial: For the smaller cities, keeping the limit to around \$100 thousand would be a great idea. Also, instead of a workshop being the decision point, something like a Letter of Interest (LOI) could be required.*

42:23 | Dan Roberts: *For the price limit, there is a fixed minimum for PE cost that is not flexible. This should be a part of the discussion.*

43:33 | Alex Georgevitch: *Going back to the workshop discussion, the plan was to have this workshop right after the call for projects. This gives the jurisdiction time to formulate their projects and find out any constraints and costs. Potentially this could also help scope the projects and all the jurisdictions can come together to have the most success with the most accurate cost estimations. This could also be done with LOI.*

46:27 | Karl Welzenbach: *It is around \$325-350 thousand regardless for ODOT. With this issue of having a minimum cost, if a jurisdiction asks for anything under \$1 million, they will be spending around one third of that just for PE. ODOT had expressed interest in holding the workshop and working with all the jurisdictions to help with applications and cost estimates.*

52:00 | Karl Welzenbach: *For the cost estimate an inflation factor could be put in. And, in the last meeting, Justin Shoemaker noted that a contingency should factor in a time delay with about a 20-30% contingency, depending on risk factor.*

53:35 | John Vial: *Flat contingencies are a concern due to the wide range of projects we do. For some projects 30% is very high, while others it will be way too low. A contingency should be added, but the MPO should be careful.*

54:50 | Alex Georgevitch: *The MPO should have everything in place by the end of the year, policy direction, modified application if necessary, and potentially the first workshop. The call for projects will be in February.*

Even if the process is changed now, it can be changed as the process is done until it works. This is not set in stone.

58:41 | Charles Bennet moved for an official memo be created by staff from the discussions held for TAC review and possible approval be sent for the Policy Committee. Seconded by John Vial.

Clarification on intent of planning phase and planning applications for complex or challenging projects, and minimum for planning phase.

Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Discussion Items

6. Public Comment 01:11:31 – 01:11:54

No Comments.

Regular Updates

7. MPO Planning Update 01:11:54 – 01:18:34

Provided by Karl Welzenbach regarding the Transportation/Infrastructure Bills, the possibility of the TMA, and the RTP and AQCD.

8. Other Business / Local Business 01:18:31–01:21:05

Updates provided by John Vial beginning to work for Medford.

9. Adjournment

2:52 p.m.

Scheduled Meetings

RVMPO TAC | September 8, 2021 | 1:30 p.m.

RVMPO Policy Committee | August 24, 2021 | 2:00 p.m.

RVMPO PAC | September 8, 2021 | 1:30 p.m.

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Summary Minutes
Rogue Valley MPO Public Advisory Council
July 20, 2021

The following attended:

Involvement Area	Appointee	Phone Number
Ashland	Mary Wooding	482-1066
Central Point	Jennifer Boardman	630-0387
Central Point	Larry Martin	664-3778
Eagle Point	Mike Stanek	821-1804
Jacksonville	Ron Holthusen	944-5040
Non-voting Members	Appointee	Phone Number
Special Interest	Appointee	Phone Number
Freight Industry	Mike Montero, Chair	779-0771
Public Health	Michael Polich	608-3802
Senior	Robin Lee	773-7185
Staff		
RVCOG	Karl Welzenbach	423-1360
RVCOG	Rayn MacLaren	423-1338
RVCOG	Kelsey Sharp	423-1375
Interested Party		

RVMPO PAC Agenda Packet: [July 20, 2021](#)

Meeting Recordings: [07/20/2021](#)

1. Call to Order / Introductions/ Review Agenda 00:00 – 01:42

5:30 p.m.

2. Review / Approve Minutes 01:42 – 02:15

02:01 | *Mary Wooding motioned to approve the June 15, 2021 meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Ron Holthusen.*

No further discussion.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

3. Public Comment 02:15 – 02:22

No Comments

Action Items

4. Amendment to the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) 02:22 – 16:49

13:30 | *Mary Wooding motioned to recommend approval of the OR-99 Glennwood-Coleman Creek Amendment to the 2021-2024 TIP. Seconded by Robin Lee.*

Further discussion on OR-99 I-5 to Scenic Ave.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

15:57 | *Jennifer Boardman motioned to recommend approval of the OR-99 I-5 to Scenic Ave Amendment to the 2021-2024 TIP. Seconded by Mike Stanek.*

No further discussion.

Motion passed with 7 yes and 1 abstain.

Discussion Items

5. Improvements to Project Selection Process 16:49 – 45:17

A memo of this discussion and the Technical Advisory Committee’s discussion will be sent out at a later date.

Regular Updates

6. MPO Planning Update 45:58 – 01:01:20

Provided by Karl. Updates on the Covid-19 funding and the joint PAC and TAC meeting in September., and the upcoming OMPOC meeting.

7. Other Business 01:01:20 – 01:05:22

8. Next Meeting: *The next PAC meeting is August 17, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.*

9. Meeting Adjourned

<p><u>Scheduled Meetings:</u></p> <p>RVMPO PAC Tuesday, August 17, 2021 @ 5:30 pm</p> <p>RVMPO TAC Wednesday, August 11, 2020 @ 1:30 p.m.</p> <p>RVMPO Policy Committee Tuesday, July 27, 2020 @ 2:00 p.m.</p>



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DATE: September 1, 2021
 TO: RVMPO Technical Advisory Committee & Public Advisory Council
 FROM: Ryan MacLaren, Senior Planner
 SUBJECT: TIP Amendments

The TAC & PAC are 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, September 28, 2021 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 September 3rd 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: I-5: Medford Viaduct Advance Right of Way Purchase (KN 22444)

Description: Purchase portions of vacant parcels prior to development to protect area needed for Viaduct expansion and repair (future project).

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: Medford Viaduct Advance Right of Way Purchase	Purchase portions of vacant parcels prior to development to protect area needed for Viaduct expansion and repair (future project)	n/a	Exempt 93.126 (Table 2) Emergency or hardship advance land acquisitions (23 CFR 710.503)	22444	2021	Planning									\$ -
						Design						\$ -			\$ -
						Land Purchase						\$ -	\$ 500,000	ODOT	\$ 500,000
						Utility Relocate						\$ -			\$ -
						Construction						\$ -			\$ -
						Other						\$ -			\$ -
						Total FFY21-24						\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500,000

B. Adjust Project in TIP: OR99/I-5 Curb Ramps (KN 22389)

Description: Increase the project estimate by \$1,062,500, moving funds from project keys 22390 and 21721, and adding funds from the city of Ashland. Update description. Slip the Utility Relocation phase to federal fiscal year 2022 for delivery.

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														
OR99/I-5 Curb Ramps	Construct curb ramps to meet compliance with the American with Disabilities ACT (ADA) standards.	n/a	Exempt 93.126 (Table 2) Safety & Bike and Pedistrian Facilites.			Planning								\$ -
						Design					\$ -			\$ -
				22389	2021	Land Purchase	\$ 969,084	SW ADA	\$ 110,916	ODOT	\$ 1,080,000			\$ 1,080,000
				22389	2022	Utility Relocate	\$ 89,730	SW ADA	\$ 10,270	ODOT	\$ 100,000			\$ 100,000
				22389	2021	Construction	\$ 4,569,500	SW ADA	\$ 523,000	ODOT	\$ 5,092,500	\$ 95,000	Ashland	\$ 5,187,500
						Other					\$ -	\$ 375,000	ODOT	\$ 375,000
						Total FFY21-24			\$ 5,628,314		\$ 644,186		\$ 6,272,500	\$ 470,000

Status: **Approved**

CMR Transaction

Request Date: CMR Number: Project Lead (TPM/RE-CP):

Project Name:

KN: Region: Area: Project Delivery Phase:

Funding Program 1: Program 2: Program 3:

Program 4: Program 5: Program 6:

STIP Amendment: Approval Authority: MPO Amendment: Yes No

IGA Amendment: Yes No A & E Contract Amendment: Yes No Reset Baseline Project: Yes No

Change 1: Reason 1:

Change 2: Reason 2:

Change 3: Reason 3:

Current Scope: This project will construct ADA compliant ramps in southern Oregon in the communities of Medford, Talent and Ashland.

Describe Scope Change: The addition of SWIP funding into the project will allow infill sidewalk work to be performed at the intersections of Hwy 99 and Mary Jane Avenue, Harmony Lane and Park Avenue in Ashland. Also the city of Ashland has requested an RRFB at the intersection of Hwy 99 and Van Ness Ave and have agreed to pay the additional costs associated with that construction.

Justification for Scope Change: Adding SWIP funding will allow us to improve pedestrian facilities within the project area that the ADA program will not fund. This additional funding will result in a better overall project. Also adding the RRFB at the Van Ness Ave intersection will improve pedestrian safety which has been a priority of the city for quite a while.

Describe the Risk of not Approving the Scope Change: Not taking advantage of the ADA curb ramp project to improve pedestrian facilities within the project area and not providing key improvements requested by the City of Ashland.

	<u>Current Dates</u>	<u>Proposed Dates</u>		<u>Current Dates</u>	<u>Proposed Dates</u>
PE EA Open - 008	<input type="text" value="4/16/2020"/>	<input type="text" value="4/16/2020"/>	PS&E Submittal - 551	<input type="text" value="7/19/2021"/>	<input type="text" value="10/18/2021"/>
PDT Kick-off - 018	<input type="text" value="10/5/2020"/>	<input type="text" value="10/5/2020"/>	Bid Opening - 560	<input type="text" value="9/9/2021"/>	<input type="text" value="12/9/2021"/>
Project Initiation Phase Complete - 050	<input type="text" value="11/17/2020"/>	<input type="text" value="11/17/2020"/>	Forecasted 1st Note 735	<input type="text" value="10/21/2021"/>	<input type="text" value="1/25/2022"/>
DAP Phase Complete - 325	<input type="text" value="3/24/2021"/>	<input type="text" value="3/24/2021"/>	Forecasted 2nd Note 790	<input type="text" value="9/30/2022"/>	<input type="text" value="10/12/2022"/>
ROW EA Open - 470	<input type="text" value="3/31/2021"/>	<input type="text" value="8/13/2021"/>	Forecasted 3rd Note 796	<input type="text" value="3/28/2023"/>	<input type="text" value="4/7/2023"/>

Describe Schedule Change: The PS&E and Bid dates have to be pushed out. These date revisions will caused slight adjustments to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd note dates as well. The CN and UR phases of the project will also need to be slipped from FFY2021 to FFY 2022.

Justification for Schedule Change: The PS&E and Bid dates had to be pushed out due to unresolved survey issues as well as outstanding crosswalk closure and design exceptions that were not resolved in time for the previous PS&E date. The revised 2nd and 3rd note dates were updated based on the current construction time estimate developed at the Final plans stage of the project. The CN and UR phases will not obligate in time in FFY2021 so therefore they need to be slipped to FFY 2022.

Status: **Approved**

CMR Transaction

Request Date: CMR Number: Project Lead (TPM/RE-CP):

Project Name:

KN: Region: Area: Project Delivery Phase:

Describe the Risk of not Approving the Schedule Change:

Not approving this change will result in a baselined schedule that does not match the project specifications and was not delivered on time as well as having phases not obligate in the correct FFY.

	<u>Phase Total Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Requested Budget</u>	<u>Change</u>
Planning	\$0	\$0	\$0
Preliminary Engineering	\$0	\$0	\$0
Right of Way	\$1,080,000	\$1,080,000	\$0
Utility Relocation	\$80,000	\$100,000	\$20,000
Construction	\$4,520,000	\$5,562,500	\$1,042,500
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total:	\$5,680,000	\$6,742,500	\$1,062,500

Describe Budget Change (Break down the change by Funding Program):

This CMR documents the addition of SWIP funding (\$375,000) to fund the infill sidewalk work at the intersections of Hwy 99 and Mary Jane Avenue and Hwy 99 and Harmony Lane as well as at the City of Ashland's contribution of funds for the RRFB (\$95,000). Overall \$470,000 of funding from other sources than ADA will be added into the project. The ADA program will need to add an additional \$592,500 into this project which was the reduction in funding on KN22390 the other child project associated with KN22208 which includes this project.

Justification for Budget Change:

The added work will improve the ADA facilities within the project limits. Sidewalk infill work is not funded through the ADA program. The City of Ashland agreed to add money into the project for the RRFB work at Van Ness which was a request by the city which beyond the minimum requirement to build compliant ramps which the ADA program will not cover. Money was reallocated between phases in order to fully fund all phases of this project which were savings associated with KN22390.

Describe the Risk of not Approving the Budget Change:

Not taking advantage of the ADA curb ramp project to improve pedestrian facility within the project area and certain phases being underfunded in the project.

	<u>Signatures</u>	<u>Dates</u>		<u>Signatures</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Funding Program Manager:	<input type="text" value="Snyder, Tony"/>	<input type="text" value="8/5/2021"/>	Additional Signator:	<input type="text" value="Horning, Jessica"/>	<input type="text" value="6/29/2021"/>
STIP Coordinator:	<input type="text" value="Birch, Naomi"/>	<input type="text" value="7/2/2021"/>	Additional Signator:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Area Manager:	<input type="text" value="Anderson, Art"/>	<input type="text" value="8/11/2021"/>	Additional Signator:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Project Sponsor:	<input type="text" value="Marmon, Jennifer"/>	<input type="text" value="8/11/2021"/>	Additional Signator:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Tech Center Manager:	<input type="text" value="Thompson, Mark"/>	<input type="text" value="8/11/2021"/>	Additional Signator:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Region Manager:	<input type="text" value="Neavoll, Darrin"/>	<input type="text" value="8/11/2021"/>	Additional Signator:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Additional Signator:	<input type="text" value="Garcia, Gabriela"/>	<input type="text" value="7/2/2021"/>	Additional Signator:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

CITY OF ASHLAND

July 21, 2021

Karl D. Welzenbach
Planning and Program Manager
Rogue Valley Council of Governments
155 N. First St | PO Box 3275
Central Point, OR 97502

RE: COVID Relief Funding

Dear Karl,

The City of Ashland would like to seek approval of a proposal in that the City returns the current CMAQ distribution of \$468,244 for the Ashland Chip Seal Project (Key# 21016, RTP #166) and in return the City would ask for distribution of \$420,000 in COVID Relief Funding and take over and manage the chip seal project to completion. This proposal will assist a currently underfunded CMAQ project that can take advantage of the \$468,244 to help and expand the chip seal project to complete more streets as originally intended.

While working through the CMAQ Chip Seal project process with ODOT, we are both realizing the project is not panning out as we hoped. The cost/benefit with respect to the engineering and construction phases is skewed because of Federal requirements associated with the CMAQ program. Currently, preliminary engineering is projected to be approximately \$350,00 of the \$561,648 project total, leaving only \$210,000 for construction. Without the requirements tied to the CMAQ funding the City feels that all of the \$420,000 could be used on construction alone. After including the original City share, we are hoping to complete at least double the number of streets of what it appears would be able to be finished if it were to remain a CMAQ project. Completing this project is a priority for the City and meets the goals of the region through particulate reduction.

The City has discussed this proposal with ODOT, and they are in complete support of the proposal. In addition, it will free ODOT staff of their obligations of the local agency assistance requirement for the Chip Seal project and will provide more timely resources to other locally delivered federal aid projects managed by ODOT.

The City would welcome your feedback on this proposal and would appreciate hearing what our next steps should be in this process.

Sincerely,



Scott Fleury, PE
Public Works Director





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DATE: August 16, 2021
TO: Technical Advisory Committee
FROM: Karl Welzenbach, Planning Program Director
SUBJECT: Recommendations on Project Applications and Selection Process

This memo contains recommendations for the RVMPO Policy Committee that were the result of several hours of discussion by the Technical Advisory Committee members over the period of three meetings.

After much discussion the general consensus seemed to fall into two categories: improvements to the application form itself and improvements to the process. The following recommendations are what the TAC came to consensus on:

Recommendations:

Improvements to the Application -

- Include a check box in the application for jurisdictions to indicate whether or not they intend to pursue a simple fund exchange.
- Include ODOT's prospectus (or a portion of it) in the MPO's application form.

Improvements to the Process -

1. Restrict application for CMAQ funding to projects that cost in excess of \$1 million (note: there is still some hesitancy to creating a "hard" minimum)
2. Hold a workshop subsequent to the call for projects to be hosted by the MPO staff but conducted by ODOT staff to review with the jurisdictions all of the requirements associated with the use of federal funds.
3. Make the aforementioned workshop mandatory – if a jurisdiction applies for funding but does not attend the workshop that application will be thrown out.
4. Identify two categories of projects: a) simple projects that could be fund exchanged and proceed apace; b) larger more complicated and costly projects
5. Allow jurisdictions to apply for just a planning phase (minimum of \$150,000)
6. Place greater onus is on the Technical Advisory Committee to undertake a more critical review of each application.