

Date: Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Join In-Person

Location:	Lewis Conference Room
	RVCOG, 155 N 1 st Street,
	Central Point
Transit:	Served by RVTD Route #40
Contact:	RVCOG: 541-423-1375
Website:	www.rvmpo.org

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Or via ZoomMeeting ID:846 2782 3341Phone #:+1 346 248 7799

Zoom Link:

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

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

1. Call to Order / Introductions / Review Agenda

Consent /	Agenda
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- 2. Review / Approve Minutes
 - Attachment:

Public Hearing

#1 RVMPO Policy Meeting Draft Minutes 08/27/2024

Chair will read the public hearing procedures

3. Amendment to the 2024-27 TIP

- Background: The Policy Committee is being asked to consider amendments to the 2024– 2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include the following project(s):
 - A. Adjust Project in TIP: Enhanced Mobility S&ID RVTD FFY23 (KN21982)
 - B. Adjust Project to TIP: Enhanced Mobility S&ID RVTD FFY24 (KN 21991)
 - C. Adjust Project in TIP: Enhanced Mobility S&ID RVTD FFY25 (KN 22959)
 - D. Adjust Project in TIP: Enhanced Mobility S&ID RVTD FFY26 (KN 22971)
 - E. Adjust Project in TIP: Enhanced Mobility S&ID RVTD FFY27 (KN 22984)
 - F. Add Project to TIP: Mass Transit Vehicle Replacement FY25 RVTD (KN 23712)
 - G. Add Project to TIP: Bus Facility Improvements-SM urban RVTD FFY24 (KN 23714)
 - H. Add Project to TIP: Oregon Transportation Network RVTD FFY25 (KN 23723)

Chair

Chair

Ryan MacLaren



 Cancel Project in TIP: OR66: Railroad Bridge - Southbound exit 14 (KN 21184) The 21-day public comment period and public hearing was advertised on or before Tuesday, September 3, 2024, in the Rogue Valley Times, and information is currently available on the RVMPO website.
<u>#2 TIP Amendments</u>
Approval of the Amendments
Plan Dan Moore
The policies and practices described in the Public Participation Plan recognize the need for robust public involvement at all stages of regional transportation planning. The plan is intended to encourage, facilitate, and follow through on public comments, concerns, and suggestions by establishing procedures for providing full public access to information and decisions, timely public notices, and early and continuing public involvement in plan development.
Draft PPP #3 Plan Memo #4 Resolution 2024-03
Approval of the Public Participation Plan
Action Items
es Dan Moore
The RVMPO is updating the 2025-2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)
scheduled for adoption in September 2025. Attached is the final draft of the 2025-2050 RVMPO Regional Transportation Plan Goals, Policies and Potential Actions as proposed by the Technical Advisory Committee.
2025-2050 RVMPO Regional Transportation Plan Goals, Policies and Potential
2025-2050 RVMPO Regional Transportation Plan Goals, Policies and Potential Actions as proposed by the Technical Advisory Committee.
2025-2050 RVMPO Regional Transportation Plan Goals, Policies and Potential Actions as proposed by the Technical Advisory Committee. <u>#5 Draft of Goals and Polices Memo</u>



	Di	iscussion Items		
7.	Public Comment			Chair
	Re	egular Updates		
8.	RVMPO Update		Ryan M	acLaren
9.	Other Business / Local Business			Chair
	Opportunity for RVMPO member juris	dictions to talk about transpo	ortation planning projects	
10.	Adjournment			Chair
	Scheduled Meetings			
	RVMPO TAC	October 9, 2024	1:30 p.m.	
	RVMPO PAC	October 15, 2024	5:30 p.m.	

October 22, 2024

2:00 p.m.

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

RVMPO Policy Meeting



Date: Tuesday, A	ugust 27, 2024						
Voting Members	Organization	Phone Number					
Tonya Graham	Ashland	488-6002					
Mike Quilty	Central Point	664-7907					
Donna Bowen	Jacksonville	899-1231					
Terry Baker	Phoenix	535-1955					
Eleanor Ponomareff	Talent	535-1566					
Colleen Roberts	Jackson County	774-6117					
Jerry Marmon, Chair	ODOT	774-6353					
Tonia Moro	RVTD	973-2063					
Alternate Members	Organization	Phone Number					
Scott Fleury	Ashland						
John Vial	Medford						
Steve Lambert	Jackson County						
Paige West	RVTD						
Staff	Organization	Phone Number					
Staff Ryan MacLaren	Organization RVCOG	Phone Number 423-1338					
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1. Call to Order at 2:00 p.m. / Introductions / Review Agenda 00:00 – 02:50

Quorum: Ashland, Central Point, Medford, Phoenix, Talent, Jackson County, ODOT, RVTD

2. Review / Approve Minutes 02:50 – 03:20

03:02 Eleanor Ponomareff moved to approve the July 23, 2024, RVMPO Policy Committee Meeting Minutes as presented. Seconded by Mike Quilty. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Public Hearing

3. Amendments to the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program 03:20 - 07:19

Chair Jerry Marmon opened the Public Hearing.

No comments received.

Chair Jerry Marmon closed the Public Hearing.

06:55 Mike Quilty moved to approve the amendment to the 2024-2027 TIP as presented.Seconded by Eleanor Ponomareff.No further discussion.

Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Action Items

4. Regional Transportation Program Project List 07:19 – 15:26

14:30 Mike Quilty moved to approve the RTP Project List as presented. Seconded by John Vial. No further discussion.

Motion Passed unanimously by voice vote.

5. RVMPO Financial Forecast 15:26 – 35:11

- 34:48Eleanor Ponomareff moved to approve the RVMPO Financial Forecast as presented.
Seconded by Terry Baker
 - No further discussion.

Motion Passed unanimously by voice vote.

6. Re-Appointment of PAC Membership 35:11 – 36:21

- **35:57** John Vial moved to approve the re-appointment of Robin Lee to the RVMPO PAC. Seconded by Tonya Graham.
 - No further discussion.

Motion Passed unanimously by voice vote.



Discussion Items

7. Public Comment 36:21 – 38:55 Comments received from Citizens of Jacksonville regarding the Project List.

Regular Updates

8. MPO Planning Update 38:55 – 42:54 Provided by Ryan MacLaren regarding continued public outreach. Ride the Rogue is happening on September 28, 2024!

9. Other Business / Local Business 42:54–44:48 Updates from Jackson County.

10. Adjournment

2:45p.m.

Scheduled Meetings		
RVMPO TAC	September 5, 2024	1:30 p.m.
RVMPO PAC	September 12, 2024	5:30 p.m.
RVMPO Policy Meeting	September 19, 2024	2:00 p.m.



Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization

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DATE:	September 3, 2024
TO:	RVMPO Policy Committee
FROM:	Ryan MacLaren, Planning Program Director
SUBJECT:	TIP Amendments

The Policy Committee is being asked to consider approval of the following amendment(s) to the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program.

A press release for the 21-day public comment period and public hearing was sent on or before September 3rd 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 projects is enumerated, below:

A. Adjust Project in TIP: Enhanced Mobility S&ID - RVTD FFY23 (KN21982)

Description: Increase: 21982 \$160,875, 21991 \$195,016, 22959 \$55,593, 22971 \$31,678, 22984 \$5,596. Update project names to "Enhanced Mobility S&ID". Add "State administration included" to project descriptions. Slip 21982 and 21991 to 25. OTC approved 8/1/24.

Project Name	Project Description	RTP Project	Air Quality Status	Kev #	Federal Fiscal Year	Phase	Fee	eral	Federal Requ	ired Match	Total Fed+Reg Match	Othe	r	Total All Sources
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	needs, seniors, and other		93.126 Table 2) -			Utility Relocate					\$-			\$-
	transit-dependent populations in rural areas.		Mass Transit			Construction					\$-			\$-
	State administration			21982	2025	Other	\$ 465,000	5310	\$ 104,625	RVTD	\$ 569,625			\$ 569,625
	included.				Total FFY24-27		\$ 465,000		\$ 104,625		\$ 569,625	\$-		\$ 569,625

B. Adjust Project to TIP: Enhanced Mobility S&ID - RVTD FFY24 (KN 21991)

Description: Increase: 21982 \$160,875, 21991 \$195,016, 22959 \$55,593, 22971 \$31,678, 22984 \$5,596. Update project names to "Enhanced Mobility S&ID". Add "State administration included" to project descriptions. Slip 21982 and 21991 to 25. OTC approved 8/1/24.

Project Name	Project Description	RTP Project	Air Quality Status	Key#	Federal Fiscal Year	Phase		Feder	al	Federal Required Match			Total Fed+Reg Match	Other		Total All Sources	
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FFY24	dependent populations in		Mass Transit			Construction							\$-			\$	-
	rural areas. State administration included.			21991	2024	Other	\$ 500	,013	5310	\$	112,503	RVTD	\$ 612,516			\$	612,516
	administration included.				Total FFY24-27		\$ 500	,013		\$	112,503		\$ 612,516	\$-		\$	612,516

C. Adjust Project in TIP: Enhanced Mobility S&ID - RVTD FFY25 (KN 22959)

Description: Increase: 21982 \$160,875, 21991 \$195,016, 22959 \$55,593, 22971 \$31,678, 22984 \$5,596. Update project names to "Enhanced Mobility S&ID". Add "State administration included" to project descriptions. Slip 21982 and 21991 to 25. OTC approved 8/1/24.

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FFY25	dependent populations in		Mass Transit			Construction							\$			\$	-	
	rural areas. State administration included.			22959	2025	Other	\$	500,013	5310	\$	112,503	RVTD	\$ 612,51	6		\$	612,516	
	administration moluded.				Total FFY24-27		\$	500,013		\$	112,503		\$ 612,51	6\$-		\$	612,516	

D. Adjust Project in TIP: Enhanced Mobility S&ID - RVTD FFY26 (KN 22971)

Description: Increase: 21982 \$160,875, 21991 \$195,016, 22959 \$55,593, 22971 \$31,678, 22984 \$5,596. Update project names to "Enhanced Mobility S&ID". Add "State administration included" to project descriptions. Slip 21982 and 21991 to 25. OTC approved 8/1/24.

Project Name	Project Description	RTP Project	Air Quality Status	Kev #	Federal Fiscal Year	Phase	Fed	eral	Federal Req	uired Match	Total Fed+Reg Match	Other		Total All Sources	
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S&ID - RVTD	to the special needs, seniors, and other transit-	n/a	93.126 Table 2) -			Utility Relocate					\$-			\$-	
FFY26	dependent populations in		Mass Transit			Construction					\$-			\$-	
	rural areas. State administration included.			22971	2026	Other	\$ 500,013	5310	\$ 112,503	RVTD	\$ 612,516			\$ 612,516	
	administration moluded.				Total FFY24-27		\$ 500,013		\$ 112,503		\$ 612,516	\$-		\$ 612,516	

E. Adjust Project in TIP: Enhanced Mobility S&ID - RVTD FFY27 (KN 22984)

Description: Increase: 21982 \$160,875, 21991 \$195,016, 22959 \$55,593, 22971 \$31,678, 22984 \$5,596. Update project names to "Enhanced Mobility S&ID". Add "State administration included" to project descriptions. Slip 21982 and 21991 to 25. OTC approved 8/1/24.

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S&ID - RVTD	to the special needs, seniors, and other transit-	n/a	93.126 Table 2) -			Utility Relocate							\$	-			\$	-
FFY27	dependent populations in		Mass Transit			Construction							\$	-			\$	-
	rural areas. State administration included.			22984	2027	Other	\$ 500,	013	5310	\$	112,503	RVTD	\$	612,516			\$	612,516
	administration included.				Total FFY24-27		\$ 500,	013		\$	112,503		\$	612,516	\$-		\$	612,516

F. Add Project to TIP: Mass Transit Vehicle Replacement FY25 RVTD (KN 23712)

Description: Create new Mass Transit Vehicle Replacement project. OTC approval 8/1/24.

Project Name	Project Description	RTP Project Number	Air Quality Status	Key#	Federal Fiscal Year	r Phase	Fe	deral	Federal Req	uired Match	Total Fed+Reg Match	Other		Total All Sources	
Project Name	Project Description			ney#	reueral riscal teal		\$	Source	\$	Source		\$	Source	Total All Sources	
RVTD															
	Funding for replacement or right sizing of category A or B transit vehicles in urban areas. This project will be delivered through FTA.		Exempt (40 CFR § 93.126 Table 2) - Mass Transit			Planning					\$-			\$-	
		n/a				Design					\$-			\$-	
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Poplagement EV25						Utility Relocate					\$-			\$-	
DI (TD						Construction					\$-			\$-	
				23712	2025	Other	\$ 367,09	8 STBG IJA	\$ 42,016	RVTD	\$ 409,114			\$ 409,114	
					Total FFY24-27		\$ 367,09	8	\$ 42,016		\$ 409,114	\$-		\$ 409,114	

G. Add Project to TIP: Bus Facility Improvements-SM urban RVTD FFY24 (KN 23714)

Description: Create new Mass Transit Vehicle Replacement project. OTC approval 8/1/24.

Project Name	Project Description	RTP Project	Air Quality Status	Key#	Federal Fiscal Year	r Phase	Federal			Federal Required Match			Total Fadu Dag Matah		Other		Total All Sources	
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RVTD																		
						Planning							\$	-			\$	-
						Design							\$	-			\$	-
Bus Facility	Facility upgrades to		Exempt (40 CFR §			Land Purchase							\$	-			\$	-
Improvements-SM	modify low or no-	n/a	93.126 Table 2) -			Utility Relocate							\$	-			\$	-
urban RVTD FFY24	emissions facilities.		Mass Transit			Construction							\$	-			\$	-
				23714	2025	Other	\$5	551,229	5339	\$	97,276	RVTD	\$6	48,505			\$	648,505
					Total FFY24-27		\$ 5	551,229		\$	97,276		\$6	48,505	\$-		\$	648,505

H. Add Project to TIP: Oregon Transportation Network - RVTD FFY25 (KN 23723)

Description: Create new transit project. OTC approval 8/1/24.

Project Nam e	Project Description	RTP Project Number	Air Quality Status	Kev #	Federal Fiscal Year	r Phase	Federal			eral Requi	red Match	Total Fed+Reg Match	Other		Total All Sources	
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RVTD																
	Urbanized public transit capital funding for Federal fiscal year 2025. Funds will be transferred to FTA for delivery. Projects and programs to be determined based on funding requirements.		Exempt (40 CFR § 93.126 Table 2) - Mass Transit			Planning						\$-			\$-	
		n/a				Design						\$-			\$-	
Oregon						Land Purchase						\$-			\$-	
						Utility Relocate						\$-			\$-	
FFY25						Construction						\$-			\$	
				23723	2025	Other	\$ 600,00) STBG IJA	\$	68,673	RVTD	\$ 668,673			\$ 668,673	
					Total FFY24-27		\$ 600,00)	\$	68,673		\$ 668,673	\$ -		\$ 668,673	

I. Cancel Project in TIP: OR66: Railroad Bridge - Southbound exit 14 (KN 21184)

Description: Cancel project to fund the CN phase on 21296 at bid award. Director approval received on April 24th, 2024.

Project Name	Project Description	RTP Project	Air Quality Status	Kev #	Federal Fiscal Year	Phase		Feder	ral	Fed	eral Requ	ired Match	Total Fed+Reg M	atab	Other		Total All	Sources
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			Exempt (40 CFR § 93.126 Table 2) - Safety: Pavement resurfacing and/or rehabilitation	21184	2021	Planning	\$ 224	,325	ACP0	\$	25,675	ODOT	\$ 25	0,000			\$	250,000
	Grind out existing surface and inlay	n/a				Design							\$	-			\$	-
OR66: Railroad						Land Purchase							\$	-			\$	-
U U	new asphalt to					Utility Relocate							\$	-			\$	-
	extend the service life of the pavement.					Construction							\$	-			\$	-
						Other							\$	-			\$	-
					Total FFY24-27		\$ 224	,325		\$	25,675		\$ 25	0,000	\$-		\$	250,000



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DATE:September 17, 2024TO:Policy CommitteeFROM:Dan Moore, Senior Transportation PlannerSUBJECT:RVMPO 2024 Public Participation Plan Update

The purpose of this memo is to provide some background information on the update of the update of the RVMPO's 2024 Public Participation Plan (PPP) and to forward the Technical Advisory Committee's (TAC) and Public Advisory Council's recommendations for approval.

The PPP is a core MPO document which is updated every 5 years. It was originally adopted in 2007 and updated in:

- o 2014, 2018 & 2022
- \circ The 2024 PPP will be the 5th Edition

The PPP describes methods, strategies and desired outcomes for public participation which includes:

- Goals and objectives
- The Public's role in MPO decision-making
- Public participation tools
- How the MPO implements and evaluates public participation.
- o Appendices A through I

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) reviewed and commented on the draft plan based on federal transportation planning guidelines and updated based on FHWA's comments including adding <u>Policy 13</u> (Page 7 of the RVMPO PPP) that incorporates "Equity" measures to benefit underserved populations.

The 45-day public review for the PPP began on Friday, August 9. 2024. Both the TAC and PAC reviewed the draft plan and recommended the Policy Committee adopt the amended RVMPO Public Participation Plan dated September 24, 2024.

Resolution Number 2024-3 Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization - Policy Committee Adoption of the Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization Public Participation Plan

Whereas, the Rogue Valley Council of Governments (RVCOG) has been designated by the State of Oregon as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the greater Medford Urbanized Area; and

Whereas, the RVCOG has delegated responsibility for MPO policy functions to the Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (RVMPO) Policy Committee which includes elected officials from Ashland, Central Point, Eagle Point, Jacksonville, Medford, Phoenix, Talent, Jackson County, the Rogue Valley Transportation District, and the Oregon Department of Transportation; and

Whereas, the RVMPO Policy Committee developed a Public Participation Plan which provides for a proactive public participation process that provides complete information, timely public notice, full public access to key decisions, and supports early and continuing participation of the public in developing plans; and

Whereas, the RVMPO, as required by law, held a 45-day public comment period to secure input and comment on the proposed Public Participation Plan update; and

Whereas, the proposed Public Participation Plan meets the Federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) requirements and is consistent with Rogue Valley Regional Transportation Plan policies;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee hereby adopts the attached Public Participation Plan.

Adopted by the Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee on this 24th day of September 2024.

Jerry Marmon MPO Policy Committee Chair



DATE:	September 18, 2024
TO:	Policy Committee
FROM:	Dan Moore, Senior Transportation Planner
SUBJECT:	Proposed Final Draft of the 2025-2050 Regional Transportation Plan Goals, Policies and Potential Actions, and Potential Performance Indicators

Attached is the final draft of the 2025-2050 RVMPO Regional Transportation Plan Goals, Policies and Potential Actions as proposed by the Technical Advisory Committee and Public Advisory Council.

Performance Indicators are removed and included in "Appendix X – Potential Performance Indicators" attached.

Both the TAC and PAC recommend Policy Committee approval of the attached documents.

The Policy Committee is being asked to approve the final draft of the 2025-2050 Regional Transportation Plan Goals, Policies, and Potential Actions and Appendix X – Potential Performance Indicators.

GOALS, POLICIES, & POTENTIAL ACTIONS

The goals and policies for the plan are listed below, along with the potential actions. The number of policies varies among the goals. Likewise, the number of potential actions also varies. The number of policies or actions is not a reflection of the importance or significance of a particular goal. Potential performance indicators for each goal are included in the Appendices section of the Regional Transportation Plan.

<u>Goal 1</u>

Design, develop, and support a balanced and interconnected multi-modal transportation system which will address existing and future needs.

Policies

- 1-1 Improve the accessibility, connectivity, efficiency, and viability of the transportation system for all modes and users.
- 1-2 Utilize design standards, landscaping and other amenities as transportation facilities are developed in the urban areas to encourage transit, pedestrian, and bicycle users.
- 1-3 Develop a user-friendly and comprehensive multi-modal transportation system by using the MPO structure as a forum.
- 1-4 Support multi-modal and public transportation options by encouraging land use design standards and funding opportunities.
- 1-5 Establish Long-Term Potential (LTP) corridor areas through the RVMPO where planning for future road connections beyond the planning horizon is apparent.

POTENTIAL ACTIONS

- Design projects with space reserved for current and future multi-modal transportation infrastructure connections.
- Support and maintain current multi-modal improvements which foster connectivity.

<u>GOAL 2</u>

Develop, optimize, and coordinate current procedures for the Safety and Security of the Transportation System.

Policies

- 2-1 Coordinate with Federal, State, and local agencies to promote traffic safety education and awareness.
- 2-2 Catalogue and rank crash-prone areas, placing a higher priority on transportation investments correcting safety deficiencies for all modes of transportation.
- 2-3 Coordinate with incident-response agencies to design and operate a transportation system supporting timely and safe incident response.
- 2-4 Reduce vulnerability to the public, goods movement, and critical transportation infrastructure to crime, incidents, and natural hazards.
- 2-5 Plan, manage and support development of alternate transportation routes in response to regional incident needs.

POTENTIAL ACTIONS

- Work together with local, state, and regional providers to maintain coordinated regional emergency and incident response plans.
- Examine all modes of transportation for security deficiencies. Recommendations for improvements are developed and implemented.

GOAL 3

Promote transportation investments which support compact, livable and unique communities, protect and enhance the environment, and promote energy conservation.

Policies

- 3-1 Recognize and encourage the connection between transportation efficiency and varying land use types, mixes, and densities.
- 3-2 Plan and support street and pathway connectivity, including off-road corridors for nonmotorized users.
- 3-3 Identify, plan and support regional transportation options which protect the environment and promote health.
- 3-4 Identify and support funding transportation projects which will promote consistency with state and local plans.
- 3-5 Identify and study potential environmental impacts and mitigation to maintain and restore affected environmental functions in consultation with appropriate, Federal, State, and local agencies.
- 3-6 Identify and consider incorporating into design and planning areas that represent features of historical value and community identity.
- 3-7 Identify and support regional strategies which will encourage more efficient use of existing parking facilities.

POTENTIAL ACTIONS

- Support local transit-oriented development plans and similar measures that improve transportation system efficiency.
- Develop street networks by connecting new and existing neighborhoods.
- Identify and engage special populations, especially low-income and minority communities, in the planning process.
- Consult with federal state and local land use management, natural resources, wildlife, environmental protection, conservation, and historic protection agencies during the transportation project planning process. Emphasize mitigation actions.
- Support development of local parking management plans.
- Consider travel demand model alternatives based upon assumed population and housing distribution.
- Consult with housing officials and organizations to foster integration of housing and transportation.
- Encourage and promote the safe and efficient management, operation, and development of surface transportation systems that will better connect housing and employment.

<u>Goal 4</u>

Develop a plan that can be funded and reflects responsible stewardship of public funds that preserves and improves the resiliency and reliability of the transportation system.

Policies

- 4-1 Develop innovative and sound funding policies to implement the RTP. Ensure that costs of planned improvements are consistent with policies.
- 4-2 Prioritize investments to preserve the existing transportation system.

POTENTIAL ACTIONS

- Encourage public-private partnerships and other innovative approaches to maximize resources.
- Support funding mechanisms such as System Development Charges to collect from new developments a proportionate share of facility improvement costs.
- Support, fund, and implement maintenance programs for transportation facilities.

<u>GOAL 5</u>

Identify, plan and develop transportation infrastructure which maximizes the efficient use for all users and modes.

Policies

- 5-1 Analyze the regional transportation system effectiveness by adding or removing traffic signals and signal networks, including interstate access ramp signals.
- 5-2 Consider and support measures to optimize intersection and interchange design.
- 5-3 Support an access management strategy to improve traffic flow.
- 5-4 Identify, develop, and effectively integrate technology with transportation infrastructure consistent with the RVMPO Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) program.
- 5-5 Encourage and consider the use of alternative design standards to minimize the costs and impacts to existing communities.

POTENTIAL ACTIONS

- Coordinate and link signals to a master control system to optimize system efficiency.
- Utilize interstate ramp meters to control the amount of traffic entering the freeway to maintain acceptable traffic volumes on the interstate.
- Increase intersection capacity through geometric improvements and elimination of turn movements.
- Implement Transit Signal Prioritization on primary transit corridors, where appropriate.

<u>GOAL 6</u>

Identify, develop, and support diverse strategies to lessen dependence upon single-occupant vehicles.

Policies

- 6-1 Support Transportation Demand Management strategies.
- 6-2 Identify, develop, and facilitate alternative parking strategies encouraging walking, car and bicycle sharing, bicycling, car and vanpooling, and transit.
- 6-3 Identify, plan, and enhance bicycle, pedestrian, and transit systems in the region.
- 6-4 Strive to improve transit services in the region.

POTENTIAL ACTIONS

- Implement Transit Signal Prioritization on primary transit corridors, where appropriate Encourage infill development by supporting reduced parking requirements where appropriate.
- Support design standards with parking at the side or rear of buildings so pedestrians can access entrances.
- Support mobility hubs and park-and-ride standards to place facilities near transit routes.
- Promote regionally connected network of off-street bicycle/pedestrian facilities with minimal roadway crossings (Bear Creek Greenway).
- Plan for, build, and maintain shared roadways for use by all modes.
- Use land use codes to promote bicycle and pedestrian travel by requiring amenities such as bike racks, crosswalks, showers and lockers at worksites and retail centers.
- Improve pedestrian access to transit.
- Support other forms of public and private transportation such as bus rapid transit, light rail, trolleys, and transit feeder and connector services as the region's population reaches higher thresholds.
- Strive to complete projects identified in the Jackson County Active Transportation Plan.

GOAL 7

Develop, coordinate, and administer an open and balanced process for planning and developing the regional transportation system.

Policies

- 7-1 Coordinate and support existing and future plans for the regional transportation system in conjunction with land use and development.
- 7-2 Obtain and organize public input in the regional transportation planning process with innovative outreach methods consistent with the RVMPO Public Participation Plan.
- 7-3 Coordinate local, state, and regional transportation planning through the RVMPO.
- 7-4 Formulate decisions which shall be consistent with Federal and State regulations, including the Oregon Highway Plan, the Transportation Planning Rule, and the Clean Air Act.

POTENTIAL ACTIONS

- Maintain a website with updated information about all regional planning.
- Support the RVMPO's Technical Advisory Committee, Public Advisory Council, and the Policy Committee for deliberation of regional transportation planning issues.
- Participate in local and regional and national organizations to support RVMPO actions.
- Involve transportation providers in the planning process.

<u>GOAL 8</u>

Evaluate and support regional transportation investments to foster economic opportunities locally and regionally.

Policies

- 8-1 Accommodate travel demand to create a regional transportation system supporting a robust local economy.
- 8-2 Evaluate and analyze effects on freight mobility when prioritizing projects, regionally and locally.
- 8-3 Support transportation projects which will reduce and remove identified barriers to safe, reliable, and efficient freight movement including adequate roadway space for commercial vehicle deliveries, locally and regionally.
- 8-4 Support transportation projects which will serve commercial, industrial, and resourceextraction lands where an inadequate transportation network impedes freight-generating development.
- 8-5 Support a comprehensive and versatile regional transportation interface for the efficient movement of goods and people, both locally and regionally.

POTENTIAL ACTIONS:

- Balance the demand for freight routes with the demands for local circulation.
- Explore the feasibility of developing interurban freight delivery systems.
- Support the use of the transportation planning process to address the integration of housing, transportation and economic strategies.
- Support transportation projects which enhance travel and tourism.

Appendix X

RVMPO RTP Goals & Potential Performance Indicators

<u>Goal 1</u>

Design, develop, and support a balanced and interconnected multi-modal transportation system which will address existing and future needs.

Potential Performance Indicators

- ✓ Increase the proportion of regional corridors serving no less than three modes.
- Continuing developed use of "streetscapes," such as benches, planters, and traffic calming.
- ✓ Growth in transit, pedestrian, and bicycle use.
- ✓ Improved quality and safety of multi-use paths
- ✓ Improved conditions for the safety and mobility of freight routes.

<u>GOAL 2</u>

Develop, optimize, and coordinate current procedures for the Safety and Security of the Transportation System.

Potential Performance Indicators

- \checkmark Measured reduction in the number and severity of injury and fatal crashes.
- ✓ Measured reduction in the number of non-injury and property damage crashes.
- ✓ Increase in safety education.
- ✓ Incorporate crash history/safety concerns in project evaluation.

<u>Goal 3</u>

Promote transportation investments which support compact, livable and unique communities, protect and enhance the environment, and promote energy conservation.

Potential Performance Indicators

- ✓ Measure changes in mixed-use and downtown development.
- ✓ Measure impacts on open space and identified resource areas (Environmental Considerations chapter of the RTP) using most up-to-date data, including Rogue Valley Environmental Database.
- ✓ Measure expansion of off-network paths and increase in population and employment with access to paths.
- Improve air quality through projects that reduce carbon monoxide, particulates (PM10) and greenhouse gases.
- ✓ Improve lighting standards in urban areas, where it is appropriate, to reduce light pollution and to be consistent with roadway classifications.
- ✓ Measure the increase in new housing served by transportation projects (bike/ped/transit) to inform decision-making.

GOAL 4

Develop a plan that can be funded and reflects responsible stewardship of public funds that preserves and improves the resiliency and reliability of the transportation system.

Potential Performance Indicators

- ✓ Track funding obligations, funding availability.
- Review and update project funding criteria using quantitative methodologies to the extent practicable.
- ✓ Maintain RTP project selection criteria to be consistent with state and federal funding eligibility.

GOAL 5

Identify, plan and develop transportation infrastructure which maximizes the efficient use for all users and modes.

Potential Performance Indicators

- ✓ Measure improvements, upgrades to existing system.
- ✓ Measure implementation of ITS projects.
- ✓ Track projects that use innovative, emerging technologies.
- ✓ Track on-time performance for RVTD.

<u>Goal 6</u>

Identify, develop, and support diverse strategies to lessen dependence upon single-occupant vehicles.

POTENTIAL PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

- \checkmark Track transit service hours and ridership.
- ✓ Track funding for bicycle, pedestrian, and transit projects.
- ✓ Measure population living within $\frac{1}{4}$ -miles of transit service.
- ✓ Implement a TDM self-evaluations and reporting process for local jurisdictions.
- ✓ Track the number of people who are participating in a TDM program.

GOAL 7

Develop, coordinate, and administer an open and balanced process for planning and developing the regional transportation system.

Potential Performance Indicators

- ✓ Record public participation, comments, attendance at meetings.
- ✓ Demonstrate linkage of public comments to decisions and plan content.

GOAL 8

Evaluate and support regional transportation investments to foster economic opportunities locally and regionally.

POTENTIAL PERFORMANCE INDICATOR

✓ Measure employment change in vicinity of projects.