



Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2026

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Join In-Person

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

Or via Zoom

Meeting ID: 874 6544 1555
Phone #: +1 669 900 6833
Zoom Link:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87465441555>

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1. Call to Order / Introductions / Review Agenda **Chair**

Consent Agenda

2. Review / Approve Minutes **Chair**

Attachment: [#1 RVMPO PAC Meeting Draft Minutes 03/17/2026](#)

Action Items

3. Amendment to the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program **Ryan Maclaren**

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

- A. Adjust Project in TIP: West Pine St Reconstruction (KN21017)

The 21-day public comment period and public hearing was advertised on or before Wednesday April 1, 2026, in the *Rogue Valley Times*, and information is currently available on the RVMPO website.

Attachments: [#2 TIP Amendment Memo](#)
[#3 PCR for KN21017](#)

Action Requested: Recommendation to Policy Committee



4. 2026-2027 Unified Planning Work Program

Ryan MacLaren

Background: The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is a plan developed annually by the RVMPO to describe its proposed work activities for the fiscal year, beginning July 1st. The program describes how RVMPO uses federal, state and local planning funds to fulfill federal and state metropolitan planning requirements.

Website Link: [#4 Draft 2026-2027 UPWP](#)
[#5 Staff Memo: UPWP](#)

Action Requested: *Recommendation to Policy Committee*

Discussion Items

5. Support Letters for the BASICS Act H.R. 7437

Ryan MacLaren

Background: The *BASICS (Bridges And Safety Infrastructure for Community Success) Act* ([H.R. 7437](#)) updates federal transportation programs to reflect how infrastructure actually works on the ground. It directs funding to where people travel, where projects are ready, and where safety outcomes matter most.

The PAC is being asked to review, comment and recommend that the Policy Committee Chair forward the letters to our Congressional delegation.

Attachments: [#6 Sample Letter of Support](#)
[#7 Additional Resources](#)

6. 2027-2030 TIP and AQCD

Dan Moore

Background: Every three years the RVMPO is required to develop the next Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). This TIP has been developed in coordination with the local member governments and with ODOT. As a requirement of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, the RVMPO is also required to ensure that any new TIP or RTP conforms with the air quality budget as set forth by the State Implementation Plan (SIP) to monitor PM10. The RVMPO does this through the Air Quality Conformity Determination (AQCD).

Both documents are linked below for PAC's review and will be brought back for a recommendation in May.

Website Link: [#8 Draft 2027-2030 TIP](#)
[#9 Draft 2027-2030 TIP AQCD](#)
[#10 TIP Open House](#)

7. Public Comment

Chair



Regular Updates

8. RVMPO Update **Staff**

9. Other Business / Local Business **Chair**

Opportunity for RVMPO member jurisdictions to talk about transportation planning projects

10. Adjournment **Chair**

Scheduled Meetings

RVMPO TAC	May 13, 2026	1:30 p.m.
RVMPO PAC	May 19, 2026	5:30 p.m.
RVMPO Policy Meeting	April 28, 2026	2:00 p.m.

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



Date: Tuesday, March 17, 2026

Voting Members	Organization	Phone Number
Kevin Walruff	Eagle Point	944-7798
Sarah Spansail	Medford (East)	503-505-8684
Rich Rosenthal	Medford (West)	
Special Interest	Organization	Phone Number
Mike Montero, Chair	Freight	779-0771
Robin Lee	Senior Citizens	773-7185
Non-Voting Member	Organization	Phone Number
Thomas Guevara	ODOT	957-3692
Staff	Organization	Phone Number
Kelsey Sharp	RVCOG	423-1375
Yazeed Alrashdi	RVCOG	423-1378
Interested Parties	Organization	

RVMPO PAC Minutes – Tuesday, March 17, 2026

[Agenda Packet](#) [Meeting Audio](#)

1. **Call to Order at 5:30 / Introductions / Review Agenda 00:00 – 00:54**
 Quorum: Majority of Members, 4 Total Members.

2. **Review / Approve Minutes 00:54 – 01:15**
00:58 Kevin Walruff moved to approve the February 17, 2026, RVMPO PAC Meeting Minutes as presented. Seconded by Sarah Spansail.
 No further discussion.
 Motion passed by voice vote. Yes: Kevin Walruff, Sarah Spansail, Mike Montero, Robin Lee.
 No: None. Abstain: Rich Rosenthal



Action Items

- 3. Amendmend to the 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program 01:15 – 18:15**
08:46 Kevin Walruff moved to recommend approval of the 2027-2030 TIP Amendment as presented. Seconded by Robin Lee.
 No further discussion.
 Motion passed by voice vote. Yes: Kevin Walruff, Sarah Spansail, Rich Rosenthal, Mike Montero, Robin Lee. No: None.

Discussion Items

- 4. 2026-2027 Unified Planning Work Program DRAFT 18:15 – 39:40**
- 5. Public Comment 45:35 – 45:47**
 Item was skipped and brought back after Item 6.
No comments provided.

Regular Updates

- 6. MPO Planning Update 39:40 – 45:35**
Provided by Yazeed Alrashdi regarding the 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program timeline, and update on the Oregon Household Transportation Survey.
- 7. Other Business / Local Business 45:47– 46:16**
- 8. Adjournment**
 6:18 p.m.

Scheduled Meetings		
RVMPO TAC	April 8, 2026	1:30 p.m.
RVMPO PAC	April 21, 2026	5:30 p.m.
RVMPO Policy Meeting	March 24, 2026	2:00 p.m.



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DATE: April 1, 2026
 TO: RVMPO Public Advisory Council
 FROM: Ryan MacLaren, Planning Program Director
 SUBJECT: TIP Amendments

The PAC 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, April 28, 2026 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 April 1st to the Rogue Valley Times and information is currently available on the RVMPO website. Information on the projects is enumerated, below:

A. Adjust Project in TIP: West Pine St Reconstruction (KN21017)

Description: Increase the Right of Way phase by \$275,000 and the Construction phase by \$7,125,000. The additional funding will come from the CMAQ program, with the required local match provided by the City of Central Point. This increase is to fully fund the 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	
Central Point														
West Pine St Reconstruction	Add sidewalk, curb & gutter, bike lanes, 2 travel lanes and a central lane for vehicles from both directions to wait and make left turns.	n/a	Exempt (40 CFR § 93.126 Table 2) -			Planning					\$ -			\$ -
				21027	2024	Design	\$ 1,345,950	CMAQ/STBG	\$ 154,050	Local	\$ 1,500,000			\$ 1,500,000
				21027	2026	Land Purchase	\$ 717,840	CMAQ	\$ 82,160	Local	\$ 800,000			\$ 800,000
						Utility Relocate					\$ -			\$ -
				21017	2027	Construction	\$ 7,740,348	CMAQ/STBG	\$ 885,918	Local	\$ 8,626,266	\$ 2,498,734	Local	\$ 11,125,000
				21017	2026	Other	\$ 8,973	STBG	\$ 1,027	Local	\$ 10,000			\$ 10,000
		Total FFY24-27			\$ 9,813,111		\$ 1,123,155		\$ 10,936,266	\$ 2,498,734		\$ 13,435,000		

PROJECT CHANGE REQUEST (PCR)

Effective 11/1/2023, replaces all other PCR forms per project delivery bulletin PDB-05

Click the yellow "i" buttons to see guidance for that topic. Click the orange "i" button to hide the guidance. Narrative text fields will expand as you type.

Purpose i

Project Details

PROJECT NAME (AS INDICATED IN THE STIP) West Pine St. Reconstruction		STIP KEY 21017	IGA NUMBER 33019	PCR NUMBER 2	BRIDGE NUMBER/S
RECIPIENT AGENCY (APPLICANT/S, LPA) Central Point		DELIVERY AGENCY (IF DIFFERENT THAN ODOT AND APPLICANT) ODOT			
RECIPIENT AGENCY ADDRESS (LPA) 140 S. Third Street		DELIVERY AGENCY ADDRESS 100 Antelope Rd			
CITY, STATE, ZIP (LPA) Central Point, OR 97502		CITY, STATE, ZIP White City, OR 97503-1674			
RECIPIENT AGENCY EMAIL (LPA) Matt.samitore@centralpointoregon.gov		PHONE (LPA)	DELIVERY AGENCY CONTACT NAME AND EMAIL Dan Roberts		PHONE 5417746383
ODOT REGION 3	MPO? Yes	CERTIFIED AGENCY? No	ODOT FACILITY? No		

Funding i

Select funding program from drop-down menu. Add another row by clicking the "+" button. A maximum of 13 rows may be added. Only use describe field if selecting "OTHER" to describe funding program.

ROW	FUNDING PROGRAMS	DESCRIBE	
1	Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ)		+
2	Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG)		+ -

Type of Change (select all that apply) i

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|---|---|--|--|
| Scope
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce Scope
<input type="checkbox"/> Expand Scope
<input type="checkbox"/> Change scope
<input type="checkbox"/> Other | Schedule
<input type="checkbox"/> Delay a Milestone > 90 days
<input type="checkbox"/> Delay the STIP year (slip)
<input type="checkbox"/> Advance a milestone or STIP year
<input type="checkbox"/> Other | Budget
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cost Increase
<input type="checkbox"/> Cost Decrease
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Changes in fund plan
<input type="checkbox"/> Other | Other
<input type="checkbox"/> Add project or phase
<input type="checkbox"/> Remove project or phase
<input type="checkbox"/> Combine or split project
<input type="checkbox"/> Other |
|---|---|--|--|

DESCRIBE

Change Justification and Details

Text fields below will expand as you type.

Scope i

Cross section has not changed, however during design it has been discovered that both structure in the project footprint will need to be replaced with new structures.

Schedule i

N/A

Budget i

DAP level found ROW estimate \$800,000 for primary temporary files

DAP estimate for Construction has increased to \$11,125,000 - this **does not** include a \$1,700,000 Design Contingency.

Please note that additional funding from MPO is being captured with this PCR

STIP



Does the STIP or MTIP need to be amended per the ODOT/FTA/FHWA STIP amendment matrix?... Yes* No

Does the IGA need to be amended?* Yes No

* If yes, revised estimates will be required and detailed documentation should be attached to this request.

Project Budget Table



1. Expended To Date	2. Phase	3. Current FFY*	4. Proposed FFY	5. Current Phase Total Estimate	6. Budget Adjustment (+/-)	7. Proposed Phase Total Estimate
\$622,049.00	Preliminary Engineering (PE)	2024		\$1,500,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,500,000.00
\$0.00	Right-of-Way (RW)	2026		\$525,000.00	\$275,000.00	\$800,000.00
\$0.00	Construction (CN)	2027		\$4,000,000.00	\$7,125,000.00	11,125,000
\$0.00	Other (OT)	2026	2027	\$10,000.00		\$10,000.00

*Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) is from Oct.1 to Sept. 30 of each year. From Oct.1 forward, the FFY is the following calendar year.

Approvals



LOCAL AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE NAME Matt Samitore, City of Central Point	SIGNATURE Matt Samitore <small>Digitally signed by Matt Samitore Date: 2026.03.26 08:32:33 -07'00'</small>	DATE 3/26/26
FUNDING PROGRAM MANAGER Hope Derrickson, Funding Manager	SIGNATURE Hope Derrickson <small>Digitally signed by Hope Derrickson Date: 2026.03.30 12:09:54 -07'00'</small>	DATE 3/30/2026
ODOT PROJECT MANAGER Justin Shoemaker, Project Manager	SIGNATURE SHOEMAKER Justin D <small>Digitally signed by SHOEMAKER Justin D Date: 2026.03.30 12:15:30 -07'00'</small>	DATE 3/30/2026
OTHER APPROVER Ryan MacLaren, RVMPO	SIGNATURE D. Ryan MacLaren <small>Digitally signed by D. Ryan MacLaren Date: 2026.03.26 11:28:58 -07'00'</small>	DATE 3/26/2026

Additional Information

Since this project will be delivered in-house ODOT, project will not address the STIP and IGA amendments until DAP estimates.

Attachments (check if attached)

- Maps
- Cost estimate
- Other: Cost Estimate output



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DATE: April 13, 2026
TO: RVMPO Public Advisory Council
FROM: Ryan MacLaren, Planning Program Director
SUBJECT: RVMPO 2026-2027 UPWP

The following is a brief summary of what has changed between the 25-26 UPWP and the 26-27 UPWP.

Funding

25-26 UPWP	26-27 UPWP
PL - \$408,615.94	PL - \$408,559.64
2024 PL Savings - \$398,555.20	2025 PL Savings – 257,590.23
OMPOC Return - \$31,000	
2.5% Set Aside – \$10,584.41	2.5% Set Aside - \$10,580.85
2.5% Savings - \$12,174.61	
FTA 5303 - \$146,988.93	FTA 5303 - \$147,720.40
FTA Savings - \$126,656.14	FTA Savings - \$241,061.08
Match Obligation - \$58,578.86	Match Obligation - \$67,878.52
Total Budget - \$1,134,575.23	Total Budget - \$1,065,512.20

- Task 1.1 has been reduced since we have a clearer federal understanding of which projects will move forward.
- Task 1.3 has been increased for more public engagement.
- Task 2.1 has been reduced slightly since we adopted the 27-30 TIP this year but also has a buffer since we don't know how ODOT's new CIP process will work.
- Task 2.2 has been reduced since we do not need to run MOVES model this year.
- Task 3.2 has been reduced since the RTP was adopted last year.
- Task 4.1 & 4.2 have been increased since we begin the Title VI plan this year.
- Task 5.1 has more detail on how we are assisting RVTD this year.
- Other than that fund movement dates have changed to reflect the 26-27 fiscal year.
- Overall, the 26-27 budget is \$69,063.03 less than the 25-26 budget.



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April 1, 2026

The Honorable Cliff Bentz, Congressman 2nd District
U.S. House of Representatives
1239 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Bentz,

On behalf of the Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (RVMPO), I urge you to support and co-sponsor H.R.7437, the BASICS (Bridges And Safety Infrastructure for Community Success) Act, introduced by Representatives McDonald Rivet and Bresnahan.

The RVMPO helps direct federal transportation funding to the urbanized area in Jackson County, the cities of Ashland, Talent, Phoenix, Jacksonville, Medford, Central Point, and Eagle Point, the Rogue Valley Transportation District (RVTD), and the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), to improve safety, reduce congestion, and support economic growth for over 184,000 residents within the RVMPO planning area. What the BASICS Act does:

- Strengthens regional planning and uses federal dollars wisely. Created by Congress, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) are responsible for developing fiscally constrained Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) that identify local priority projects that meet federal performance goals. The BASICS Act increases Metropolitan Planning (PL) funding so MPOs can meet growing federal requirements and deliver stronger plans and better project selection that reflects long-term community needs.
- Delivers regional priorities faster. The BASICS Act accelerates delivery of these regionally supported projects by increasing funding for the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program. As the most flexible federal transportation formula program, STBG allows states and regions to move projects forward efficiently and deliver tangible benefits for local businesses, workers, and communities in every congressional district.
- Ensures transparency and collaboration. Federal transportation dollars must be accountable to taxpayers. The BASICS Act improves transparency by reinforcing collaboration across federal, state, regional, and local partners to ensure that local voices are heard and transportation investments reflect what communities in the Rogue Valley need most.
- Focuses on road safety. With nearly 100 roadway deaths each day, the BASICS Act increases and protects funding for the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP). It also ensures that 25 percent of HSIP funds are delivered through MPOs for proven safety projects that build on the success of the Safe Streets and Roads for All program.
- Invests in repairing locally owned bridges. Counties own 38 percent of U.S. bridges. The BASICS Act ensures bridge funding reflects this reality by directing resources proportionally to locally owned bridges in each state. This means more support for repairing the worst-condition bridges in our communities.

The BASICS Act is supported by the Local Officials in Transportation (LOT) Coalition, representing more than 25,000 counties, cities, towns, MPOs, regional councils, and economic development organizations. Coalition members include the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC), the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO), the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO), the National Association of Counties (NACo), the National League of Cities (NLC), and the U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM). This broad coalition reflects the nationwide recognition that local and regional governments must have a stronger voice and better tools in shaping federal transportation policy.

There is nothing more basic than local roads and bridges. By supporting the BASICS Act, you will help ensure that cities, counties, and Metropolitan Planning Organizations, including the RVMPO, have the resources they need to deliver transportation systems that connect our neighborhoods, support our local economies and serve our residents every single day.

I ask you to reach out to the cosponsors of this bill, Representatives McDonald Rivet and Bresnahan to discuss how you can help support the BASICS Act in the next federal surface transportation reauthorization.

Sincerely,

Nick Card
Chair, RVMPO Policy Committee



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The Honorable Jeff Merkley, Senator
U.S. Senate
313 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Merkley,

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I ask you to reach out to the cosponsors of this bill, Representatives McDonald Rivet and Bresnahan to discuss how you can introduce a bipartisan Senate companion bill. Thank you for your leadership and consideration. Strengthening regional planning and empowering local decision-makers is essential to creating a safer, more connected, and economically prosperous future.

Sincerely,

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BASICS Act (HR 7437) Additional Resources

Click any of the links below to learn more about the ***Bridges And Safety Infrastructure for Community Success Act***

- ✓ Introduction to the BASICS Act

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/e4ce2c88c9c84cb3b674fd06aed5e8d6>

- ✓ BASICS Act One Pager Overview

https://ampo.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/BASICS-Leg-One-Pager_2026_2.10.25.pdf

- ✓ BASICS Act Section by Section

<https://ampo.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/BASICS-Section-by-Section-2.10.2026.pdf>

- ✓ BASICS Act Bill Text

<https://ampo.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/Bill-Text-BASICS-Act.pdf>



BASICS – Bridges And Safety Infrastructure for Community Success Act (H.R. 7437)

America’s transportation system depends on a safe and reliable network of roads and bridges in every region of the country. [The BASICS Act](#) focuses federal transportation investment on core infrastructure needs by ensuring funding reaches communities efficiently and is used where it delivers the greatest public benefit.

What this bill does:

- **INVESTS IN REPAIRING BRIDGES:** Builds on the Bridge Formula Program to continue fixing the nation’s most deficient bridges, with a focus on both state- and locally owned infrastructure. Unlike prior approaches, the BASICS Act ensures that funding for locally owned bridges is proportional to the number of locally owned bridges in each state, directing resources to the worst-condition bridges regardless of ownership.
- **DELIVERS REGIONAL PRIORITY PROJECTS FASTER:** Metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) are responsible for developing Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) that identify local priority projects that meet federal performance goals. The BASICS Act accelerates delivery of these regionally supported projects by increasing funding for the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program. As the most flexible federal transportation formula program, STBG allows states and regions to move projects forward efficiently and deliver tangible benefits for local businesses, workers, and communities in every congressional district.
- **FOCUSES ON ROAD SAFETY:** Nearly 100 people lose their lives on America’s roads every day. The BASICS Act strengthens the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) to confront this crisis head-on by increasing overall safety funding and preventing states from transferring HSIP dollars away from safety priorities. The bill also ensures that 25 percent of HSIP funding is delivered regionally in both urban and rural areas, giving local governments direct access to capital for proven safety projects and building on the success of the Safe Streets and Roads for All program.
- **ENSURES TRANSPARENCY AND COLLABORATION:** Federal transportation dollars must be accountable to taxpayers. The BASICS Act improves transparency around how funding flows, what resources are available to regions, and how projects advance from planning to delivery. By reinforcing collaboration across federal, state, regional, and local partners, the bill helps ensure projects move efficiently and deliver real results on the ground.
- **BUILDS STRONG PLANS FOR RURAL AND URBAN REGIONS:** The BASICS Act invests in planning capacity by strengthening Rural Transportation Planning Organizations (RTPOs) and increasing Metropolitan Planning (PL) funding. Strong planning leads to better project selection, faster delivery, and smarter investments, ensuring both rural and metropolitan regions can advance projects that reflect local priorities and long-term needs.