



Date: Tuesday, May 19, 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.rvmpos.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 04/21/2026](#)

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: Clay Street: Faith Ave to Siskiyou Blvd (KN22278)

The 21-day public comment period and public hearing was advertised on or before Tuesday May 4, 2026, in the *Rogue Valley Times*, and information is currently available on the RVMPO website.

Attachments: [#2 TIP Amendment Memo](#)

Action Requested: Recommendation to Policy Committee



4. 2027-2030 TIP and AQCD

Jeff Stump

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, as well as the open house, are linked below for PAC’s review and recommendation.

Website Link: [#3 Draft 2027-2030 TIP](#)
[#4 Draft 2027-2030 TIP AQCD](#)
[#5 TIP Open House](#)

Action Requested: *Recommendation to Policy Committee*

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 Letters of Support](#)
[#7 Additional Resources](#)

Action Requested: *Recommendation to Policy Committee*

Discussion Items

6. Public Comment

Chair

Regular Updates

7. RVMPO Update

Staff

8. Other Business / Local Business

Chair

Opportunity for RVMPO member jurisdictions to talk about transportation planning projects



9. Adjournment

Chair

Scheduled Meetings		
RVMPO TAC	June 10, 2026	1:30 p.m.
RVMPO PAC	June 16, 2026	5:30 p.m.
RVMPO Policy Meeting	May 26, 2026	2:00 p.m.

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



Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2026

Voting Members	Organization	Phone Number
Kevin Walruff	Eagle Point	944-7798
Ron Holthusen	Jacksonville	944-5040
Sarah Spansail	Medford (East)	503-505-8684
Jennifer Boardman	Medford (West)	630-0387
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
Ryan MacLaren	RVCOG	423-1338
Jeff Stump	RVCOG	423-1367
Interested Parties	Organization	

RVMPO PAC Minutes – Tuesday, April 21, 2026

[Agenda Packet](#)

[Meeting Audio](#)

1. Call to Order at 5:30 / Introductions / Review Agenda 00:00 – 01:11

Quorum: Majority of Members, 4 Total Members.

2. Review / Approve Minutes 01:11 – 01:40

- 01:20** Rich Rosenthal moved to approve the March 17, 2026, RVMPO PAC Meeting Minutes as presented. Seconded by Sarah Spansail.
 No further discussion.
 Motion passed by voice vote. Yes: Kevin Walruff, Ron Holthusen, Sarah Spansail, Jennifer Boardman, Rich Rosenthal, and Mike Montero. No: None.



Action Items

- 3. Amendmend to the 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program 01:40 – 10:04**
09:17 Kevin Walruff moved to recommend approval of the 2027-2030 TIP Amendment as presented. Seconded by Ron Holthusen.
 No further discussion.
 Motion passed by voice vote. Yes: Kevin Walruff, Ron Holthusen, Sarah Spansail, Jennifer Boardman, Rich Rosenthal, and Mike Montero. No: None.

- 4. 2026-2027 Unified Planning Work Program 10:04 – 27:43**
27:20 Rich Rosenthal moved to recommend approval of the 2027-2030 TIP Amendment as presented. Seconded by Sarah Spansail.
 No further discussion.
 Motion passed by voice vote. Yes: Kevin Walruff, Ron Holthusen, Sarah Spansail, Jennifer Boardman, Rich Rosenthal, Mike Montero, and Robin Lee. No: None.

Discussion Items

- 5. Support Letters for the BASICS Act H.R. 7437 27:43 – 42:07**

- 6. 2027-2030 TIP and Air Quality Conformity Determination 42:07 – 52:07**

- 7. Public Comment 52:07 – 52:14**
No comments provided.

Regular Updates

- 8. MPO Planning Update 52:14 – 55:53**
Provided by Ryan MacLaren regarding the Title VI updates and Tribal Consultation Plan creation.

- 9. Other Business / Local Business 55:53– 56:04**

- 10. Adjournment**
 6:26 p.m.

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.



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DATE: May 4, 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, May 26, 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 May 4th 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: Clay Street: Faith Ave to Siskiyou Blvd (KN22278)

Description: Cancel the Right of Way, Utility, Other, and Construction phases from the current STIP. These phases will be programmed in the 2027–2030 STIP cycle. The project description is updated to reflect delivery of the Preliminary Engineering only.

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	
Ashland														
Clay Street: Faith Ave to Siskiyou Blvd	Design project to install bike and pedestrian facilities with curb, gutter, sidewalk and drainage to facilitate the addition of the bike and pedestrian facilities.	n/a	Exempt (40 CFR § 93.126 Table 2) -	22278	2025	Design	\$ 289,877	CMAQ	\$ 33,178	Local	\$ 323,055			\$ 323,055
				22278	2025	Design	\$ 1,110,997	STB G	\$ 127,158	Local	\$ 1,238,155			\$ 1,238,155
						Land Purchase					\$ -			\$ -
						Utility Relocate					\$ -			\$ -
						Construction					\$ -			\$ -
						Other					\$ -			\$ -
					Total FFY24-27		\$ 1,400,874		\$ 160,336		\$ 1,561,210	\$ -		\$ 1,561,210



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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.

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U.S. Senate
221 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

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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>