



AGENDA
Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization
Public Advisory Council

Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2026

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Join In-Person

Location: Lewis Conference Room
RVCOG, 155 N 1st Street,
Central Point
Transit: Served by RVTB 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>

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

Chair

Consent Agenda

2. Review / Approve Minutes

Chair

Attachment: [#1 RVMPO PAC Meeting Draft Minutes 06/16/2026](#)

Action Items

3. Tribal Consultation

Jeff Stump

Background: A Tribal consultation is a formal, two-way, government-to-government dialogue between official representatives of Tribes and the RVMPO to discuss proposals before the RVMPO makes decisions on those proposals. The Tribal Consultation Plan was brought to the PC, TAC and PAC committees previously as a discussion item. The recommended changes suggested by the committees have been incorporated into the updated Plan.

Attachments: [#2 Draft RVMPO Tribal Consultation Plan](#)

Action Requested: *Recommendation of approval to Policy Committee*

4. BASICS Act H.R. 7437 and BUILD America 250 Act H.R. 8870

Ryan MacLaren

Background: The *BASICS Act (Bridges And Safety Infrastructure for Community Success)* updates federal transportation programs to reflect how infrastructure works on the ground. It directs funding to where people travel, where projects are ready, and where safety outcomes matter most. The *Building Unrivaled Infrastructure and Long-term Development for America's 250th Act (BUILD America 250 Act)* is a bipartisan bill that



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reauthorizes and invests in America's most critical surface transportation infrastructure and programs for the next five years, including our roads and bridges, effective transit and rail transportation, and highway and motor carrier safety programs.

The current Transportation Bill, Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), expires September 30, 2026. Staff are asking the PAC to provide the Policy Committee with their recommendations for a letter of support on one of the proposed Acts above or a general letter with core concepts to support.

Attachments: [#3 Additional Resources on Each Act](#)
[#4 Draft Letter of Support](#)
[#5 Congress Bill Tracker for BASICS Act](#) (Online Link)
[#6 Congress Bill Tracker for BUILD America 250 Act](#) (Online Link)

Action Requested: *Recommendation to Policy Committee*

Discussion Items

5. Public Comment **Chair**

Regular Updates

6. RVMPO Update **Staff**

7. Other Business / Local Business **Chair**

Opportunity for RVMPO member jurisdictions to talk about transportation planning projects

8. Adjournment **Chair**

Next Scheduled Meetings

RVMPO TAC	September 9, 2026	1:30 p.m.
RVMPO PAC	September 15, 2026	5:30 p.m.
RVMPO Policy Meeting	August 25, 2026	2:00 p.m.

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



SUMMARY MINUTES
Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization
Public Advisory Council

Date: Tuesday, June 16, 2026

Voting Members	Organization	Phone Number
Kevin Walruff	Eagle Point	944-7798
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
Non-Voting Member	Organization	Phone Number
Staff	Organization	Phone Number
Kelsey Sharp	RVCOG	423-1375
Yazeed Alrashdi	RVCOG	423-1378
Jeff Stump	RVCOG	423-1367
Interested Parties	Organization	

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[Agenda Packet](#)

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1. Call to Order at 5:32 / Introductions / Review Agenda 00:00 – 00:37

Quorum: Majority of Members, 4 Total Members.

2. Review / Approve Minutes 00:37 – 01:28

00:57 Rich Rosenthal moved to approve the May 19, 2026, RVMPO PAC Meeting Minutes with corrected spelling. Seconded by Kevin Walruff.

No further discussion.

Motion passed by voice vote. Yes: Kevin Walruff, Jennifer Boardman, Rich Rosenthal, and Mike Montero. No: None. Abstain: Sarah Spansail.



Action Items

3. Amendmend to the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program 01:28 – 05:40

05:14 Kevin Walruff moved to recommend approval of the 2027-2030 TIP Amendment as presented. Seconded by Rich Rosenthal.

No further discussion.

Motion passed by voice vote. Yes: Kevin Walruff, Sarah Spansail, Jennifer Boardman, Rich Rosenthal, and Mike Montero. No: None.

Discussion Items

4. Tribal Consultation 05:40 – 21:00

5. BUILD America 250 Act 21:00 – 33:23

6. Public Comment 33:23 – 33:34

No comments provided.

Regular Updates

7. MPO Planning Update 33:34 – 35:02

Provided by Yazeed Alrashdi regarding the upcoming update for the Title VI plan.

8. Other Business / Local Business 35:02– 35:16

Discussions on funding scenarios for RVTD.

9. Adjournment

6:07 p.m.

Next Scheduled Meetings

RVMPO TAC	July 8, 2026	1:30 p.m.
RVMPO PAC	July 21, 2026	5:30 p.m.
RVMPO Policy Meeting	June 23, 2026	2:00 p.m.



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Date: June 4, 2026
To: RVMPO Public Advisory Council (PAC)
Subject: Basics Act & Build America 250 Act Provisions

Both the BASICS Act (H.R. 7437) and the BUILD America 250 Act contain provisions that the MPO can consider supporting without specifically showing support for particular legislation.

BASICS Act – Key Provisions

- Increases Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funding, the most flexible federal program for MPOs. [National League of Cities](#)
- Strengthens MPO authority by increasing local/regional access to federal funds. [AMPO | Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations](#)
- Improves delivery of regionally prioritized TIP projects by reducing administrative delays. [National League of Cities](#)
- Expands bridge repair funding, including proportional funding for locally owned bridges. [National League of Cities](#)
- Strengthens the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) and prevents states from transferring safety dollars away from safety. [National League of Cities](#)
- Addresses the mismatch between local responsibility (75% of roads) and federal funding (~16%). [ArcGIS StoryMaps](#)

BUILD America 250 Act (House Surface Transportation Reauthorization)

- Five year, \$580B surface transportation reauthorization (FY 2027–2031). [Infrastructure Report Card](#)
- Largest-ever investment in bridges, including a revised bridge formula and a new Bridge Completion Program. [Holland & Knight](#)
- 90% of highway funding delivered by formula, increasing predictability for MPO planning. [American Public Transportation Association](#)

- Creates new revenue for the Highway Trust Fund (EV and PHEV registration fees). [Infrastructure Report Card](#)
- Streamlines NEPA and project delivery, including categorical exclusion clarifications and single lead agency designation. [Infrastructure Report Card](#)
- Invests in transit and rail, including \$87.6B for FTA and \$31.1B for Amtrak. [Holland & Knight](#)
- Creates new discretionary programs, including Surface Transportation Accelerator Grants and expanded Safe Streets funding. [Holland & Knight](#)
- Establishes the first federal framework for autonomous commercial motor vehicles. [American Public Transportation Association](#)



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August 5, 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), we write to express our support for two federal transportation proposals now under consideration in Congress: the **BASICS Act (H.R. 7437)** and the **BUILD America 250 Act**. Both bills advance priorities that are essential to

As you know, MPOs are responsible for coordinating regional transportation planning, programming federal funds, and ensuring that investments reflect local needs, safety priorities, and long-range strategies. These responsibilities are increasingly difficult to meet under current funding constraints, aging infrastructure, and rising project delivery costs. The provisions in these two bills would meaningfully strengthen our ability to deliver safe, efficient, multimodal transportation systems.

The **BASICS Act** addresses long-standing challenges faced by MPOs and local governments by:

- Expanding flexible STBG funding, which is the backbone of regional multimodal investment.
- Increasing direct MPO access to federal funds and improving alignment between federal programs and regional priorities.
- Strengthening the Highway Safety Improvement Program, ensuring safety funds remain dedicated to safety outcomes.
- Providing additional support for locally owned bridges, which make up the majority of our region's bridge inventory.

These provisions would help our MPO deliver projects more efficiently and address critical safety and infrastructure needs.

The **BUILD America 250 Act** represents a significant step toward long-term federal transportation stability. We are particularly supportive of:

- The bill's predictable formula funding, which strengthens TIP and long-range plan financial constraint.
- The largest-ever federal investment in bridges includes programs that directly benefit local jurisdictions

- NEPA streamlining provisions that reduce delays and improve project delivery timelines.
- Expanded funding for transit, rail, and safety, which aligns with our region's multimodal and Vision Zero goals.

These elements would allow our region to accelerate high-priority projects and maintain a state of good repair across our transportation network.

Both the BASICS Act and the BUILD America 250 Act strengthen local decision-making, improve safety outcomes, and provide the stable, flexible funding necessary for MPOs to meet federal performance expectations. For these reasons, the RVMPO Policy Committee respectfully urges your support for these two important pieces of legislation.

We appreciate your continued leadership on transportation issues and welcome the opportunity to provide additional regional context or technical information as these bills advance.

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

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The Honorable Ron Wyden, Senator
U.S. Senate
221 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

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