



AGENDA
Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization
Public Advisory Council

Date: Tuesday, August 19, 2025

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>

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 07/15/2025](#)

Action Items

3. PAC Current Member Re-Appointment

Ryan MacLaren

Background: Every 2 years, PAC members are asked if they would like to continue their membership. This month, Jennifer Boardman, Ron Holthusen, Mike Montero, and Robin Lee will be asked for re-appointment.

Action Requested: Approval of member re-appointment

4. 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: Oregon *Transportation Network* - RVTD FFY27 (KN23035)

The 21-day public comment period and public hearing was advertised on or before Tuesday August 26, 2025, in the *Rogue Valley Times*, and information is currently available on the RVMPO website.

Attachment: [#2 TIP Amendment](#)

Action Requested: *Recommendation of Approval*



5. Conceptual Plan for Phoenix PH-1/PH-1a

Joe Slaughter

Background: As part of the Regional Problem Solving (RPS) Agreement, modifications to concept plans for Urban Reserve Areas (URAs) must be presented to the RVMPO Technical Advisory Committee, Public Advisory Council, and Policy Committee for their review and comments.

The PAC is being asked to review the Preferred Conceptual Transportation Plan submitted by Phoenix and recommend approval of the Chair signing the attached letter or recommend changes.

Attachments: [#3 Preferred Conceptual Transportation Plan](#)
[#4 Policy Committee Letter of Support](#)

Action Requested: *Review and recommendations*

6. Letter to Oregon Legislature Regarding the TRIP Legislation

Staff

Background: The Oregon Legislature will hold a special session on August 29th to consider Oregon transportation funding. Attached is a draft letter for PAC review and comment from the RVMPO Policy Committee to the Legislature urging swift action to pass the funding package.

Attachments: [#5 Proposed Letter](#)

Action Requested: Recommendation of approving the Chair Signature

Discussion Items

7. 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program Allocation Update

Yazeed Alrashdi

Background: On July 29, 2025, the Policy Committee approved the CMAQ fund allocations for the 2027–2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Allocations are detailed in the attached memo.

Attachments: [#6 Memo on Approved CMAQ Funds](#)

8. 2025-2050 Regional Transportation Plan and Air Quality Conformity Determination

Yazeed Alrashdi

Background: The PAC is being asked to review and provide any comments on the full 2025-2050 RTP document and accompanying Air Quality Conformity Determination. These documents will be returned next month for a recommendation.

Link to Website: [Draft RTP and AQCD on SharePoint](#)
[Open House](#)

9. Public Comment

Chair



Regular Updates

10. RVMPO Update **Staff**

11. Other Business / Local Business **Chair**

Opportunity for RVMPO member jurisdictions to talk about transportation planning projects

12. Adjournment **Chair**

Scheduled Meetings

RVMPO TAC	August 13, 2025	1:30 p.m.
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RVMPO PAC	August 19, 2025	5:30 p.m.
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RVMPO Policy Meeting	July 22, 2025	2:00 p.m.
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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, July 15, 2025

Voting Members	Organization	Phone Number
Jennifer Boardman	Central Point	630-0387
Jay O'Neil	Eagle Point	785-410-2303
Ron Holthusen	Jacksonville	944-5040
Special Interest	Organization	Phone Number
Edgar Hee, Vice Chair	Bicycle/Pedestrian	734-4872
Mike Montero, Chair	Freight	779-0771
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, June 17, 2025

[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 – 01:35

- 01:07** Ron Holthusen moved to approve the June 17, 2025, RVMPO PAC Meeting Minutes as presented. Seconded by Jennifer Boardman.
No further discussion.
Motion passed by unanimously by voice vote.

Action Items

3. New PAC Member Application 01:35 – 03:17

- 02:48** Edgar Hee moved to recommend approval of Sarah Spansail representing Medford on the RVMPO PAC. Seconded by Jay O'Neil.
No further discussion.
Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.



SUMMARY MINUTES

Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization

Public Advisory Council

4. Amendment to the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program **03:17 – 25:15**

- 24:18** Ron Holthusen moved to recommend the approval of the 2024-2027 TIP Amendment as presented. Seconded by Edgar Hee.
No further discussion.
Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Discussion Items

5. 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program Project Selection and Carry-Over Funds **25:14 –**

56:53

6. 2025-2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Air Quality Conformity Determination (AQCD)

56:53 – 59:23

7. Public Comment **59:23 – 01:02:09**

Comments and questions from Ron Holthusen.

Regular Updates

8. MPO Planning Update **01:02:09 – 01:05:20**

Provided by Yazeed Alrashdi regarding the Transportation Improvement Program and Regional Transportation Plan schedules.

9. Other Business / Local Business **01:05:20– 01:05:36**

10. Adjournment

6:35 p.m.

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DATE: July 30, 2025
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, August 26, 2025 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 August 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: *Oregon Transportation Network - RVTB FFY27 (KN23035)*

Description: Update project name and reduce OT by \$453,741.

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	
RVTD														
Oregon Transportation Network - RVTD FFY27	Urbanized area public transit capital funding to improve transit services to the special needs, seniors, and other transit-dependent populations.	n/a	Exempt (40 CFR § 93.126 Table 2) - Transit			Planning					\$ -			\$ -
						Design					\$ -			\$ -
						Land Purchase					\$ -			\$ -
						Utility Relocate					\$ -			\$ -
						Construction					\$ -			\$ -
				23035	2027	Other	\$ 270,083	STBG ILA	\$ 30,912	Local	\$ 300,995			\$ 300,995
					Total FFY24-27		\$ 270,083		\$ 30,912		\$ 300,995	\$ -		\$ 300,995



South Stage connection to be evaluated upon UGB inclusion of Taxlot 38-1W-05D-1000 and regional transportation improvements

PREFERRED CONCEPTUAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Phoenix UGB

Urban Reserves

Taxlots

Map Features

Conceptual Transportation System Plan

- Collector
- Alignment to be refined
- Local Street
- Emergency Access Only/Possible Future Collector
- Potential Future Road
- Industrial Driveway

South Stage LLC

Data Source: City of Phoenix, Jackson County

Spatial Reference: NAD 1983 State Plane Oregon South FIPS 3602

Layout: CSA Planning, Ltd. 08/04/2025

0 1,000 Feet



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August 26, 2025

Eric Swanson, City Manager
City of Phoenix
112 W. 2nd Street
Phoenix, OR 97535

RE: RVMPO Comments on Future Growth Area PH-1 and PH-1A

Dear Eric,

Pursuant to the Regional Plan requirement that cities prepare conceptual plans in collaboration with the Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (RVMPO), both the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and the Policy Committee reviewed conceptual plans prepared for Future Growth Area PH-1A, in association with PH-1. The scope of conceptual plan review is defined in Regional Plan Performance Indicators 2.7 (Conceptual Transportation Plans) and 2.8 (Conceptual Land Use Plans).

Performance Indicator 2.7 requires that transportation plans are prepared in collaboration with the RVMPO. Phoenix submitted its plans for review by the TAC at its meetings on July 9, 2025, and again on August 13, 2025. The Policy Committee reviewed the plans at its August 26, 2025 meeting and provides the following comments.

Performance Indicator 2.6 requires compliance with Regional Transportation Plan Alternative Measures to ensure walkable mixed-use neighborhoods that are anchored by activity centers. The proposed use of both PH-1 and PH-1A is employment land only. The railroad tracks separate this area from activity centers in the city, with a private crossing as the only connection, limiting any public walkable connections. Indicator 2.6 does not apply.

Performance Indicator 2.7.1 requires that plans identify a general network of regionally significant arterials under local jurisdiction, transit corridors, bike and pedestrian paths, and associated projects to provide mobility throughout the region. South Stage Road is an arterial, while Voorhies Road is a collector; no new arterials are proposed. The primary proposed north-south street is a collector, with local industrial street providing additional access. The Active Transportation Plan proposes bike paths on South Stage Road and Voorhies Road and the report prepared by CSA Planning indicates adequate right-of-way will be available to provide pedestrian and bicycle facilities. There are no planned transit projects in this area. The City of Medford recommends no direct access to South Stage Road because of proximity to

South Pacific Highway. It further recommends that PH-1A access be restricted to Voorhies Road. Several options for access to the south include connection to Houston Road, but this option would require a goal exception because the lands are outside the urban growth boundary.

Performance Indicator 2.8 requires the same collaboration as for 2.7. Performance Indicator 2.8.1 requires conceptual plans to demonstrate how the density requirements of Section 2.5 will be met. Because the proposed land use is entirely employment, residential density standards do not apply. Performance Indicator 2.8.2 requires that proposed land use distributions be consistent with the general distributions in the Regional Plan. Both the proposed distributions and the Regional Plan show all the land in employment use. Performance Indicator 2.8.3 requires consistency with transportation infrastructure standards of Section 2.7, which have already been addressed. Section 2.8.4 requires consideration of mixed use/pedestrian friendly areas. Because PH-1 and PH-1A are proposed exclusively for employment use, this performance indicator does not apply.

In addition to the above performance indicators, Performance Indicator 2.9.9 requires that, prior to expansion of the City of Phoenix Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) to accommodate employment land need, the region shall agree on a mechanism to assist the city in justifying the need for urban reserve PH-5. PH-5 is now included in the city limits, and the city is developing plans for its development, indicating that Performance Indicator 2.9.9 is satisfied.

Performance Indicator 2.10 requires agricultural buffering. One parcel between PH1-A and Voorhies Road is zoned Exclusive Farm Use; the conceptual plan assumes the widest buffer, presuming intensive agricultural use.

The Policy Committee notes that the conceptual plan for PH-1A and PH-1 creates no barrier to inter-jurisdictional connectivity and is consistent with other Regional Plan performance indicators. The Policy Committee further understands that revisions to the conceptual plans are possible, and even likely, until such as a UGB Amendment is drafted. Any future significant conceptual plan revisions will be made in collaboration with the RVMPO. These comments are provided to affirm that Phoenix followed the requirements of the Regional Plan to prepare its conceptual plans in collaboration with the RVMPO.

Sincerely,

Eleanor Ponomareff, Chair
RVMPO Policy Committee



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August 12, 2025

Oregon State Legislature
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Members of the Oregon Legislature,

On behalf of the Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (RVMPO) Policy Committee, we write to emphasize the critical need for sufficient transportation funding to address pressing challenges in our region. As the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Rogue Valley, we oversee regional transportation planning for Ashland, Central Point, Eagle Point, Jacksonville, Medford, Phoenix, Talent, and unincorporated Jackson County. Our region's growing population and aging infrastructure require immediate investment.

City and County Road Maintenance

Local roads across our region face deteriorating conditions due to deferred maintenance and insufficient state-shared revenue. Potholes, crumbling shoulders, and outdated drainage systems jeopardize safety and increase long-term repair costs. Funding for the preservation and maintenance of our regional transportation system is greatly needed. We continue to uphold the importance of maintaining the existing 50/30/20 split of the State Highway Fund to provide the needed monies to preserve and maintain the system.

Transit System

The Rogue Valley Transportation District (RVTD) provides essential services to our communities, including seniors, low-income residents, students, and workers. However, any reductions in state funding will make it difficult to maintain service frequency, modernize fleets, or meet rising demand. Enhanced transit is vital to our economy and environment.

In conclusion, the RVMPO stands ready to collaborate on solutions. We urge swift action by the Legislature to pass a bipartisan transportation funding proposal in this special session to ensure that Oregon's transportation system remains safe and economically viable.

Sincerely,

Eleanor Ponomareff
Chair, RVMPO Policy Committee

CC: Governor's Office, ODOT Director



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Date: August 6, 2025
To: RVMPO Public Advisory Committee (PAC)
From: Yazeed Alrashdi, Associate Planner
Subject: 2027-30 TIP Approved Allocations

This memo outlines the approved allocations for CMAQ (Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality) funds for the 2027–2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Throughout July, the RVMPO committees reviewed submitted project proposals and developed funding recommendations for final approval by the Policy Committee.

On July 29, 2025, the Policy Committee (PC) passed a motion by Mike Quilty, seconded by Donna Bowen, recommending approval of the 27-2030 allocations as recommended by TAC. The motion proposed (1) awarding City of Central Point and City of Medford their request for additional funding. (2) award both ODOT and City of Talent projects, see table 1 for the awarded amounts.

Table 1: Approved Allocations by Policy Committee

Policy Committee Approved Allocations for CMAQ Funds		
CARRIED OVER	City of Central Point: West Pine Street Reconstruction	\$6,900,000
CARRIED OVER	City of Medford: Table Rock Road - Merriman to I-5	\$1,884,330
NEW	City of Talent: Creel to Bear Creek Greenway Connector	\$773,900
NEW	ODOT: OR99 Matt Loop - Garfield	\$500,000
	<i>total</i>	\$10,058,230