



AGENDA
Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization
Policy Committee

Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2026

Time: 2:00 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: 846 2782 3341
Phone #: +1 346 248 7799
Zoom Link:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84627823341>

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1. Call to Order / Introductions / Review Agenda

Chair

Consent Agenda

2. Review / Approve Minutes

Chair

Attachment: [#1 RVMPO Policy Meeting Draft Minutes 01/27/2026](#)

Action Items

3. Election of Officers

Ryan MacLaren

Background: Per the Bylaws, each year the Policy Committee elects a Chair and Vice Chair. They will serve a term of one year.

Attachments: [#2 Section of the Bylaws](#)

Action Requested: *Election of new officers*

Public Hearing

Chair will read the public hearing procedures

4. Amendment to the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program

Ryan MacLaren

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: RVTD Paratransit Vehicle Replacement (KN23821)



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The 21-day public comment period and public hearing was advertised on or before Tuesday February 2, 2026, in the *Rogue Valley Times*, and information is currently available on the RVMPO website.

Attachments: [#3 TIP Amendment Memo](#)

Action Requested: Approval of the TIP Amendment

Action Items

5. RVMPO Dues

Jeff Stump

Background: In 2025, the dues rate was approved at \$0.25 per capita, and the Policy Committee had discussed linking the dues rate to a Consumer Price Index (CPI).

Attachments: [#4 RVMPO Dues](#)

Action Requested: Approval of the RVMPO Dues

6. Application for PAC Membership

Ryan MacLaren

Background: Rich Rosenthal has sent an application to join the RVMPO PAC to represent either West Medford or Minority Citizens.

Attachments: [#5 PAC Application](#)

Action Requested: Appointment of the new PAC member

Discussion Items

7. Public Comment

Chair

Regular Updates

8. RVMPO Update

Ryan MacLaren

9. Other Business / Local Business

Chair

Opportunity for RVMPO member jurisdictions to talk about transportation planning projects.

10. Adjournment

Chair

Scheduled Meetings

RVMPO TAC	March 11, 2026	1:30 p.m.
RVMPO PAC	March 17, 2026	5:30 p.m.
RVMPO Policy Meeting	February 24, 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

Policy Committee

Date: Tuesday, January 27, 2026

Voting Members	Organization	Phone Number
Mike Quilty	Central Point	621-4853
Donna Bowen	Jacksonville	899-1231
Nick Card	Medford	944-3530
Eleanor Ponomareff, Chair	Talent	535-1566
Randy Sparacino	Jackson County	774-6117
Elijah Oberlander	ODOT	774-6353
Tonia Moro	RVTD	973-2063
Alternate Members	Organization	Phone Number
Scott Fleury	Ashland	
Dan Worth	Medford	
Mike Baker	ODOT	
Paige West	RVTD	
Staff	Organization	Phone Number
Ryan MacLaren	RVCOG	423-1338
Kelsey Sharp	RVCOG	423-1375
Interested Parties	Organization	
Thomas Guevara	ODOT	

RVMPO Policy Minutes – Tuesday, January 27, 2026

[Agenda Packet](#)

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1. Call to Order at 2:00 p.m. / Introductions / Review Agenda 00:00 – 04:53

Quorum: Six jurisdictions represented.

- 03:05** Nick Card moved to add an item to the agenda: Letter of Support for the Medford BUILD Grant (Item 5). Seconded by Mike Quilty.
No further discussion.
Motion passed by roll call vote. Yes: Mike Quilty, Donna Bowen, Nick Card, Eleanor Ponomareff, Randy Sparacino, Elijah Oberlander, and Scott Fleury. No: Tonia Moro.



Consent Agenda

2. Review / Approve Minutes 04:53 – 05:31

- 05:09** Donna Bowen moved to approve the September 23, 2025, RVMPO Policy Committee Meeting Minutes as presented. Seconded by Elijah Oberlander.
No further discussion.
Motion passed by roll call vote. Yes: Mike Quilty, Donna Bowen, Nick Card, Eleanor Ponomareff, Randy Sparacino, Elijah Oberlander, Scott Fleury, and Tonia Moro. No: None.

Public Hearing

3. Amendment to the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program 05:31 – 09:30

Chair Eleanor Ponomareff opened the public hearing.

No comments received.

Chair Eleanor Ponomareff closed the public hearing.

- 8:30** Mike Quilty moved to approve the 2024-2027 TIP amendment as presented.
Seconded by Randy Sparacino.
No further discussion.
Motion passed by roll call vote. Yes: Mike Quilty, Donna Bowen, Nick Card, Eleanor Ponomareff, Randy Sparacino, Elijah Oberlander, Scott Fleury, and Tonia Moro. No: None.

Action Items

4. Application for PAC Membership 09:30 – 11:16

- 10:20** Donna Bowen moved to appoint Jennifer Boardman to the RVMPO Public Advisory Council to represent Medford. Seconded by Randy Sparacino.
No further discussion.
Motion passed by roll call vote. Yes: Mike Quilty, Donna Bowen, Nick Card, Eleanor Ponomareff, Randy Sparacino, Elijah Oberlander, Scott Fleury, and Tonia Moro. No: None.

5. ITEM ADDED: Letter of Support for Medford BUILD Grant 11:16 – 19:33

- 18:41** Nick Card moved to approve the chair signing the Letter of Support for Medford as presented. Seconded by Randy Sparacino.
No further discussion.



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Motion passed by roll call vote. Yes: Mike Quilty, Donna Bowen, Nick Card, Eleanor Ponomareff, Randy Sparacino, Elijah Oberlander, and Scott Fleury. No: None.
Abstain: Tonia Moro.

Discussion Items

6. RVMPO Dues 19:33 – 28:56

7. Public Comment 28:56 – 29:06

No comments provided.

Regular Updates

8. MPO Planning Update 29:06 – 30:56

Updates from Ryan MacLaren regarding the February meeting containing Elections for Chair, Unified Planning Work Program timeline, and the RVMPO Bike Map.

9. Other Business / Local Business 30:56 – 34:32

Updates from ODOT.

10. Adjournment

2:35 p.m.

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Article V

Officers and Duties

Section 1. Officers

- a. The officers of the committee shall be a chair and vice-chair to be elected at the February meeting.
- b. The voting members of the committee shall nominate members for officer positions.
- c. Positions shall be filled by the person receiving a simple majority of the votes.

Section 2. Term of Office

- a. The officers shall hold office for a period of one year, beginning at the close of the February meeting.
- b. If the officer positions are vacant at the February meeting, the longest tenured committee member present shall serve as temporary chair of the meeting. The temporary chair will facilitate the meeting until a new chair/vice chair is elected.
- c. If both the Chair and Vice Chair are absent from a meeting, the longest tenured committee member present shall serve as temporary chair of the meeting. The temporary chair will have full authority of the Chair for the duration of the meeting, and including subsequent actions as directed by the committee.

Section 3. Duties

- a. The chair shall preside at all meetings and is entitled to vote on all issues.
- b. The chair shall appoint subcommittees as required and specify assignments and deadlines of subcommittee reports.
- c. The vice-chair shall conduct all meetings of the committee in the absence of the chair.

Section 4. Planning Program Manager

- a. The RVMCOG's Planning Program Manager shall be a non-voting member of the committee. The program manager shall be responsible for staff support of the committee, including minute taking and record keeping.



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DATE: February 2, 2026
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 February 2nd 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: RVTD Paratransit Vehicle Replacement (KN23821)

Description: Increase bus purchase from 5 to 9 units.

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	
ODOT														
RVTD Paratransit Vehicle Replacement	Purchase of five (5) accessible, battery electric paratransit vans to replace gasoline paratransit vans used in RVTD's Valley Lift service and vehicle charging infrastructure.	n/a	Exempt (40 CFR § 93.126 Table 2) - Transit			Planning					\$ -			\$ -
						Design					\$ -			\$ -
						Land Purchase					\$ -			\$ -
						Utility Relocate					\$ -			\$ -
						Construction					\$ -			\$ -
				23821	FFY2026	Other	\$ 1,607,513	5307	\$ 183,987	Local & ODOT	\$ 1,791,500			\$ 1,791,500
					Total FFY24-27		\$ 1,607,513		\$ 183,987		\$ 1,791,500	\$ -		\$ 1,791,500



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DATE: February 12, 2026
TO: RVMPO PC
FROM: Jeffrey Stump, Associate Transportation Planner
SUBJECT: FY 2026-27 RVMPO Member Dues

Discussions at the January Public Advisory Council (PAC), Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Policy Committee meetings, resulted in a preferred population estimation method to calculate member dues. Using this method, staff have updated the FY 2026-2027 member dues and are now seeking their approval.

Additionally, the RVMPO Policy Committee has directed staff to index membership dues to the Consumer Price Index or CPI and base future dues calculations on the CPI. The CPI is the index used to track changes in prices over time and show how inflation or purchasing power is evolving. Also, the Technical Advisory Committee recommended the RVMPO use the West All Items CPI.

For the 12 months ending in December, 2025, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) economic news release (<https://www.bls.gov/news.release/cpi.toc.htm>) reports the national All Items CPI (CPI) rose 2.7 percent. The West All Items CPI for the same time period rose 2.9 percent.

Staff have updated the proposed membership dues below utilizing recent population estimates, as discussed, and the CPI. Table 1 reflects the previously approved 2025-26 RVMPO membership dues. Table 2 shows membership dues with updated population estimates, the 2.7% per capita dues rate increase and the increase or decrease in dues from the 2025-26 dues. Table 3 shows membership dues with updated population, the 2.9% per capita dues rate and the increase or decrease in dues from the 2025-26 dues. Upon approval by the Policy Committee, future dues calculations will also be indexed to the previous year BLS All Items CPI.

Table 1: RVMPO 2025-26 Dues

RVMPO 2025-26 Dues			
Member Jurisdictions	2024 Population	*Per Capita Dues Rate	FY2025-26 Dues
Ashland	21,579	\$0.25	\$5,394.75
Central Point	19,363	\$0.25	\$4,840.75
Eagle Point	9,866	\$0.25	\$2,466.50
Jacksonville	3,066	\$0.25	\$766.50
Medford	88,352	\$0.25	\$22,088.00
Phoenix	4,413	\$0.25	\$1,103.25
Talent	6,411	\$0.25	\$1,602.75
Jackson County	39,153	\$0.25	\$9,788.25
<i>Total</i>	192,203		\$48,051

*Dues per capita increase to 0.25 approved in 2025.

Table 2: RVMPO 2026-27 Proposed Dues – National All Items Consumer Price Index – 2.7%

RVMPO 2026-27 Dues				
Member Jurisdictions	2025 Population ¹	*Per Capita Dues Rate	FY2026-27 Proposed Dues ²	Proposed Dues Increase/Decrease
Ashland	21,862	\$0.25675	\$5,613.07	\$218.32
Central Point	19,678	\$0.25675	\$5,052.33	\$211.58
Eagle Point	10,193	\$0.25675	\$2,617.05	\$150.55
Jacksonville	3,185	\$0.25675	\$817.75	\$51.25
Medford	89,946	\$0.25675	\$23,093.64	\$1,005.64
Phoenix	4,600	\$0.25675	\$1,181.05	\$77.80
Talent	6,701	\$0.25675	\$1,720.48	\$117.73
Jackson County	37,234	\$0.25675	\$9,559.83	-\$228.42
Total	193,399		\$49,655	\$1,604

*Per capita dues rate increase @ 2.7% per December 2025 National All Items Consumer Price Index (CPI)

¹ RVCOG staff utilized the latest Certified Portland State University population estimates for incorporated cities and estimates derived from SOABM for unincorporated areas.

² Proposed dues = (Population estimates * dues rate)

Table 3: RVMPO 2026-27 Proposed Dues – West All Items Consumer Price Index – 2.9%

RVMPO 2026-27 Dues				
Member Jurisdictions	2025 Population ¹	*Per Capita Dues Rate	FY2026-27 Proposed Dues ²	Proposed Dues Increase/Decrease
Ashland	21,862	\$0.25725	\$5,624.00	\$229.25
Central Point	19,678	\$0.25725	\$5,062.17	\$221.42
Eagle Point	10,193	\$0.25725	\$2,622.15	\$155.65
Jacksonville	3,185	\$0.25725	\$819.34	\$52.84
Medford	89,946	\$0.25725	\$23,138.61	\$1,050.61
Phoenix	4,600	\$0.25725	\$1,183.35	\$80.10
Talent	6,701	\$0.25725	\$1,723.83	\$121.08
Jackson County	37,234	\$0.25725	\$9,578.45	-\$209.80
Total	193,399		\$49,752	\$1,701

*Per capita dues rate increase @ 2.9% per December 2025 West All Items Consumer Price Index (CPI)

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U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI footnote.

NOTE: Local area indexes are byproducts of the national CPI program. Each local index has a smaller sample size than the national index and is, therefore, subject to substantially more sampling and other measurement error. As a result, local area indexes show greater volatility than the national index, although their long-term trends are similar. Therefore, the Bureau of Labor Statistics strongly urges users to consider adopting the national average CPI for use in their escalator clauses.



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Committee: _____

Date Rec'd: _____

Appointed: Yes No

Appointment Date: _____

Term Ended Date: _____

**ROGUE VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
(RVMPO)**

**Public Advisory Council (PAC)
Membership Application**

Return Application to:

Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization
Rogue Valley Council of Governments
P.O Box 3275 Central Point, OR 97502
541-423-1338 | www.rvmpo.org

Email return to: KSharp@rvcog.org

For background about the Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization and the role of the Public Advisory Council, please visit our website: www.rvmpo.org

PLEASE PRINT

Personal Information:

Name: Rich Rosenthal

Home address (include Zip code):

Telephone: (home) (business)

Email:

About PAC membership...The Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization Public Advisory Council (PAC) makes recommendations on transportation planning issues to the RVMPO's Policy Committee. PAC members are appointed by the Policy Committee to two-year terms, representing one of the RVMPO's regional areas of interest. The PAC has positions for both geographic and special interest areas. Appointments are based on an applicant's ability to represent one of the geographic or special interest areas.

- To represent one of the **Geographic Areas** listed below and illustrated on the attached RVMPO map, you must live, own property or operate a business within that area. You do not have to live within city limits. Please refer to the RVMPO map or call Ryan MacLaren at 423-1338 for clarification.
- **Special Interest Areas** represent the freight industry, mass transit, low-income citizens, minority citizens, senior citizens, public health, and bicycle/pedestrian. Low-income and minority representatives do not have to be low-income or a racial minority, but would advocate for the concerns of those communities. Special interest representatives may live, own property, or operate a business anywhere within the RVMPO.

Please indicate below the Geographic Area, or special interest that you would represent. Select only one from the following list, section (A) or (B) below.

A. Geographic Area (*see Citizen Involvement Area map on the last page*):

- | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ashland | <input type="checkbox"/> Central Point | <input type="checkbox"/> Eagle Point |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jacksonville | <input type="checkbox"/> East Medford | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> West Medford |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Phoenix | <input type="checkbox"/> Talent | <input type="checkbox"/> White City |

- B. Special Interest Area:** ☐ Freight industry ☐ Mass Transit ☒ Minority Citizens
- ☐ Low Income Citizens ☐ Senior Citizens ☐ Bicycle/Pedestrian
- ☐ Public Health

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1. What experience, interest, knowledge or qualifications would you bring to the Public Advisory Council?

See response on next page

2. Why do you want to become a member of the Public Advisory Council?

See response on next page

Signature:



Date:

2-10-26

Thank You!

1. What experience, interest, knowledge or qualifications would you bring to the Public Advisory Council?

I served on the RVMPO Policy Committee from 2013 until 2020 while representing the Ashland City Council. It was a fascinating experience and I learned a tremendous amount about regional transportation system/project planning. It took several years to fully grasp jargon-heavy, technical processes. Consequently, I would have a general understanding of how things work on Day 1 as a member of the PAC.

In addition to five elected terms on the Ashland Parks and Recreation Commission or the Ashland City Council, I also have 20 years of experience as a local government employee, including the past 10 years as the City of Medford's parks and recreation director. The planning and development aspect of the job often relates to multi-modal connectivity between parks and neighborhoods, including multiple greenways.

I am familiar with most of the transportation topics or issues involving Ashland, Medford, and the Rogue Valley generally having been a resident of Ashland from 1994 until 2023, and as an employee working in west Medford since 2006.

2. Why do you want to become a member of the Public Advisory Committee?

I enjoyed my experience on the Policy Committee and would look forward to learning about and providing advice on plans and projects impacting the Rogue Valley.

I've worked for the City of Medford with an office at the Santo Community Center for the past 20 years and believe it's important for west Medford neighborhoods to have a voice on the PAC. (There are currently no representatives on the PAC from West Medford.)