



AGENDA
Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization
Policy Committee

Date: Tuesday, August 25, 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.rvmppo.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 06/23/2026](#)

Public Hearing

Chair will read the public hearing procedures

3. Tribal Consultation Plan

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](#) (Online Link)

Action Requested: *Approval of the Tribal Consultation Plan*



Action Items

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 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.

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

Action Requested: Approval of Chair Signing Letters

Discussion Items

5. Public Comment

Chair

Regular Updates

6. RVMPD Update

Ryan MacLaren

7. Other Business / Local Business

Chair

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

8. Adjournment

Chair

Scheduled Meetings

RVMPD TAC	September 9, 2026	1:30 p.m.
RVMPD PAC	September 15, 2026	5:30 p.m.
RVMPD Policy Meeting	September 22, 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, June 23, 2026

Voting Members	Organization	Phone Number
Mike Quilty, Vice Chair	Central Point	621-4853
Kathy Sell	Eagle Point	826-4212
Nick Card, Chair	Medford	778-0227
Daniel Collay	Talent	535-1566
Randy Sparacino	Jackson County	774-6117
Elijah Oberlander	ODOT	774-6299
Tonia Moro	RVTD	973-2063
Alternate Members	Organization	Phone Number
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	
Mike Montero	RVMPO PAC	

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[Agenda Packet](#)

[Meeting Audio](#)

1. Call to Order at 2:00 p.m. / Introductions / Review Agenda 00:00 – 01:16

Quorum: Six jurisdictions represented.

Consent Agenda

2. Review / Approve Minutes 01:16 – 01:40

Minutes approved without change.

Public Hearing

3. Amendment to the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program 02:10 – 05:36

Chair Nick Card opened the public hearing.

No comments received.

Chair Nick Card closed the public hearing.



SUMMARY MINUTES

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- 04:42** Mike Quilty moved to approve 2024-2027 TIP amendment as presented.
Seconded by Elijah Oberlander.
No further discussion.
Motion passed by roll call vote. Yes: Mike Quilty, Kathy Sell, Nick Card, Daniel Collay, Randy Sparacino, Elijah Oberlander, and Tonia Moro. No: None.

Discussion Items

4. Tribal Consultation Plan **05:36 – 09:55**
5. BUILD America 250 Act **09:55 – 16:22**
6. Public Comment **16:22 – 17:08**
Comments received from Mike Montero regarding the two proposed Transportation Bills.

Regular Updates

7. MPO Planning Update **17:08 – 17:44**
Updates from Ryan MacLaren regarding the Tribal Consultation Plan and the upcoming Title VI Plan update.
8. Other Business / Local Business **17:44 – 19:18**
Updates from ODOT and Local Freight
9. Adjournment
2:22 p.m.

Scheduled Meetings

RVMPPO TAC	July 8, 2026	1:30 p.m.
RVMPPO PAC	July 21, 2026	5:30 p.m.
RVMPPO Policy Meeting	July 28, 2026	2:00 p.m.



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Date: June 4, 2026
To: RVMPO Policy Committee
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 17, 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 metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) and to the local jurisdictions we serve.

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 a safe and efficient regional transportation system.

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

- Expanding flexible Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funding, which is the backbone of regional transportation system investment.
- Increasing direct MPO access to federal funds and improving alignment between federal programs and regional priorities.
- Strengthening the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), 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 our Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and long-range plan financial constraint.

- The largest-ever federal investment in bridges includes programs that directly benefit local jurisdictions
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) streamlining provisions that reduce delays and improve project delivery timelines.
- Increased safety funding which aligns with our region's priorities and Vision Zero goals.
- Maintaining current funding levels for transit programs and support for increased funding.

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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U.S. Senate
313 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Merkley,

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

Dear Senator Wyden,

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