



**Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2026**

**Time: 1:30 p.m.**

**Join In-Person**

**Location:** Lewis Conference Room  
 RVCOG, 155 N 1<sup>st</sup> Street,  
 Central Point  
**Transit:** Served by RVTD Route #40  
**Contact:** RVCOG: 541-423-1375  
**Website:** [www.rvmpos.org](http://www.rvmpos.org)

**Or via Zoom**

**Meeting ID:** 876 0096 3358  
**Phone #:** +1 253 215 8782  
**Zoom Link:**  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87600963358>

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

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**1. Call to Order / Introductions / Review Agenda Chair**

**Consent Agenda**

**2. Review / Approve Minutes Chair**

Attachment: [#1 RVMPO TAC Meeting Draft Minutes 04/08/2026](#)

**Action Items**

**3. Amendment to the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program Ryan Maclaren**

Background: The TAC 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*



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**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 TAC'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*

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**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 TAC 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*

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**6. RVACT Alternate Voting Member**

**Kelsey Sharp**

**Background:** Rogue Valley Area Commission on Transportation (RVACT) is an advisory group chartered by the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC). They address all aspects of transportation with a primary focus on the state transportation system.

RVMPO's current voting member is Daniel Collay, and the current alternate voting member is Ryan MacLaren. The TAC is being asked to recommend a member as an alternate voter.

**Action Requested:** *Recommendation for Alternate Voting Member*



### Discussion Items

- 7. Public Comment** **Chair**

### Regular Updates

- 8. RVMPO Update** **Staff**

- 9. Other Business / Local Business** **Chair**

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

- 10. Adjournment** **Chair**

#### Scheduled Meetings

RVMPO TAC	June 10, 2026	1:30 p.m.
RVMPO PAC	May 19, 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: Wednesday, April 8, 2026**

Voting Members	Organization	Phone Number
Karl Johnson	Ashland PW	488-5587
Stephaine Powers	Central Point PL	423-1031
Matt Samitore, Vice Chair	Central Point PW	664-3321
Mike Upston	Eagle Point PL	826-4212
Alex Georgevitch, Chair	Medford PW	774-2114
Chris Olivier	Medford PL	774-2388
Gaoying Vigoa	Talent PL	813-9267
Charles Bennett	Jackson County PL	774-6115
James Philp	Jackson County R&P	774-6236
Justin Shoemaker	ODOT	774-6376
Thomas Guevara	ODOT	957-3692
Paige West	RVTD	608-4249
Kelly Madding	RVTD	608-2445

Alternate Members	Organization	Phone Number
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Staff	Organization	Phone Number
Ryan MacLaren	RVCOG	423-1338
Kelsey Sharp	RVCOG	423-1375
Dan Moore	RVCOG	423-1393

Interested Parties	Organization
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Mike Montero RVMPO PAC

**RVMPO TAC Minutes – Wednesday, April 8, 2026**

[Agenda Packet](#)

[Meeting Audio](#)

**1. Call to Order at 1:32 / Introductions / Review Agenda 00:00 – 01:22**

Quorum: 6 jurisdictions represented.

**2. Review / Approve Minutes 01:22 – 02:13**

**01:31** Matt Samitore moved to approve March 11, 2026, RVMPO TAC Meeting Minutes as presented. Seconded by Mike Upston.  
 No further discussion.



**SUMMARY MINUTES**  
**Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization**  
Technical Advisory Committee

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Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Yes: Karl Johnson, Stephaine Powers, Matt Samitore, Mike Upston, Alex Georgevitch, Chris Olivier, Gaoying Vigoa, Charles Bennett, James Philp, Justin Shoemaker, Thomas Guevara, Paige West, Kelly Madding. No: None.

### Action Items

**3. Amendment to the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program 02:13 – 04:33**

**03:56** Mike Upton moved to recommend approval of the 2024-2027 TIP Amendment as presented. Seconded by Justin Shoemaker.

No further discussions.

Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Yes: Karl Johnson, Stephaine Powers, Matt Samitore, Mike Upston, Alex Georgevitch, Chris Olivier, Gaoying Vigoa, Charles Bennett, James Philp, Justin Shoemaker, Thomas Guevara, Paige West, Kelly Madding. No: None.

**4. 2026-2027 Unified Planning Work Program 04:33 – 15:50**

**14:25** Paige West moved to recommend approval of the 2026-2027 UPWP as presented. Seconded by Matt Samitore.

No further discussions.

Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Yes: Karl Johnson, Stephaine Powers, Matt Samitore, Mike Upston, Alex Georgevitch, Chris Olivier, Gaoying Vigoa, Charles Bennett, James Philp, Justin Shoemaker, Thomas Guevara, Paige West, Kelly Madding. No: None.

**5. Support Letter for BASICS Act H.R. 7437 15:50 – 26:18**

**24:42** Justin Shoemaker moved to continue this item until next meeting. Seconded by Matt Samitore.

No further discussions.

Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Yes: Karl Johnson, Stephaine Powers, Matt Samitore, Mike Upston, Alex Georgevitch, Chris Olivier, Gaoying Vigoa, Charles Bennett, James Philp, Justin Shoemaker, Thomas Guevara, Paige West, Kelly Madding. No: None.

### Discussion Items

**6. 2027-2030 TIP and AQCD 26:18 – 31:49**



**7. Public Comment 31:49 – 33:20**

*Comments provided by Mike Montero on the Oregon Freight Advisory Committee meeting.*

## Regular Updates

**8. MPO Planning Update 33:20 – 34:30**

*Update provided by staff regarding the TIP and Title VI Timeline, and OMPOC meeting coming soon.*

**9. Other Business / Local Business 34:30– 36:39**

*Updates from Medford, Talent, and ODOT.*

**10. Adjournment**

2:09 p.m.

Scheduled Meetings		
RVMPO TAC	May 13, 2026	1:30 p.m.
RVMPO PAC	April 21, 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 Technical Advisory Committee  
 FROM: Ryan MacLaren, Planning Program Director  
 SUBJECT: TIP Amendments

The TAC 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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	
<b>Ashland</b>														
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					\$ -			\$ -
						<b>Total FFY24-27</b>					\$ 1,400,874		\$ 160,336	



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April 1, 2026

The Honorable Cliff Bentz, Congressman 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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April 1, 2026

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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April 1, 2026

The Honorable Ron Wyden, Senator  
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](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

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