

#### **AGENDA**

#### Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization

#### **Technical Advisory Committee**

Date: Thursday, April 4, 2019

*Time:* 1:30 p.m.

Location: Courtyard Conference Room, Grants Pass City Hall

101 NW "A" Street, Grants Pass, OR

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1	Call to Order / Introductions / Review Agenda	Wade Elliot, Chair				
2	Review / Approve Minutes Chair					
Attachment	nent #1   MRMPO TAC Draft Minutes 03/07/19					
Presentation	s					
3	<b>Environmental Assessment Tool</b>	Nikki Hart-Brinkley				
Background	Assesses transportation projects for potential environmental impacts in the project area.					
Action Items						
4	2019–20 Unified Planning Work Program	Karl Welzenbach				
Background	The Unified Planning Work Program is the program budget for the MRMPO for the upcoming fiscal year (FY 2019-2020). This document lays out the revenues that the MPO will receive and how those funds will be expended. This document has been out for public comment since March 15, 2019.					
Attachment	#2   <u>Draft UPWP for FY 2019–2020</u>					
Action Requested	Forward recommendation of adoption to Policy Committee.					

Discussion Items					
5	RTP Discussion – Goals and Objectives	Karl Welzenbach			
Background Staff is in the process of updating the current 2015–2040 RTP. Included in this update is a review of existing goals and objectives. Included in your agenda packet are the current goals and objectives that were adopted during the last cycle.					
Attachment	Attachment #3   RTP Goals & Objectives				
6	RTP Discussion – Funding Estimates	Karl Welzenbach			
This committee had a discussion on this issue back in February. Staff has reformatted the financial form in an attempt to better represent the available local funds necessary to match Federal funds over the 25 year planning horizon. Included in the Agenda Packet is the new form and funding assumptions for discussion.					
7	Public Comment  *Limited to one comment per person, five-minute maximum time limit.	minute maximum Chair			
Regular Updates					
8	MPO Planning Update	Karl Welzenbach			
9	Other Business / Local Business  Opportunity for MRMPO member jurisdictions to talk about transportation planning projects.	Chair			
10	Adjournment	Chair			

- The next MRMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting will be **Thursday**, **May 2**, at 1:30 p.m. in the Courtyard Conference Room at Grants Pass City Hall.
- The next MRMPO Policy Committee meeting will be **Thursday**, **April 18 at 2:30 p.m.** in the Courtyard Conference Room at Grants Pass City Hall.

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, IF YOU NEED SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING, PLEASE CONTACT RVCOG, 541-664-6674. REASONABLE ADVANCE NOTICE OF THE NEED FOR ACCOMMODATION PRIOR TO THE MEETING (48 HOURS ADVANCE NOTICE IS PREFERABLE) WILL ENABLE US TO MAKE REASONABLE ARRANGEMENTS TO ENSURE ACCESSIBILITY TO THIS MEETING.



# Summary Minutes Middle Rogue MPO Technical Advisory Committee March 7, 2019

#### The following attended:

Voting Members	Organization	Phone Number		
Dick Converse	Gold Hill	423-1373		
Ian Horlacher	ODOT	423-1362		
Jason Canady	Grants Pass	450-6110		
John Vial	Jackson County	774-6238		
Scott Chancey, Vice Chair	Josephine County Transit	474-5441		
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Alternates	Organization	Phone Number		
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Staff	Organization	Phone Number		
Karl Welzenbach	RVCOG	423-1360		
Ryan MacLaren	RVCOG	423-1338		
Interested Parties	Organization	Phone Number		
Lesley Orr	Bike/Ped			

#### MRMPO TAC March 7, 2019 Agenda Packet

Full meeting recording: 2019-03-07 MRMPO TAC Meeting Audio

1. Call to Order / Introductions / Review Agenda 00:00-01:15

1:33 p.m. | Quorum: Gold Hill, Grants Pass, Jackson County, Josephine County, ODOT

2. Review / Approve Minutes 01:16-01:44

**01:27** | Scott Chancey moved to approve the February 7, 2019 MRMPO TAC meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Ian Horlacher.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

#### **Action Items**

#### 3. 2018–2021 TIP Amendments 01:45–06:15

**05:57** | Jason Canady moved to recommend approval of the TIP Amendments as presented to the MRMPO Policy Committee. Seconded by John Vial.

No further discussion.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

#### Discussion Items

- 4. Obligation Report Review 06:16–10:30
- 5. Public Comment 10:31–12:19
  - Lesley Orr: The Ride the Rogue event will be September 21, 2019.

#### Regular Updates

- **6.** Updates on Currently Active MRMPO Projects (Quarterly item that will be revisited in May.)
- 7. MPO Planning Update 12:20–22:20
  - Policy and Legislative updates
- 8. Other Business / Local Business 22:21–37:12
- 9. Adjournment

2:11 p.m.

#### **Scheduled Meetings:**

MRMPO TAC | April 4, 2019 | 1:30 pm

MRMPO Policy Committee | April 18, 2019 | 2:30 pm



MIDDLE ROGUE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

### Unified Planning Work Program

2019-2020

April 18, 2019

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REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

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#### Resolution 2019-1

#### Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization - Policy Committee Adoption of the FY 2019-20 Unified Planning Work Program

**Whereas**, the Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization was formed in 2013 to coordinate transportation planning in the greater Grants Pass area.

**Whereas,** the Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee is a designated committee of the Rogue Valley Council of Governments.

Whereas, the Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization must prepare an annual Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) that identifies program activities and expenditures.

Whereas, the Policy Committee oversees Transportation Planning Activities for the Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization.

**Whereas**, the Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee did review and comment on the UPWP for Fiscal Year 2019-20 on April 18, 2019.

Whereas, the MRMPO held a 30-day public comment period and public hearing to secure input and comment on the adoption of the FY 2019-20 UPWP.

# NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MIDDLE ROGUE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION POLICY COMMITTEE:

That the attached MRMPO Fiscal Year 2019-20 Unified Planning Work Program is hereby adopted, and the Rogue Valley Council of Governments is hereby requested to prepare and submit the documents required to secure the funding identified in the UPWP for the MRMPO activities, and

That the RVCOG Resolution No. 2013-1 delegating responsibilities to the MRMPO for carrying out the federal transportation planning requirements under 23 USC Sec 134 and 49 USC Sec 5303 (UPWP Exhibit B) has been reviewed by the MRMPO Policy Committee and are affirmed as included in the UPWP.

**ADOPTED** by the Policy Committee of the Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization on the 18th day of April 2019.

Valarie Lovelace MRMPO Policy Committee Chair



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FHWA Jasmine Harris
MRMPO (staff) Karl Welzenbach

#### **Adopted by the MRMPO Policy Committee**

**April 18, 2019** 

**Grants Pass, OR** 

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This document and other MRMPO plans, reports and committee materials are available from RVCOG office and online at <a href="https://www.mrmpo.org">www.mrmpo.org</a>

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#### The Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization Unified Planning Work Program Fiscal Year 2019-20

#### **Purpose of Federal Metropolitan Planning**

To improve regional transportation planning and give communities a stronger voice in addressing transportation concerns while avoiding duplication of planning efforts, the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) has established policy guidelines to: 1) integrate modal planning at the metropolitan level; 2) achieve intermodal planning and coordination, and 3) relate these activities to comprehensive planning. The current transportation act: Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST), signed in 2015, includes the following planning elements that should be considered by the MPO's planning process:

- 1. Support the economic vitality of the metropolitan area, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency;
- 2. Increase the safety of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users;
- 3. Increase the security of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users;
- 4. Increase the accessibility and mobility options available to people and for freight;
- 5. Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, and improve quality of life;
- 6. Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes, for people and freight;
- 7. Promote efficient system management and operation;
- 8. Emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system;
- 9. Improve transportation system resiliency and reliability;
- 10. Reduce (or mitigate) the storm-water impacts of surface transportation; and
- 11. Enhance travel and tourism.

Pursuant to federal, state and local guidance, the Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MRMPO) 2019-20 UPWP identifies all transportation and related planning activities that will be undertaken by the MRMPO during the project year from July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020. The work program was developed to serve these specific objectives:

- 1. Define work activities to meet the needs of local, state, and federal agencies in accordance with applicable transportation requirements;
- 2. Identify funding sources for work to be completed;
- 3. Coordinate work activities and relationships (both internal and external); and
- 4. Promote the wise use of public resources through sound decision-making and interagency coordination.

#### 2019-2020 UPWP Overview

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is adopted by the MRMPO Policy Committee and incorporates all transportation planning and supporting comprehensive planning activities in the Grants Pass Metropolitan Area by the Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization during the state fiscal year 2020<sup>1</sup> and serves as a means to satisfy 23 CFR 450.308. It identifies work

<sup>1</sup> The State of Oregon fiscal year runs from July  $1^{st}$  to June  $30^{th}$  and is the functional year for the UPWP. It is numbered according to its second half i.e. the year beginning July 1, 2019 is numbered FY 2020. The MRMPO fiscal year is the same. The federal fiscal year 2019 begins October 1, 2019, and runs through September 30, 2020.

proposed by major activity and task and includes summary details about expected products. Funding for all projects is identified. The UPWP is intended to provide a framework for the coordination of transportation planning efforts for and within the region. It may be amended by the Policy Committee as needed to reflect changes in work tasks and funding. The amendment process is similar to the adoption process, in that public and agency comment is sought and a public hearing held prior to Policy Committee action.

This plan consists of three parts: Part I, Tasks 1 through 5, represent the federally mandated and federally funded portion of the program to be fulfilled by the MRMPO, plus state and locally funded work to fulfill state as well as federal requirements; and Part II, task 6, which details additional work that is not federally mandated and is funded by other sources. Part III covers ODOT planning projects within the MRMPO planning area that the agency expects to occur during the fiscal year.

#### **Role of Rogue Valley Council of Governments (RVCOG)**

RVCOG is an association of local governments that provides a forum for coordinated problem solving and regional planning for Jackson and Josephine Counties. Membership in RVCOG is strictly voluntary; the COG has received active participation from local jurisdictions in the Jackson/Josephine region for many years. RVCOG's mission is "to be a catalyst to promote quality of life, effective and efficient services, and leadership in regional communication, cooperation, planning and action in Southern Oregon."

The UPWP builds upon the RVCOG's mission by linking regional land use concerns, transportation priorities, transit opportunities, environmental concerns, and economic development; to enhance the quality of life in the region. Transportation planning in Southern Oregon is a multi-jurisdictional and multi-faceted process that defines the best vision and planning mechanism for the region. RVCOG addresses the needs of both the local agencies and those specifically related to the MRMPO geographic area. Another area of particular interest for the RVCOG and its Transportation Planning Program in the two county area include staff support for the Rogue Valley Area Commission on Transportation (RVACT).

#### **Organizational Structure of MRMPO**

On March 20, 2013, the Governor of Oregon designated the Rogue Valley Council of Governments (RVCOG) as the MPO for the Grants Pass Urbanized Area. On March 27, 2013, the RVCOG Board of Directors delegated the responsibility of conducting continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning for the Grants Pass Urbanized Area to the Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization (MRMPO) Policy Committee. As designated, the MRMPO includes the cities of Gold Hill, Grants Pass, Rogue River, and adjacent parts of Jackson and Josephine Counties which are within the planning boundary.

The MRMPO planning boundary and Air Quality Maintenance Areas (AQMAs) are shown on the planning area map, Appendix A. Federal and state legislation for MPOs can generally be summarized as follows:

- Develop and maintain a long-range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).
- Develop and maintain a short-range project programming document, the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

- Coordinate transportation decisions among local jurisdictions, state agencies, and area transit operators.
- Develop an annual work program (UPWP).

Additionally, due to local circumstances, MRMPO has responsibility under the Clean Air Act (and corresponding state law) for the following:

• Demonstrate regional transportation conformity for carbon monoxide (CO) and particulate matter (PM<sub>10</sub>).

The Rogue Valley Council of Governments staffs the MRMPO. The MRMPO Policy Committee makes final MRMPO planning decisions. It is composed of elected and appointed officials from Gold Hill, Grants Pass, Jackson County, Josephine County, Rogue River and ODOT. The Policy Committee considers public comment and recommendations from the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC).

The TAC is primarily made up of technical staff from the public works and planning departments of member jurisdictions, local agencies and state planning officials. Because of their technical expertise, TAC members are mostly involved with the transportation planning process. TAC advises the Policy Committee on technical transportation issues and reviews all of the transportation documents presented to the Policy Committee.

The TAC also receives public comment. In addition to the TAC, the Policy Committee from time to time authorizes the formation of ad hoc committees to provide input on specific planning issues and projects.

#### **Other Regional Transportation Planning Organizations**

Other committees and boards within the MRMPO planning area also address regional transportation issues. Those panels typically consult with the MRMPO and keep the MRMPO informed of their activities. They include:

#### • Rogue Valley Area Commission on Transportation (RVACT)

RVACT is composed of officials from jurisdictions within Jackson and Josephine County. The primary mission of RVACT is to advise the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) on state transportation investments in Jackson and Josephine counties.

#### • Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (RVMPO)

The RVMPO was formed in 1982. Member jurisdictions include; Ashland, Talent, Jacksonville, Central Point, Medford, Phoenix, Eagle Point, Jackson County, the Oregon Department of Transportation, and the Rogue Valley Transportation District. RVCOG also staffs the RVMPO.

#### **MRMPO** Agreements

Agreements in force among the participating agencies relative to the metropolitan transportation planning process include:

- ODOT IGA # 29044, dated March 6, 2013, establishing the Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization;
- March 20, 2013, <u>concurrence letter from the Governor</u> on designation of the Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization;
- RVCOG Board of Directors, <u>Resolution #2013-1 To Delegate MRMPO Decision-Making</u> Authority to MRMPO Policy Committee dated March 27, 2013;
- ODOT IGA # 32750, ODOT/MPO/Transit Operator Agreement for Financial Plans and Obligated Project Lists between MRMPO, Josephine County and Josephine Community Transit executed on May 17, 2018 and defines roles and responsibilities for transportation planning required by the Code of Federal Regulation (CFR), Chapter 23, Section 450.314.
- Annual planning funds agreement between ODOT and RVCOG.

#### **Regional Transportation Priorities for Fiscal Year 2019-20**

Top priorities include maintaining and amending, as necessary, the 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Air Quality Conformity Determination (AQCD). MRMPO will track rulemaking and other developments relating to the FAST Act.

Specific major work products include:

- Maintain 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program
- Continue development of 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program
- Continue development of update to Regional Transportation Plan
- Data collection/analysis for addressing future travel demand, transit demand, land use and Title VI/Environmental Justice.
- Jurisdiction planning assistance
- RVACT coordination
- Ongoing coordination with Josephine County Transit

#### **Status of Core MRMPO Planning Documents**

The table below lists the core work products of the MRMPO, the adoption date, planning horizon and the time when the next update is due. Generally, ODOT updates the STIP every two years and has set the next update by April 2020.

#### **Table of Core Documents**

Item	Date Adopted	Time Span	Update Due
2015-2040 Regional Transportation Plan	March 17, 2016	Four Years	March 2020
Air Quality Conformity Determination	March 17, 2016	Four Years	March 2020
2019-2020 Unified Planning Work Program	April 19, 2018	One Year	April, 2019
2018-21 TIP	March 17, 2017	Two Years	March 2020
Annual Self-Certification	May 21, 2018	Two Years	March, 2020
MRMPO Public Participation Plan	July 2018	Two Years	July 2020
MRMPO Title VI / EJ Plan	July 2018	Two Years	July 2020

Timing of the RTP update is determined by the timing of USDOT's Air Quality Conformity Determination (AQCD) on the current plan. Such determinations in air quality attainment and

maintenance areas such as Grants Pass for carbon monoxide and for  $PM_{10}$  must be made every four years, based on updated planning assumptions for a 20-year horizon. The 2015-2040 RTP and AQCD were adopted by the Policy Committee on March 17, 2016.

The RTP is amended to include new projects, reflect changes in project funding and other reasons as considered appropriate by the Policy Committee. It can be updated provided the MRMPO conducts public outreach on the amendment, advertising a 21-day public comment period and the Policy Committee conducts a public hearing and votes to approve the change. The RTP must maintain conformity with the state and federal air quality conformity requirements, including the State Implementation Plans for carbon monoxide in the Grants Pass area and particulates (10 microns and smaller) in the entire planning area. The 2015-40 RTP conforms to both federal and state transportation requirements.

#### Summary of Projected Deliverables and Products in the 2019-20 UPWP

This section presents an outline of the organization UPWP work tasks, noting some key activities and projected deliverables. Tasks, activities and funding are described in detail in Part 1-MRMPO Functions, following these introductory sections.

The core MRMPO planning functions are presented in five major task sections, with specific deliverables and activities attached to each:

**Task 1.0 Program Management/Administration** – Record-keeping and information retrieval, training, participation in regional planning activities, and support for MRMPO's standing committees occur within this task. Other activities and deliverables include:

- Public Participation Activities (as described in draft MRMPO Public Participation Plan) including maintaining website <a href="https://www.mrmpo.org">www.mrmpo.org</a>
- Organize files and library materials, including records of monthly Policy Committee and Technical Advisory Committee meetings
- Semi-annual activity reports
- UPWP updates and draft and final 2020-21 document
- Self-Certification

**Task 2.0** Short Range Planning – Activities associated with project programming, including all air quality conformity obligations occur within this task. Specifically:

- Annual listing of obligated projects
- Coordination and management of CMAQ and STP funding and project selection
- Maintain for 2018-2021 TIP, including participating in statewide STIP/TIP coordinators meetings.
- Development of 2021-2024 TIP
- Provide technical and planning assistance to and coordination with local jurisdictions and agencies
- Staying up to date on changing conformity rules and related air quality concerns.
- Implementation of Federal Performance measures and other coordination efforts with our state and federal partners as needed

**Task 3.0** Long Range Planning – Maintaining the Regional Transportation Plan, including:

• Continue update of Regional Transportation Plan

• Ongoing coordination with the RVMPO on intelligent transportation system (ITS) planning

**Task 4.0 Data Collection/Analysis** – Specific continuing tasks related to data base maintenance and analysis, including:

- Title VI & Environmental Justice planning and compliance report
- Maintenance of GIS maps and data
- Travel demand modeling, model maintenance and improvement
- Application of Oregon Household Activity Survey and Census/Survey data in transportation planning

**Task 5.0** Transit – Continue coordination with Josephine Community Transit and assist with development of Safety and Security Plan. Assist with JCT ridership survey.



#### Summary of Projected FY 2019-20 Funding Allocation

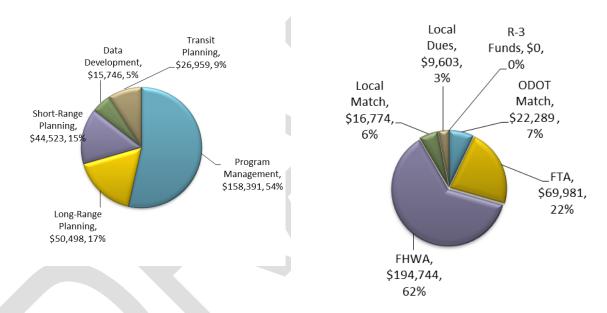
Figure 1, below, summarizes how anticipated resources will be allocated among the major tasks described above. MRMPO planning activities are anticipated to be funded with a total of \$313,391 in federal, state, in-kind match, and local funds. A summary of funding sources appears in Figure 2, below. Program management, short-range planning and long-range planning projects will take the largest share of funds. A summary budget breakdown by all work tasks and sub-tasks is on page 23, following the detailed task descriptions in Part I.

#### **Funding for MRMPO Planning**

The MRMPO's planning program funded by federal, state, local match and dues is expected to total \$313,391 (see Figure 1). Figure 2 below, shows those planning areas amongst which the funds are being allocated by the MRMPO in the coming fiscal year, and their proportion of total revenue.

Figure 2: Allocation of MRMPO Resources

Figure 1: MRMPO Funding, FY 2020



The largest funding source is FHWA, which provides MPO Planning Funds through ODOT to the MRMPO by formula that consists of 89.73% federal funds with a 10.27% local match required. ODOT has traditionally met the full local match requirements with state planning funds. Other resources are FTA 5303 funds, also through ODOT, for metropolitan planning related to transit (requiring a 10.27 percent local match), and MRMPO member dues. A summary of how funds are to be distributed among the various MRMPO planning tasks is on page 23. Funding commitments are formalized through specific IGAs with ODOT. The MRMPO and its subcontractors (if any) will carry out the tasks described in this UPWP.

MRMPO is dependent on USDOT funding for UPWP activities. For this work program, federal sources provide about 76 percent of MRMPO funding. Local match for FTA funds has been provided by the Josephine County Transit and MPO dues pay for Policy Committee political activities (travel, support) and some general project expenses – primarily public involvement and website support.

In addition to funding described above, MRMPO relies on travel demand modeling services provided by ODOT's Transportation Planning Analysis Unit. TPAU provides modeling services, and maintains and updates the model for the MRMPO. RVCOG does not have the ability to maintain and run the travel demand model.

#### The UPWP, Title VI and Environmental Justice

The MRMPO recognizes that environmental justice must be considered in all phases of planning. Although Environmental Justice concerns are frequently raised during project development, Title VI applies equally to the plans, programs and activities the MRMPO undertakes.

The MRMPO UPWP integrates Environmental Justice considerations and Title VI requirements through the Public Participation Plan and UPWP work tasks. The Public Participation Plan contains strategies to reach minority and low-income groups. The MRMPO developed and adopted an Environmental Justice Plan in FY2015 along with a Title VI discrimination complaint procedure as part of the Environmental Justice Plan. The MRMPO also completed an annual Title VI/Environmental Justice report and submitted it to ODOT.

Environmental justice is considered as MRMPO selects projects to receive discretionary funds (Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality and Surface Transportation Block Grant Program). Target populations living in the vicinity of a proposed project are identified through Census data. Environmental Justice Plan maps are consulted to assess project impact on target populations. Resulting funding decisions are incorporated into the TIP. Projects located in the identified EJ areas are given additional points that are added to the overall scoring of the project which may help the project receive a higher ranking on the project priority list. Resulting funding decisions were incorporated into the 2018-2021 TIP.

The next update of data related to environmental justice will be performed in 2021. Through this effort MRMPO expects to strengthen analytical capability, and enhance capacity to assess impacts to minority and low-income populations.

The MRMPO's Public Participation Program is an integral part of the regional transportation planning process. The USDOT Order (5610.2) on Environmental Justice specifies that minority populations and low-income populations be provided with greater access to information on, and opportunities for public participation in transportation decision-making. The MRMPO has public-involvement policies and procedures that provide for consideration of Environmental Justice. These policies and procedures provide an inclusive, representative, and equal opportunity for two-way communication.

#### **PART I - MRMPO Functions**

#### Task 1.0 Program Management/Administration

**Budget:** \$158,391

Funding Source: FHWA MPO Planning Funds, \$107,109

ODOT Match for FHWA-PL funds, \$12,259 FTA 5303 Metropolitan Planning Funds, \$29,420

In-Kind Match, \$0 MRMPO Dues, \$9,656

**Description**: This task involves the coordination of all MPO activities necessary for day-to-

day operations such as; program oversight, coordination of the Policy Committee and Technical Advisory Committee, public participation, and MRMPO participation in statewide planning efforts. Also included are organizational activities that provide for in-house program management, financial accounting, and informational updates for MRMPO committees, member jurisdictions, agencies and the public. Day-to-day activities such as purchases of materials and services, staff management and training are also

included here.

Per Federal laws and policies, MPOs are prohibited from lobbying with Federal Funds. In order to permit comments by the MRMPO to legislators on relevant transportation legislation and policies, MPO dues are used. These

activities are more fully described in Subtask 1.1 (i) below.

**Objective:** *Produce a well-defined planning and operational process that is deliberate,* 

regional in scope, and is cooperative, coordinated and continuing.

Agencies to Coordinate: MRMPO member jurisdictions and associated agencies, ODOT, DEQ, DLCD, and USDOT (FHWA and FTA)

Subtask 1.1 Office and Personnel Management; Fiscal and Grant Administration

Work Task Budget: \$131,784

FHWA MPO Planning Funds, \$87,635 ODOT Match for FHWA-PL funds, \$10,030

FTA 5303 Metropolitan Planning Funds, \$24,516

In-Kind Match, \$0 MRMPO Dues, \$9,603

A large percentage of the MPO management and staff time is spent on tasks relating to program oversight and fulfilling the administrative requirements of government grants. Many tasks not specifically identified below fall into this subtask, including responding to requests for a variety of MRMPO data and files.

Tasks also include preparation and maintaining records for the Policy and technical advisory committee, and formation and management of other committees and work groups as necessary, and all costs associated with MRMPO meetings. This portion of the UPWP includes budget line

items such as budget audit, staff travel and training, training needs analyses, and memberships in professional organizations. Work items include contract and records management, monthly review of expenditures, personnel and team management, needs analyses for future project work areas, Interagency Agreement review, etc. These activities are ongoing. Each work item is listed below with descriptions provided for select work items. MRMPO compliance with any USDOT rulemaking for the FAST Act would be addressed at least initially in this task.

#### a) Personnel Team Management

Deliverables: Self-directed work teams, job performance reviews, and trained, competent

staff

*Timeframe*: Ongoing July – June

Lead Agency: RVCOG

#### b) Budget / Expenditures / Grant Research & Writing

Deliverables: Timesheets (RVCOG), UPWP Activity Reports, and Monitoring Materials,

Grant Matching Funds, and Services Expenditures

*Timeframe* Ongoing July – June

Lead Agency: RVCOG

#### c) Interagency Agreement Review

• UPWP Intergovernmental Agreement (May)

Deliverables: Updated/Finalized agreements, project-level agreements on cooperation

*Timeframe*: Ongoing July – June

Lead Agency: RVCOG; Supporting Agencies: ODOT

#### d) Training and Conferences

Deliverables: Attendance at appropriate seminars, conferences and training sessions.

*Timeframe:* Ongoing July – June

Lead Agency: RVCOG

#### e) Meeting Preparation

Deliverables: Meeting materials, Policy Committee, TAC

*Timeframe:* Ongoing July – June

Lead Agency: RVCOG

#### f) **Operations**

Deliverables: Day-to-day departmental operations, performing work tasks and other duties

as assigned. Resulting in an efficiently operated and well-managed MPO.

*Timeframe:* Ongoing July – June

Lead Agency: RVCOG

#### g) Data/Information Requests

Jurisdictions within the MPO frequently request specific transportation data. This task is included because a considerable amount of time can be spent fulfilling requests. Information requests can be in the form of creating GIS maps, attending meetings, providing information on planning topics and TPR requirements, and providing technical assistance (operations analysis, modeling assistance, etc.).

Deliverables: Completed information requests

*Timeframe:* Ongoing July – June

Lead Agency: RVCOG

#### h) Records Management

Deliverables:

• Organized hard files

• Organized computer files

• Organized library materials

• Website Maintenance

*Timeframe:* Ongoing July – June

Lead Agency: RVCOG

#### i) MRMPO Policy Committee Travel; Association Dues

Policy Committee Chair and other members participate in state, regional and national boards including the Oregon MPO Consortium and the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations. Participation is considered important and necessary to furthering regional planning goals. A portion of MRMPO dues totaling \$9,603 is dedicated to this activity. These funds also are used to pay dues to organizations such as the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO). Staff support for these activities also is funded in this task.

Deliverables: Regional policy-makers participation in state, regional and national

organizations and events.

Membership in organizations as authorized by the Policy Committee

*Timeframe:* As required, July – June

Lead Agency: RVCOG; Supporting Agencies: OMPOC, AMPO, NARC, State & Federal

Legislators

#### Subtask 1.2 UPWP Development and Management Process

Work Task Budget: \$5,430 FHWA MPO Planning Funds, \$3,895 ODOT Match for FHWA-PL funds, \$446 FTA 5303 Metropolitan Planning Funds, \$1,090 In-Kind Match, \$0

The UPWP is an annual work program that outlines MPO planning activities. Its adoption every year (or optional every two years) is required by Federal law. Its implementation is monitored by the funding agencies (USDOT and ODOT). It is a "unified" program that includes all transportation planning activities that are taking place within the MRMPO geographic planning

boundary (Exhibit A). It is written and developed by MRMPO staff and reviewed, amended and adopted by the MRMPO Policy Committee. Subtasks will be monitored to assess progress. Progress information is provided as reports and proposals for action to the Policy Committee and technical advisory committee. Summary progress reports are provided to ODOT as part of the semi-annual reporting process.

Deliverables associated with this subtask include an adopted UPWP and monthly time sheets with task and subtask tracking.

Amendments to the UPWP are required when there is a change to either the work program, an addition to the work program and a budget revision resulting in changes to the work program. The MRMPO Policy Committee must approve all amendments to the UPWP.

#### a) Semi-Annual and Annual Reports

Deliverables: Semi-annual and annual reports, quarterly meeting with USDOT and ODOT

(as needed)

*Timeframe:* Every 6 months

Lead Agency: RVCOG; Supporting Agencies: ODOT, USDOT

#### b) Daily MRMPO Task Tracking

Deliverables: Monthly task/subtask timesheets

*Timeframe:* Monthly July – June

Lead Agency: RVCOG

#### c) **UPWP Development**

Deliverables: 2020-21 UPWP document

Timeframe: Draft in February; Adoption by April

Lead Agency: RVCOG; Supporting Agencies: ODOT, USDOT

#### **Subtask 1.3** Public Education and Participation

Work Task Budget: \$3,260 FHWA MPO Planning Funds, \$1,947 ODOT Match for FHWA-PL funds, \$223 FTA 5303 Metropolitan Planning Funds, \$1,090 In-Kind Match, \$0

The MRMPO recognizes the importance and need for providing an active public involvement process, which supplies complete information, timely public notice, full public access to key decisions, and supports early and continuing involvement of the public in all MRMPO planning and program activities. The purpose of this work element is to improve, strengthen and fulfill all these needs. A good public participation program includes public education, public involvement and public relations. The MRMPO updated its Public Participation Plan in FY 2019.

#### a) Implementation of Public Participation Plan

The FAST Act calls for a "proactive public involvement process that provides complete information, timely public notice, full public access to key decisions, and support early and continuing involvement of the public in developing plans." In FY 2019, the MRMPO updated a *Public Participation Plan*. Under this plan, the MRMPO seeks to increase opportunities for all segments of the community, including low-income, minority and disabled citizens, to participate in the metropolitan planning process. Implementation includes efforts to develop new visualization techniques for TIP project selection including greater use of photographs in discussion of site locations and conditions, and posting on the web all applications and descriptive materials, and evaluation criteria and procedures. All applicants for MRMPO discretionary funds are asked to make presentations with visuals to the MRMPO's committees. Presentation materials are posted on the MRMPO website. In FY 2016, the MRMPO developed a virtual open house for the public along with an interactive project map. This use of the web represents an investment in expanded public involvement that will continue in FY2019. Public participation at the virtual open houses can be tracked (number of site visits and comments received) to determine its effectiveness. Spanish translation services are available to the public upon 24 hour notice to the MPO.

#### Deliverables:

- Ongoing implementation of the MRMPO Public Participation Plan.
- Fact sheets, project progress reports, newsletters, new visualization techniques and up-to-date website, and other activities as identified.

*Timeframe:* Ongoing July to June

Lead Agency: RVCOG; Supporting Agencies: ODOT, USDOT

#### **Task 2.0 Short Range Planning**

**Budget:** \$44,523

Funding Source: FHWA MPO Planning Funds, \$33,106

ODOT Match for FHWA-PL funds, \$3,789 FTA 5303 Metropolitan Planning Funds, \$7,627

In-Kind Match, \$0

**Description:** This task relates to near term activities such as federal Surface Transportation

Block Grant Program (STBG) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) project prioritization and programming, air quality conformity activities, maintenance and update of the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program, which is a financially-constrained list of

transportation improvements for the MRMPO area, and development of the

annual list of obligated projects.

**Objective:** *Undertake activities associated with short-term project programming within* 

a five-year horizon.

Agencies to Coordinate: MRMPO member jurisdictions and agencies, ODOT, DEQ, DLCD, and USDOT

Subtask 2.1 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); Annual Projects Listing
Work Task Budget: \$17,916
FHWA MPO Planning Funds \$13,632
ODOT Match for FHWA-PL funds \$1,560
FTA 5303 Metropolitan Planning Funds, \$2,724
In-Kind Match, \$0

Maintenance of the 2018-21 TIP is the main element in this. Development of the 2021-2024 TIP will be a priority during this fiscal year. Also, staff will develop and publish the Annual Listing of Obligated Projects. MRMPO coordinates with member jurisdictions and state and federal agencies to keep the program current and develop the annual obligations report. TIP amendments generally are initiated by sponsoring agencies. Amendments are reviewed by the public and the TAC. The TAC forwards recommendations to the Policy Committee, which is responsible for approving the TIP and any changes to it (beyond minor, "administrative modifications," which the MRMPO TIP manager is authorized to make under 23 CFR 450 to address project changes such as phase costs and minor shifts in fund sources). All amendments are forwarded to the ODOT STIP coordinator. MRMPO coordinates the amendment process so member jurisdictions will be aware of the progress of projects. Example of instances that trigger the amendment process include re-scheduling CMAQ and STP projects, Federal Transit Administration fund changes, and project costs or other scheduling changes.

In some instances, TIP amendments can trigger requirements for a new air quality conformity determination. Conformity activities will be determined through interagency consultation conducted by MRMPO (see Task 2.2: Air Quality Conformity for details). Consultation occurs on all full TIP amendments.

#### Deliverables:

- Annual Listing and Status of Federally-funded projects
- TIP and Amendments Ongoing July June
- Obligated Funds Report December 2019

*Timeframe:* Ongoing July – June

Lead Agency: RVCOG; Supporting Agencies: ODOT, MRMPO member jurisdictions

# Subtask 2.2 Air Quality Conformity/SIP Implementation Work Task Budget: \$2,715 FHWA MPO Planning Funds, \$1,947 ODOT Match for FHWA-PL funds, \$223 FTA 5303 Metropolitan Planning Funds, \$545 In-Kind Match, \$0

Air quality conformity determinations are a required component of the RTP and TIP and all

amendments that expand vehicular capacity (non-exempt projects). The MRMPO will prepare air quality conformity determinations as needed to respond to plan and program amendments.

A PM<sub>10</sub> State Implementation Plan (SIP) is in place for the Grants Pass UGB area, setting a regional emissions budget for on-road sources. A Carbon Monoxide SIP is in place in the Central Business District (downtown area) in Grants Pass, which sets a Carbon Monoxide (CO) emissions budget for Grants Pass on-road source emissions. On September 28, 2015, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved PM<sub>10</sub> and CO Limited Maintenance Plans (LMPs) for Grants Pass, submitted by the State of Oregon on April 22, 2015 as a revision to its State Implementation Plans (SIPs). In accordance with the requirements of the Clean Air Act (CAA), the EPA approved the SIP revisions because they demonstrate that Grants Pass will continue to meet the PM<sub>10</sub> and the CO National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for a second 10-year period beyond re-designation, through 2025.

The benefit of having LMPs in place is that a regional emissions analysis will not be required, which will save the MRMPO a considerable amount of time and funding to demonstrate transportation conformity on future Regional Transportation Plans (RTPs) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIPs). Funding that was allocated – in the past - to air quality emissions modeling will be re-allocated to updating and maintaining the TIP and RTP.

The MRMPO will continue to coordinate with DEQ, ODOT, EPA, FTA and USDOT to maintain transportation conformity status, including any coordination and consultation necessary.

As a related air quality issue, but not currently part of MRMPO's conformity process, MRMPO will continue monitoring and coordinating on ozone and  $PM_{2.5}$  standards.

#### a) TIP / RTP Conformity Document

Deliverables: Air Quality Conformity Determination documents acceptable to USDOT.

Timeframe: December through June

Lead Agency: RVCOG; Supporting Agencies: DEQ, ODOT, EPA, FHWA and FTA

#### b) Interagency Consultation

Deliverables: Coordination with DEQ, ODOT, EPA, FHWA and FTA on conformity issues;

Conformity consultation, training, reporting.

Timeframe: July - June as needed

Lead Agency: RVCOG; Supporting Agencies: DEQ, ODOT, EPA, FHWA and FTA

# **Subtask 2.3** Local Jurisdiction Coordination & Technical Assistance Work Task Budget: \$2,715

FHWA MPO Planning Funds, \$1,947 ODOT Match for FHWA-PL funds, \$223 FTA 5303 Metropolitan Planning Funds, \$545 In-Kind Match, \$0 In an effort to provide and ensure a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive planning process resulting in plans that are consistent with other transportation planning activities in the Middle Rogue MPO planning area. MRMPO staff will provide technical assistance to member jurisdictions as requested by supplying data, participating in committees, providing GIS services, and helping the agencies in their efforts to be consistent with the RTP.

A secondary objective of this element is to ensure consistency between the RTP and local plans such as TSPs, and to maximize the efficiency of the transportation system by helping communities integrate transportation and land use planning principles. Duplication of effort can also be minimized through communication and coordination provided in this task. Below is the status of MPO jurisdiction TSP's.

- Grants Pass TSP update began in FY 2018 and expected to be completed by 2020
- Josephine County TSP updated in 2004. The most recent update began in FY 2018
- Rogue River Update began in FY 2017 and expected to be complete by June of 2019.

MRMPO staff will participate on local TSP technical advisory committees to ensure that the work is coordinated and consistent with the RTP.

Deliverables: Provision of technical assistance, as needed/requested.

Timeframe: Ongoing July – June

Lead Agency: RVCOG; Supporting Agencies: ODOT, MRMPO member jurisdictions

#### <u>Subtask 2.4</u> Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) and Congestion

Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program Funds Management

Work Task Budget: \$8,145

FHWA MPO Planning Funds, \$5,842

ODOT Match for FHWA-PL funds, \$669

FTA 5303 Metropolitan Planning Funds, \$1,634

In-Kind Match, \$0

Subtask consists of maintaining regular accounting of fund balances, staying current on fund rules and eligibility, participating statewide in allocation of funds. The TAC will determine if changes to the project selection criteria and application materials are necessary as part of the next discretionary funding project selection process. Staff will facilitate the process.

Also, funds programmed in the current TIP will be monitored. MRMPO coordinates with ODOT to track fund balances. Subsequent changes to projects through FY 2020 will need to be tracked to maintain fund balances to ensure that funds are programmed appropriately. Administrative duties will be performed as needed. MRMPO participation in statewide discussion of funding allocations is part of this subtask. The RVMPO will continue to work with ODOT to ensure CMAQ project eligibility and also ensure the completion of USDOT CMAQ annual reports which require a description of the qualitative and quantitative benefits of CMAQ projects.

Deliverables:

Administration of STBG and CMAQ funds

Timeframe: Ongoing July - June

Lead Agency: RVCOG; Supporting Agencies: MRMPO member jurisdictions

<u>Subtask 2.5</u> Performance Measures Implementation and State and Federal Partner

**Coordination** 

Work Task Budget: \$13,031

FHWA MPO Planning Funds, \$9,737 ODOT Match for FHWA-PL funds, \$1,114 FTA 5303 Metropolitan Planning Funds, \$2,179

In-Kind Match, \$0

Subtask consists of implementing Federal Performance Measures as they come online. This effort will require coordination with our state and federal partners. Part of these efforts will be undertaken under subtask 2.4 as we review and revise our project selection criteria. This subtask is aimed at tracking ongoing legislation and its possible impacts on MPO operations.

Deliverables:

• Implementation of Federal Performance Measures.

Updating and maintaining necessary data bases and reports.

Timeframe: Ongoing July - June

Lead Agency: RVCOG; Supporting Agencies: Member jurisdictions, ODOT, USDOT

#### Task 3.0 Long Range Planning

**Budget:** \$50,498

Funding Source: FHWA MPO Planning Funds, \$37,001

ODOT Match for FHWA-PL funds, \$4,235 FTA 5303 Metropolitan Planning Funds, \$9,262

In-Kind Match, \$0

**Description:** The MRMPO adopted the 2015 – 2040 RTP on March 17, 2016 to conform

to federal transportation planning requirements as set forth in The FAST Act, the Oregon Transportation Plan, Oregon Highway Plan, and other statewide modal plans, and the Oregon Transportation Planning Rule for urbanized metropolitan planning organizations. Additionally, MRMPO will continue participating in committees, conducting research and other work to be ready to comply with anticipated state and/or federal requirements for long-range performance measures and greenhouse gas emission reductions. More details pertaining to public participation efforts in the next RTP update, safety planning and transit needs are discussed in the relevant subtasks below.

**Objective:** To complete the work necessary to maintain the 2015-2040 RTP that meets

both federal and state transportation planning requirements under The FAST

Act and the 3C Planning process and planning factors.

Lead Agency: MRMPO; Agencies to Coordinate: MRMPO member jurisdictions, ODOT, DEQ, DLCD, and USDOT

Subtask 3.1 Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Coordination

Work Task Budget: \$3,260 FHWA MPO Planning Funds, \$1,947 ODOT Match for FHWA-PL funds, \$223 FTA 5303 Metropolitan Planning Funds, \$1,090 In-Kind Match, \$0

The Rogue Valley Regional ITS Plan for the MRMPO and the RVMPO was completed in April 2017. This goal of this Subtask 3.1 is to complete the different tasks associated with work plan for the project. This will be a stand-alone plan and referenced in the RTP. The MPO will prioritize projects identified in the ITS Plan to be included in the TIP and RTP during update cycles or as needed per the amendment process.

Deliverables: Completed ITS work plan tasks

Timeframe: Ongoing July - October

Lead Agency: RVCOG; Supporting Agencies: MRMPO member jurisdictions

Subtask 3.2 RTP Maintenance & Development

Work Task Budget: \$47,238

FHWA MPO Planning Funds, \$35,054 ODOT Match for FHWA-PL funds, \$4,013 FTA 5303 Metropolitan Planning Funds, \$8,172 In-Kind Match, \$0

The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for the Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization is anticipated was adopted in March 2016. While maintaining the existing plan it is also time to begin the development of the Update which is to be adopted in calendar year 2020.

#### Deliverables:

- RTP Amendments as needed
- Continue to develop the 2020-2045 RTP for adoption by March of 2020

Timeframe: Ongoing July - June

Lead Agency: RVCOG; Supporting Agencies: MRMPO member jurisdictions

#### 4.0 Data Collection/Analysis

**Budget:** \$17.380

Funding Source: FHWA MPO Planning Funds, \$11,685

ODOT Match for FHWA-PL funds, \$1,337 FTA 5303 Metropolitan Planning Funds, \$4,358

In-Kind Match, \$0

**Description:** This work task involves the collection and analysis of data in support of all

regional transportation planning studies and associated planning undertaken by MRMPO. It includes support for MRMPO's ongoing collaboration with ODOT Transportation Planning and Analysis Unit (TPAU) on the regional travel demand model. This task will also support data collection for an

update of Environmental Justice and Title VI Plan in FY 2021.

**Objective:** Data collection and analysis will be helpful in identifying and addressing

Title VI and Environmental Justice considerations as well as contribute to

other planning efforts.

**Agencies to Coordinate:** MRMPO and funding agencies, ODOT, DEQ, DLCD, and USDOT.

<u>Subtask 4.1</u> Research and Analysis Program; Travel Demand Model Support & Development

Work Task Budget: \$11,950 FHWA MPO Planning Funds, \$7,790 ODOT Match for FHWA-PL funds, \$892 FTA 5303 Metropolitan Planning Funds, \$3,269 In-Kind Match, \$0

This task will work to strengthen analysis capacity within the MRMPO. It will address improvements to the region's travel demand model.

TPAU originally built and now runs the Grants Pass, Oregon Small Urban Model (OSUM) model. In FY 2020, MRMPO staff will continue to work with TPAU on the development and implementation of the Activity Based Model.

Deliverables: Technical memos, data and information for MRMPO and jurisdiction projects, outreach, consultation with MRMPO committees, ODOT TPAU, Oregon Model Steering Committee, Oregon MPOs, USDOT, EPA.

- Travel Demand Model Maintenance and Support (assisting and coordinating with TPAU on all tasks including:
  - o Updates to area travel model.
  - o Model Validation reports.
  - o Updates to model documentation.
  - o Project and policy analyses modeling.
  - o Travel forecasts for air quality analyses.
  - o Traffic volume and level-of-service maps as requested.
  - Other model outputs as requested, including percent change in VMT, VHT, and mode-split.
  - Staff and equipment needed to complete projects in a timely manner.
  - o Staff training, consultation, coordination with TPAU.
  - O Base year and future year scenario land use updates (household, population and employment), and supportive land use place type mapping.

- o Regional Transportation Plan update.
- o Local jurisdictional Transportation System Plan.

#### • MRMPO GIS

- o Updated MRMPO GIS data and maps
- o GIS data management, file storage
- o GIS user licenses

*Timeframe:* Ongoing July – June

Lead Agency: RVCOG; Supporting Agencies: MRMPO member jurisdictions, ODOT

TPAU, Oregon Model Steering Committee, Oregon MPOs, USDOT, and

**EPA** 

<u>Subtask 4.2</u> Data Collection/Analysis for Addressing Title VI/Environmental Justice in the

Long-range Planning Process Work Task Budget: \$5,430

FHWA MPO Planning Funds, \$3,895 ODOT Match for FHWA-PL funds, \$446

FTA 5303 Metropolitan Planning Funds, \$1,090

In-Kind Match, \$0

This task implements MRMPO Public Participation Plan and provides funds for the development of an Environmental Justice and Title VI Plan to maintain compliance with Title VI and Environmental Justice considerations. Information contained in the plan about locations and numbers of target populations will be used as a reference for MRMPO project funding decisions. In evaluating project applications, MRMPO will consider impacts on EJ populations as identified in the Plan. Therefore it is important for the plan to contain up to date information. For FY2019, this task will support an update to the MRMPO's Title VI-Environmental Justice Plan.

This task also maintains the Title VI requirements such as; environmental justice reporting and plan-approval requirements, and Civil Rights complaint process as required by state and federal law which is included in the EJ/Title VI Plan. Task provides for continuing education of the Title VI officer in legal requirements, strategies and best practices relative to maintaining compliance with state and federal laws and guidance. Outreach and planning relating to locations of protected populations will be coordinated through the Title VI officer.

#### Deliverables:

- MRMPO Title VI & EJ yearly report;
- Update data for the Title VI & EJ plan;
- Plan implementation including maintaining data base of contacts and sources;
- Title VI officer training; and
- Develop GIS maps of distribution of underserved populations.

Timeframe: Ongoing July - June

Lead Agency: RVCOG; Supporting Agencies: MRMPO member jurisdictions, ODOT

TPAU, and USDOT

#### 5.0 Transit Planning

Budget: Work Task Budget: \$26,959

Funding Source: FHWA MPO Planning Funds, \$5,842

ODOT Match for FHWA-PL funds, \$223

FTA 5303 Metropolitan Planning Funds, \$5,448

Local Match, \$15,000

**Description:** Josephine Community Transit (JCT) is the transit provider within the

MRMPO. The MPO staff will work with JCT staff to develop a safety and

security plan.

**Subtask 5.1** Transit Planning Assistance

Work Task Budget: \$5,984

FHWA MPO Planning Funds, \$1,947 ODOT Match for FHWA-PL funds, \$223

FTA 5303 Metropolitan Planning Funds, \$3,814

In-Kind Match, \$0

Deliverables:

• Assist as needed with Transit Planning

*Timeframe:* July – December

Lead Agency: ODOT; Supporting Agencies: RVCOG, Josephine Community Transit

(JCT),

**Subtask 5.2** Transit Planning Assistance

Work Task Budget: \$20,975

FHWA MPO Planning Funds, \$3,895 ODOT Match for FHWA-PL funds, \$446

FTA 5303 Metropolitan Planning Funds, \$1,634

Local Match, \$15,000

Deliverables:

• Assist with Development of Safety and Security Plan

*Timeframe:* July – June

Lead Agency: RVCOG; Supporting Agencies: Josephine Community Transit (JCT),

**ODOT** 

#### Subtask 5.3 JCT Ridership Survey and Report

Work Task Budget: \$17,276
FHWA MPO Planning Funds, \$0
ODOT Match for FHWA-PL funds, \$0
FTA 5303 Metropolitan Planning Funds, \$15,500
Local Match, \$1,774

#### Deliverables:

• Survey Instrument

• Tallied results

Final Report

Timeframe: July – June

Lead Agency: RVCOG; Supporting Agencies: Josephine Community Transit (JCT),

ODOT



Figure 3: Summary MRMPO FY2019-20 Budget-Transportation Planning Funds by Source and Activity

MRMPO DRAFT FY 2019-20 UPWP BUDGET							
Transportation Planning Funds by Source and Activity							
	FHWA MPO Planning Funds (1)	PL State Match (1)	FTA 5303 (2)	Local Match (2)	MPO Dues (3)	Region 3 Planning Funds (4)	Total Budget (5)
Work Tasks							
1. Program Management							
1.1 Office & Personnel Mgmt: Fiscal & Grant Admin.	\$87,635	\$10,030.19	\$31,491	\$0	\$9,603	\$0	\$138,849
1.2 UPWP Development & UPWP Progress	\$3,895	\$445.79	\$1,400	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,744
1.3 Public Education and Involvement Program	\$1,947	\$222.89	\$1,400	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,573
1.4 Interagency & Jurisdictional Coordination	\$13,632	\$1,560.25	\$3,499	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$18,703
Totals	\$107,109	\$12,259	\$37,790	\$0	\$9,603	\$0	\$166,761
2. Short Range Planning							
2.1 TIP Activities	\$13,632	\$1,560.25	\$3,499	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$18,703
2.2 Air Quality Conformity	\$1,947	\$222.89	\$700	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,872
2.3 Local Jurisdictional Coord. & Technical Assistance	\$1,947	\$222.89	\$700	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,872
2.4 STBG & CMAQ Project Funds Management	\$5,842	\$668.68	\$2,099	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,616
2.5 State and Federal Partner Coordination	\$9,737	\$1,114.47	\$2,799	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$13,660
Totals	\$33,106	\$3,789	\$9,797	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$46,693
3. Long Range Planning							
3.1 ITS Coordination	\$1,947	\$222.89	\$1,400	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,573
3.2 RTP Maintenance/Development	\$35,054	\$4,012.08	\$10,497	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$49,596
Totals	\$37,001	\$4,235	\$11,897	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$53,133
4. Data Development							
4.1 Research & Analysis Program	\$7,790	\$891.57	\$2,099	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,788
4.2 Data collection/analysis for Title 6 & EJ	\$3,895	\$445.79	\$1,400	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,744
Totals	\$11,685	\$1,337	\$3,499	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$16,521
5. Transit - JOCO							
5.1 Transit Planning Assistance	\$1,947	\$222.89	\$4,899	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7,077
5.2 Transit Safety and Security Plan	\$3,895	\$445.79	\$2,099	\$15,000	\$0	\$0	\$21,445
5.3 JCT Ridership Survey*	\$0	\$0	\$15,500	\$1,774.04	\$0	\$0	\$17,276
Totals	\$5,842	\$669	\$6,998	\$16,774	\$0	\$0	\$30,283
Totals	\$194,744	\$22,289	\$69,981	\$16,774	\$9,603	\$0	\$313,391

<sup>(1)</sup> FHWA MPO Planning funds are allocated to the MRMPO by formula and consist of 89.73% federal funds and 10.27% state match. Federal Share: \$194,744; ODOT Match: \$22,289; for a Total of \$217,033 for FY 2019-20.

Note: The revenues contained in the UPWP represent the best estimates of anticipated funding and planning priorities at this time. These priorities and funding levels may change over time. Actual ODOT funding commitments are finalized through specific IGAs. The identified dollar amounts may include subcontracted activities.

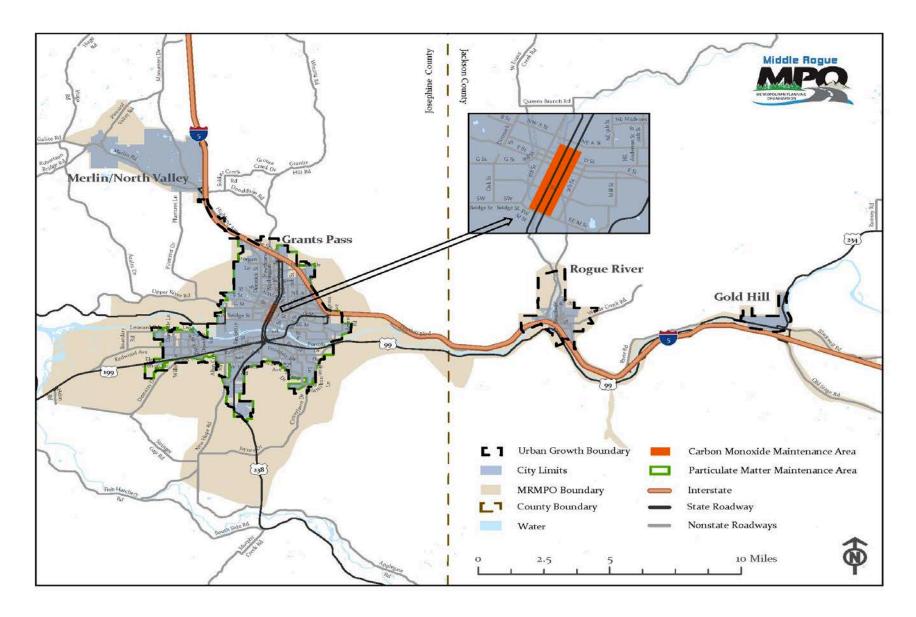
<sup>(2)</sup> Section 5303 funds are provided for metropolitan planning activities. Total 2018 allocation consists of 89.73% federal (\$54,481) and a required 10.27% local share. For this year's UPWP, Josephine County Transit is providing \$15,000 in FY 2018-19 STIF Formula Funds as a cash match for a total of \$69,481. Also note, for Task 5.3 carry over funds from previous fiscal years are being utilized here and JCT is matching with STIF funds.

<sup>(3)</sup> MPO dues are paid by MPO member jurisdictions: Gold Hill, Grants Pass, Jackson County, Josephine County, and Rogue River.

<sup>4)</sup> ODOT Region 3 planning funds.

<sup>5)</sup> RVCOG acting on behalf of the the MRMPO will apply for and otherwise obtain these funds. RVCOG will carry out the tasks described in this UPWP.

**Exhibit A: MRMPO Transportation Planning Area** 



#### **Exhibit B: MRMPO Designation Resolution**

# ROGUE VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS RESOLUTION NO. 2013-1

#### To Delegate MRMPO Decision-Making Authority to MRMPO Policy Committee

A RESOLUTION relating to the delegation of responsibilities to the Policy Committee of the Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization (MRMPO).

WHEREAS the Governor of the State of Oregon designated the Rogue Valley Council of Governments (RVCOG) as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the GRANTS PASS URBANIZED AREA on March 25, 2013.

WHEREAS the RVCOG is responsible to the State of Oregon for assuring that federal and state transportation planning regulations are being met within the Middle Rogue MPO; and

WHEREAS representatives of the local governments of the Cities of Grants Pass, Rogue River, and Gold Hill and Josephine and Jackson counties, and the Oregon Department of Transportation function as the MPO (policy committee) and carry out designated functions under 23 USC Sec 134 and 49 USC Sec 5303 for the Grants Pass Urbanized Area MPO; and

WHEREAS the RVCOG Board of Directors is the contracting authority for all RVCOG functions, including the MPO function;

#### THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE RVCOG BOARD OF DIRECTORS DOES HEREBY:

Delegate to the Middle Rogue MPO Policy Committee the responsibility for carrying out the federal transportation planning requirements under 23 USC Sec 134 and 49 USC Sec 5303, which require that each U.S. Census-designated urbanized area, as a condition to the receipt of federal capital or operating assistance, have a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process that results in plans, programs and other required products consistent with the comprehensively planned development of the metropolitan area.

Adopted by the RVCOG Board of Directors this 27<sup>th</sup> of March, 2013.

Jim Lewis, President

Rogue Valley Council of Governments

# **PART II -- RVCOG Transportation Functions**

### Task 6 Support to ODOT Region 3

**Total Budget: \$120,000** 

**Funding Source: Region 3 Planning Funds (ODOT)** 

The Rogue Valley Council of Governments provides staff support to ODOT for administrative support to the Rogue Valley Area Commission on Transportation (RVACT).

### Task 6.1 Rogue Valley Area Commission on Transportation (RVACT)-Support

Description: RVACT was chartered by the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) in March of 1997 and is an advisory committee to the OTC and ODOT. It represents the Jackson and Josephine County geographic area. RVACT is comprised of elected officials and local residents. RVACT's mission is to:

- 1. Provide a forum for communicating, learning and understanding transportation issues as they effect the two counties' economic opportunities and livability;
- 2. Prioritize state transportation infrastructure and capital investments through the development of an implementation strategy that supports transportation plans related to the Rogue Valley Area; and
- 3. Advise the Oregon Transportation Commission on state and regional policies affecting the Area's transportation systems.

Key tasks: Coordination with Region 3 and District 8 ODOT staff in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), preparing monthly agenda materials, meeting notices and correspondence for RVACT meetings. Also, RVCOG staff assists in the preparation of Southern Oregon region Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) meetings.

Deliverables: Agenda materials, information packets, public notices, technical reports and

other documents as requested by ODOT.

Timeframe: Ongoing July-June

Lead Agency: RVCOG; Supporting Agencies: MRMPO member jurisdictions

# **PART III—ODOT Planning Projects**

The projects listed below will be worked by ODOT in FY2020. They are listed for informational purposes and to coordinate this work among ODOT and the MRMPO. This coordination is in accordance with CFR §450.314 Metropolitan transportation planning process: Unified planning work programs and §450.318.

Project	Description	Total Budget (Estimate)	Funding	Project Start (Estimated)	Project Finish (Estimated)
Transportation System Plan update for the City of Grants Pass	TSP Update	\$300,000	State Planning & Research (Federal)	Fall 2017	Fall 2019
Transportation System Plan update Josephine County	TSP Update	\$25,000	State Planning & Research (Federal)	Spring 2017	Summer 2019
Transportation System Plan update for the City of Rogue River	TSP Update	\$150,000	State Planning & Research (Federal)	Winter 2016	Spring 2019
IAMP for Interchange 55 (Grants Pass)	Project to identify long-range needs and recommend improvements and management actions.	\$100,000	State Planning & Research (Federal)	Fall 2017	Fall 2019
IAMP for Interchange 58 Grants Pass)	Project to identify long-range needs and recommend improvements and management actions.	\$100,000	State Planning & Research (Federal)	Fall 2017	Fall 2019
I-5: Exit 35 to 61	Corridor Segment Plan to evaluate safety and operations	\$250,000	State Planning & Research (Federal)	Fall 2019	Fall 2021
US-199: Grants Pass to California	Corridor Segment Plan to evaluate safety and operations.	\$190,000	State Planning & Research (Federal)	Fall 2019	Fall 2021

<sup>\*</sup>IAMP: Interchange Area Management Plan

The Public can access information about these projects on ODOT's website: http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/REGION3/pages/index.aspx

The ODOT planning projects listed above will be coordinated with the MRMPO. MPO staff will serve on the various technical advisory committees to provide input in relationship to RTP goals and policies. The planning documents developed for these projects will be reviewed by MPO staff for consistency with the RTP.

# **Transportation Planning Acronyms**

ACT: Area Commission on Transportation ADA: Americans with Disabilities Act

ADT: Average Daily Traffic

AMPO: Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations

AQCD Air Quality Conformity Determination

AQMA: Air Quality Maintenance Area CAAA: Clean Air Act Amendments CFR Code of Federal Regulations

CMAQ: Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (federal funding program)

CO: Carbon Monoxide

DLCD: Department of Land Conservation and Development

EPA: Environmental Protection Agency
EQC Environmental Quality Commission

FAST Act Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act of 2015

FHWA: Federal Highway Administration FTA: Federal Transit Administration

FY Fiscal Year

FYY Federal Fiscal Year

GIS: Geographic Information Systems
IAMP Interchange Area Management Plan
IGA Intergovernmental Agreement
ITS: Intelligent Transportation Systems

JCT: Josephine Community Transit LMP Limited Maintenance Plan

LOS: Level of Service, a range of operating conditions for each type of road facility MAP-21 Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, 2012 transportation act

MRMPO Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization

MOU: Memorandum of Understanding

MPO: Metropolitan Planning Organization, a planning body in an urbanized area over 50,000

in population which has responsibility for developing transportation plans for that area

TIP: Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program

NAAQS: National Ambient Air Quality Standards

NHS: National Highway System
NTI: National Transit Institute
OAR: Oregon Administrative Rules

ODEQ Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
ODFW: Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
ODOT: Oregon Department of Transportation

OHP Oregon Highway Plan

OMPOC: Oregon Metropolitan Planning Organization Consortium

ORS: Oregon Revised Statutes.

OSTI: Oregon Sustainable Transportation Initiative

OSUM Oregon Small Urban Model

OTC: Oregon Transportation Commission, ODOT's governing body

OTP: Oregon Transportation Plan

PL112: Public Law 112, Federal Planning Funds

PM<sub>10</sub>: Particulate Matter of less than 10 Micrometers PM<sub>2.5</sub>: Particulate Matter of less than 2.5 Micrometers

RTP: Regional Transportation Plan

RVACT: Rogue Valley Area Commission on Transportation

RVCOG: Rogue Valley Council of Governments

RVMPO: Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization

SAFETEA-LU Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Equitable, Transportation Efficiency Act – A Legacy for

Users

SIP: State Implementation Plan (refers to DEQ air quality plans)

SOV: Single Occupancy Vehicle STA: Special Transportation Area

STIP: Statewide Transportation Improvement Program

STP: Surface Transportation Program
 TAC: Technical Advisory Committee
 TAZ: Transportation Analysis Zones
 TCM: Traffic Control Measures

TDM: Transportation Demand Management TIP: Transportation Improvement Program.

TOD: Transit Oriented Development

TPAU: Transportation Planning Analysis Unit

TPR: Transportation Planning Rule
TSP: Transportation System Plan
UGB: Urban Growth Boundary

UPWP: Unified Planning Work Program

USDOT: U.S. Department of Transportation (includes all modal agencies)

V/C: Volume to Capacity
VHT Vehicle Hours Traveled
VMT: Vehicle Miles Traveled

# **Proposed 2040 RTP Goals and Objectives**

#### **GOAL 1: Cultivate, Maintain, and Enhance the Region's Economic Vitality**

#### **Objectives:**

- **G1 O1** Encourage the coordination of land use and transportation planning to ensure that developments are adequately connected by the region's transportation system and appropriately located to preserve the quality of life in surrounding areas.
- **G1 O2** Encourage transportation investments and policies that facilitate sustainable business growth and tourism growth in the region which are consistent with local and regional comprehensive plans.
- **G1 O3** Encourage investment and reinvestment of transportation resources into and within the MRMPO as a critical component to the overall economic health of the region.
- **G1 O4** Encourage economically strong regional activity centers with a mix of job, housing, services and recreation in an intermodal environment.

#### G1 – O5 Freight

#### **Strategies:**

- **G1 S1** Work with the economic development community to identify current and potential deficiencies and threats to the economic vitality of the MRMPO area that relate to transportation, and work to mitigate those threats.
- **G1 S2** Target transportation improvements that:
  - (a) Support downtowns as primary economic development generators.
  - (b) Support locations with ready and available industrial properties
  - (c) Support the reinforcement of investments in existing neighborhoods within the MRMPO
- G1 S3 Give high priority to regional planning and funding for transportation facilities that serve the regional core and regional activity centers where individuals can switch easily from one transportation mode to another.
- **G1 S4** Intercept automotive traffic at key locations, encourage "park once" and provide alternatives to driving in regional activity centers.

### G1-S5 Freight

#### **Performance Measures:**

**G1 - P1** Employment change in vicinity of projects.

#### **G1 - P2** Mode share.

#### **GOAL 2: Increase the Safety and Security of the Region's Transportation System**

#### **Objectives:**

- **G2 O1** Reduce transportation related crashes, injuries, and fatalities using current design standards, advanced technologies, and education.
- **G2 O2** Collaborate with first responders, transportation, and health agencies as they develop emergency and disaster plans and other security related plans for the region.
- **G2 O3** Encourage transportation investments and policies that result in a higher level of personal security for pedestrians, cyclists, motorists, and users of transit.

#### **Strategies:**

- **G2 S1** Identify high severity crash locations within the Metropolitan Planning Area and program projects for these locations as soon as possible.
- **G2 S2** Consider intersection improvements that provide safety benefits.
- **G2 S3** Develop a regional safety plan, in cooperation with safety partners that supports the Oregon Strategic Highway Safety Plan.
- **G2 S4** Assist in developing incident management plans for major routes in the region, as appropriate.
- **G2 S5** Establish a plan of action to improve security measures and safety awareness for pedestrians, cyclists, motorists, and transit users within the Metropolitan Planning Area.
- **G2 S6** Support the implementation of effective safety measures, such as red light camera enforcement, skid-resistant pavement, elimination of roadside hazards and better intersection controls.

#### **Performance Measures:**

- **G2 P1** Track injury and fatal crashes
- **G2 P2** Track non-injury crashes
- **G2 P3** Measure the participation in safety education programs
- **G2 P4** Track the number of projects built to improve safety
- **G2 P5** Track the percent of dollars dedicated to safety improvements.

**G2 – P6** Track the reduction of Vehicle Miles Traveled. (VMT)

#### **GOAL 3: Increase Accessibility and Mobility Choices in the Region**

#### **Objectives:**

- **G3 O1** Improve transit effectiveness so that people can reach job sites and return home conveniently, so that employers can hire workers to work when needed (e.g., increase transit frequency).
- **G3 O2** Support a complete streets policy that promotes the use of alternative transportation modes including pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit users. Improvements could include new or improved sidewalks, bicycle routes or other accommodations, bus pullouts, and other facilities/improvements) as part of future roadway construction/reconstruction and private development projects.
- **G3 O3** Support local incentives to encourage employers to encourage employees to consider transit as a commuting option, and to encourage Transit Oriented Development (TOD).
- **G3 O4** Encourage public transportation services such as commuter services, park and ride lots, ridesharing, and carpooling programs which help reduce the number of single occupancy vehicle trips within the region.

#### **Strategies:**

- **G3 S1** Implement a regional bicycle/trail/pedestrian plan and include bicycle and pedestrian facilities in new transportation projects and improvements.
- **G3 S2** Factor life-cycle costs into the transportation system planning and decision making process.
- **G3 S3** Develop a Transportation Options program

#### **Performance Measures:**

- **G3 P1** Revenue Miles/Hours per capita
- **G3 P2** Track funding for bicycle, pedestrian and transit projects
- **G3 P3** Implement Transportation Options self-evaluation and reporting process for local jurisdictions

# GOAL 4: Protect, Preserve, and Enhance the Social, Historical, and Natural Environments of the Region

#### **Objectives:**

- **G4 O1** Coordinate roadway and infrastructure projects with guidelines established by federal, state, and local historic preservation planning agencies and the principles of context sensitive solutions (CSS) treatments.
- **G4 O2** Pursue transportation projects and other transportation related technologies that result in positive benefits to improved air quality and energy efficiency.
- **G4 O3** Encourage transportation investments that reduce greenhouse gases, and other emissions, and support the reduction of single occupancy vehicle trips.
- **G4 O4** Ensure that transportation decisions in the region are made with full consideration of the requirements of Title VI and Environmental Justice provisions.
- **G4 O5** Encourage transportation investments that support sustainable development, enhance quality of life and promote healthy communities.

#### **Strategies:**

- **G4 S1** When evaluating transportation projects, recognize the connections between transportation efficiency and land uses and densities.
- **G4 S2** Promote street and pathway connectivity, including off-road corridors for non-motorized vehicles.
- **G4 S3** Provide environmentally-sensitive transportation options.
- **G4 S4** Consider potential environmental impacts and mitigation to maintain and restore affected environmental functions in consultation with appropriate federal, state and local agencies.
- **G4 S5** Plan and implement transportation and related facilities that are aesthetically pleasing.

#### **Performance Measures:**

- **G4 P1** Change in mixed-use and downtown development.
- **G4 P2** Impacts on identified resource areas using most up-to-date data.
- **G4 P3** Expansion of off-network paths. Improve air quality through projects that reduce carbon monoxide, particulates  $(PM_{10})$  and greenhouse gases.
- **G4 P4** Measure percent of funding by project dedicated to "streetscapes" (benches, trees, planters, traffic calming).

# GOAL 5: The MRMPO will use the best available technology to maximize system effectiveness:

#### **Objectives:**

- **G5 O1** Encourage the use of Transportation Demand Management (TDM) principles to mitigate capacity deficiencies on congested roadways and at intersections.
- **G5 O2** Consider installing Park & Ride facilities where appropriate
- **G5 O3** Utilize Traffic Calming Techniques. Traffic Calming refers to various design features and strategies intended to reduce vehicle traffic speeds and volumes on a particular roadway.
- **G5 O4** Consider the use of transportation technology in all projects to maximize effectiveness and safety.
- **G5 O5** Encourage greater use and acceptance of access management policies and devices (e.g. medians, turn restrictions, combined entrances) to maintain adequate transportation system capacity coordination between roadway design and land use and to enhance safety for the traveling public.
- **G5 O6** Develop a regional Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Architecture as a means of achieving better management and support deployment of appropriate ITS investments.

#### **Strategies:**

- **G5 S1** Develop a list of high priority projects that are designed to improve the regional transportation system by addressing problem locations having capacity, safety and/or modal connection problems; and program
- **G5 S2** Support projects that upgrade traffic signals, improve signal timing, and improve signal coordination.
- **G5 S3** Identify future Park & Ride locations.
- **G5 S4** Deploy technologically advanced systems to monitor and manage traffic and to control and coordinate traffic control devices including providing priority to transit vehicles where appropriate.
- **G5 S5** Review the following six core ITS strategies which address regional issues and needs.
  - (a) Incident Management Relates to the management of recurring and non-recurring disruptions to traffic due to crashes, weather or other natural causes.
  - **(b) Traveler Information** Refers to the collection and dissemination of road condition data so that travelers can make choices regarding the time, route and mode for their travel.

- (c) Freeway Traffic Management Involves the active management of traffic flow on the freeway mainline and ramps to ensure efficient use of capacity during normal operations and during traffic disruptions.
- (d) Arterial Traffic Management Involves the management of traffic on arterial roadways to improve the efficiency of the system for all users.
- (e) Safety Management Refers to the several strategies used to reduce the number and severity of crashes. A major focus should be on reducing the response time for emergency services.
- (f) Communications and Connectivity Integrated transportation systems are dependent on communications to collect and transmit sensor data from the field to management centers where it can be processed to transmit information between various centers. Providing high-speed communication between centers and along key corridors is essential for the effective operation of ITS.

#### **Performance Measures:**

- **G5 P1** Percentage of high priority projects constructed.
- **G5 P2** Track the number of projects that upgrade traffic signals, improve signal timing, and improve signal coordination.
- **G5 P3** Track the number of newly identified park and ride locations.

# GOAL 6: Enhance Integration and Connectivity of the Transportation System Across and Between Modes

#### **Objectives:**

- **G6 O1** Integrate land use planning and transportation project planning for new development and redevelopment.
- **G6 O2** Retrofit existing transportation facilities, where possible, to accommodate pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit users to enhance connectivity between modes.
- **G6 O3** Improve capacity, pavement maintenance, and design of roadways and bridges that connect significant origins and destinations within the MRMPO to accommodate higher traffic flows where it is necessary and needed, especially for freight.

#### **Strategies:**

- **G6 S1** Design future roadways and bridges to accommodate the anticipated level of freight traffic both in terms of volume and in cargo weight.
- G6 S2 Inventory the existing sidewalk system and identify areas where new sidewalks and sidewalk ramp improvements are needed within the MRMPO.

#### **Performance Measures:**

- **G6 P1** Percent of regional corridors that have facilities for at least three modes (ex: motor vehicles, pedestrians, transit or motor vehicles, pedestrians, bicyclists).
- **G6 P2** Measure the increase in intermodal activity
- **G6 P3** Number of new mixed use development which include residential dwelling units

#### Goal 7: Emphasize Maintenance and Preservation of the Existing Transportation System

#### **Objectives:**

- **G7 O1** Develop innovative and sound funding practices to implement the Regional Transportation Plan.
- **G7 O2** Prioritize investment to preserve the existing transportation system including all modes.
- **G7 O3** Encourage the efficient and safe movement of people, goods, and information with minimal adverse impacts on residents and the environment.

#### **Strategies:**

- **G7 S1** Public-Private partnerships and other innovative approaches can maximize resources.
- **G7 S2** Give priority to projects that do not expand the existing road system.
- **G7 S3** Identify and secure reliable sources of funding to ensure adequate maintenance, preservation and rehabilitation of the region's transportation system
- **G7 S4** Encourage local funding mechanisms.

#### **Performance Measures:**

- **G7 P1** Track funding obligations, funding availability.
- **G7 P2** Review and update MRMPO project funding criteria using quantitative methodologies to the extent practicable.