



AGENDA

Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization
Citizen Advisory Committee

Date: Thursday August 13, 2026

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Join In-Person

Location: Ridge Room Conference Room,
Grants Pass City Hall, 101 NW A St,
Grants Pass, OR

Transit: Served by JCT Routes #10, 20, 35, 40,
50, 80 and 100. Paratransit services
are available for qualified individuals.

Contact: RVCOG: 541-423-1375

Or via Zoom

Meeting ID: 815 5601 4240

Phone #: +1 719 359 4580

Zoom Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81556014240>

Website: www.mrmppo.org

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1. Call to Order / Introductions / Review Agenda

Chair

Consent Agenda

2. Review / Approve Minutes

Chair

Attachment: [#1 MRMPO CAC Meeting Draft Minutes 06/11/2026](#)

Action Items

3. Regional Transportation Plan Amendment

Yazeed Alrashdi

Background: The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is a multi-modal transportation document of the existing plan designed to meet the anticipated 25-year transportation needs within the Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization (MRMPO) planning area boundary.

Chapter 5- Existing Transportation System has a proposed amendment to add the Grants Pass to Rogue River Greenway Multimodal plan.

The 21-day Public Hearing Notice was sent out on or before Thursday July 30th, 2026. The Public hearing will be held on Thursday, August 20th, 2026, at the Policy Committees meeting.

Attachments: [#2 Draft RTP Chapter 5](#) (Online Link)
[#3 RTP Tech Memo](#)
[#4 Grants Pass to Rogue River Multimodal Plan](#) (Online Link)

Action Requested: Recommendation of approval

4. BASICS Act H.R. 7437 and BUILD America 250 Act H.R. 8870

Ryan MacLaren

Background: The *BASICS Act (Bridges And Safety Infrastructure for Community Success)* updates federal transportation programs to reflect how infrastructure works on the ground. It directs funding to where people travel, where projects are ready, and where safety outcomes matter most.

The *Building Unrivaled Infrastructure and Long-term Development for America's 250th Act* (BUILD America 250 Act) is a bipartisan bill that reauthorizes and invests in America's most critical surface transportation infrastructure and programs for the next five years, including our roads and bridges, effective transit and rail transportation, and highway and motor carrier safety programs.

The current Transportation Bill, Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), expires September 30, 2026. Staff is asking the CAC to provide the Policy Committee with their recommendations for a letter of support on one of the proposed Acts above or a general letter with core concepts to support.

Attachments: [#5 Additional Resources on Each Act](#)
#6 Draft Letter of Support
[#7 Congress Bill Tracker for BASICS Act](#) (Online Link)
[#8 Congress Bill Tracker for BUILD America 250 Act](#) (Online Link)

Action Requested: Recommendation to the Policy Committee

Discussion Items

5. Public Comments

Chair

Regular Updates

6. MRMPO Update

Ryan MacLaren

7. Other Business / Local Business

Chair

Opportunity for MRMPO member jurisdictions to talk about transportation planning projects

8. Adjournment

Chair

Scheduled Meetings

MRMPO TAC	September 3, 2026	1:30 p.m.
MRMPO CAC	September 10, 2026	1:30 p.m.
MRMPO Policy Committee	August 20, 2026	2:30 p.m.

All meetings are available in-person and online via Zoom unless otherwise noted.



SUMMARY MINUTES

Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization

Citizen Advisory Committee

Date: Thursday, June 11, 2026

Attendees:

Voting Members	Organization	Phone Number
Lesley Orr	Active Transportation	
Mark Warwick	Gold Hill	890-5469
Judy Garrett	Grants Pass	659-9256
Nancy Sue Stout	Grants Pass	761-0899
Dick Converse, Chair	Josephine County	659-8401
Non-Voting Member	Organization	Phone Number
Thomas Guevara	ODOT	975-3692
Staff	Organization	Phone Number
Kelsey Sharp	RVCOG	423-1375
Yazeed Alrashdi	RVCOG	423-1378
Interested Parties	Organization	

MRMPO CAC Minutes – Thursday, June 11, 2026

[Agenda Packet](#)

[Meeting Audio](#)

1. Call to Order at 1:30 P.M. / Introductions / Review Agenda 00:00 – 01:33

Quorum: Four voting members, regardless of jurisdiction.

2. Review / Approve Minutes 01:33 – 02:00

01:42 Lesley Orr moved to approve the May 14, 2026, MRMPO CAC Meeting Minutes as presented. Seconded by Judy Garrett.

No further discussion.

Motion passed unanimously. Yes: Lesley Orr, Mark Warwick, Judy Garrett,

Nancy Sue Stout, and Dick Converse. No: None.



SUMMARY MINUTES

Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization

Citizen Advisory Committee

Action Items

3. 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program 02:00 – 05:37

- 05:00** Nancy Sue Stout moved to recommend approval of the 2027-2030 TIP as presented. Seconded by Lesley Orr.
No further discussion.
Motion passed unanimously. Yes: Lesley Orr, Mark Warwick, Judy Garrett, Nancy Sue Stout, and Dick Converse. No: None.

Discussion Items

4. BUILD America 250 Act 05:37 – 24:00

5. Public Comment 24:00 – 24:10

No comments received.

Regular Updates

6. MPO Planning Update 24:10 – 29:07

Provided by Yazeed Alrashdi regarding an amendment to the 2024-2049 Regional Transportation Plan to add the Grants Pass to Rogue River Multimodal Plan, and the upcoming update to the Title VI Plan.

7. Other Business / Local Business 29:07 – 53:51

Discussion on Lampman Rd Bridge in Gold Hill, ODOT updates, and Ride the Rogue.

8. Adjournment

2:25 p.m.

Next Scheduled Meetings

MRMPO TAC	July 2, 2026	1:30 p.m.
MRMPO CAC	July 9, 2026	1:30 p.m.
MRMPO Policy Meeting	June 18, 2026	2:00 p.m.



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DATE: July 30, 2026
TO: MRMPO Member Jurisdictions
FROM: Yazeed Alrashdi, Associate Planner
SUBJECT: 2024-2049 MRMPO RTP Amendment

This memorandum highlights the details for the Amendment of the 2024-2049 MRMPO Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). As of last year, the **Grants Pass to Rogue River Multimodal Plan** was completed – as of April of 2025 – the plan goes over a detailed study on the best alignment for the Rogue River Greenway connection between the City of Rogue River to the City of Grants Pass.

After the completion of the **Grants Pass to Rogue River Multimodal Plan**, the region is gearing towards moving forward with the next steps to build the connections from the Depot Street Bridge in the City of Rogue River to the eastern edge of the City of Grants Pass. However, the adoption process for the plan is not completed and needs to be completed in order for the project to be able to go after funding sources.

According to Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), the plan should be adopted by Josephine and Jackson Counties and the Cities of Rogue River and Grants Pass. Please note, City of Rogue River did adopt the Plan as an amendment to the Rogue River TSP by Ordinance No. 25-441-O on September 25th, 2025.

Also, ODOT did recommend that the MRMPO adopt the final Plan. MRMPO staff amended the 2024-2049 RTP to reference the Plan in RTP. The updated language can be found in **Chapter 5** under **Multimodal Infrastructure Section**. Also, the full Plan is attached in **Appendix H** as part of RTP Appendices.



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Date: June 4, 2026
To: MRMPO Citizens Advisory Committee
Subject: Basics Act & Build America 250 Act Provisions

Both the BASICS Act (H.R. 7437) and the BUILD America 250 Act contain provisions that the MRMPO CAC Committee can consider supporting without specifically showing support for particular legislation.

BASICS Act – Key Provisions

- Increases Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funding, the most flexible federal program for MPOs. [National League of Cities](#)
- Strengthens MPO authority by increasing local/regional access to federal funds. [AMPO | Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations](#)
- Improve delivery of regionally prioritized TIP projects by reducing administrative delays. [National League of Cities](#)
- Expands bridge repair funding, including proportional funding for locally owned bridges. [National League of Cities](#)
- Strengthens the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) and prevents states from transferring safety dollars away from safety. [National League of Cities](#)
- Addresses the mismatch between local responsibility (75% of roads) and federal funding (~16%). [ArcGIS StoryMaps](#)

BUILD America 250 Act (House Surface Transportation Reauthorization)

- Five year, \$580B surface transportation reauthorization (FY 2027–2031). [Infrastructure Report Card](#)
- Largest-ever investment in bridges, including a revised bridge formula and a new Bridge Completion Program. [Holland & Knight](#)
- 90% of highway funding delivered by formula, increasing predictability for MPO planning. [American Public Transportation Association](#)
- Creates new revenue for the Highway Trust Fund (EV and PHEV registration fees). [Infrastructure Report Card](#)



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- Streamlines NEPA and project delivery, including categorical exclusion clarifications and single lead agency designation. [Infrastructure Report Card](#)
- Invests in transit and rail, including \$87.6B for FTA and \$31.1B for Amtrak. [Holland & Knight](#)
- Creates new discretionary programs, including Surface Transportation Accelerator Grants and expanded Safe Streets funding. [Holland & Knight](#)
- Establishes the first federal framework for autonomous commercial motor vehicles. [American Public Transportation Association](#)



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August 4, 2026

The Honorable Ron Wyden, Senator
U.S. Senate
221 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Wyden,

On behalf of the Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization (MRMPO), we write to express our support for two federal transportation proposals now under consideration in Congress: the **BASICS Act (H.R. 7437)** and the **BUILD America 250 Act**. Both bills advance priorities that are essential to metropolitan planning organizations and to the local jurisdictions we serve.

As you know, MPOs are responsible for coordinating regional transportation planning, programming federal funds, and ensuring that investments reflect local needs, safety priorities, and long-range strategies. These responsibilities are increasingly difficult to meet under current funding constraints, aging infrastructure, and rising project delivery costs. The provisions in these two bills would meaningfully strengthen our ability to deliver safe, efficient, multimodal transportation systems.

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

- Expanding flexible STBG funding, which is the backbone of regional multimodal investment.
- Increasing direct MPO access to federal funds and improving alignment between federal programs and regional priorities.
- Strengthening the Highway Safety Improvement Program, ensuring safety funds remain dedicated to safety outcomes.
- Providing additional support for locally owned bridges, which make up the majority of our region's bridge inventory.

These provisions would help our MPO deliver projects more efficiently and address critical safety and infrastructure needs.

The **BUILD America 250 Act** represents a significant step toward long-term federal transportation stability. We are particularly supportive of:

- The bill's predictable formula funding, which strengthens TIP and long-range plan financial constraint.
- The largest-ever federal investment in bridges includes programs that directly benefit local jurisdictions.

- NEPA streamlining provisions that reduce delays and improve project delivery timelines.
- Expanded funding for transit, rail, and safety, which aligns with our region's multimodal and Vision Zero goals.

These elements would allow our region to accelerate high-priority projects and maintain a state of good repair across our transportation network.

Both the BASICS Act and the BUILD America 250 Act strengthen local decision-making, improve safety outcomes, and provide the stable, flexible funding necessary for MPOs to meet federal performance expectations. For these reasons, the MRMPO Policy Committee respectfully urges your support for these two important pieces of legislation.

We appreciate your continued leadership on transportation issues and welcome the opportunity to provide additional regional context or technical information as these bills advance.

Sincerely,

Wade Elliott
Chair, MRMPO Policy Committee



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The Honorable Jeff Merkley, Senator
U.S. Senate
313 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Merkley,

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The Honorable Cliff Bentz, Congressman 2nd District
U.S. House of Representatives
1239 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Bentz,

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