



AGENDA

Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization
Citizen Advisory Committee

Date: Thursday May 14, 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

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

1. Call to Order / Introductions / Review Agenda

Chair

Consent Agenda

2. Review / Approve Minutes

Chair

Attachment: [#1 MRMPO CAC Meeting Draft Minutes 04/09/2026](#)

Action Items

3. 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program

Yazeed Alrashdi

Background: Every three years the MRMPO is required to develop the next Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The TIP is used to prioritize projects in the MPO area over the short-term and is the mechanism by which funds are committed to specific surface transportation projects. All links below will direct to a webpage.

Link to Website: [#2 Draft 2027-2030 TIP](#)
[#3 TIP Open House](#)

Action Requested: Recommendation of approval



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4. Support Letters for the BASICS Act H.R. 7437

Ryan Maclaren

Background: The *BASICS (Bridges And Safety Infrastructure for Community Success) Act* ([H.R. 7437](#)) updates federal transportation programs to reflect how infrastructure actually works on the ground. It directs funding to where people travel, where projects are ready, and where safety outcomes matter most.

The CAC is being asked to review, comment and recommend that the Policy Committee Chair forward the letters to our Congressional delegation.

Attachments: [#4 Additional Resources](#)
[#5 Letters of Support](#)

Action Requested: Recommendation of Chair signatures

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	June 4, 2026	1:30 p.m.
MRMPO CAC	June 11, 2026	1:30 p.m.
MRMPO Policy Committee	May 21, 2026	2:30 p.m.

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



Date: Thursday, April 9, 2026

Attendees:

Voting Members	Organization	Phone Number
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
Wade Elliott	Grants Pass	450-6110
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, April 9, 2026

[Agenda Packet](#)

[Meeting Audio](#)

1. Call to Order at 1:31 P.M. / Introductions / Review Agenda 00:00 – 02:10

Quorum: Four voting members, regardless of jurisdiction.

2. Review / Approve Minutes 02:10 – 01:49

02:19 Mark Warwick moved to approve the March 12, 2026, MRMPO CAC Meeting Minutes as presented. Seconded by Judy Garrett.

No further discussion.

Motion passed unanimously. Yes: Mark Warwick, Judy Garrett, Nancy Sue Stout, and Dick Converse. No: None.

Presentation

3. Update on Allen Creek Road Project 01:49 – 40:30



Action Items

- 4. 2026-2027 Unified Planning Work Program 40:30 – 52:53**
52:19 Nancy Sue Stout moved to recommend approval of the 2026-2027 UPWP.
Seconded by Judy Garrett.
No further discussion.
Motion passed unanimously. Yes: Mark Warwick, Judy Garrett, Nancy Sue Stout, and Dick Converse. No: None.
- 5. Support Letters for the BASICS Act H.R.7437 52:53 – 01:07:11**
No action taken at this time.

Discussion Items

- 6. Draft 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program 01:07:11 – 01:15:00**
- 7. Public Comment 01:15:00 – 01:15:09**
No comments received.

Regular Updates

- 8. MPO Planning Update 01:15:09 – 01:31:36**
Provided by Yazeed Alrashdi on the TIP timeline and tour of the open house.
- 9. Other Business / Local Business 01:31:36 – 01:37:05**
- 10. Adjournment**
3:10 p.m.

Scheduled Meetings

MRMPO TAC	May 7, 2026	1:30 p.m.
MRMPO CAC	May 14, 2026	1:30 p.m.
MRMPO Policy Meeting	April 16, 2026	2:00 p.m.

BASICS Act (HR 7437) Additional Resources

Click any of the links below to learn more about the ***Bridges And Safety Infrastructure for Community Success Act***

- ✓ Introduction to the BASICS Act

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/e4ce2c88c9c84cb3b674fd06aed5e8d6>

- ✓ BASICS Act One Pager Overview

https://ampo.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/BASICS-Leg-One-Pager_2026_2.10.25.pdf

- ✓ BASICS Act Section by Section

<https://ampo.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/BASICS-Section-by-Section-2.10.2026.pdf>

- ✓ BASICS Act Bill Text

<https://ampo.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/Bill-Text-BASICS-Act.pdf>



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April 3, 2026

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

Dear Congressman Bentz,

On behalf of the Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization (MRMPO), I urge you to support and co-sponsor H.R.7437, the BASICS (Bridges And Safety Infrastructure for Community Success) Act, introduced by Representatives McDonald Rivet and Bresnahan.

The MRMPO helps direct federal transportation funding to the urbanized areas in Jackson and Josephine Counties, the cities of Grants Pass, Rogue River, and Gold Hill, Josephine Community Transit (JCT), and the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), to improve safety, reduce congestion, and support economic growth for over 63,000 residents within the MRMPO planning area. What the BASICS Act does:

- Strengthens regional planning and uses federal dollars wisely. Created by Congress, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) are responsible for developing fiscally constrained Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) that identify local priority projects that meet federal performance goals. The BASICS Act increases Metropolitan Planning (PL) funding so MPOs can meet growing federal requirements and deliver stronger plans and better project selection that reflects long-term community needs.
- Delivers regional priorities faster. The BASICS Act accelerates delivery of these regionally supported projects by increasing funding for the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program. As the most flexible federal transportation formula program, STBG allows states and regions to move projects forward efficiently and deliver tangible benefits for local businesses, workers, and communities in every congressional district.
- Ensures transparency and collaboration. Federal transportation dollars must be accountable to taxpayers. The BASICS Act improves transparency by reinforcing collaboration across federal, state, regional, and local partners to ensure that local voices are heard and transportation investments reflect what communities in the Grants Pass area need most.
- Focuses on road safety. With nearly 100 roadway deaths each day, the BASICS Act increases and protects funding for the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP). It also ensures that 25 percent of HSIP funds are delivered through MPOs for proven safety projects that build on the success of the Safe Streets and Roads for All program.

- Invests in repairing locally owned bridges. Counties own 38 percent of U.S. bridges. The BASICS Act ensures bridge funding reflects this reality by directing resources proportionally to locally owned bridges in each state. This means more support for repairing the worst-condition bridges in our communities.

The BASICS Act is supported by the Local Officials in Transportation (LOT) Coalition, representing more than 25,000 counties, cities, towns, MPOs, regional councils, and economic development organizations. Coalition members include the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC), the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO), the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO), the National Association of Counties (NACo), the National League of Cities (NLC), and the U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM). This broad coalition reflects the nationwide recognition that local and regional governments must have a stronger voice and better tools in shaping federal transportation policy.

There is nothing more basic than local roads and bridges. By supporting the BASICS Act, you will help ensure that cities, counties, and Metropolitan Planning Organizations, including the MRMPO, have the resources they need to deliver transportation systems that connect our neighborhoods, support our local economies and serve our residents every single day.

I ask you to reach out to the cosponsors of this bill, Representatives McDonald Rivet and Bresnahan to discuss how you can help support the BASICS Act in the next federal surface transportation reauthorization.

Sincerely,

Wade Elliot
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,

On behalf of the Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization (MRMPO), I urge you to support and co-sponsor H.R.7437, the BASICS (Bridges And Safety Infrastructure for Community Success) Act, introduced by Representatives McDonald Rivet and Bresnahan.

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

Dear Senator Wyden,

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