



AGENDA

Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization
Policy Committee

Date: Thursday, June 18, 2026

Time: 2:30 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
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Contact: RVCOG: 541-423-1375

Or via Zoom

Meeting ID: 845 5578 6528

Phone #: +1 669 444 9171

Zoom Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84555786528>

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 Policy Meeting Draft Minutes 05/21/2026](#)

Public Hearing

3. Amendment to the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program

Ryan MacLaren

Background: The Policy Committee is requested to consider the proposed amendments to the 2024-27 TIP.

A. Add Project to TIP: 5310 STBG Formula Gap Funding - Josephine County (KN24455)

The 21-day public comment period and public hearing was advertised on or before Wednesday, May 27, 2026, in the *Rogue Valley Times*, the *Rogue River Press* and the *Grants Pass Courier* and information is currently available on the MRMPO website.

Attachments: [#2 TIP Amendment Memo](#)

Action Requested: *Approval of the TIP Amendment*



Discussion Items

4. BUILD America 250 Act **Ryan Maclaren**

Background: 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. Below is a page with more information about the proposed legislation.

Attachments: [#3 Staff Memo on BASICS Act and BUILD America 250 Act](#)
[#4 Additional Resources](#)

5. Public Comment **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 Meeting	Location	Date	Time
MRMPO TAC	Grants Pass City Hall	July 2, 2026	1:30 p.m.
MRMPO CAC	Grants Pass City Hall	July 9, 2026	1:30 p.m.
MRMPO Policy Meeting	Gold Hill City Hall	July 16, 2026	2:30 p.m.

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



Date: Thursday, May 21, 2026

Attendees:

Voting Members	Organization	Phone Number
Melia Biedscheid	Gold Hill	855-1525
Bradley Clark	Grants Pass	450-6000
Wade Elliott, Chair	Grants Pass	450-6000
Pam VanArsdale, Vice Chair	Rogue River	660-4414
Randy Sparacino	Jackson County	774-6117
Scott Chancey	Josephine County	474-5460
Mike Baker	ODOT	957-3658

Alternate Members	Organization	Phone Number
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Staff	Organization	Phone Number
Ryan MacLaren	RVCOG	423-1338
Kelsey Sharp	RVCOG	423-1375
Yazeed Alrashdi	RVCOG	423-1378

Interested Parties	Organization
Elijah Oberlander	ODOT

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[Agenda Packet](#)

[Meeting Audio](#)

1. Call to Order at 2:32 P.M. / Introductions / Review Agenda 00:00 – 01:26

Quorum: 5 Members Present.

2. Review / Approve Minutes 01:26 – 02:03

01:39 Randy Sparacino moved to approve the April 16, 2026, MRMPO Policy Committee Meeting Minutes with corrections. Seconded by Mike Baker.

No further discussion.

Motion Passed by voice vote. Yes: Melia Biedscheid, Bradley Clark, Wade Elliott, Pam VanArsdale, Randy Sparacino, Scott Chancey, and Mike Baker. No: None.



Public Hearing

3. 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program 02:03 – 07:00

Chair Wade Elliott opened the Public Hearing.

No public comments received.

Chair Wade Elliott closed the Public Hearing.

- 06:15** Pam VanArsdale moved to approve the 2027-2030 TIP as presented. Seconded by Mike Baker.
No further discussion.
Motion Passed by voice vote. Yes: Melia Biedscheid, Bradley Clark, Wade Elliott, Pam VanArsdale, Randy Sparacino, Scott Chancey, and Mike Baker. No: None.

Action Items

4. Support Letters for the BASICS Act H.R. 7437 07:00 – 20:41

- 19:43** Pam VanArsdale moved to not approve the chair signing the letters and for staff to bring more information on the BUILD Act. Seconded by Brandly Clark.
No further discussion.
Motion Passed by voice vote. Yes: Melia Biedscheid, Wade Elliott, Pam VanArsdale, Randy Sparacino, and Scott Chancey. No: None. Abstain: Mike Baker.

Discussion Items

5. Public Comment 20:41 – 20:49

No comments received.

Regular Updates

6. MPO Planning Update 20:49 – 27:00

Provided by Ryan MacLaren with updates on the Title VI Plan update and possible changes to funding policies.

7. Other Business / Local Business 31:36 – 01:02:50

Updates from ODOT, Grants Pass, Jackson County, Rogue River, and Grants Pass.



8. Adjournment

3:14 p.m.

Scheduled Meeting	Location	Date	Time
MRMPO TAC	Grants Pass City Hall	June 4, 2026	1:30 p.m.
MRMPO CAC	Grants Pass City Hall	June 11, 2026	1:30 p.m.
MRMPO Policy Meeting	Grants Pass City Hall	June 18, 2026	2:30 p.m.

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DATE: May 28, 2026
TO: MRMPO Policy Committee
FROM: Ryan MacLaren, Planning Program Director
SUBJECT: TIP Amendment(s)

The Policy Committee is being asked to consider approval of the following amendment(s) to the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program.

A press release for the 21-day public comment period and public hearing was sent on or before May 28th in the Rogue Valley Times, Rogue River Press, Grants Pass Daily Courier, and information is currently available on the MRMPO website. The TAC and CAC recommended approval. Information on the new project is enumerated below:

A. Add Project to TIP: 5310 STBG Formula Gap Funding - Josephine County (KN24455)

Description: Add new project, moving funds from project keys 22013 and 22009.

Project Name	Project Description	RTP Project Number	Air Quality Status	Key #	Federal Fiscal Year	Phase	Federal		Federal Required Match		Total Fed+Req Match	Other		Total All Sources
							\$	Source	\$	Source		\$	Source	
JCT														
5310 STBG Formula Gap Funding - Josephine County	Public transit funding for funding the gap to transition federal awards to a federal fiscal year. Projects are an extension of the formula funding awarded in the 2025-27 call for projects.	n/a	N/A			Planning					\$ -			\$ -
						Design					\$ -			\$ -
						Land Purchase					\$ -			\$ -
						Utility Relocate					\$ -			\$ -
						Construction					\$ -			\$ -
				24455	2027	Other	\$ 54,463	5310	\$ 6,234		\$ 60,697			\$ 60,697
		Total FFY24-27	\$ 54,463		\$ 6,234		\$ 60,697	\$ -		\$ 60,697				



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

Both the BASICS Act (H.R. 7437) and the BUILD America 250 Act contain provisions that the MRMPO TAC 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](#)



Build America 250 Act

Resources:

AMERICAN PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION

[Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure Summary](#)

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

[House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee advances bipartisan surface transportation reauthorization bill | National Association of Counties](#)

ASSOCIATION OF GENERAL CONTRACTORS

[Build-America-250-Act-AGC-Summary.pdf](#)

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS

[asce-build-america-250-act-memo.pdf](#)