



AGENDA

Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization
Technical Advisory Committee

Date: Thursday, August 6, 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

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40, 50, 80 and 100. Paratransit
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Contact: RVCOG: 541-423-1375

Or via Zoom

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<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88488199210>

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 TAC Meeting Draft Minutes 06/04/2026](#)

Action Items

3. RTP 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 TAC 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 Letter of Support \(To be sent under separate cover\)](#)
[#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 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 Meetings

MRMPO TAC	September 3, 2026	1:30 p.m.
MRMPO CAC	August 13, 2026	1:30 p.m.
MRMPO Policy Meeting	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

Technical Advisory Committee

Date: Thursday, June 4, 2026

Attendees:

Voting Members	Organization	Phone Number
Lily Morgan	Gold Hill	855-1525
Laure Middleton	Grants Pass	450-6064
Charles Bennett	Jackson County	774-6115
James Philp	Jackson County	774-6236
Neil Burgess	Josephine County	474-5460
Scott Chancey, Chair	Josephine Community Transit	474-5441
Justin Shoemaker	ODOT	200-5784
Thomas Guevara	ODOT	957-3692

Alternate Voters	Organization	Phone Number
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Staff	Organization	Phone Number
Kelsey Sharp	RVCOG	423-1375
Jeff Stump	RVCOG	423-1378

Interested Parties	Organization
Jennifer Boardman	ODOT
Jeff Wilcox	Phoenix
Lesley Orr	R.R. Greenway Foundation

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[Agenda Packet](#)

[Meeting Audio](#)

1. Call to Order at 1:31 P.M. / Introductions / Review Agenda 00:00 – 01:16

Quorum: 4 jurisdictions represented.

2. Review / Approve Minutes 01:16 – 02:00

01:45 James Philp moved to approve the May 7, 2026, MRMPO TAC Meeting Minutes as presented. Seconded by Charles Bennett.

No further discussion.

Motion passed by voice vote. Yes: Laure Middleton, Charles Bennett, James Philp, Neil Burgess, Scott Chancey, Thomas Guervara, and Justin Shoemaker. No: None.

Abstain: Lily Morgan.



Action Items

3. Amendment to the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program 02:00 – 04:16

- 03:0** Lily Morgan moved to recommend approval of the amendment to the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program as discussed. Seconded by Justin Shoemaker. No further discussion.
- Motion passed by voice vote. Yes: Lily Morgan, Laure Middleton, Charles Bennett, James Philp, Neil Burgess, Scott Chancey, Thomas Guervara, and Justin Shoemaker. No: None.

Discussion Items

4. BUILD America 250 Act 04:16 – 15:26

5. Public Comment 15:26 – 20:09

Comment received by Lesley Orr, the Rogue River Greenway Foundation will be celebrating the Bike Bill, signed in 1971, on Wednesday, June 10th, and Ride the Rogue is on September 26, 2026.

Regular Updates

6. MPO Planning Update 20:09 – 21:05

Update from Kelsey Sharp regarding the fix of the plotter and the MPO is once again offering larger print jobs and the approval of the 2027-2030 TIP by the Policy Committee.

7. Other Business / Local Business 21:05 – 38:57

Updates from Gold Hill, Jackson County, Josephine County, and ODOT.

8. Adjournment

2:10 p.m.

Next Scheduled Meetings

MRMPO TAC	July 2, 2026	1:30 p.m.
MRMPO CAC	June 11, 2026	1:30 p.m.
MRMPO Policy Meeting	June 18, 2026	2:30 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 Technical 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 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](#)