MPLS Traffic Engineering—Fast Reroute Link and Node Protection

The MPLS Traffic Engineering--Fast Reroute Link and Node Protection feature provides link protection (backup tunnels that bypass only a single link of the label-switched path (LSP)), node protection (backup tunnels that bypass next-hop nodes along LSPs), and Fast Reroute (FRR) features.

Prerequisites for MPLS Traffic Engineering—Fast Reroute Link and Node Protection

Your network must support the following Cisco IOS features:

- IP Cisco Express Forwarding
- Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS)

Your network must support at least one of the following protocols:

- Intermediate System-to-Intermediate System (IS-IS)
- Open Shortest Path First (OSPF)

Before configuring FRR link and node protection, it is assumed that you have done the following tasks but you do not have to already have configured MPLS traffic engineering (TE) tunnels:

- Enabled MPLS TE on all relevant routers and interfaces
- Configured MPLS TE tunnels

Restrictions for MPLS Traffic Engineering—Fast Reroute Link and Node Protection

- Interfaces must use MPLS Global Label Allocation.
- Backup tunnel headend and tailend routers must implement FRR as described in draft-pan-rsvp-fastreroute-00.txt.
- Backup tunnels are not protected. If an LSP is actively using a backup tunnel and the backup tunnel fails, the LSP is torn down.
- LSPs that are actively using backup tunnels are not considered for promotion. If an LSP is actively using a backup tunnel and a better backup tunnel becomes available, the active LSP is not switched to the better backup tunnel.
- You cannot enable FRR Hellos on a router that also has Resource Reservation Protocol (RSVP) Graceful Restart enabled.
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- MPLS TE LSPs that are fast reroutable cannot be successfully recovered if the LSPs are FRR active and the Point of Local Repair (PLR) router experiences an SSO.
- When SSO (stateful switchover) occurs on a router, the switchover process must complete before FRR (fast reroute) can complete successfully. In a testing environment, allow approximately 2 minutes for TE SSO recovery to complete before manually triggering FRR. To check the TE SSO status, use the **show ip rsvp high-availability summary** command. Note the status of the HA state field.
  - When SSO is in the process of completing, this field will display 'Recovering'.
  - When the SSO process has completed, this field will display 'Active'.
- It is recommended to configure 10msec of three BFD timers for cable failures, to achieve 50 msec of convergence.

Restrictions for MPLS Traffic Engineering on the Cisco ASR 900 (RSP1 and RSP2) Routers

Starting from Cisco IOS XE Release 3.6S and later, the following restrictions are applicable:

- TE FRR is not supported over Port Channel (PoCH). That is, primary tunnels configured for Link or Node Protection cannot go over port channel interfaces.
- MPLS-TE cutover time of 50 milliseconds is *not* applicable for path protection as it is dependant on the convergence time.
- Starting with Cisco IOS XE Release 3.18, BGP PIC with TDM Pseudowire is supported on the RSP2 module.
- Starting with Cisco IOS XE Relesase 3.18, BGP PIC with MPLS Traffic Engineering for TDM Pseudowires, is supported on the RSP1 and RSP2 modules.

  Restrictions for BGP PIC with MPLS TE for TDM pseudowire:

  - MPLS TE over MLPPP and POS in the core is not supported.
  - Co-existence of BG PPIC with MPLS TE FRR configuration is not supported.

- For tunnel interfaces, tunnel statistics or counter information for each tunnel is *not* supported.
- TE and FRR are *not* supported on POS interfaces on the router.

Restrictions for MPLS Traffic Engineering on the RSP3 Module

- Starting with Cisco IOS XE Fuji 16.9.x release, MPLS TE and MPLS-TE FRR is supported over BGP PIC.
- Starting with Cisco IOS XE Fuji 16.9.x release, load balancing of traffic over multiple paths with MPLS-TE FRR is supported.
- Starting with Cisco IOS XE Fuji 16.9.x release, MPLS-TE FRR is supported over labeled BGP (RFC3107).
- MPLS-TE and MPLS-TE FRR is *not* supported over VPLS.
- Starting with Cisco IOS XE Fuji 16.9.x release, MPLS-TE FRR is supported over Port Channel (PoCH).
  - MPLS-TE FRR is supported over PoCH with multiple member links.
  - Configure LACP minimum bundle using the **lacp min-bundle n** command under port channel. The value **n** should be equal to the total number of member links to support TE FRR cutover for 50 msec convergence.
- Starting with Cisco IOS XE Fuji 16.9.x release, for MPLS-TE FRR over Port Channel (PoCH) with multiple member links, when micro-BFD on PoCH is enabled, there is no need for LACP minimum bundle to be equal to the total number of member links. But, without micro-BFD, LACP minimum bundle should be equal to the total number of member links.
- Starting with Cisco IOS XE Fuji 16.9.x release, FRR is supported for:
  - Vanilla IP-FRR
  - BGP-LU IP FRR
  - Max two ECMP Path
  - Non ECMP Path
  - TE-FRR vanilla tunnel
  - TE-FRR labeled tunnel
  - with BFD
  - without BFD
- Multicast over PtoP Tunnel is *not* supported.
- P2MP TE Tunnels is *not* supported.
- MPLS-TE explicit-null is *not* supported.

- Starting with Cisco IOS XE Fuji 16.9.x release, for tunnel interfaces, tunnel statistics or counter information for each tunnel is supported.
- Starting with Cisco IOS XE 3.18.1SP2 and later, MPLS TE Verbatim Path is supported on the RSP3 module.
- Inter AS TE tunnels are *not* supported.
- MPLS TE Autoroute Destination *not* supported for inter-area tunnels.
- MPLS TE Path Protection is *not* supported.
- To avoid high convergence, it is mandatory to configure the 'delay installation' and 'delay cleanup' attributes. Use the following commands to set these parameters:

  mpls traffic-eng reoptimize timers delay installation *30*

  mpls traffic-eng reoptimize timers delay cleanup *60*

  Note The above values are only indicative. Choose any value according to your requirements.

- When LDP is enabled in an MPLS TE setup, for the SSO functionality to work, MPLS LDP NSR must be enabled instead of MPLS LDP GR.
- Starting with Cisco IOS XE Fuji 16.9.x release, targeted LDP (MPLS IP over tunnels) is *not* supported.
- Cisco ASR 900 Router with RSP3 module can push a maximum of 4 MPLS labels in the egress direction. This includes service labels (L3VPN, L2VPN, 6PE/6VPE), RFC 3107 BGP-LU label and RSVP-TE labels for FRR primary or backup paths.

Information About MPLS Traffic Engineering—Fast Reroute Link and Node Protection

This section describes the following:

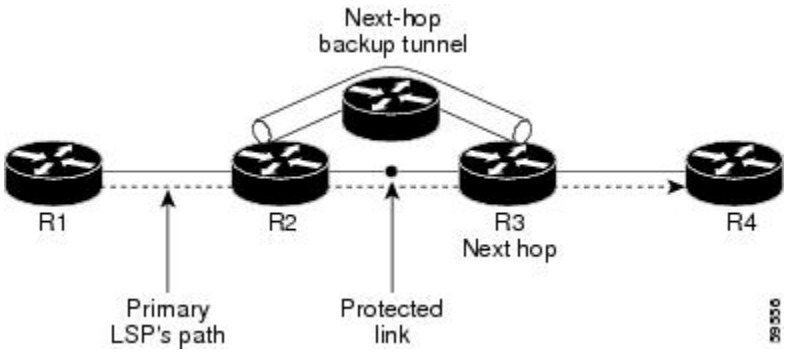
Fast Reroute

Fast Reroute (FRR) is a mechanism for protecting MPLS TE LSPs from link and node failures by locally repairing the LSPs at the point of failure, allowing data to continue to flow on them while their headend routers attempt to establish new end-to-end LSPs to replace them. FRR locally repairs the protected LSPs by rerouting them over backup tunnels that bypass failed links or node.

Link Protection

Backup tunnels that bypass only a single link of the LSP’s path provide link protection. They protect LSPs if a link along their path fails by rerouting the LSP’s traffic to the next hop (bypassing the failed link). These are referred to as next-hop (NHOP) backup tunnels because they terminate at the LSP’s next hop beyond the point of failure. The figure below illustrates an NHOP backup tunnel.

Figure 1: NHOP Backup Tunnel

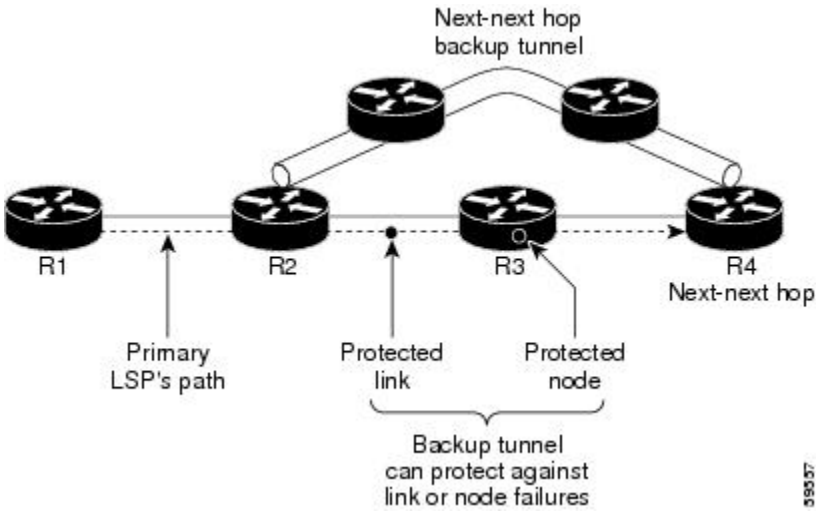


Node Protection

FRR provides node protection for LSPs. Backup tunnels that bypass next-hop nodes along LSP paths are called next-next-hop (NNHOP) backup tunnels because they terminate at the node following the next-hop node of the LSP paths, thereby bypassing the next-hop node. They protect LSPs if a node along their path fails by enabling the node upstream of the failure to reroute the LSPs and their traffic around the failed node to the next-next hop. FRR supports the use of RSVP Hellos to accelerate the detection of node failures. NNHOP backup tunnels also provide protection from link failures, because they bypass the failed link and the node.

The figure below illustrates an NNHOP backup tunnel.

Figure 2: NNHOP Backup Tunnel



If an LSP is using a backup tunnel and something changes so that the LSP is no longer appropriate for the backup tunnel, the LSP is torn down. Such changes are the following:

- Backup bandwidth of the backup tunnel is reduced.
- Backup bandwidth type of backup tunnel is changed to a type that is incompatible with the primary LSP.
- Primary LSP is modified so that FRR is disabled. (The **no mpls traffic-eng fast-reroute** command is entered.)

RSVP Hello

This section describes the following:

RSVP Hello Operation

RSVP Hello enables RSVP nodes to detect when a neighboring node is not reachable. This provides node-to-node failure detection. When such a failure is detected, it is handled in a similar manner as a link-layer communication failure.

RSVP Hello can be used by FRR when notification of link-layer failures is not available (for example, with Ethernet), or when the failure detection mechanisms provided by the link layer are not sufficient for the timely detection of node failures.

A node running Hello sends a Hello Request to a neighboring node every interval. If the receiving node is running Hello, it responds with Hello Ack. If four intervals pass and the sending node has not received an Ack or it receives a bad message, the sending node declares that the neighbor is down and notifies FRR.

There are two configurable parameters:

- Hello interval--Use the **ip rsvp signalling hello refresh interval** command.
- Number of acknowledgment messages that are missed before the sending node declares that the neighbor is down--Use the **ip rsvp signalling hello refresh misses** command

Hello Instance

A Hello instance implements RSVP Hello for a given router interface address and remote IP address. A Hello instance is expensive because of the large number of Hello requests that are sent and the strains they put on the router resources. Therefore, create a Hello instance only when it is necessary and delete it when it is no longer needed.

There are two types of Hello instances:

- Active Hello Instances
- Passive Hello Instances

Active Hello Instances

If a neighbor is unreachable when an LSP is ready to be fast rerouted, an active Hello instance is needed. Create an active Hello instance for each neighbor with at least one LSP in this state.

Active Hello instances periodically send Hello Request messages, and expect Hello Ack messages in response. If the expected Ack message is not received, the active Hello instance declares that the neighbor (remote IP address) is unreachable (lost). LSPs traversing that neighbor may be fast rerouted.

If there is a Hello instance with no LSPs for an unreachable neighbor, do not delete the Hello instance. Convert the active Hello instance to a passive Hello instance because there may be an active instance on the neighboring router that is sending Hello requests to this instance.

Passive Hello Instances

Passive Hello instances respond to Hello Request messages (sending Ack messages), but do not initiate Hello Request messages and do not cause LSPs to be fast rerouted. A router with multiple interfaces can run multiple Hello instances to different neighbors or to the same neighbor.

A passive Hello instance is created when a Hello Request is received from a neighbor with a source IP address/destination IP address pair in the IP header for which a Hello instance does not exist.

Delete passive instances if no Hello messages are received for this instance within 10 minutes.

Features of MPLS Traffic Engineering--Fast Reroute Link and Node Protection

This section describes the following:

Backup Tunnel Support

Backup tunnel support has the following capabilities:

Backup Tunnels Can Terminate at the Next-Next Hop to Support FRR

Backup tunnel that terminates at the next-next hop router to protect both the downstream link and node to protect link and node failures. .

Multiple Backup Tunnels Can Protect the Same Interface

There is no limit (except memory limitations) to the number of backup tunnels that can protect a given interface. In many topologies, support for Node Protection requires supporting multiple backup tunnels per protected interface. These backup tunnels can terminate at the same destination or at different destinations. That is, for a given protected interface, you can configure multiple NHOP or NNHOP backup tunnels. This allows redundancy and load balancing.

In addition to being required for Node Protection, this feature provides the following benefits:

- Redundancy--If one backup tunnel is down, other backup tunnels protect LSPs.
- Increased backup capacity--If the protected interface is a high-capacity link and no single backup path exists with an equal capacity, multiple backup tunnels can protect that one high-capacity link. The LSPs using this link will fail over to different backup tunnels, allowing all of the LSPs to have adequate bandwidth protection during failure (rerouting). If bandwidth protection is not desired, the router spreads LSPs across all available backup tunnels (that is, there is load balancing across backup tunnels). .

Scalability

A backup tunnel is scalable because it can protect multiple LSPs and multiple interfaces. It provides many-to-one (N:1) protection, which has significant scalability advantages over one-to-one (1:1) protection, where a separate backup tunnel must be used for each LSP needing protection.

Example of 1:1 protection: When 5,000 backup tunnels protect 5,000 LSPs, each router along the backup path must maintain state for an additional 5,000 tunnels.

Example of N:1 protection: When one backup tunnel protects 5,000 LSPs, each router along the backup path maintains one additional tunnel.

Fast Reroute Operation

This section describes the following:

Fast Reroute Activation

Two mechanisms cause routers to switch LSPs onto their backup tunnels:

- Interface down notification
- RSVP Hello neighbor down notification

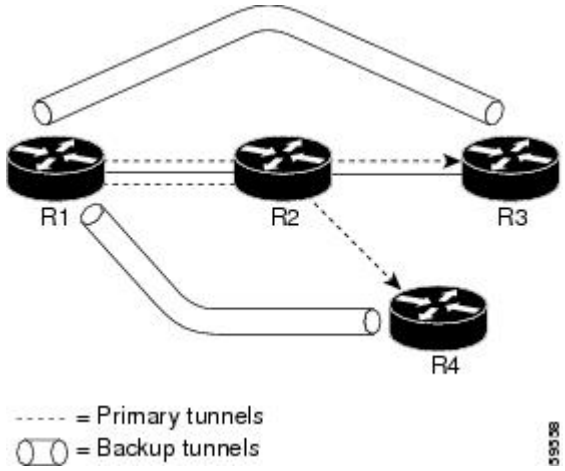
When a router's link or neighboring node fails, the router often detects this failure by an interface down notification. On a GSR Packet over SONET (PoS) interface, this notification is very fast. When a router notices that an interface has gone down, it switches LPSs going out that interface onto their respective backup tunnels (if any).

RSVP Hellos can also be used to trigger FRR. If RSVP Hellos are configured on an interface, messages are periodically sent to the neighboring router. If no response is received, Hellos declare that the neighbor is down. This causes any LSPs going out that interface to be switched to their respective backup tunnels.

Backup Tunnels Terminating at Different Destinations

The figure below illustrates an interface that has multiple backup tunnels terminating at different destinations and demonstrates why, in many topologies, support for node protection requires supporting multiple backup tunnels per protected interface.

Figure 3: Backup Tunnels That Terminate at Different Destinations



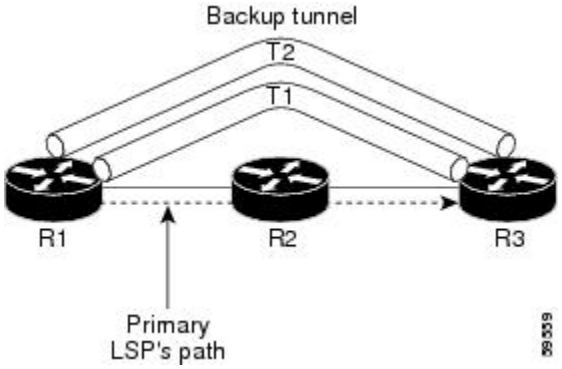
In this illustration, a single interface on R1 requires multiple backup tunnels. LSPs traverse the following routes:

- R1, R2, R3
- R1, R2, R4

To provide protection if node R2 fails, two NNHOP backup tunnels are required: one terminating at R3 and one terminating at R4.

Backup Tunnels Terminating at the Same Destination

The figure below shows how backup tunnels terminating at the same location can be used for redundancy and load balancing. Redundancy and load balancing work for both NHOP and NNHOP backup tunnels.



In this illustration, there are three routers: R1, R2, and R3. At R1 two NNHOP backup tunnels (T1 and T2) go from R1 to R3 without traversing R2.

Redundancy--If R2 fails or the link from R1 to R2 fails, either backup tunnel can be used. If one backup tunnel is down, the other can be used. LSPs are assigned to backup tunnels when the LSPs are first established. This is done before a failure.

Load balancing--If neither backup tunnel has enough bandwidth to back up all LSPs, both tunnels can be used. Some LSPs will use one backup tunnel, other LSPs will use the other backup tunnel. The router decides the best way to fit the LSPs onto the backup tunnels.

Backup Tunnel Selection Procedure

When an LSP is signaled, each node along the LSP path that provides FRR protection for the LSP selects a backup tunnel for the LSP to use if either of the following events occurs:

- The link to the next hop fails.
- The next hop fails.

By having the node select the backup tunnel for an LSP before a failure occurs, the LSP can be rerouted onto the backup tunnel quickly if there is a failure.

For an LSP to be mapped to a backup tunnel, all of the following conditions must exist:

- The LSP is protected by FRR; that is, the LSP is configured with the **tunnel mpls traffic-eng fast-reroute** command.
- The backup tunnel is up.
- The backup tunnel is configured to have an IP address, typically a loopback address.
- The backup tunnel is configured to protect this LSP’s outgoing interface; that is, the interface is configured with the **mpls traffic-eng backup-path** command.
- The backup tunnel does not traverse the LSP’s protected interface.
- The backup tunnel terminates at the LSP’s NHOP or NNHOP. If it is an NNHOP tunnel, it does not traverse the LSP’s NHOP.
- The bandwidth protection requirements and constraints, if any, for the LSP and backup tunnel are met.
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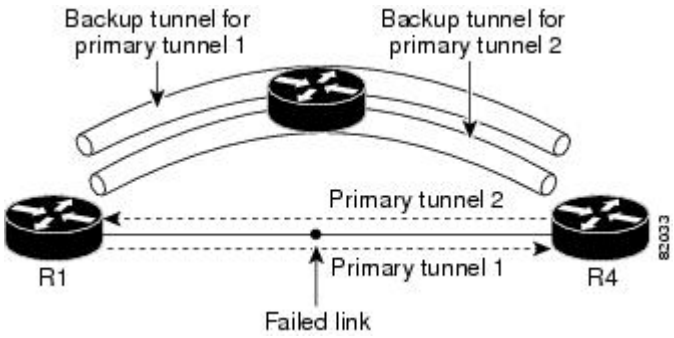
Load Balancing on Limited-Bandwidth Backup Tunnels

There may be more than one backup tunnel that has sufficient backup bandwidth to protect a given LSP. In this case, the router chooses the one that has the least amount of backup bandwidth available. This algorithm limits fragmentation, maintaining the largest amount of backup bandwidth available.

Specifying limited backup bandwidth does not "guarantee" bandwidth protection if there is a link or node failure. For example, the set of NHOP and NNHOP backup tunnels that gets triggered when an interface fails may all share some link on the network topology, and this link may not have sufficient bandwidth to support all LSPs using this set of backup tunnels.

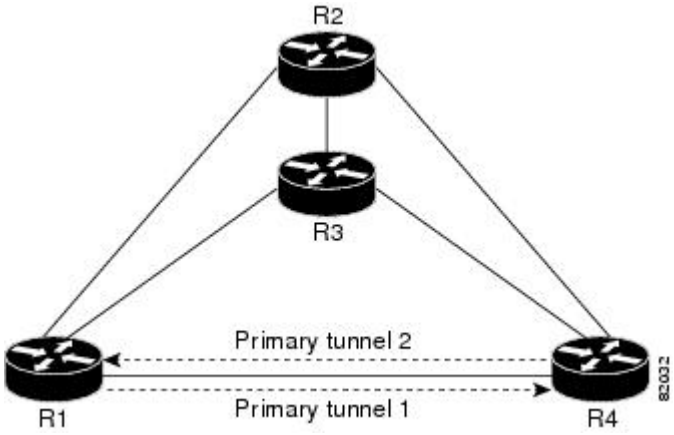
In the figure below, both backup tunnels traverse the same links and hop. When the link between routers R1 and R4 fails, backup tunnels for primary tunnel 1 and primary tunnel 2 are triggered simultaneously. The two backup tunnels may share a link in the network.

Figure 4: Backup Tunnels Share a Link



In the figure below, the backup tunnel for primary tunnel 1 may traverse routers R1-R2-R3-R4, and the backup tunnel for primary tunnel 2 may traverse routers R4-R2-R3-R1. In this case, the link R2-R3 may get overloaded if R1-R4 fails.

Figure 5: Overloaded Link



Load Balancing on Unlimited-Bandwidth Backup Tunnels

More than one backup tunnel, each having unlimited backup bandwidth, can protect a given interface. In this case, when choosing a backup tunnel for a given LSP, the router chooses the backup tunnel that has the least amount of backup bandwidth in use. This algorithm evenly distributes the LSPs across backup tunnels based

on an LSP's bandwidth. If an LSP is requesting zero bandwidth, the router chooses the backup tunnel that is protecting the fewest LSPs.

Tunnel Selection Priorities

This section describes the following:

NHOP Versus NNHOP Backup Tunnels

More than one backup tunnel can protect a given LSP, where one backup tunnel terminates at the LSP's NNHOP, and the other terminates at the LSP's NHOP. In this case, the router chooses the backup tunnel that terminates at the NNHOP (that is, FRR prefers NNHOP over NHOP backup tunnels).

The table below lists the tunnel selection priorities. The first choice is an NNHOP backup tunnel that acquires its bandwidth from a subpool or global pool, and has limited bandwidth. If there is no such backup tunnel, the next choice (2) is a next-next hop backup tunnel that acquires a limited amount of bandwidth from any pool. The preferences go from 1 (best) to 8 (worst), where choice 3 is for an NNHOP backup tunnel with an unlimited amount of subpool or global-pool bandwidth.

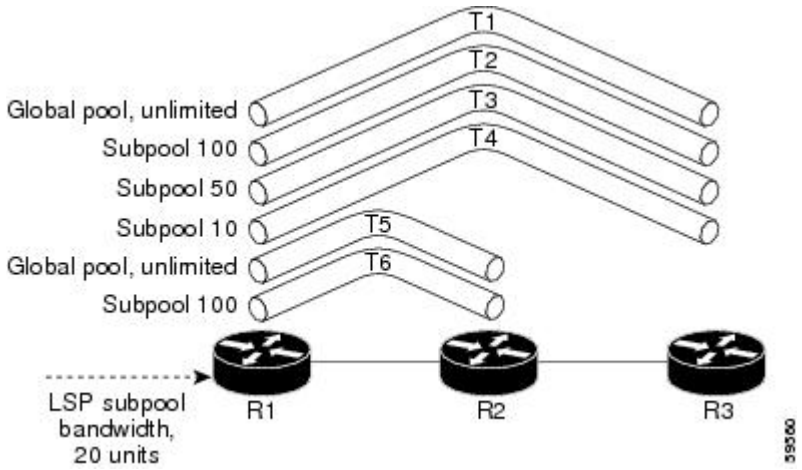
Table 1: Tunnel Selection Priorities

Preference	Backup Tunnel Destination	Bandwidth Pool	Bandwidth Amount
1 (Best)	NNHOP	Subpool or global pool	Limited
2	NNHOP	Any	Limited
3	NNHOP	Subpool or global pool	Unlimited
4	NNHOP	Any	Unlimited
5	NHOP	Subpool or global pool	Limited
6	NHOP	Any	Limited
7	NHOP	Subpool or global pool	Unlimited
8 (Worst)	NHOP	Any	Unlimited

The figure below shows an example of the backup tunnel selection procedure based on the designated amount of global pool and subpool bandwidth currently available.

Note If NHOP and NNHOP backup tunnels do not have sufficient backup bandwidth, no consideration is given to the type of data that the LSP is carrying. For example, a voice LSP may not be protected unless it is signaled before a data LSP. To prioritize backup tunnel usage, see the "Backup Protection Preemption Algorithms" section.

Figure 6: Choosing from Among Multiple Backup Tunnels



In this example, an LSP requires 20 units (kilobits per second) of sub-pool backup bandwidth. The best backup tunnel is selected as follows:

1. Backup tunnels T1 through T4 are considered first because they terminate at the NNHOP.
2. Tunnel T4 is eliminated because it has only ten units of sub-pool backup bandwidth.
3. Tunnel T1 is eliminated because it protects only LSPs using global-pool bandwidth.
4. Tunnel T3 is chosen over T2 because, although both have sufficient backup bandwidth, T3 has the least backup bandwidth available (leaving the most backup bandwidth available on T2).
5. Tunnels T5 and T6 need not be considered because they terminate at an NHOP, and therefore are less desirable than T3, which terminates at an NNHOP.

Promotion

After a backup tunnel has been chosen for an LSP, conditions may change that will cause us to reevaluate this choice. This reevaluation, if successful, is called promotion. Such conditions may include:

1. A new backup tunnel comes up.
2. The currently chosen backup tunnel for this LSP goes down.
3. A backup tunnel's available backup bandwidth increases. For example, an LSP protected by the tunnel has been reoptimized by the headend to use another path.

For cases 1 and 2, the LSP's backup tunnel is evaluated immediately. Case 3 is addressed by periodically reevaluating LSP-to-backup tunnel mappings. By default, background reevaluation is performed every 5 minutes. This interval is configurable via the **mpls traffic-eng fast-reroute timers** command.

Backup Protection Preemption Algorithms

When you set the "bandwidth protection desired" bit for an LSP, the LSP has a higher right to select backup tunnels that provide bandwidth protection and it can preempt other LSPs that do not have that bit set.

If there is insufficient backup bandwidth on NNHOP backup tunnels but not on NHOP backup tunnels, the bandwidth-protected LSP does not preempt NNHOP LSPs; it uses NHOP protection.

If there are multiple LSPs using a given backup tunnel and one or more must be demoted to provide bandwidth, there are two user-configurable methods (algorithms) that the router can use to determine which LSPs are demoted:

- Minimize amount of bandwidth that is wasted.
- Minimize the number of LSPs that are demoted.

For example, If you need ten units of backup bandwidth on a backup tunnel, you can demote one of the following:

- A single LSP using 100 units of bandwidth--Makes available more bandwidth than needed, but results in lots of waste
- Ten LSPs, each using one unit of bandwidth--Results in no wasted bandwidth, but affects more LSPs

The default algorithm is to minimize the number of LSPs that are demoted. To change the algorithm to minimize the amount of bandwidth that is wasted, enter the **mpls traffic-eng fast-reroute backup-prot-preemption optimize-bw** command.

Bandwidth Protection Considerations

There are numerous ways in which bandwidth protection can be ensured. The table below describes the advantages and disadvantages of three methods.

Table 2: Bandwidth Protection Methods

Method	Advantages	Disadvantages
Reserve bandwidth for backup tunnels explicitly.	It is simple.	It is a challenge to allow bandwidth sharing of backup tunnels protecting against independent failures.
Use backup tunnels that are signaled with zero bandwidth.	It provides a way to share bandwidth used for protection against independent failures, so it ensures more economical bandwidth usage.	It may be complicated to determine the proper placement of zero bandwidth tunnels.
Backup bandwidth protection.	It ensures bandwidth protection for voice traffic.	An LSP that does not have backup bandwidth protection can be demoted at any time if there is not enough backup bandwidth and an LSP that has backup bandwidth protection needs bandwidth.

Cisco implementation of FRR does not mandate a particular approach, and it provides the flexibility to use any of the above approaches. However, given a range of configuration choices, be sure that the choices are constant with a particular bandwidth protection strategy.

The following sections describe some important issues in choosing an appropriate configuration:

Using Backup Tunnels with Explicitly Signaled Bandwidth

Two bandwidth parameters must be set for a backup tunnel:

- Actual signaled bandwidth
- Backup bandwidth

To signal bandwidth requirements of a backup tunnel, configure the bandwidth of the backup tunnel by using the **tunnel mpls traffic-eng bandwidth** command.

To configure the backup bandwidth of the backup tunnel, use the **tunnel mpls traffic-eng backup-bw** command.

The signaled bandwidth is used by the LSRs on the path of the backup tunnel to perform admission control and do appropriate bandwidth accounting.

The backup bandwidth is used by the point of local repair (PLR) (that is, the headend of the backup tunnel) to decide how much primary traffic can be rerouted to this backup tunnel if there is a failure.

Both parameters need to be set to ensure proper operation. The numerical value of the signaled bandwidth and the backup bandwidth should be the same.

Protected Bandwidth Pools and the Bandwidth Pool from Which the Backup Tunnel Reserves Its Bandwidth

The **tunnel mpls traffic-eng bandwidth** command allows you to configure the following:

- Amount of bandwidth a backup tunnel reserves
- The DS-TE bandwidth pool from which the bandwidth needs to be reserved

Note Only one pool can be selected (that is, the backup tunnel can explicitly reserve bandwidth from either the global pool or the subpool, but not both).

The **tunnel mpls traffic-eng backup-bw** command allows you to specify the bandwidth pool to which the traffic must belong for the traffic to use this backup tunnel. Multiple pools are allowed.

There is no direct correspondence between the bandwidth pool that is protected and the bandwidth pool from which the bandwidth of the backup tunnel draws its bandwidth.

Bandwidth protection for 10 Kbps of subpool traffic on a given link can be achieved by configuring any of the following command combinations:

- **tunnel mpls traffic-eng bandwidth sub-pool 10**

tunnel mpls traffic-eng backup-bw sub-pool 10

- **tunnel mpls traffic-eng bandwidth global-pool 10**

tunnel mpls traffic-eng backup-bw sub-pool 10 global-pool unlimited

- **tunnel mpls traffic-eng bandwidth global-pool 40**

tunnel mpls traffic-eng backup-bw sub-pool 10 global-pool 30

Using Backup Tunnels Signaled with Zero Bandwidth

Frequently it is desirable to use backup tunnels with zero signaled bandwidth, even when bandwidth protection is required. It may seem that if no bandwidth is explicitly reserved, no bandwidth guarantees can be provided. However, that is not necessarily true.

In the following situation:

- Only link protection is desired.
- Bandwidth protection is desired only for sub-pool traffic.

For each protected link AB with a maximum reservable subpool value of *n* , there may be a path from node A to node B such that the difference between the maximum reservable global and the maximum reservable subpool is at least the value of *n* . If it is possible to find such paths for each link in the network, you can establish all the backup tunnels along such paths without any bandwidth reservations. If there is a single link failure, only one backup tunnel will use any link on its path. Because that path has at least *n* available bandwidth (in the global pool), assuming that marking and scheduling is configured to classify the subpool traffic into a priority queue, the subpool bandwidth is guaranteed.

This approach allows sharing of the global pool bandwidth between backup tunnels protecting independent link failures. The backup tunnels are expected to be used for only a short period of time after a failure (until the headends of affected LSPs reroute those LSPs to other paths with available subpool bandwidth). The probability of multiple unrelated link failures is very small (in the absence of node or shared risk link group (SRLG) failures, which result in multiple link failures). Therefore, it is reasonable to assume that link failures are in practice independent with high probability. This “independent failure assumption” in combination with backup tunnels signaled without explicit bandwidth reservation enables efficient bandwidth sharing that yields substantial bandwidth savings.

Backup tunnels protecting the subpool traffic do now draw bandwidth from any pool. Primary traffic using the global pool can use the entire global pool, and primary traffic using the subpool can use the entire subpool. Yet, subpool traffic has a complete bandwidth guarantee if there is a single link failure.

A similar approach can be used for node and SRLG protection. However, the decision of where to put the backup tunnels is more complicated because both node and SRLG failures effectively result in the simultaneous failure of several links. Therefore, the backup tunnels protecting traffic traversing all affected links cannot be computed independently of each other. The backup tunnels protecting groups of links corresponding to different failures can still be computed independently of each other, which results in similar bandwidth savings.

Signaled Bandwidth Versus Backup Bandwidth

Backup bandwidth is used locally (by the router that is the headend of the backup tunnel) to determine which, and how many, primary LSPs can be rerouted on a particular backup tunnel. The router ensures that the combined bandwidth requirement of these LSPs does not exceed the backup bandwidth.

Therefore, even when the backup tunnel is signaled with zero bandwidth, the backup bandwidth must be configured with the value corresponding to the actual bandwidth requirement of the traffic protected by this backup tunnel. Unlike the case when bandwidth requirements of the backup tunnels are explicitly signaled, the value of the signaled bandwidth (which is zero) is not the same value as the backup bandwidth.

How to Configure MPLS Traffic Engineering—Fast Reroute Link and Node Protection

This section assumes that you want to add FRR protection to a network in which MPLS TE LSPs are configured.

Enabling Fast Reroute on LSPs

LSPs can use backup tunnels only if they have been configured as fast reroutable. To do this, enter the following commands at the headend of each LSP.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **interface tunnel** *number*
4. **tunnel mpls traffic-eng fast-reroute** [**bw-protect**]

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	**interface tunnel** *number* **Example:** `Router(config)# interface tunnel 1000`	Enters interface configuration mode for the specified tunnel.
Step 4	**tunnel mpls traffic-eng fast-reroute** [**bw-protect**] **Example:** `Router(config-if)# tunnel mpls traffic-eng fast-reroute bw-protect`	Enables an MPLS TE tunnel to use an established backup tunnel if there is a link or node failure.

Creating a Backup Tunnel to the Next Hop or to the Next-Next Hop

Creating a backup tunnel is basically no different from creating any other tunnel. To create a backup tunnel to the next hop or to the next-next hop, enter the following commands on the node that will be the headend

of the backup tunnel (that is, the node whose downstream link or node may fail). The node on which you enter these commands must be a supported platform. See the Finding Feature Information section.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **interface tunnel** *number*
4. **ip unnumbered** *interface-type interface-number*
5. **tunnel destination** *ip-address*
6. **tunnel mode mpls traffic-eng**
7. **tunnel mpls traffic-eng path-option** [**protect**] *preference-number* {**dynamic** | **explicit** | {**name** *path-name* | *path-number*} **verbatim**} [**lockdown**]
8. **ip explicit-path name** *word*
9. **exclude-address** *ip-address*

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	**interface tunnel** *number* **Example:** `Router(config)# interface tunnel 1`	Creates a new tunnel interface and enters interface configuration mode.
Step 4	**ip unnumbered** *interface-type interface-number* **Example:** `Router(config-if)# ip unnumbered loopback 0`	Gives the tunnel interface an IP address that is the same as that of interface Loopback0. **Note** This command is not effective until Lookback0 has been configured with an IP address.
Step 5	**tunnel destination** *ip-address* **Example:** `Router(config-if)# tunnel destination 10.3.3.3`	Specifies the IP address of the device where the tunnel will terminate. This address should be the router ID of the device that is the NHOP or NNHOP of LSPs to be protected.
Step 6	**tunnel mode mpls traffic-eng** **Example:** `Router(config-if)# tunnel mode mpls traffic-eng`	Sets the encapsulation mode of the tunnel to MPLS TE.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 7	**tunnel mpls traffic-eng path-option** [**protect**] *preference-number*{**dynamic** | **explicit**|{**name** *path-name* | *path-number*}**verbatim**}[**lockdown**] **Example:** `Router(config-if)# tunnel mpls traffic-eng path-option 10 explicit avoid-protected-link`	Configures a path option for an MPLS TE tunnel. Enters router configuration mode.
Step 8	**ip explicit-path name** *word* **Example:** `Router(config-router)# ip explicit-path name avoid-protected-link`	Enters the command mode for IP explicit paths and creates the specified path. Enters explicit path command mode.
Step 9	**exclude-address** *ip-address* **Example:** `Router(config-ip-expl-path)# exclude-address 3.3.3.3`	For link protection, specify the IP address of the link to be protected. For node protection, specify the router ID of the node to be protected. **Note** Backup tunnel paths can be dynamic or explicit and they do not have to use exclude-address. Because backup tunnels must avoid the protected link or node, it is convenient to use the **exclude-address** command. **Note** When using the **exclude-address** command to specify the path for a backup tunnel, you must exclude an interface IP address to avoid a link (for creating an NHOP backup tunnel), or a router ID address to avoid a node (for creating an NNHOP backup tunnel).

Assigning Backup Tunnels to a Protected Interface

To assign one or more backup tunnels to a protected interface, enter the following commands on the node that will be the headend of the backup tunnel (that is, the node whose downstream link or node may fail). The node on which you enter these commands must be a supported platform. See the Finding Feature Information section.

Note You must configure the interface to have an IP address and to enable the MPLS TE tunnel feature.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **interface** *type slot / port*
4. **mpls traffic-eng backup-path tunnel** *interface*

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.

Step 3	**interface** *type slot / port*
	Example:
	`Router(config)# interface POS 5/0`
	For RSP3:
	`Router(config)# interface TenGigabitEthernet0/3/0`
		Moves configuration to the physical interface level, directing subsequent configuration commands to the specific physical interface identified by the *type*value. The *slot* and *port* identify the slot and port being configured. The interface must be a supported interface. See the Finding Feature Information section. Enters interface configuration mode.

Step 4	**mpls traffic-eng backup-path tunnel** *interface* **Example:** `Router(config-if)# mpls traffic-eng backup-path tunnel 2`	Allows LSPs going out this interface to use this backup tunnel if there is a link or node failure. **Note** You can enter this command multiple times to associate multiple backup tunnels with the same protected interface.

Associating Backup Bandwidth and Pool Type with a Backup Tunnel

To associate backup bandwidth with a backup tunnel and designate the type of LSP that can use a backup tunnel, enter the following commands.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **interface tunnel** *number*
4. **tunnel mpls traffic-eng backup-bw** {*bandwidth* | [**sub-pool** {*bandwidth* | **Unlimited**}] [**global-pool** {*bandwidth* | **Unlimited**}]

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:**	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.

	Command or Action	Purpose
	`Router> enable`	
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	**interface tunnel** *number* **Example:** `Router(config)# interface tunnel 2`	Enters interface configuration mode for the specified tunnel.
Step 4	**tunnel mpls traffic-eng backup-bw** {*bandwidth* | [**sub-pool** {*bandwidth* | **Unlimited**}] [**global-pool** {*bandwidth* | **Unlimited**}] **Example:** `Router(config-if)# tunnel mpls traffic-eng backup-bw sub-pool 1000`	Associates bandwidth with a backup tunnel and designates whether LSPs that allocate bandwidth from the specified pool can use the tunnel.

Configuring Backup Bandwidth Protection

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **interface tunnel** *number*
4. **tunnel mpls traffic-eng fast-reroute** [**bw-protect**]
5. **mpls traffic-eng fast-reroute backup-prot-preemption** [**optimize-bw**]

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters interface configuration mode.
Step 3	**interface tunnel** *number* **Example:**	Configures a new tunnel interface.

	Command or Action	Purpose
	`Router(config)# interface tunnel 1`	
Step 4	**tunnel mpls traffic-eng fast-reroute** [**bw-protect**] **Example:** `Router(config-if)# tunnel mpls traffic-eng fast-reroute bw-protect`	Enables an MPLS TE tunnel to use an established backup tunnel in the event of a link or node failure. • The **bw-protect** keyword gives an LSP priority for using backup tunnels with bandwidth protection. Enters global configuration mode.
Step 5	**mpls traffic-eng fast-reroute backup-prot-preemption** [**optimize-bw**] **Example:** `Router(config-if)# mpls traffic-eng fast-reroute backup-prot-preemption optimize-bw`	Changes the backup protection preemption algorithm from minimize the number of LSPs that are demoted to minimize the amount of bandwidth that is wasted.

Verifying That Fast Reroute Is Operational

To verify that FRR can function, perform the following task.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **show mpls traffic-eng tunnels brief**
2. **show ip rsvp sender detail**
3. **show mpls traffic-eng fast-reroute database**
4. **show mpls traffic-eng tunnels backup**
5. **show mpls traffic-eng fast-reroute database**
6. **show ip rsvp reservation**

DETAILED STEPS

Step 1 **show mpls traffic-eng tunnels brief**

Use this command to verify that backup tunnels are up:

Example:

```
Router# show mpls traffic-eng tunnels brief

Signalling Summary:
    LSP Tunnels Process:           running
    RSVP Process:                  running
    Forwarding:                    enabled
    Periodic reoptimization:       every 3600 seconds, next in 1706 seconds
TUNNEL NAME                      DESTINATION      UP IF     DOWN IF   STATE/PROT
Router_t1                        10.112.0.12      -         PO2/0/1   up/up
Router_t2                        10.112.0.12      -         unknown   up/down
Router_t3                        10.112.0.12      -         unknown   admin-down
Router_t1000                     10.110.0.10      -         unknown   up/down
Router_t2000                     10.110.0.10      -         PO2/0/1   up/up
Displayed 5 (of 5) heads, 0 (of 0) midpoints, 0 (of 0) tails
```

Step 2 **show ip rsvp sender detail**

Use this command to verify that LSPs are protected by the appropriate backup tunnels.

Following is sample output from the **show ip rsvp sender detail** command when the command is entered at the PLR before a failure:

Example:

```
Router# show ip rsvp sender detail

PATH:
 Tun Dest:   10.10.0.6  Tun ID: 100  Ext Tun ID: 10.10.0.1
 Tun Sender: 10.10.0.1  LSP ID: 31
 Path refreshes:
  arriving: from PHOP 10.10.7.1 on FE0/0/0 every 30000 msecs
 Session Attr:
  Setup Prio: 7, Holding Prio: 7
  Flags: (0x7) Local Prot desired, Label Recording, SE Style
  session Name: R1_t100
 ERO: (incoming)
  10.10.7.2 (Strict IPv4 Prefix, 8 bytes, /32)
  10.10.0.6 (Strict IPv4 Prefix, 8 bytes, /32)
 RRO:
   10.10.7.1/32, Flags:0x0 (No Local Protection)
   10.10.4.1/32, Flags:0x9 (Local Prot Avail/to NNHOP) !Available to NNHOP
   10.10.1.1/32, Flags:0x0 (No Local Protection)
 Traffic params - Rate: 10K bits/sec, Max. burst: 1K bytes
   Min Policed Unit: 0 bytes, Max Pkt Size 4294967295 bytes
 Fast-Reroute Backup info:
   Inbound  FRR: Not active
   Outbound FRR: No backup tunnel selected
 Path ID handle: 50000416.
 Incoming policy: Accepted. Policy source(s): MPLS/TE
 Status: Proxy-terminated
```

Step 3 **show mpls traffic-eng fast-reroute database**

Enter the **clear ip rsvp hello instance counters** command to verify the following:

- MPLS TE FRR Node Protection has been enabled.
- A certain type of LSP can use a backup tunnel.

The following command output displays the LSPs that are protected:

Example:

```
Router# show mpls traffic-eng fast-reroute database
Tunnel head end item frr information:
Protected tunnel              In-label Out intf/label     FRR intf/label   Status
Tunnel500                     Tun hd   AT2/0/0.100:Untagg Tu501:20         ready
Prefix item frr information:
Prefix             Tunnel     In-label Out intf/label     FRR intf/label   Status
10.0.0.8/32        Tu500      18       AT2/0/0.100:Pop ta Tu501:20          ready
10.0.8.8/32        Tu500      19       AT2/0/0.100:Untagg Tu501:20          ready
10.8.9.0/24        Tu500      22       AT2/0/0.100:Untagg Tu501:20          ready
LSP midpoint item frr information:
LSP identifier                In-label Out intf/label   FRR intf/label   Status
```

If LDP is not enabled, separate prefix items are not shown because all prefixes then use a single rewrite. To confirm that a particular IP prefix is FRR protected, even though it is not shown in this display, enter it within the **show mpls forwarding-table** *ip-address* **detail** command. The final line of the display will tell whether that prefix is protected:

Example:

```
Router# show mpls forwarding-table 10.0.0.11 32 detail

Local    Outgoing    Prefix         Bytes tag    Outgoing     Next Hop
tag      tag or VC   or Tunnel Id   switched     interface
Tun hd   Untagged    10.0.0.11/32   48           gigabitethernet1/0/0
      point2point
          MAC/Encaps=4/8, MTU=1520, Tag Stack{22}
          48D18847 00016000
          No output feature configured
          Fast Reroute Protection via (Tu0, outgoing label 12304)
```

The following command output displays the LSPs that are protected when the FRR *backup* tunnel is over an ATM interface:

Example:

```
Router# show mpls traffic-eng fast-reroute database

Tunnel head end item frr information:
Protected tunnel In-label   Out intf/label FRR intf/label Status
Tunnel500 Tun hd PO0/2/0:Untagged Tu501:20 ready
Prefix item frr information:
Prefix Tunnel In-label Out intf/label FRR intf/label Status
10.0.0.8/32 Tu500 18 PO0/2/0:Pop tag  Tu501:20 ready
10.0.8.8/32 Tu500 19 PO0/2/0:Untagged Tu501:20 ready
10.8.9.0/24 Tu500 22 PO0/2/0:Untagged Tu501:20 ready
LSP midpoint item frr information:
LSP identifier In-label Out intf/label FRR intf/label Status
```

Step 4 **show mpls traffic-eng tunnels backup**

The following conditions must exist for backup tunnels to be operational:

- **LSP is reroutable** --At the headend of the LSP, enter the **show run int tunnel** *tunnel-number* command. The output should include the **tunnel mpls traffic-eng fast-reroute** command. If it does not, enter this command for the tunnel.

On the router where the backup tunnels originate, enter the **show mpls traffic-eng tunnels backup**command. Following is sample command output:

Example:

```
Router# show mpls traffic-eng tunnels backup
Router_t578
  LSP Head, Tunnel578, Admin: up, Oper: up
  Src 10.55.55.55, Dest 10.88.88.88, Instance 1
  Fast Reroute Backup Provided:
    Protected i/fs:   gig1/0/0
    Protected lsps: 1
    Backup BW: any pool unlimited; inuse: 100 kbps
Router_t5710
  LSP Head, Tunnel5710, Admin: admin-down, Oper: down
  Src 10.55.55.55, Dest 10.7.7.7, Instance 0
  Fast Reroute Backup Provided:
    Protected i/fs:  gig1/0/0
    Protected lsps: 0
```

```
    Backup BW: any pool unlimited; inuse: 0 kbps
Router_t5711
  LSP Head, Tunnel5711, Admin: up, Oper: up
  Src 10.55.55.55, Dest 10.7.7.7, Instance 1
  Fast Reroute Backup Provided:
    Protected i/fs:  gig1/0/0
    Protected lsps: 2
    Backup BW: any pool unlimited; inuse: 6010 kbps
```

The command output will allow you to verify the following:

- Backup tunnel exists--Verify that there is a backup tunnel that terminates at this LSP's NHOP or NNHOP. Look for the LSP's NHOP or NNHOP in the Dest field.
- Backup tunnel is up--To verify that the backup tunnel is up, look for "Up" in the State field.
- Backup tunnel is associated with LSP's I/F--Verify that the interface for the LSP is allowed to use this backup tunnel. Look for the LSP's output interface in the "protects" field list.
- Backup tunnel has sufficient bandwidth--If you restricted the amount of bandwidth a backup tunnel can hold, verify that the backup tunnel has sufficient bandwidth to hold the LSPs that would use this backup tunnel if there is a failure. The bandwidth of an LSP is defined by the line **tunnel mpls traffic-eng bandwidth** at the headend of the LSP. To determine the available bandwidth on a backup tunnel, look at the "cfg" and "inuse" fields. If there is insufficient backup bandwidth to accommodate the LSPs that would use this backup tunnel in the event of a failure, create an additional backup tunnel or increase the backup bandwidth of the existing tunnel by using the **tunnel mpls traffic-eng bandwidth** command.

Note To determine how much bandwidth is sufficient, offline capacity planning may be required.

- Backup tunnel has appropriate bandwidth type--If you restricted the type of LSPs (subpool or global pool) that can use this backup tunnel, verify that the LSP is the appropriate type for the backup tunnel. The type of the LSP is defined by the line **tunnel mpls traffic-eng bandwidth** at the headend of this LSP. If this line contains the word "subpool", then it uses subpool bandwidth; otherwise, it uses global pool bandwidth. Verify that the type matches the type the backup tunnel can hold by looking in the output of the above command.

If none of the above actions works, enable debug by entering the **debug ip rsvp fast-reroute** command and the **debug mpls traffic-eng fast-reroute** command on the router that is the headend of the backup tunnel. Then do the following:

a. Enter the **shutdown** command for the primary tunnel.

b. Enter the **no shutdown** command for the primary tunnel.

c. View the debug output.

Step 5 **show mpls traffic-eng fast-reroute database**

Enter the **clear ip rsvp hello instance counters** command to verify the following:

- MPLS TE FRR Node Protection has been enabled.
- A certain type of LSP can use a backup tunnel.

The following command output displays the LSPs that are protected:

Example:

```
Router# show mpls traffic-eng fast-reroute database
Tunnel head end item frr information:
```

```
Protected Tunnel   In-label   intf/label         FRR intf/label      Status
Tunnel10           Tun         gig1/0/0:Untagged  Tu0:12304           ready
Prefix item frr information:
Prefix        Tunnel  In-label    Out intf/label     FRR intf/label Status
10.0.0.11/32  Tu110   Tun hd       gig1/0/0:Untagged  Tu0:12304      ready
LSP midpoint frr information:
LSP identifier       In-label Out intf/label     FRR intf/label   Status
10.0.0.12 1 [459]    16        gig1/0/0:17        Tu2000:19        ready
```

Note If LDP is not enabled, separate prefix items are not shown because all prefixes then use a single rewrite. To confirm that a particular IP prefix is FRR protected, even though it is not shown in this display, enter it within the **show mpls forwarding-table** *ip-address* **detail** command. The final line of the display will tell whether that prefix is protected:

Example:

```
Router# show mpls forwarding-table 10.0.0.11 32 detail

Local    Outgoing    Prefix         Bytes tag    Outgoing       Next Hop
tag      tag or VC   or Tunnel Id   switched     interface
Tun hd   Untagged    10.0.0.11/32   48            gig1/0/0       point2point
          MAC/Encaps=4/8, MTU=1520, Tag Stack{22}
          48D18847 00016000
          No output feature configured
          Fast Reroute Protection via (Tu0, outgoing label 12304)
```

Step 6 **show ip rsvp reservation**

Following is sample output from the **show ip rsvp reservation** command entered at the headend of a primary LSP. Entering the command at the head-end of the primary LSP shows, among other things, the status of FRR (that is, local protection) at each hop this LSP traverses. The per-hop information is collected in the Record Route Object (RRO) that travels with the Resv message from the tail to the head.

Example:

```
Router# show ip rsvp reservation detail
Reservation:
  Tun Dest:   10.1.1.1  Tun ID: 1  Ext Tun ID: 10.1.1.1
  Tun Sender: 10.1.1.1  LSP ID: 104
  Next Hop: 10.1.1.2 on  gig1/0/0
  Label: 18 (outgoing)
  Reservation Style is Shared-Explicit, QoS Service is Controlled-Load
  Average Bitrate is 0 bits/sec, Maximum Burst is 1K bytes
  Min Policed Unit: 0 bytes, Max Pkt Size: 0 bytes
  RRO:
    10.1.1.1/32, Flags:0x1 (Local Prot Avail/to NHOP)
      Label subobject: Flags 0x1, C-Type 1, Label 18
    10.1.1.1/32, Flags:0x0 (Local Prot Avail/In Use/Has BW/to NHOP)
      Label subobject: Flags 0x1, C-Type 1, Label 16
    10.1.1.2/32, Flags:0x0 (No Local Protection)
      Label subobject: Flags 0x1, C-Type 1, Label 0
  Resv ID handle: CD000404.
  Policy: Accepted. Policy source(s): MPLS/TE
```

Notice the following about the primary LSP:

- It has protection that uses a NHOP backup tunnel at its first hop.
- It has protection and is actively using an NHOP backup tunnel at its second hop.
- It has no local protection at its third hop.

The RRO display shows the following information for each hop:

- Whether local protection is available (that is, whether the LSP has selected a backup tunnel)
- Whether local protection is in use (that is, whether the LSP is currently using its selected backup tunnel)
- Whether the selected backup tunnel is an NHOP or NNHOP backup tunnel
- Whether the backup tunnel used at this hop provides bandwidth protection

Troubleshooting Tips

This section describes the following:

LSPs Do Not Become Active; They Remain Ready

At a PLR, LSPs transition from Ready to Active if one of the following events occurs:

- Primary interface goes down--If the primary interface (LSP's outbound interface) goes down and the LSP is ready to use a backup tunnel, the LSP will transition to the active state causing its data to flow over the backup tunnel. On some platforms and interface types (for example, GSR POS interfaces), there is fast interface-down logic that detects this event very quickly. On other platforms where this logic does not exist, detection time is slower. On such platforms, it may be desirable to enable RSVP Hello (see the next bulleted item, "Hellos detect next hop is down").
- Hellos detect next hop is down--If Hellos are enabled on the primary interface (LSP's outbound interface), and the LSP's next hop is no longer reachable, the next hop is declared down. This event will cause the LSP to begin actively using its backup tunnel. Notice that a next hop will be declared down even if the primary interface does not go down. For example, if the next hop stops responding due to a reboot or software orr hardware problem, Hellos will trigger the LSPs using this next hop to switch to their backup tunnels. Hellos can also help trigger FRR on interfaces such as Gigabit Ethernet where the interface remains up but is unusable (due to lack of link-layer liveness detection mechanisms).

Primary Tunnel Does Not Select Backup Tunnel That Is Up

If a backup tunnel is up, but it is not selected as a backup tunnel by the primary tunnel (LSP), enter the following commands for the backup tunnel:

- **shutdown**
- **no shutdown**

Note If you change the status of a backup tunnel, the backup tunnel selection algorithm is rerun for the backup tunnel. LSPs that have currently selected (that is, are ready to use) that backup tunnel will be disassociated from it, and then reassociated with that backup tunnel or another backup tunnel. This is generally harmless and usually results in mapping the same LSPs to that backup tunnel. However, if any LSPs are actively using that backup tunnel, shutting down the backup tunnel will tear down those LSPs.

Enhanced RSVP Commands Display Useful Information

The following RSVP commands have been enhanced to display information that can be helpful when you are examining the FRR state or troubleshooting FRR:

- **show ip rsvp request** --Displays upstream reservation state (that is, information related to the Resv messages that this node will send upstream).
- **show ip rsvp reservation** --Displays information about Resv messages received.
- **show ip rsvp sender** --Displays information about path messages being received.

These commands show control plane state; they do not show data state. That is, they show information about RSVP messages (Path and Resv) used to signal LSPs. For information about the data packets being forwarded along LSPs, use the **show mpls forwarding** command.

RSVP Hello Detects When a Neighboring Node Is Not Reachable

The RSVP Hello feature enables RSVP nodes to detect when a neighboring node is not reachable. Use this feature when notification of link-layer failures is not available and unnumbered links are not used, or when the failure detection mechanisms provided by the link layer are not sufficient for timely node failure detection. Hello must be configured both globally on the router and on the specific interface to be operational.

Hello Instances Have Not Been Created

If Hello instances have not been created, do the following:

- Determine if RSVP Hello has been enabled globally on the router. Enter the **ip rsvp signalling hello**(configuration) command.
- Determine if RSVP Hello has been enabled on an interface that the LSPs traverse. Enter the **ip rsvp signalling hello**(interface) command.
- Verify that at least one LSP has a backup tunnel by displaying the output of the **show ip rsvp sender** command. A value of “Ready” indicates that a backup tunnel has been selected.

“No entry at index” (error may self-correct, RRO may not yet have propagated from downstream node of interest)” Error Message Is Printed at the Point of Local Repair

FRR relies on a RRO in Resv messages arriving from downstream. Routers receiving path messages with the SESSION_ATTRIBUTE bit indicating that the LSP is fast-reroutable should include an RRO in the corresponding Resv messages.

If an LSP is configured for FRR, but the Resv arriving from a downstream router contains an incomplete RRO, the “No entry at index (error may self-correct, RRO may not yet have propagated from downstream node of interest)” message is printed. An incomplete RRO is one in which the NHOP or the NNHOP did not include an entry in the RRO.

This error typically means that backup tunnels to the NHOP or the NNHOP cannot be selected for this LSP because there is insufficient information about the NHOP or NNHOP due to the lack of an RRO entry.

Occasionally there are valid circumstances in which this situation occurs temporarily and the problem is self-corrected. If subsequent Resv messages arrive with a complete RRO, ignore the error message.

To determine whether the error has been corrected, display the RRO in Resv messages by entering the **clear ip rsvp hello instance counters** command. Use an output filter keyword to display only the LSP of interest.

"Couldn't get rsbs" (error may self-correct when Resv arrives)" Error Message Is Printed at the Point of Local Repair

The PLR cannot select a backup tunnel for an LSP until a Resv message has arrived from downstream.

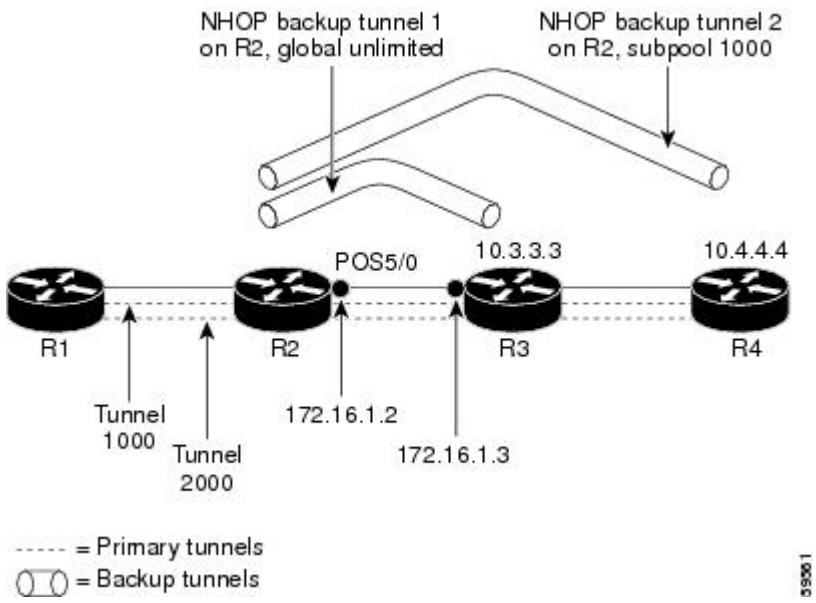
When this error occurs, it typically means that something is wrong. For example, no reservation exists for this LSP. You can troubleshoot this problem by using the **debug ip rsvp reservation** command to enable debug.

Occasionally there are valid circumstances in which this error message occurs and there is no need for concern. One such circumstance is when an LSP experiences a change before any Resv message has arrived from downstream. Changes can cause a PLR to try to select a backup tunnel for an LSP, and the selection will fail (causing this error message) if no Resv message has arrived for this LSP.

Configuration Examples for MPLS Traffic Engineering—Fast Reroute Link and Node Protection

The examples relate to the illustration shown in the figure below.

Figure 7: Backup Tunnels



Enabling Fast Reroute for all Tunnels Example

On router R1, enter interface configuration mode for each tunnel to be protected (Tunnel 1000 and Tunnel 2000). Enable these tunnels to use a backup tunnel in case of a link or node failure along their paths.

Tunnel 1000 will use 10 units of bandwidth from the subpool.

Tunnel 2000 will use five units of bandwidth from the global pool. The "bandwidth protection desired" bit has been set by specifying **bw-prot** in the **tunnel mpls traffic-eng fast-reroute** command.

```
Router(config)# interface Tunnel 1000
```

```
Router(config-if)# tunnel mpls traffic-eng fast-reroute
Router(config-if)# tunnel mpls traffic-eng bandwidth sub-pool 10
Router(config)# interface Tunnel2000
Router(config-if)# tunnel mpls traffic-eng fast-reroute bw-prot
Router(config-if)# tunnel mpls traffic-eng bandwidth 5
```

Configuring FRR on Port Channel

Note Ensure that the LACP minimum bundle configured is the same as number of member links.

In the example, port channel 1 has member 2 connected.

```
interface Port-channel1
 ip address 192.168.1.1 255.255.255.0
 negotiation auto
 mpls ip
 lacp min-bundle 2
```

Creating an NHOP Backup Tunnel Example

On router R2, create an NHOP backup tunnel to R3. This backup tunnel should avoid using the link 172.1.1.2.

```
Router(config)# ip explicit-path name avoid-protected-link
Router(cfg-ip-expl-path)# exclude-address 172.1.1.2
Explicit Path name avoid-protected-link:
____1: exclude-address 172.1.1.2
Router(cfg-ip_expl-path)# end
Router(config)# interface Tunnel 1
Router(config-if)# ip unnumbered loopback0
Router(config-if)# tunnel destination 10.3.3.3
Router(config-if)# tunnel mode mpls traffic-eng
Router(config-if)# tunnel mpls traffic-eng path-option 10 explicit avoid-protected-link
```

Creating an NNHOP Backup Tunnel Example

On router R2, create an NNHOP backup tunnel to R4. This backup tunnel should avoid R3.

```
Router(config)# ip explicit-path name avoid-protected-node

Router(cfg-ip-expl-path)# exclude-address 10.3.3.3
Explicit Path name avoid-protected-node:
____1: exclude-address 10.3.3.3
Router(cfg-ip_expl-path)# end

Router(config)# interface Tunnel 2

Router(config-if)# ip unnumbered loopback0

Router(config-if)# tunnel destination 10.4.4.4

Router(config-if)# tunnel mode mpls traffic-eng

Router(config-if)# tunnel mpls traffic-eng path-option 10 explicit avoid-protected-node
```

Assigning Backup Tunnels to a Protected Interface Example

On router R2, associate both backup tunnels with interface POS 5/0:

```
Router(config)# interface POS 5/0

Router(config-if)# mpls traffic-eng backup-path tunnel 1

Router(config-if)# mpls traffic-eng backup-path tunnel 2
```

Associating Backup Bandwidth and Pool Type with Backup Tunnels Example

Backup tunnel 1 is to be used only by LSPs that take their bandwidth from the global pool. It does not provide bandwidth protection. Backup tunnel 2 is to be used only by LSPs that take their bandwidth from the subpool. Backup tunnel 2 provides bandwidth protection for up to 1000 units.

```
Router(config)# interface Tunnel 1

Router(config-if)# tunnel mpls traffic-eng backup-bw global-pool Unlimited
Router(config)# interface Tunnel 2

Router(config-if)# tunnel mpls traffic-eng backup-bw sub-pool 1000
```

Configuring Backup Bandwidth Protection Example

In the following example, backup bandwidth protection is configured:

Note This global configuration is required only to change the backup protection preemption algorithm from minimize the number of LSPs that are demoted to minimize the amount of bandwidth that is wasted.

```
Router(config-if)# tunnel mpls traffic-eng fast-reroute bw-protect
Router(config)# mpls traffic-eng fast-reroute backup-prot-preemption optimize-bw
```

Configuring RSVP Hello and POS Signals Example

Hello must be configured both globally on the router and on the specific interface on which you need FRR protection. To configure Hello, use the following configuration commands:

- **ip rsvp signalling hello** (configuration)--Enables Hello globally on the router.
- **ip rsvp signalling hello** (interface)--Enables Hello on an interface where you need FRR protection.

The following configuration commands are optional:

- **ip rsvp signalling hello dscp** --Sets the differentiated services code point (DSCP) value that is in the IP header of the Hello message.
- **ip rsvp signalling hello refresh misses** --Specifies how many acknowledgments a node can miss in a row before the node considers that communication with its neighbor is down.

- **ip rsvp signalling hello refresh interval** --Configures the Hello request interval.
- **ip rsvp signalling hello statistics** --Enables Hello statistics on the router.

For configuration examples, see the Hello command descriptions in the "Command Reference" section of *MPLS Traffic Engineering (TE): Link and Node Protection, with RSVP Hellos Support* , Release 12.0(24)S.

To configure POS signaling for detecting FRR failures, enter the **pos report all** command or enter the following commands to request individual reports:

```
pos ais-shut
pos report rdool
pos report lais
pos report lrdi
pos report pais
pos report prdi
pos report sd-ber
```