



AGENDA

Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization

Policy Committee

Date: *Thursday, May 18, 2017*

Time: *2:30 p.m.*

Location: *Courtyard Conference Room, Grants Pass City Hall
101 NW "A" Street, Grants Pass, OR*

Contact: *Stephanie Thune, RVCOG: 541-423-1368
MRMPO website: www.mrmppo.org*

1	Call to Order / Introductions / Review Agenda	Darin Fowler, Chair
2	Review / Approve Minutes	Chair
Attachment	#1 MRMPO Policy Committee Draft Minutes 170420	
PUBLIC HEARING		
Chair will read the public hearing procedures		
3	Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) / Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments	Ryan MacLaren
Background	The Policy Committee will hold a public hearing to review and consider adoption of the following amendment to the 2015-2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP): OR199/OR99: Applegate River	
Attachment	#2 Memo: RTP/TIP Amendments	
Action Requested	Approve Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) / Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendments.	

Presentations		
4	“What Are MPOs?”	Karl Welzenbach
Background	Presentation on history of MPOs and what they are.	
Attachment	None.	
Action Requested	Information only.	
Discussion Items		
5	Critical Urban Freight Corridor Update	Dan Moore
Background	ODOT is updating its freight plan and designations of critical urban freight corridors. Oregon is planning to add 77 new miles to its urban freight system, and that amount will be allocated throughout the state based on a formula developed with input from Oregon MPOs.	
Attachments	#3 Memo: Critical Urban Freight Corridors	
Action Requested	None; discussion item only.	
6	Public Comment <i>*Limited to one comment per person, five minute maximum time limit.</i>	Chair
Regular Updates		
7	Planning Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">CMAQ	Karl Welzenbach
8	Other Business / Local Business Opportunity for MRMPO member jurisdictions to talk about transportation planning projects.	Chair
9	Adjournment	Chair

- The next MRMPO Policy Committee meeting will be **Thursday, June 15, at 2:30 p.m.** in the Courtyard Conference Room at Grants Pass City Hall.
- The next MRMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting will be **Thursday, June 1, at 1:30 p.m.** in the Courtyard Conference Room at Grants Pass City Hall.

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, IF YOU NEED SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING, PLEASE CONTACT ANDREA NAPOLI, 541-423-1369. REASONABLE ADVANCE NOTICE OF THE NEED FOR ACCOMMODATION PRIOR TO THE MEETING (48 HOURS ADVANCE NOTICE IS PREFERABLE) WILL ENABLE US TO MAKE REASONABLE ARRANGEMENTS TO ENSURE ACCESSIBILITY TO THIS MEETING.



**Summary Minutes
Middle Rogue MPO Policy Committee
April 20, 2017**

The following attended:

Voting Members	Organization	Phone Number
Bob Strosser	Jackson County	774-6119
Darin Fowler, Chair	Grants Pass	660-3696
Art Anderson for Mike Baker	ODOT	774-6353
Pam VanArsdale, Vice Chair	Rogue River	660-4414
Rick Riker	Grants Pass	479-7333
Robert Brandes	Josephine County	474-5460
Staff	Organization	Phone Number
Andrea Napoli	RVCOG	423-1369
Stephanie Thune	RVCOG	423-1368
Interested Parties	Organization	Phone Number
Jason Canady	Grants Pass	450-6110

1. Call to Order / Introductions/ Review Agenda

Chair Fowler called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m., and a quorum was confirmed with voting members from Grants Pass, Rogue River, Jackson County, Josephine County, and ODOT in attendance.

In Karl Welzenbach's absence, Andrea Napoli took ownership of agenda items 3, 6, and 8, while item 4 was postponed to the May 18 meeting. It was further noted that item 3 was a public hearing/action item.

2. Review / Approve Minutes

The Chair asked if there were any changes or additions to the March 16 meeting minutes.

On a motion by Pam VanArsdale, seconded by Rick Riker, the Committee recommended approval of the March 16 MRMPO Policy Committee meeting minutes as submitted.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Action Item / Public Hearing:**3. Adoption of FY 2018 Unified Planning Work Program**

The Chair read the procedure for the public hearing.

Andrea Napoli explained that the UPWP is the program budget for the upcoming fiscal year, which begins July 1. It outlines the plans and programs to be undertaken by staff during the upcoming year. There have been no changes to the document since its last draft form reviewed by the Policy Committee in February, but an item of note is that PL funds will increase from \$156,000 to approximately \$200,000. The 30-day public comment period was opened on March 19, but no comments were received.

COMMENTS

Page iii | Public Works Director Mike Bollweg will assume Mark Reagles' position on the TAC going forward. Mark Reagles will remain listed on the UPWP as he was serving the TAC during the document's development.

Page iii | Stephanie Thune should be added to the RVCOG staff list in future versions of the UPWP.

SUGGESTED REVISIONS

Page 4 | Rob Brandes proposed replacing "The MPO would like to incorporate ..." with "The MPO is considering incorporating ..." in the commentary under **MRMPO Unfunded Needs for FY 2018** related to HERS-ST.

The Chair opened the discussion to public comment, both in support and in opposition.
None voiced.

The Chair closed the public testimony.

On a motion by Pam VanArsdale, seconded by Rob Brandes, the Committee proposed adoption of the FY 2018 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) as revised.

There was no further discussion.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Presentations**4. "What Are MPOs?"**

Item was postponed to the May 18 meeting.

5. Rogue Valley Seismic Event Highway Triage Approach

Art Anderson presented a triage strategy for preventatively shoring up the infrastructure that would be most at risk in the event of seismic activity (i.e. the Cascadia Quake) in southern Oregon. Timelines and budget amounts for project phases were shared and a summary handout was distributed.

Mr. Anderson said he would like to receive input from the counties and other MPO jurisdictions regarding their specific plans for seismic triage. Rob Brandes indicated that Josephine County had a consultant prepare a similar triage report, which he will share with Mr. Anderson.

6. 2017 Additional CMAQ Funding | Round II

Andrea Napoli reported that the previous background information given regarding the increased amount of 2019-2021 CMAQ funds available is no longer accurate. A table was provided showing the 2009-2016 CMAQ amounts (firm) and 2017-2018 amounts (estimated), with the additional explanation that \$2.1 million in CMAQ funds remain from previous years, so there will be a call for projects in the future once the 2019-2021 funding questions are resolved. Karl Welzenbach should have more CMAQ funding information available by the May 18 meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding the process for converting CMAQ funds to FTA. Rob Brandes will ask Scott Chancey for specifics he may have; if necessary, Andrea Napoli will contact the FTA representative for information.

7. Public Comment

None voiced.

8. Planning Update

There were no updates shared.

9. Other Business / Local Business

- Per Rob Brandes, Josephine County is looking into an open house around the second week of May for the Merlin sidewalk project, which will use MPO funds for sidewalks, curbs and storm drains. Center turn lanes and bike lanes are not included in the project.
- The Chair mentioned that some of the new climbing lane side slopes failed and Art Anderson remarked that ODOT has been working on repairs.
- The Chair inquired about the tree-clearing on Williams Highway near Crystal Lane before Pennington Farms, which Art Anderson replied was not an ODOT project, but could possibly be maintenance-related or perhaps tied to a development project.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:22 p.m.

Meeting Schedule:

MRMPO TAC | Thursday, May 4, 2017 | 1:30 pm

MRMPO Policy | Thursday, May 18, 2017 | 2:30 pm



DATE: May 11, 2017

TO: MRMPO Technical Advisory Committee

FROM: Ryan MacLaren, Associate Planner

SUBJECT: RTP/TIP Amendments

The Policy Committee is being asked to consider approval of the following amendment to the 2015-2040 Regional Transportation Plan and 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program.

The 21-day public comment period and public hearing were advertised on or before April 26 in the Medford Tribune, Rogue River Press, Grants Pass Daily Courier, and information is currently available on the MRMPO website. Information on the new project is enumerated, below

A. Add New Project to RTP & TIP: *OR199/OR99: Applegate River*

Description: The project is a “1R grind and inlay preservation paving project on US199 from MP 0.25 to 6.92 and on OR99 from MP -0.54 to -0.69. The mix pavement completed in 1998 will be removed and replaced.

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	
ODOT														
OR199/OR99: APPLEGATE RIVER	Grind out the exiting pavement and replace with new asphalt	510	Exempt - Table 2, Safety								\$ -			\$ -
				20104	2018	Design	\$ 332,898	STP-FLEX	\$ 38,102	ODOT	\$ 371,000			\$ 371,000
				20104	2018	Land Purchase	\$ 35,892	STP-FLEX	\$ 4,108	ODOT	\$ 40,000			\$ 40,000
				20104	2018	Utility Relocate	\$ 8,973	STP-FLEX	\$ 1,027	ODOT	\$ 10,000			\$ 10,000
				20104	2019	Construction	\$ 6,226,365	STP-FLEX	\$ 712,635	ODOT	\$ 6,939,000			\$ 6,939,000
						Other					\$ -			\$ -
					Total FFY18-19		\$ 6,604,128		\$ 755,872		\$ 7,360,000			\$ 7,360,000



DATE: May 11, 2017
TO: MRMPO Policy Committee
FROM: Dan Moore, MPO Coordinator
SUBJECT: MRMPO Critical Urban Freight Corridors

ODOT is updating its Freight Plan as part of the Fix America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. Included in the update are the designation of Critical Rural and Critical Urban Freight Corridors (CUFCs). Oregon is allowed to add seventy seven (77) new miles to its urban freight system, and that amount will be allocated throughout the State on a formula developed with input from Oregon MPOs and ODOT staff.

CUFC Workshop

MRMPO staff participated in a workshop in Salem with representatives from ODOT and Oregon MPOs on January 20, 2017 to identify CUFC segments for each of the MPOs. In preparation for the workshop, each MPO developed a list (with maps) of potential CUFCs. It was anticipated that the workshop would result in recommendations of CUFCs for each MPO.

After much discussion, the workshop participants decided that more information and analysis was needed before a decision was made on the CUFCs. The MPOs were asked to refine their candidate lists while ODOT researched potential targets. The group agreed to the following process:

1. Each MPO review current TIP and STIP project lists to identify projects that meet [FAST requirements as a freight project eligible for the Freight Formula Funds](#). These project locations could then become CUFC eligible project miles. The segments must meet the CUFC eligibility requirements listed in Table 1 below.

Table 1 - Critical Urban Freight Corridors Criteria	
Must be a public road <i>in an urbanized area</i>	
Meet one or more of the following (FHWA code listed before each criteria):	
H.	Connects an intermodal facility to the Primary Highway Freight System (PHFS), the Interstate System, or an intermodal freight facility
I.	Located within a corridor of a route on the PHFS and provides an alternative highway option important to goods movement
J.	Serves a major freight generator, logistic center, or manufacturing and warehouse industrial land
K.	Important to the movement of freight within the region, as determined by the MPO or the State
FHWA encourages States, when making CUFC designations, to consider first or last mile connector routes from high-volume freight corridors to freight-intensive land and key urban freight facilities, including ports, rail terminals, and other industrial-zoned land	

2. Identify potential freight projects that are expected to be included in the MPO's next TIP or in the next STIP. These projects must be in the MPO's current financially constrained Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), meet the FAST definition for a Freight Project, and meet the CUFC eligibility requirements
3. ODOT to review in each MPO area the Oregon Highway Plan Freight Routes (both centerline miles and lane miles), commodity flows, and truck average annual daily traffic (AADT) to develop MPO CUFC targets.

CUFC Target Miles

ODOT reviewed commodity flow and truck AADT data and concluded that these factors overemphasize Metro in relation to the rest of the MPO areas of the state. Miles of OHP Freight Routes (centerline and lane miles) exclusive of interstate miles was used to establish the target split for Metro and the rest of the MPO's. Based upon that data, the target for Metro is 45% and 55% for the non-Metro MPOs. There is a total of 77 miles available for CUFC designations, which results in 34.6 miles for Metro and 42.4 miles for the non-Metro MPOs.

For the non-metro MPOs, Table 2 below depicts the target mileage based on averaging the OHP Freight Route miles (assessed using centerline miles and lane miles respectively), commodity flows, and truck AADT in each MPO. It also includes a slight adjustment to create a minimum baseline of 3 miles per MPO:

**Table 2 – CUFC
Target Miles**

Non-Metro MPO	CUFC Miles Target
Albany	3.0
Bend	6.0
Corvallis	4.9
LCOG	10.7
Medford	5.2
Middle Rogue	3.6
SKATS	9.0
	42.4

Freight Formula Funds

It is important to note that there is no obligation or requirement to designate all the CUFC mileage at this time. Being designated as a CUFC simply means that projects on those segments are eligible for freight formula funds, but it does not mean freight formula funds will actually be available to fund projects. Given the amount of freight formula funds available for the entire state (\$80 million over 5 years), it is safe to assume that only a small percentage of projects will be funded on CUFC segments as projects on the interstate and NHS intermodal connectors are also eligible. ODOT will be revising the list of CUFC's at least every 5 years as part of the federally required freight plan update cycle, but ODOT can also move designations at any time after a project has been completed on a CUFC segment.

Table 3 on page 3 includes MRMPO TIP/RTP projects located on potential CUFCs that was developed by staff, reviewed by the MRMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), and forwarded to ODOT for consideration. The freight segment proposed follows ODOT and FHWA guidelines:

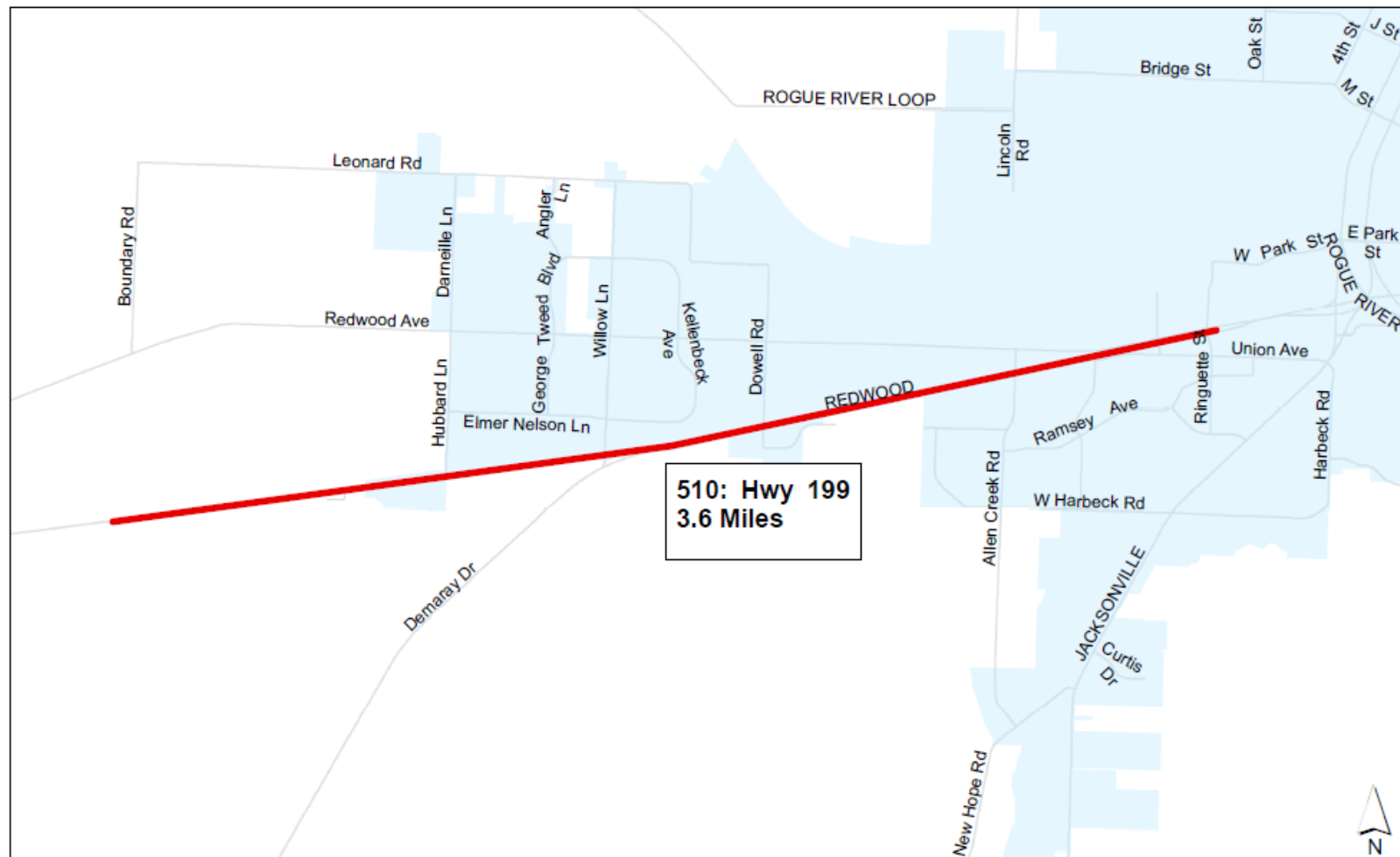
- Proposed CUFCs Meet the CUFC Eligibility Requirements as defined in *Designing Critical Rural and Critical Urban Freight Corridors*, ODOT, January 2016, Page 1, Table 1: Eligibility Requirements.
- The location and segment lists include the road names, mile points (when available,) segment lengths, and applicable FHWA codes.
- Each location/segment has been evaluated for its importance to freight mobility and is described.
- The need for improvement on these segments has been considered and defined through the RTP process.
- Portions of corridors are currently listed in our 2018-2021 TIP projects list.
- When needed, first and/or last mile connector routes have been highlighted, as recommended by FHWA.

This summer, ODOT will initiate an amendment to the Oregon Freight Plan to include the proposed CUFCs submitted by each Oregon MPO.

Table 3 – MRMPO Proposed CUFC Segment

Project Name	Route Name	Start Point	End Point	Length (Miles)	FHWA Code(s)	Description of Importance (Other Comments)
MRMPO OR199	OR199	MP .69	MP 4.29	3.6	H,I,J,K	Freight corridor serving industrial/commercial areas with connection to I-5. This project is ODOT RTP # 510, Key 20104 and is currently in the TIP. Grind out existing pavement and replace with asphalt. *Project 510 extends from MP .69 in Grants Pass, west along OR199 to MP 6.92. This segment from .69 to 4.29 represents the portion of the project that is closest to the connector routes (as suggested by FHWA criteria) to accommodate CUFC Miles Target totals for the MRMPO.
TOTAL PROPOSED CUFC SEGMENT MILEAGE MRMPO:				3.6		

MRMPO Proposed Freight Corridor Segment 2017



Segment Accepted by ODOT
for Submission to FHWA

510: Hwy 199

MRMPO Boundary

Grants Pass City Limits

Roadways

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