



AGENDA

Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization

Policy Committee

Date: Thursday, April 19, 2018

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 180315	
PUBLIC HEARING		
Chair will read the public hearing procedures		
3	2015-2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments	Ryan MacLaren
Background	The Policy Committee will hold a public hearing to review and consider adoption of the following amendments to the 2015-2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP): <ul style="list-style-type: none">Southern Oregon Seismic Triage (KN 21296)Grants Pass Signal & Pedestrian Upgrades (KN 19960) and I-5 Exit 58 – 6th & Morgan (KN 17477) [Combined projects in TIP]	
Attachments	#2 Memo: RTP/TIP Amendment	
Action Requested	Approve Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) / Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendments.	

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Action Items		
4	MRMPO UPWP FY2018-2019	Karl Welzenbach
Background	Each year the MPO is required to develop a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for the upcoming Fiscal Year. The draft UPWP has been available for public review and comment since early March 2018. No comments have been received.	
Attachments	None Link to Draft MRMPO FY2018-2019 UPWP <i>*Several copies of the draft document will be available for circulation at the meeting.</i>	
Action Requested	Adopt the FY2018-2019 MRMPO UPWP.	
Discussion Items		
7	Public Comment <i>*Limited to one comment per person, five minute maximum time limit.</i>	Chair
Regular Updates		
8	Planning Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">New Proposed TPR Rules	Karl Welzenbach
9	Other Business / Local Business Opportunity for MRMPO member jurisdictions to talk about transportation planning projects.	Chair
10	Adjournment	Chair

- The next MRMPO Policy Committee meeting will be **Thursday, May 17 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, May 3, 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
March 15, 2018**

The following attended:

Voting Members	Organization	Phone Number
Barry Eames	Grants Pass	218-1403
Bob Strosser	Jackson County	774-6119
Christina Stanley	Gold Hill	855-1525
Dan DeYoung	Josephine County	660-0342
Darin Fowler, Chair	Grants Pass	660-3696
Pam VanArsdale, Vice Chair	Rogue River	660-4414
Rick Riker	Grants Pass	479-7333
Rob Brandes	Josephine County	474-5460
Staff	Organization	Phone Number
Karl Welzenbach	RVCOG	423-1360
Stephanie Thune	RVCOG	423-1368
Interested Parties	Organization	Phone Number
Jason Canady	Grants Pass	450-6110

[MRMPO Policy Committee March 15, 2018 Agenda Packet](#)

Full meeting recording: [2018-03-15 MRMPO Policy Committee Meeting Audio](#)

Specific items are hyperlinked below.

- 1. Call to Order / Introductions/ Review Agenda 00:00 – 00:42**
 2:35 | *Quorum*: 5 voting members, regardless of jurisdiction

2. Review / Approve Minutes 00:43 – 01:09

The Chair asked if there were any changes or additions to the February 15 meeting minutes.

00:52 | Pam VanArsdale moved to approve the February 15 MRMPO Policy Committee meeting minutes as submitted. Christina Stanley seconded.

There was no further discussion.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Presentations**3. Proposed Project Streamlining 01:10 – 15:50**

Karl Welzenbach presented an idea regarding GIS-based project streamlining for the MPO that could potentially be implemented at a planning level as the MRMPO develops/updates its Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The goal of the streamlining effort would be to pre-identify issues (e.g. through SHPO, DEQ and other agencies) with projects before they are submitted for MPO funding consideration.

Response to Welzenbach's proposal was generally favorable, with the primary concern being that the permitting agencies would have no real incentive to review the projects/submit comments in a timely manner at such an early stage (essentially pre-planning) of the projects. While Welzenbach conceded that there would be no way to compel the agencies to contribute comments, he explained that they would always be contacted when a new project was posted with a request for them to review the project and submit comments within 120 days.

- Welzenbach will be presenting the idea to all MPO committees over the coming month as well as to the OMPOC members in April to elicit feedback to inform next steps.
- To-date, several ODOT staff are enthused by the project's potential and John Rausch, ODOT's Natural Resources Unit Manager, is supportive.
- Welzenbach believes that ODOT would have to agree to pay Oregon State University (OSU) to host the platform.

Discussion Items**4. MRMPO UPWP | FY2018-2019 15:51 – 18:15**

The UPWP is required for every MPO by the federal government and comprises the MPO's program budget, delineating how much planning money will be received, where it is coming from and how it will be spent.

Welzenbach reviewed highlights of two minor changes to the categorization of line items contained in Sections 1 and 2 of the [Draft MRMPO UPWP FY2018-2019](#).

Comments regarding the draft document should be emailed to kwelzenbach@rvcog.org prior to the TAC's April 5 meeting. At that time, a recommendation for approval of the MRMPO UPWP FY2018-2019 to the Policy Committee will be sought as adoption of the document is required in April.

5. Public Comment 18:16 – 18:40

None voiced.

Regular Updates**6. Planning Update 18:41 – 28:39**

- *OMPOC* | The April 27 OMPOC Meeting will be held in Grants Pass at the City Hall Council Chambers.
 - Review of the catering options for the meeting led to a decision to hire Babe's Bakery for breakfast and the Orchid Grill for lunch.
 - A local tour is being planned for after the meeting, possibly of Redwood Avenue. A bus ride may also be offered.
 - Speakers and topics include:
 - Paula Brown with the OTC (not yet confirmed)
 - Legislative updates
 - Statewide platform for TIP development/discussion
 - Proposed Project Streamlining presentation by Welzenbach
- *Performance Measures* (PMs) | Safety PMs were adopted in February. "Freight Movement on the Interstate System" and "On-road Mobile Source Emissions (through CMAQ)" will need to be adopted in October; information will be shared over the coming months.

7. Other Business/Local Business 28:40 – 48:25

- Chair Fowler thanked Mayor VanArsdale for her Vice Chair duties over the past several meetings in his absence.
- *CMAQ Recap*
 - Lane and Salem Counties' eligibility for CMAQ has raised the MPO count vying for CMAQ funds, but with no additional CMAQ money available. As a result, the RVMPO is seeing a 51% cut in their CMAQ funding, the MRMPO a 22% cut.
 - The state is not required to distribute all the CMAQ funds to the MPOs; it is required only to spend the CMAQ money where it is eligible to be spent.
 - ODOT is considering a regulation to reclaim unspent CMAQ money from the MPOs. If the regulation is enacted, the MRMPO could likely lose whatever portion of its current estimated \$4 million CMAQ carryover that has not been spent within three years from the date the regulation is passed.
 - The MRMPO CMAQ carryover is not due to staff oversight; rather, the problem lies in identifying CMAQ-eligible projects in such a small regional area that meet the specific CMAQ project guidelines (i.e. CMAQ funds can only be spent in downtown Grants Pass on very specific projects).
 - Concentrated effort will be given to identifying potential CMAQ-eligible projects for the MPO.
 - Additional funds for counties and cities will be forthcoming as a result of HB-2017, so project identification at this point is timely.
- *Josephine County* | Rob Brandes
 - Seven great bids were received for the Merlin sidewalk project, with three coming in under engineers' estimates. The project continues to struggle with pushback from local businesses, however.
 - The Transportation System Plan (TSP) is close to being contracted with Kittelson & Associates, Inc.

8. Adjournment 48:26 – 48:31

3:23 p.m.

Scheduled Meetings

MRMPO TAC | Thursday, April 5, 2018 | 1:30 pm

MRMPO Policy Committee | Thursday, April 19, 2018 | 2:30 pm

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DATE: April 12, 2018
TO: MRMPO Policy Committee
FROM: Ryan MacLaren, Senior Planner
SUBJECT: RTP/TIP Amendments

The Policy Committee is being asked to consider approval of the following amendment(s) to the 2015-2040 Regional Transportation Plan and 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program.

The 21-day public comment period and public hearing were advertised on or before March 28 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(s) is enumerated, below

A. Add new Project from RTP & TIP: *Southern Oregon Seismic Triage (KN 21296)*

Description: Perform seismic upgrades on 17 bridges and 7 hillside slopes.

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														
Southern Oregon Seismic Triage	Perform seismic upgrades on 17 bridges and 7 hillside slopes	511	Exempt - Table 2, Safety								\$ -			\$ -
				21296	2018	Design	\$ 2,243,250	HB2017	\$ 256,750	ODOT	\$ 2,500,000			\$ 2,500,000
				21296	2018	Land Purchase	\$ 89,730	HB2017	\$ 10,270	ODOT	\$ 100,000			\$ 100,000
				21296	2019	Utility Relocate	\$ 89,730	HB2017	\$ 10,270	ODOT	\$ 100,000			\$ 100,000
				21296	2020	Construction	\$ 28,982,790	HB2017	\$ 3,317,210	ODOT	\$ 32,300,000			\$ 32,300,000
						Other					\$ -			\$ -
					Total FFY15-18		\$ 31,405,500		\$ 3,594,500		\$ 35,000,000			\$ 35,000,000



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B. Combined Projects in TIP: Grants Pass Signal & Pedestrian Upgrades (KN 19960)
I-5 Exit 58 – 6th & Morgan (KN17477)

Description: The original project K19960 included a signal at 7th and M Street; after project kickoff it was determined that the justification for the signal was not appropriate for ARTS funding of the project. The signal was removed from the project allowing those funds to be moved to other safety projects, primarily K18880 for Region Rumble Strips. It has been determined that the safety improvements in K17477, 1-5: Exit 58 6th & Morgan Intersection Improvements, are aligned with the same type of safety upgrades remaining in K19960. Combining the two projects with similar funding sources and common safety and ADA improvements will create a single project to utilize the funding effectively and efficiently. The proposal is to combine K19960 and K17477, utilizing K19960 and its current project name.

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							\$	Source	\$	Source		\$	Source	
ODOT														
Grants Pass Signal & Pedestrian Upgrades	Construct left turn lane,signal improvements, raised median, install crosswalks, and ADA ramp upgrades	506	Exempt - Table 2,								\$ -			\$ -
				19960	2017	Design	\$ 275,000	FIX-IT R3			\$ 275,000			\$ 275,000
				19960	2019	Land Purchase	\$ 78,000	FIX-IT R3			\$ 78,000			\$ 78,000
				19960	2019	Utility Relocate	\$ 20,000	FIX-IT R3			\$ 20,000			\$ 20,000
				19960	2019	Construction	\$ 1,912,000	FIX-IT R3			\$ 1,912,000			\$ 1,912,000
						Other					\$ -			\$ -
					Total FFY15-18		\$ 2,285,000		\$ -		\$ 2,285,000			\$ 2,285,000