



**Summary Minutes**  
**Middle Rogue MPO Technical Advisory Committee**  
**August 1, 2019**

The following attended:

Voting Members	Organization	Phone Number
Ian Horlacher	ODOT	423-1362
John Vial	Jackson County	774-6238
Josh LeBombard	DLCD	414-7932
Michael Bollweg	Rogue River	660-0093
Scott Chancey, <b>Vice Chair</b>	Josephine Co. Community Transit	474-5441
Wade Elliott, <b>Chair</b>	Grants Pass	450-6114
Alternates	Organization	Phone Number
Eric Heesacker	Josephine County   PW	474-5460
Jenna Marmon	ODOT Region 3	529-9107
Staff	Organization	Phone Number
Ryan MacLaren	RVCOG	423-1338
Interested Parties	Organization	Phone Number
Lesley Orr	Bicyclists/Pedestrians	707-218-4025
Micah Horowitz	ODOT Region 3	774-6331

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**1. Call to Order / Introductions / Review Agenda 00:00–01:22**  
 1:33 p.m. | *Quorum*: Grants Pass, Jackson County, Josephine County, ODOT, Rogue River

**2. Review / Approve Minutes 01:23–01:46**

**01:35** | *Ian Horlacher moved to approve the July 9, 2019 MRMPO TAC meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by John Vial.*

*The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.*

## ***Action Items***

### **3. Discretionary Funding (STBG) 01:47–15:45**

**12:33** | *John Vial moved to recommend support of the discretionary project selection criteria for bike/pedestrian criteria as presented by staff. Seconded by Ian Horlacher.*

*The committee discussed how the level of traffic stress does incorporate the comfort of bicycle facility users but in future applications they would like to incorporate better evaluation of the actual specifics of the bicycle facilities.*

*No further discussion.*

*The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.*

## ***Discussion Items***

### **4. 2021–2024 TIP: Call for Projects 15:46–32:03**

MPO members stated that the call for projects deadline will not work for their jurisdictions. They need a minimum of 60 days to prepare project applications and have enough time for review and local coordination.

The MPO members requested that Mr. Welzenbach send out a follow-up email with more information about the required timeline and issues of delaying project applications. Was it a late notice by staff or by ODOT?

Scott Chancey asked about remaining backlog of available CMAQ funds and how much is remaining? Can applications be submitted for those funds right now?

### **5. RTP Update 32:04–42:38**

- The MPO still needs an RTP project list from ODOT and Josephine County.
- TAC members requested that the Tier 2 project listing remain in the RTP for a variety of reasons, including the fact that if there is left over money available, more appropriate timing, available match, etc, Tier 2 projects can be pursued.
- Staff will be sending out the definition of “Regionally Significant” according to FHWA and requests the MPO jurisdictions review the definition so that the language can be adopted as part of the MRMPO RTP and used in consideration of project listings.
- Mr. Vial asked if it was possible for Tier 2 projects to be moved up the list to Tier 1?
- TAC members requested more discussion with Mr. Welzenbach about the project list and financial aspect (to be an agenda item for next meeting).

### **6. Public Comment 42:39–44:25**

The Ride the Rogue Event is still seeking participant sign-ups for the event.

## ***Regular Updates***

### **7. Updates on Currently Active MRMPO Projects 44:26–50:37**

### **8. MPO Planning Update 50:38–01:03:35**

- Fall Regional OMPOC meeting, *tentatively Oct. 11, 2019* in Grants Pass
- Household Travel Survey Costs
  - TAC members asked about how the survey is going to distinctly improve the data and why wasn't the survey budgeted for as part of the UPWP?
- Creation of MRMPO PAC
  - Where would the increased cost come from? PL and FTA funds?
  - TAC generally agreed that there would be a good level of public participation and it would be worth pursuing.

### **9. Other Business / Local Business 01:03:36–01:04:40**

### **10. Adjournment**

2:38 p.m.

#### **Scheduled Meetings:**

MRMPO TAC | September 5, 2019 | 1:30 pm

MRMPO Policy Committee | September 19, 2019 | 2:30 pm