



AGENDA

Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization
Citizens Advisory Committee

Date: Thursday, May 13, 2021

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Location: Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87542812617?pwd=ak42VnRreTdkS05wQmNDcndMVnVqdz09>

Meeting ID: 875 4281 2617

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MRMPO website: www.mrpmo.org

1	Call to Order / Introductions / Review Agenda	Chair
2	Review / Approve Minutes	Chair
<i>Attachment</i>	#1 MRMPO CAC Draft Minutes 04/08/2021	
Action Items		
3	Review and Recommendation of the UPWP	Karl Welzenbach
<i>Background</i>	Every year the MPO is required to develop a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). This document identifies those planning efforts which the MPO intends to pursue in the upcoming fiscal year (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022). The draft document before you is the UPWP for the upcoming fiscal year. Staff is providing this to you and to the policy committee for review and comment. After review and comment from the state DOT and USDOT we will be bringing this back to you for recommendation of adoption in June of this year.	
<i>Attachment</i>	#3 Draft UPWP #4 Resolution 2021-01	
<i>Action Requested</i>	Recommendation to the Policy Committee on adoption.	
4	Review and Recommendation of Dues	Karl Welzenbach
<i>Background</i>	As part of its annual budget, the Middle Rogue MPO assesses dues on the member local governments. These funds allow the MPO staff and MPO Policy Committee members to lobby on behalf of the MPO at both the state and federal	

	level. These funds also cover the costs of Policy Board members attending conferences, meetings and other functions associated with MPO business.	
<i>Attachment</i>	#5 Memo Regarding Dues for FY 2021-2022	
<i>Action Requested</i>	Recommendation of approval to the Policy Committee.	
Discussion Items		
5	Public Comment	
Regular Updates		
6	MPO Planning Update	Karl Welzenbach
7	Other Business / Member Comments Opportunity for MRMPO member jurisdictions to talk about transportation planning projects.	Chair
8	Adjournment	Chair

- The next MRMPO Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting will be **Thursday, June 10, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.** in the Courtyard Conference Room at Grants Pass City Hall.
- The next MRMPO Policy Committee meeting will be **May 20, 2021 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 **June 3, 2021 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 RVCOG, 541-664-6674. 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 Citizens Advisory Committee
April 8, 2021

The following attended:

Voting Members	Representing	Phone Number
Lesley Orr, Vice Chair	Active Transportation	
Trent Carpenter, Chair	Freight	659-1005
David West	Grants Pass	659-9681
Judy Garrett	Grants Pass	659-9256
David Leverenz	Mass Transit	453-8535
Non-Voting Members	Representing	Phone Number
Staff	Representing	Phone Number
Karl Welzenbach	RVCOG	423-1360
Ryan MacLaren	RVCOG	423-1338
Kelsey Sharp	RVCOG	423-1375
Interested Parties	Representing	Phone Number

[MRMPO CAC April 8, 2021 Agenda Packet](#)

[Full meeting recording: 04/08/2021](#)

1. **Call to Order / Introductions / Review Agenda 00:00–01:08**
 2:00 p.m. | Active Transportation, Freight, Josephine County, Mass Transit, ODOT
2. **Review/Approve Minutes 01:08–02:18**

01:26 | *David Leverenz motioned the approval of the March 11, 2021 MRMPO Citizens Advisory Committee minutes as presented. Seconded by Lesley Orr.*

No further discussion.

Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Action Items

3. Covid-19 Funding for MPOs 02:18–20:10

The MRMPO will be getting around \$800,000 in Covid-19 relief funding. These funds are to be treated like STBG funds. There are extra things that can be done with the funds that STBG cannot usually go to, such as paying back lost wages.

With that being said, the State is proposing an agreement with the Federal Highway Administration (the agency responsible for distributing these funds to the states) to offer a different distribution strategy. In essence the state of Oregon would take all of the funds to pay back towards the \$225 million dollar loss in gas tax revenue – thus allowing the Federal government to fulfill its obligation under the law vis a vis funding distribution – and freeing up the state to then distribute State funds to the MPOs and to those counties and cities not in MPO areas. This would effectively “wash the funds” of any federal restrictions, requirements, or prohibitions. This agreement, should it be sanctioned, would therefore provide the two MPOs with significant funding without any restrictions placed on the use of said funds. This will be a serious and ongoing deliberation at both MPOs as to how best to expend these monies.

10:15 | *Question from Trent Carpenter: How likely is it the deal will go through as discussed?*

It is extremely likely. The State is looking at this deal very favorably. This would make sense for both the State and Federal Government.

12:04 | *Question from David Leverenz: How are the funds being distributed? Grants Pass is getting more than Josephine County. Is it through population or something else?*

If the MPO did not exist, the money the MPO is getting would be split between Grants Pass the city and Josephine County. But, because the MPO includes some of Josephine county and a portion of Jackson County, the MPO is receiving more funds. To a certain degree it is determined by population.

12:04 | *Question from David West: Do we know how the current infrastructure Bill going through Congress will affect how the funds are available down the road?*

Currently, the bill is about 2.4 trillion. Of that amount, around a third will be going to traditional infrastructure. This is in line with how much was allocated the most recent bill, The FAST Act.

4. Earmarks from Possible New Transportation/Infrastructure Bill 20:10–30:05

There was an email sent out mid-March for the different jurisdictions to think of possible projects for the earmarks. Grants Pass requested the South Y project to be addressed. The House Infrastructure and Transportation Committee requested that all projects be in the TIP or STIP or must be amended within a reasonable amount of time. The Earmarks will require a local match.

Discussion Items

5. Public Comment 30:05–30:15

No comment

Regular Updates

6. MPO Planning Update

Update was done with both of the action items.

7. Other Business / Local Business 30:15–35:14

8. Adjournment

2:32 p.m.

Scheduled Meetings:

MRMPO Citizens Advisory Committee | May 13, 2021 | 2:00 p.m.
MRMPO Technical Advisory Committee | May 06, 2021 | 1:30 p.m.
MRMPO Policy Committee | April 15, 2021 | 2:30 p.m.

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Resolution 2021-01

Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization - Policy Committee Adoption of the FY 2021-22 Unified Planning Work Program

Whereas, the Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization was formed in 2013 to coordinate transportation planning in the greater Grants Pass area; and

Whereas, the Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee is a designated committee of the Rogue Valley Council of Governments; and

Whereas, the Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization must prepare an annual Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) that identifies program activities and expenditures; and

Whereas, the Policy Committee oversees Transportation Planning Activities for the Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization; and

Whereas, the Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee did review and comment on the UPWP for Fiscal Year 2021-22 in May of 2021; and

Whereas, the MRMPO held a 30-day public comment period and public hearing to secure input and comment on the adoption of the FY 2021-22 UPWP.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MIDDLE ROGUE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION POLICY COMMITTEE:

That the MRMPO Policy Committee has reviewed and accepted the recommendations of MPO Staff and the Technical Advisory Committee; and

That, with the adoption of this resolution, the MRMPO Policy Committee formally adopts the 2021-2022 Unified Planning Work Program on this the 20th day of May 2021.

Valerie Lovelace
MRMPO Policy Committee Chair



**Middle Rogue
Metropolitan Planning Organization
Regional Transportation Planning**

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DATE: May 20, 2021
TO: Local Jurisdictions
FROM: Karl Welzenbach, Planning Program Manager
SUBJECT: FY 2021-22 MRMPO Dues

Every year jurisdictions pay dues based on population to help pay for the organization’s functions. Dues provide funding for general operations, primarily activities that require local funds including lobbying and local match obligations. Dues pay for Policy Committee participation in advocacy activities for which federal funds cannot be used as well as elected official participation in the Oregon MPO Consortium, and conferences such as the annual Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations Conference. Dues can also be used to supplement the MPO’s planning budget.

Table 1, below, summarizes population and the dues for each jurisdiction for FY 2021-2022. Population estimates are certified July 1, 2019 from Portland State University.

Table 1

MRMPO Proposed 2021-22 Dues					
Member Jurisdictions	Population	Dues Rate per Capita	Proposed FY2021-22 Dues	FY2020-21 Dues	Change in Dues
Gold Hill	1,240	\$0.16	\$198	\$195	\$3
Grants Pass	37,725	\$0.16	\$6,036	\$5,998	\$38
Jackson County*	3,210	\$0.16	\$514	\$471	\$42
Josephine County**	16,092	\$0.16	\$2,575	\$2,627	-\$52
Rogue River	2,250	\$0.16	\$360	\$358	\$2
<i>Total</i>	60,517		\$9,683	\$9,649	\$34

The RVCOG staff utilized Portland State University population estimates for 2019 for the incorporated areas. Unincorporated population estimates utilize geo-enriched data.

Table 2 summarizes anticipated use of FY2021-22 member dues.

Table 2

Dues Ests	
Staff Support	\$1,743
Travel Related	\$7,262
Memberships/Conferences	\$678
	\$9,683