



## AGENDA

Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Citizen Advisory Committee

**Date: Thursday August 14, 2025**

**Time: 1:30 p.m.**

**Join In-Person**

**Location:** Ridge Room Conference Room, Grants  
Pass City Hall, 101 NW A St, Grants  
Pass, OR

**Transit:** Served by JCT Routes #10, 20, 35, 40,  
50, 80 and 100. Paratransit services are  
available for qualified individuals.

**Contact:** RVCOG: 541-423-1375

**Or via Zoom**

**Meeting ID:** 815 5601 4240

**Phone #:** +1 719 359 4580

**Zoom Link:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81556014240>

**Website:** [www.mrmppo.org](http://www.mrmppo.org)

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, IF YOU NEED SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING, PLEASE CONTACT RVCOG, 541-664-6674. 48-HOURS ADVANCE NOTICE IS PREFERABLE AND WILL ENABLE US TO MAKE REASONABLE ARRANGEMENTS.

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**1. Call to Order / Introductions / Review Agenda**

**Chair**

**Consent Agenda**

**2. Review / Approve Minutes**

**Chair**

Attachment: [#1 MRMPO CAC Meeting Draft Minutes 06/12/2025](#)

**Action Items**

**3. Amendment to the 2024-2027 TIP**

**Ryan MacLaren**

**Background:** The CAC is requested to make a recommendation on the proposed amendments to the 2024-27 TIP.

A. Adjust Project in TIP: Oregon *Transportation Network* - Josephine County FFY27 (KN23032)

The 21-day public comment period and public hearing was advertised on or before Thursday, June 25, 2025, in the *Rogue Valley Times*, the *Rogue River Press* and the *Grants Pass Courier* and information is currently available on the MRMPO website.

Attachments: [#2 TIP Amendment Memo](#)

Action Requested: Recommendation to Policy Committee

#### 4. Letter to Oregon Legislature Regarding the Upcoming Special Session

Staff

Background: The Oregon Legislature will hold a special session on August 29<sup>th</sup> to consider state gas tax, registration and title fees, and a new Road Usage Charge program. Attached is a draft letter for CAC review and comment from the MRMPO Policy Committee to the Legislature urging swift action to address the current funding issues.

Attachments: [#3 Proposed Letter](#)

Action Requested: Recommendation of approving the Chair Signature

### Discussion Items

#### 5. Update on 2027-2030 TIP Approved Allocations

Yazeed Alrashdi

Background: On July 17, 2025, the Policy Committee approved the CMAQ fund allocations for the 2027–2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The motion proposed awarding the Grants Pass project the full requested amount of \$1,350,048, with the remaining \$94,141 allocated to the ODOT project.

Attachments: [#4 Staff Memo](#)

#### 6. Public Comments

Chair

### Regular Updates

#### 7. MRMPO Update

Ryan MacLaren

#### 8. Other Business / Local Business

Chair

Opportunity for MRMPO member jurisdictions to talk about transportation planning projects

#### 9. Adjournment

Chair

#### Scheduled Meetings

MRMPO TAC	September 4, 2025	1:30 p.m.
MRMPO CAC	September 11, 2025	1:30 p.m.
MRMPO Policy Meeting	August 21, 2025	2:30 p.m.

All meetings are available in-person and online via Zoom unless otherwise noted.



## SUMMARY MINUTES

### Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization Citizen Advisory Committee

**Date: Thursday, July 10, 2025**

Attendees:

Voting Members	Organization	Phone Number
Lesley Orr	Active Transportation	
David West	Grants Pass	659-9681
Judy Garrett	Grants Pass	659-9256
Dick Converse, Chair	Josephine County	659-8401
Non-Voting Member	Organization	Phone Number
Wade Elliott	Grants Pass	450-6110
Thomas Guevara	ODOT	975-3692
Staff	Organization	Phone Number
Kelsey Sharp	RVCOG	423-1375
Yazeed Alrashdi	RVCOG	423-1378
Interested Parties	Organization	

**MRMPO CAC Minutes – Thursday, July 10, 2025**

[Agenda Packet](#)

[Meeting Audio](#)

**1. Call to Order at 1:32 P.M. / Introductions / Review Agenda 00:00 – 02:55**

Quorum: Four voting members, regardless of jurisdiction.

**2. Review / Approve Minutes 02:55 – 03:10**

**03:00** Lesley Orr moved to approve the June 12, 2025, MRMPO CAC Meeting Minutes as presented. Seconded by Judy Garrett.

No further discussion.

Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

### **Presentations**

**3. 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program Presentations 07:50 – 40:30**

*Due to technical difficulties, this item was moved to after Item #4.*



## SUMMARY MINUTES

### Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization

#### Citizen Advisory Committee

#### Action Items

**4. Amendment to the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program 03:10 – 07:50**

**07:00** Avid West moved to recommend approval of the amendments to the 2024-2027 TIP as presented. Seconded by Lesley Orr.  
No further discussion.  
Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

#### Discussion Items

**5. Public Comment 40:30 – 40:40**

*No comments received.*

#### Regular Updates

**6. MPO Planning Update 40:40 – 47:19**

*Provided by Yazeed Alrashdi regarding the 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program and the Greenway Project.*

**7. Other Business / Local Business 47:19 – 51:07**

*Discussions on the Greenway Project,*

**8. Adjournment**

2:27 p.m.

#### Scheduled Meetings

MRMPO TAC	August 7, 2025	1:30 p.m.
MRMPO CAC	August 14, 2025	1:30 p.m.
MRMPO Policy Meeting	August 21, 2025	2:00 p.m.



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**DATE:** July 30, 2025  
**TO:** MRMPO Citizens Advisory Committee  
**FROM:** Ryan MacLaren, Planning Program Director  
**SUBJECT:** TIP Amendment(s)

The CAC is being asked to make recommendations to the Policy Committee on the proposed TIP amendment(s) described below. The Policy Committee will hold a public hearing at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 21, 2025 to consider adoption of the proposed TIP amendment(s). A press release for the 21-day public comment period and public hearing was sent on or before July 31<sup>st</sup> in the Rogue Valley Times, 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. Adjust Project in TIP: Oregon Transportation Network - Josephine County FFY27 (KN23032)**

Description: Update project name and reduce the project by \$201,395 to match the FTA grant.

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	
JCT														
Oregon Transportation Network - Josephine County FFY27	Urbanized area public transit capital funding to improve transit services to the special needs, seniors, and other transit-dependent populations.	n/a	N/A			Planning					\$ -			\$ -
						Design					\$ -			\$ -
						Land Purchase					\$ -			\$ -
						Utility Relocate					\$ -			\$ -
						Construction					\$ -			\$ -
				23032	2027	Other	\$ 156,853	STBG IJA	\$ 17,953	Local	\$ 174,806			\$ 174,806
					Total FFY24-27		\$ 156,853		\$ 17,953		\$ 174,806	\$ -		\$ 174,806



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July 31, 2025

Oregon State Legislature  
900 Court Street NE  
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Members of the Oregon Legislature,

On behalf of the Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization (MRMPO) Policy Committee, we write to emphasize the critical need for sufficient transportation funding to address the pressing challenges in our region. As a federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization, we oversee regional transportation planning for the cities of Grants Pass, Rogue River, Gold Hill, and unincorporated areas in Josephine and Jackson counties. Our region's growing population and aging infrastructure require immediate investment.

**City and County Road Maintenance**

Local roads across our region face deteriorating conditions due to deferred maintenance and insufficient state-shared revenue. Potholes, crumbling shoulders, and outdated drainage systems jeopardize safety and increase long-term repair costs. Funding for the preservation and maintenance of our regional transportation system is greatly needed. We continue to uphold the importance of maintaining the existing 50/30/20 split of the State Highway Fund to provide the needed monies to preserve and maintain the system.

**Transit System**

Josephine Community Transit (JCT) provides essential services to our communities, including seniors, low-income residents, students, and workers. However, any reductions in state funding will make it difficult to maintain service frequency, modernize fleets, or meet rising demand. Enhanced transit is vital to our economy and environment.

In conclusion, the MRMPO stands ready to collaborate on solutions. We urge swift action by the Legislature to pass a bipartisan transportation funding proposal in this special session to ensure that Oregon's transportation system remains safe and economically viable.

Sincerely,

Pam VanArsdale  
Chair, MRMPO Policy Committee

CC: Governor's Office, ODOT Director



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**DATE:** August 8, 2025  
**TO:** MRMPO Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC)  
**FROM:** Yazeed Alrashdi, Associate Transportation Planner  
**SUBJECT:** 2027-30 TIP Approved Allocations

This memo outlines the approved allocations for CMAQ (Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality) funds for the 2027–2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Throughout July, the MRMPO committees reviewed submitted project proposals and developed funding recommendations for final approval by the Policy Committee.

On July 17, 2025, the Policy Committee (PC) passed a motion approving the recommended CMAQ fund allocations. The motion proposed awarding the Grants Pass project the full requested amount of \$1,350,048, with the remaining \$94,141 allocated to the ODOT project. The motion was made by Ryan Nolan and seconded by Wade Elliott. It passed unanimously.

*Table 1 Approved Allocations Breakdown*

	Key #	Project Status	Agency	Project Description	Phase	CMAQ Fund Request	Approved Allocations*
1	<a href="#">23304</a>	CARRIED OVER	Grants Pass	Lincoln Rd Multimodal & Transit Enhancements	PE, ROW, CONS	\$1,350,048	\$1,350,048
2	-	NEW	ODOT	Grants Pass Signal Upgrades	PE	\$500,000	\$94,141

\*PC recommendations for 27-30 TIP/STIP fund allocations.