



**AGENDA**

*Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Citizens Advisory Committee*

**Date:** *Thursday, November 11, 2021*

**Time:** *2:00 p.m.*

**Location:** *Join Zoom Meeting*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89165990096?pwd=aWlVVFhBU0FNOTRjN3h4cGtDb0c2Zz09>

*Meeting ID: 891 6599 0096*

*Passcode: 832001*

*Phone #: 253 215 8782*

**Contact:** *Office Specialist, RVCOG: 541-423-1375*

*MRMPO website: [www.mrmpo.org](http://www.mrmpo.org)*

<b>1</b>	<b>Call to Order / Introductions / Review Agenda</b>	<b>Chair</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Review / Approve Minutes</b>	<b>Chair</b>
<i>Attachment</i>	#1   MRMPO CAC Draft Minutes <a href="#">09/02/2021</a>	
<b>Action Items</b>		
<b>3</b>	<b>Discussion of the Greenway Funds</b>	<b>Karl Welzenbach</b>
<i>Background</i>	In September, the MRMPO Policy Committee authorized \$270,000 in COVID relief funds for projects promoting the Greenway between the cities of Rogue River and Grants Pass. Staff is asking for the TAC and CAC to discuss and develop criteria or recommendations for the Policy Committee to consider as to how the MRMPO selects projects for funding from this set aside.	
<i>Action Requested</i>	Discussion	
<b>Discussion Items</b>		
<b>4</b>	<b>Rogue River’s Transportation Project List</b>	<b>Michael Bollweg</b>
<i>Background</i>	Part of the allocation of the COVID relief funds to the cities of Rogue River and Gold Hill was an understanding that the cities would provide a list to the MRMPO policy committee of projects that they intend to pursue.	

<i>Attachment</i>	#2   <a href="#">Request Letter</a> #3   <a href="#">Project List</a>	
<b>5</b>	<b>Public Comment</b>	
<b>Regular Updates</b>		
<b>6</b>	<b>MPO Planning Update</b>	<b>Karl Welzenbach</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Other Business / Member Comments</b> Opportunity for MRMPO member jurisdictions to talk about transportation planning projects.	<b>Chair</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>	<b>Chair</b>

- The next MRMPO Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting will be **Thursday, December 9, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.** in the Courtyard Conference Room at Grants Pass City Hall.
- The next MRMPO Policy Committee meeting will be **November 18, 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 **December 4, 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 Technical Advisory Committee**  
**And Citizens Advisory Committee**  
**September 2, 2021**

The following attended:

<b>Voting Members for TAC</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>
Ryan Nolan	Gold Hill	423-1382
Jason Canady	Grants Pass	450-6110
Wade Elliott, <b>Chair</b>	Grants Pass	450-6114
Michael Bollweg	Rogue River	660-0093
Mike Kuntz	Jackson County	774-6029
Niel Burgess	Josephine County	474-5460
Scott Chancey, <b>Vice Chair</b>	Josephine Co. Community Transit	474-5441
Justin Shoemaker	ODOT	774-6376
Ian Horlacher	ODOT	774-6399
<b>Voting Members for CAC</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>
Lesley Orr, <b>Vice Chair</b>	Active Transportation	
Judy Garrett	Grants Pass	659-9681
Stephen Haydon	Grants Pass	226-9044
David Leverenz	Mass Transit	917-453-8535
<b>Staff</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>
Karl Welzenbach	RVCOG	423-1360
Ryan MacLaren	RVCOG	423-1338
Kelsey Sharp	RVCOG	423-1375
<b>Interested Parties</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>
Pam VanArsdale	MRMPO Policy Committee	

[MRMPO TAC and CAC September 2, 2021 Agenda Packet](#)

Full meeting recording: [2021-09-02 MRMPO TAC and CAC Meeting Audio](#)

## **1. Call to Order / Introductions / Review Agenda 00:00–01:13**

1:30 p.m. | *Quorum*: Gold Hill, Grants Pass, Rogue River, Jackson County, Josephine County, Josephine Co. Transit, ODOT

## **2. Review / Approve Minutes 01:13–02:44**

**01:47** | *Ian Horlacher moved to approve the August 5, 2021 MRMPO TAC and CAC joint meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Jason Canady.*

*No further discussion.*

*The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.*

## ***Action Items***

### **3. Covid-19 Funding Discussion 02:44 – 46:15**

During the previous discussion, an agreement was met that the funding is to be spend on transportation. The committees leaned towards giving a chunk of it to the cities of Gold Hill and Rogue River, anywhere from \$100-300 thousand.

**05:09** | *Pam VanArsdale: Splitting the funds between the five jurisdictions is a great idea. There shouldn't be an approval process to spend, each jurisdiction knows what they need to have done and how to best spend the money.*

**06:07** | *Michael Bollweg: Rogue River is very understaffed currently so getting some sort of presentation for the projects would be difficult. A follow-up on what the funding was used for after would be doable.*

**07:00** | *Niel Burgess: Splitting five ways, due to the population differences, isn't equitable. Also, each jurisdiction should be allowed to spend it however they see fit, no presentation necessary.*

**08:50** | *Scott Chancey: If it is being split, would that amount be too small to the larger jurisdictions to make much of a difference?*

*Grants Pass specifically could put it towards multi-modal, sidewalk infills, or go to scheduled over-lays. Because it has no stings attached it could be useful. The counties could put it towards chip-seals.*

**09:35** | *Mike Kuntz: The smaller communities have a hard time coming up with projects and match, and then competing with the larger communities. Splitting this money evenly could be a way to help even things with the smaller communities. The Greenway is looking for ways to connect the greenway between Rogue River and Grants Pass, before long they will be looking for fundings for match. The MRMPO could take a piece of this funding and set it aside for greenway match. Something like \$300,000 for construction, then take the rest and split it between the other jurisdictions.*

**14:35** | *Ian Horlacher: Because the smaller jurisdictions have hard time identifying projects and are outside of the CMAQ boundaries and don't get those funds, why not look at the Greenway, Rogue River, and Gold Hill taking advantage of the full Covid-19 funds. This could go to projects that need to be done for transportation, like Safe Route to School or sidewalk projects.*

**22:19** | *Jason Canady: Should there be "guard rails" on the motion to ensure the funding is allocated to Greenway projects, and who would continue to hold the funding while it is being allocated?*

*RVCOG currently has the funding in a Money market account. RVCOG will continue to hold the funding and give it out when a Greenway project comes. Perhaps in the motion it could be added that any Greenway funding that gets used for match would have to get approved by the Policy Committee.*

**24:05** | Scott Chancey: *Any funding being allocated to Gold Hill or Rogue River, will that be giving in check form with the promises it will be spend on transportation related projects? Also, there were two presentations at the last joint meeting, are those still being considered, or have they been discarded?*

*The funding could be giving in check form, yes. And, for the ALERT Wildfire project, there were too many questions unanswered about the cost and a concern over annual fees. The GIS project was discussed, and most jurisdictions already pay for GIS. The consensus at the last joint meeting was this funding only goes to transportation, even though there are no official strings attached from the Federal government.*

**27:22** | Michael Bollweg: *Due to concerns the funding given to Rogue River and Gold Hill could go to non-transportation related projects, it would be reasonable to come back to give a short presentation on where the funding has gone. Perhaps before and after pictures.*

**27:53** | Scott Chancey: *The cities could give a short presentation on what they are planning to do with the funds before instead of after.*

**28:49** | Lesley Orr: *Regarding the Greenway, it would be best if it was understood this funding would more than likely go to building new sections between Rogue River and Grants Pass. This way these new areas could be used to be looked at by other sections that are having a harder time getting underway.*

**30:28** | Jason Canady moved to recommend splitting the Covid-19 Relief Funds with 1/3 going to Rogue River, 1/3 going to Gold Hill, and 1/3 to be held in trust for the Greenway Foundation for the section between Rogue River and Grants Pass. Seconded by Ryan Nolan.

*No further discussion.*

*Motioned passed unanimously by voice vote.*

**32:50** | Ian Horlacher moved to recommend the Greenway Foundation, Rogue River, and Gold Hill present a list of projects on how the funding will be spent prior to receiving funding.

*Further discussion on adding stipulations to Greenway or not in the motion.*

**34:10** | Scott Chancey moved to recommend any of the recipients of the Covid-19 Relief funds come to MRMPO with the proposed projects before they are funded for approval. Seconded by Mike Kuntz.

*Concern was raised with the word 'Approval.' An amendment of "approval for funding" was added to the motion.*

*Further discussion of where the sections of the Greenway project will be, as it stands, they are within the MRMPO boundary, and if the motion should be less limited with the Greenway Project.*

*Motioned passed unanimously by voice vote.*

## ***Discussion Items***

### **4. Public Comment 46:15 – 46:15**

*No public present.*

## ***Regular Updates***

### **5. MPO Planning Update 46:15 – 48:44**

*MPO Update provided by Karl regarding the various transportation bills, and the upcoming census.*

### **6. Other Business / Local Business 48:44 – 52:00**

*Discussion on Gold Hill representation on the Policy Committee, and update from Grants Pass.*

### **7. Adjournment**

2:22 p.m.

#### **Scheduled Meetings:**

MRMPO Technical Advisory Committee | October 7, 2021 | 1:30 p.m.

MRMPO Citizens Advisory Committee | October 14, 2021 | 2:00 p.m.

MRMPO Policy Committee | September 16, 2021 | 2:30 p.m.



## CITY OF ROGUE RIVER

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September 30, 2021

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RVMPO Policy Committee,

As outlined in MRMPO Resolution 2021-02 the City of Rogue River is providing the attached list of previously identified transportation projects that the City intends to pursue over the next 20 years. The City of Rogue River asks that the RVMPO release \$270,000 to contribute towards the City of Rogue River completion of some of these identified transportation projects.

Funds may be made out to the City of Rogue River, PO Box 1137, Rogue River, OR 97537.

Sincerely,

Mark E. Reagles  
City Administrator

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Encl: 2021 TSP Project List





**Table 02: Financially Constrained Project List (Tier 1)**

TSP ID	Location/Description	Type	Priority	Cost (1,000)
P12-B	Ist Street, Broadway to Cedar	Pedestrian	Short Range	99,000
P10-B	Pine and Depot	Pedestrian	Short Range	70,000
P2-A	East Main, Wards Creek Road to N. River Road	Pedestrian	Short Range	41,000
P12-E	Oak Street	Pedestrian	Short Range	190,000
P12-D	Berglund	Pedestrian	Medium Range	412,000
P4-6-A	Broadway, Pine, and E Main	Pedestrian	Medium Range	108,000
P12-A	W. Evans Creek South or Palmerton Park	Pedestrian	Medium Range	538,000
P1-B	West Main/Foothill	Pedestrian	Medium Range	571,000
P12-P	Pine Street, Depot to E. Main	Pedestrian	Medium Range	417,000
P7-B	North River Rd: Add 6' sidewalk/10' sidepath	Pedestrian	Long Range	122,000
P12-C	2 <sup>nd</sup> St (Oak – End) Add sidewalks	Pedestrian	Long Range	96,000
P12-J	4 <sup>th</sup> St (off of Berglund St); add sidewalks	Pedestrian	Long Range	50,000
P12-H	Park St: Add sidewalks	Pedestrian	Long Range	130,000
B1-C	Pine Street, E. Main to City Limits	Bicycle	Short Range	35,000
B5-A	Broadway St, E. Main to 1 <sup>st</sup>	Bicycle	Medium Range	25,000
B4E-A	East Main St. (Ward Creek – North River Rd); Add 6' bike lanes	Bicycle	Long Range	12,000
OS4-F	Depot & Pine Street intersection	Op. & Safety	Short Range	81,000
OS8-E	Signalize and realign Pine & Main Street	Op. & Safety	Short Range	2,290,000
OS5-C	SB I-5 off-ramp	Op. & Safety	Short Range	2,276,000
OS5-B	NB I-5 off ramp	Op. & Safety	Short Range	619,000
OS3-D	Depot & Main St. intersection	Op. & Safety	Short Range	2,320,000
C7-B	7 <sup>th</sup> Street Extension, Broadway to Pine	Connectivity	Long Range	2,158,000
BR2-B	Classick Dr over Wards Creek; Construct parallel pedestrian/bicycle bridge	Local Bridge	Medium Range	150,000
B9-A	OR 99 outside city limits	Local Bridge	Medium Range	576,000
BR-1-B	Main St over Wards Creek; Construct parallel pedestrian/bicycle bridge	Local Bridge	Long Range	203,000
PV1	Broadway St.	Pavement	Short Range	66,000
PV4	Foothill Blvd.	Pavement	Medium Range	36,000
PV3	Wards Creek Rd.	Pavement	Long Range	90,000

As shown in Table 02, the total cost of the Financially Constrained (Tier 1) Project list is \$13,781,000.

### **Unconstrained (Tier 2) Project List**

The Unconstrained (Tier 2) Project List identifies the transportation system improvement projects that are a priority for the City; however, they are not likely to be funded over the next 20 years without a significant increase in available funding. The projects were selected from the



project lists identified in Section 6: Transportation System Plan based on an evaluation of the goals and objectives of the TSP update and application of a prioritization process similar to the Financially Constrained (Tier 1) Project List.

Table 03 summarizes the Unconstrained (Tier 2) Project List for the Rogue River TSP update. As shown, the list includes a mix of roadway projects along City facilities. The projects are organized based on the outcome of the prioritization process. Opportunities to implement the projects shown in Table 03 should be considered as funding becomes available.

**Table 03: Financially Unconstrained Project List (Tier 2)**

Map ID	Location/Description	Type	Cost (1,000)
P12-M	West Evans Creek Rd (N of Palmerton Park): Add 10' sidepath	Pedestrian	363,000
P12-I	Gardiner St: Add sidewalks	Pedestrian	336,000
P12-A	West Evans Creek Rd (S of Palmerton Park): Add sidewalks	Pedestrian	624,000
P8-B	Classick Dr: Add 10' sidepath	Pedestrian	532,000
P12-F	Cedar St: Add sidewalks	Pedestrian	629,000
P3-B	East Evans Creek Rd: Add 10' sidepath	Pedestrian	1,162,000
P7-D	North River Rd: Add 6' sidewalk/10' sidepath combination	Pedestrian	916,000
P13-A	OR99: Add 6' sidewalks & 12' buffered bicycle lanes within city limits	Pedestrian	212,000
P8-C	Classick Dr: Add street lighting	Pedestrian	67,000
P10-A	Pine St (Depot – Main St): Add 6' sidewalks	Pedestrian	127,000
P9-C	3 <sup>rd</sup> St: Add street lighting	Pedestrian	24,000
P11-B	Wards Creek Rd (East Main St to City Limits): Add 6' sidewalks	Pedestrian	323,000
B9-A	OR99 (From city limits to UGB): Add 10' sidepath	Bicycle	576,000
P12-P	Pine St (Depot – East Main St): Add buffered bicycle lane	Bicycle	417,000
B8-C	3 <sup>rd</sup> St (Pine St – City Limits): Add 10' sidepath	Bicycle	663,000
B6-B	Broadway St (1 <sup>st</sup> St – N): Add 10' buffered bike lanes	Bicycle	54,000
B4W-A	East Main St (Pine St – Ward Creek): Add 6' bike lanes	Bicycle	12,000
T1-A	Add on-demand transit service	Transit	179,000/yr
OS5-E	Interchange refinement study	Op. & Safety	750,000
C10	Code updates – Preserving future connectivity	Connectivity	n/a
C4-B	3 <sup>rd</sup> St Extension (to Wards Creek Dr): East of Blue Ridge Dr	Connectivity	9,748,000
C2-A	3 <sup>rd</sup> St Extension: Pine St to West Evans Creek Rd	Connectivity	7,325,000
C5-A	New roadway parallel with West Evans Creek Rd	Connectivity	8,652,000