



## AGENDA

Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Policy Committee

**Date: Thursday, January 15, 2026**

**Time: 2:30 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:** 845 5578 6528

**Phone #:** +1 669 444 9171

**Zoom Link:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84555786528>

**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

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

**Chair**

## **Consent Agenda**

### **2. Review / Approve Minutes**

**Chair**

Attachment: [#1 MRMPO Policy Meeting Draft Minutes 10/16/2025](#)

## **Action Items**

### **3. Request for COVID-19 relief funding for a planning project along the Greenway between the cities of Rogue River and Grants Pass**

**Ryan MacLaren**

**Background:** The City of Rogue River is requesting \$3,081.00 to fund an ODOT awarded project to create alternative designs for the addition of bike, pedestrian, and transit facilities at Depot Street and OR99 on the Southwest edge of the City of Rogue River. The TAC and CAC has recommended approval.

In 2021, the MRMPO had set aside funds to be utilized for projects along the Greenway between the cities of Rogue River and Grants Pass. See attachments for further details on the request by the city of Rogue River and the Resolution which dedicated the Greenway funds.

**Attachments:** [#2 Request letter from Rogue River](#)  
[#3 Resolution 2021-02 Authorization of Distribution](#)  
[#4 Letter of Support from the Rogue River Greenway Foundation](#)

**Action Requested:** *Approval of the allocation of funds*

**4. New MRMPO CAC Member**

**Ryan MacLaren**

Background: Mark Warwick has joined the MRMPO CAC meetings as a member of the public and now is looking to be appointed as a member.

Action Requested: *Appointment of the new CAC Member*

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**Discussion Items**

**5. MRMPO Dues**

**Jeffery Stump**

Background: Staff are seeking review and discussion on the preferred method to calculate member dues. The TAC and CAC discussed Staff using the MAZ method (Table 2 on the attachment) for the due's calculation. The current rate, approved by the Policy Committee in 2025, is \$0.25 per capita. For further information on the two proposed methods of calculating the jurisdiction populations for the dues, see attached memo. Dues will be brought to the February meeting for approval.

Attachments: [#5 Dues Memo](#)

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**6. Public Comment**

**Chair**

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**Regular Updates**

**7. MRMPO Update**

**Ryan MacLaren**

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**8. Other Business / Local Business**

**Chair**

Opportunity for MRMPO member jurisdictions to talk about transportation planning projects

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**9. Adjournment**

**Chair**

**Scheduled Meetings**

<b>MRMPO TAC</b>	<b>February 5, 2026</b>	<b>1:30 p.m.</b>
<b>MRMPO CAC</b>	<b>February 12, 2026</b>	<b>1:30 p.m.</b>
<b>MRMPO Policy Meeting</b>	<b>February 19, 2026</b>	<b>2:30 p.m.</b>

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



## SUMMARY MINUTES

### Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization

#### Policy Committee

**Date: Thursday, October 16, 2025**

Attendees:

Voting Members	Organization	Phone Number
Melia Biedscheid, Vice Chair	Gold Hill	855-1525
Kathleen Krohn	Grants Pass	450-6000
Pam VanArsdale, Chair	Rogue River	660-4414
Andreas Blech	Josephine County	474-5460
Mike Baker	ODOT	957-3658
Alternate Members	Organization	Phone Number

Staff	Organization	Phone Number
Ryan MacLaren	RVCOG	423-1338
Kelsey Sharp	RVCOG	423-1375
Yazeed Alrashdi	RVCOG	423-1378

Interested Parties	Organization
Thomas Guerava	ODOT

#### MRMPO Policy Committee Minutes – Thursday, October 16, 2025

[Agenda Packet](#)

[Meeting Audio](#)

#### 1. Call to Order at 2:31 P.M. / Introductions / Review Agenda 00:00 – 01:11

Quorum: 5 Members Present

#### 2. Review / Approve Minutes 01:11 – 01:41

**01:20** Mike Baker moved to approve the September 18, 2025, MRMPO Policy Committee Meeting Minutes with corrections. Seconded by Melia Biedscheid.

No further discussion.

Motion Passed by voice vote. Yes: Melia Biedscheid, Kathleen Krohn, Pam VanArsdale, Andreas Blech, Mike Baker. No: None

### Public Hearing

#### 3. Amendment to the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program 02:36 – 09:54

*Chair Pam VanArsdale opened the public hearing.*

*No public comments received.*

*Chair Pam VanArsdale closed the public hearing.*



## SUMMARY MINUTES

### Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization

#### Policy Committee

- 09:12** Mike Baker moved to approve the amendment to the 2024-2027 TIP as presented.  
Seconded by Kathleen Korhn.  
No further discussion.  
Motion Passed by voice vote. Yes: Melia Biedscheid, Kathleen Krohn, Pam VanArsdale, Andreas Blech, Mike Baker. No: None.

### Action Items

**4. IGA ODOT/MPO/Public Transportation Provider Amendment 09:54 – 14:13**

- 11:58** Melia Biedscheid moved to approve the chair signing the agreement's amendment.  
Seconded by Kathleen Korhn.  
No further discussion.  
Motion Passed by voice vote. Yes: Melia Biedscheid, Kathleen Krohn, Pam VanArsdale, Andreas Blech, Mike Baker. No: None.

### Discussion Items

**5. Public Comment 14:13 – 14:15**

*Comments provided by Lesley Orr.*

### Regular Updates

**6. MPO Planning Update 14:15 – 29:43**

*Provided by Ryan MacLaren regarding the State Transportation Bill being passed, and the upcoming OMPOC meeting.*

**7. Other Business / Local Business 29:43 – 01:00:01**

*Updates from Gold Hill, ODOT, Rogue River, Grants Pass, Josephine County, and Rogue River.*

**8. Adjournment**

3:30 p.m.

#### Scheduled Meetings

MRMPO TAC	October 2, 2025	1:30 p.m.
MRMPO CAC	October 9, 2025	1:30 p.m.
MRMPO Policy Meeting	October 16, 2025	2:30 p.m.



## CITY OF ROGUE RIVER

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December 19, 2025

**Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization  
c/o Rogue Valley Council of Governments  
155 N. First Street  
PO Box 3275  
Central Point, OR 97502**

**RE: Request for COVID-19 relief funding for a planning project along the Greenway  
between the cities of Rogue River and Grants Pass**


ODOT has agreed to fund a project to create alternative designs for the addition of bike, pedestrian, and transit facilities at Depot Street and OR99 on the South West edge of the City of Rogue River. This project would provide plans that, if built out, would be the first section of the Greenway expansion from Rogue River to Grants Pass. ODOT has awarded the project at an estimated cost of \$33,081.00. The City is responsible for \$3,081.00 (an initial cost which may possibly increase) and is asking that the MR MPO award the City \$3,081.00 to be utilized to fully fund the estimated cost of the planning project. The City could potentially come to the MPO requesting additional funds if the costs of the project increase, and the burden on the City increases.

The project is identified as "Project Name: OR99: Depot Street (Rogue River)", the Agreement between the City and ODOT is identified as "Misc. Contracts and Agreements No. 73000-00052826".

This project is in the 2024-2027 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) (Key #24234).

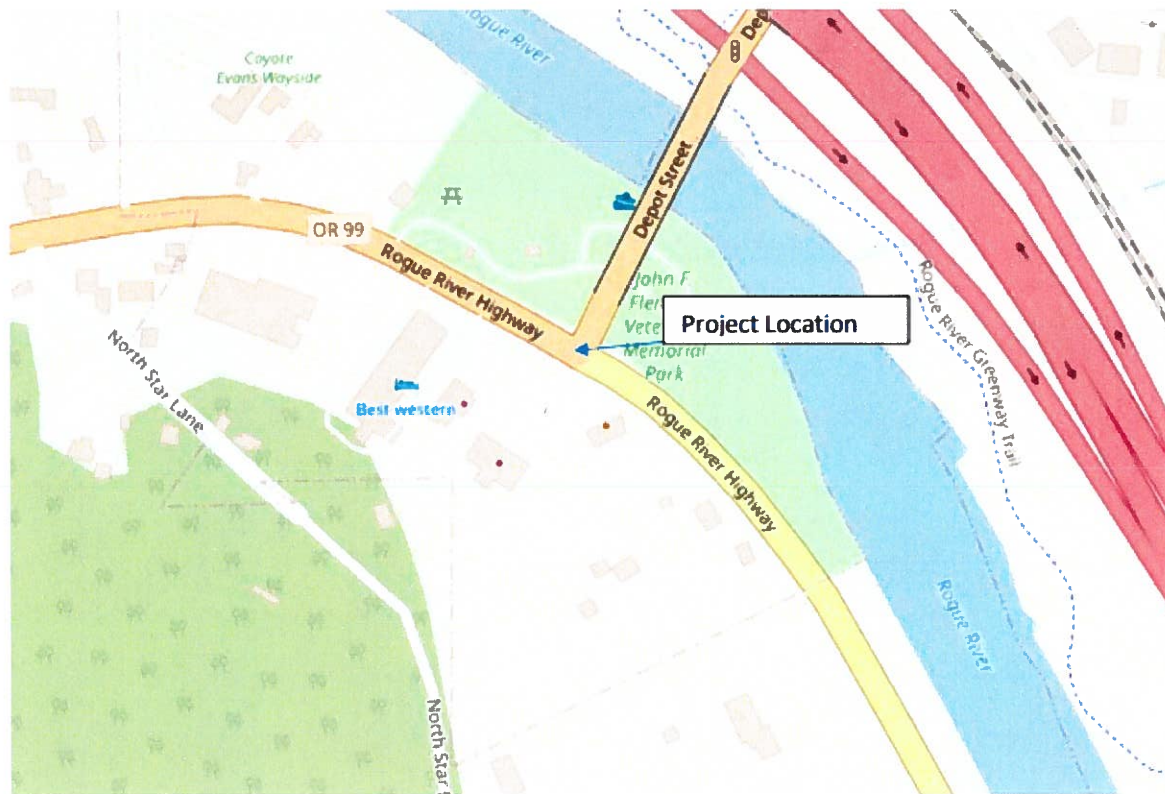
The Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization set aside \$270,000 with Resolution 2021-02 in September 2021 to be utilized for projects along the Greenway between the cities of Rogue River and Grants Pass. This planning project (largely funded by the Carbon Reduction Program) would allow the City of Rogue River to pursue funding to complete the construction of the first portion of the Greenway expansion from the current terminus towards the City of Grants Pass.

Please consider placing this request for funds on an upcoming agenda for the appropriate committee meetings of the Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Sincerely,  
  
Ryan L. Nolan  
City Administrator  
City of Rogue River



## PROJECT LOCATION:







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

*Gold Hill • Grants Pass • Rogue River • Jackson County • Josephine County • Oregon Department of Transportation*

**Resolution Number 2021 -02**

**Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization - Policy Committee**

**Authorization of Distribution of COVID-19 Relief funds for the Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization**

**Whereas**, the Rogue Valley Council of Governments (RVCOG) has been designated by the State of Oregon as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Grants Pass Urban Area; and

**Whereas**, the RVCOG has delegated responsibility for MPO policy functions to the MRMPO Policy Committee, a committee of elected officials from Gold Hill, Grants Pass, Rogue River, Josephine County, Jackson County, and the Oregon Department of Transportation; and

**Whereas**, the MRMPO has been the recipient of \$810,000 in COVID-19 relief funding; and

**Whereas**, the MRMPO's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) met in two joint sessions to discuss and develop recommendations to the Policy Committee as to the disbursement of said funds; and

**Whereas**, the MRMPO' Policy Committee took under advisement the recommendations of the TAC and CAC, and agreed with the proposals.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee determines that the \$810,000 shall be proportioned as follows:

- \$270,000 to the City of Gold Hill; and
- \$270,000 to the City of Rogue River; and
- \$270,000 shall be provided for projects along the Greenway between the cities of Rogue River and Grants Pass; and
- The funding must be used for "transportation related" projects; and
- The cities of Gold Hill and Rogue River shall provide a list of projects that they intend to pursue to the Policy Committee.

Adopted by the Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021.

  
Valerie Lovelace  
MRMPO Policy Committee Chair



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January 2, 2026

Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization  
c/o Rogue Valley Council of Government  
155 N. First Street  
PO Box 3275  
Central Point, OR 97592

Re: Request for COVID-19 relief funding for a planning project for the Rogue River Greenway path between the cities of Rogue River and Grants Pass

This is the ideal project for the funding set aside with Resolution 2021-02 in September 2021.

The Rogue River Greenway Foundation's is focused on the development and completion of a Greenway path that will eventually provide a multi-modal link between Grants Pass to Ashland Oregon. We offer our support for this planning project known as "OR99: Depot Street (Rogue River)". This project will include the planning for the first segment of the Greenway to link Rogue River to Grants Pass.

Regards,

Lesley Orr  
Rogue River Greenway Foundation Board President





# ***Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization***

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## **Regional Transportation Planning**

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Gold Hill • Rogue River • Grants Pass • Josephine County • Jackson County • Josephine County Transit •  
Oregon Department of Transportation

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DATE: January 9, 2026  
TO: MRMPO Policy Committee  
FROM: Jeffrey Stump, Associate Transportation Planner  
SUBJECT: FY 2026-27 MRMPO Member Dues

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Staff will seek approval of the MRMPO member dues at the February meeting. Currently, staff are seeking review and discussion on the preferred method to calculate member dues.

For incorporated cities within the MPO, Portland State University (PSU) supplies the latest population estimates which are then multiplied by the per capita rate resulting in the total amount of dues for the city. However, PSU does not provide an explicit estimate of the population of rural unincorporated areas of Jackson County and Josephine County within the MPO.

To determine the appropriate dues for Jackson and Josephine County within the MPO, staff must first determine the method to estimate this rural unincorporated population. Different methods can be employed to determine the rural population, but different methods can result in variations in the population estimate.

### **Member Dues – Basic Method**

A basic method which has been used in the past is based off the latest PSU population estimate for the entire MPO. The total city population is deducted from the total MPO population leaving the total rural unincorporated population within the MPO.

### **Member Dues – MAZ Method**

The MAZ method is derived from the Southern Oregon Activity-Based Travel Demand Model (SOABM). Micro-zones or (MAZs) are a layer within the model used for modeling non-motorized travel such as walk, bike, and transit access/egress. Also, within this layer the model stores the populations, housing, employment and other demographic data used by the model. The model covers both MPOs and beyond and uses US Census and PSU numbers for its population numbers. Using ArcGIS Pro, staff analyzes the MAZ layer and extracts the population for the zones within the MPO boundary but outside the city boundaries.

The tables below reflect the basic method and the MAZ method for determining the dues. City population estimates are from the December 15, 2025, PSU certified population estimates. The total MPO population estimates are from the 2024 MPO population estimates commissioned by ODOT.

**Table 1: Basic Method**

Member Jurisdictions	Population <sup>1</sup>	Per Capita Dues Rate	FY 2025-26 Dues	FY 2026-27 Proposed Dues <sup>2</sup>	Dues Difference
Gold Hill	1,363	\$0.25	\$336	\$341	\$5
Rogue River	2,484	\$0.25	\$605	\$621	\$16
Grants Pass	40,380	\$0.25	\$9,893	\$10,095	\$202
Jackson County	2,414	\$0.25	\$1,177	\$604	-\$574
Josephine County	16,587	\$0.25	\$5,143	\$4,147	-\$996
Total	63,228		\$17,154	\$15,807	-\$1,347

<sup>1</sup> RVCOG staff utilized the latest Certified Portland State University population estimates and the latest PSU MPO estimate commissioned by ODOT. This report uses 2025 Certified Population Estimates.

<sup>2</sup> Proposed dues = (Population estimates \* dues rate)

**Table 2: MAZ Method**

Member Jurisdictions	Population <sup>1</sup>	Per Capita Dues Rate	FY2025-26 Dues	FY2026-27 Proposed Dues <sup>2</sup>	Dues Difference
Gold Hill	1,363	\$0.25	\$336	\$341	\$5
Rogue River	2,484	\$0.25	\$605	\$621	\$16
Grants Pass	40,380	\$0.25	\$9,893	\$10,095	\$202
Jackson County*	4,737	\$0.25	\$1,177	\$1,184	\$6
Josephine County*	20,402	\$0.25	\$5,143	\$5,101	-\$42
Total	69,366		\$17,154	\$17,342	\$188

<sup>1</sup> RVCOG staff utilized the latest Certified Portland State University population estimates This report uses 2025 Certified Population Estimates.

<sup>2</sup> Proposed dues = (Population estimates \* dues rate)

\* For unincorporated areas population, estimates are derived from Southern Oregon ABM Model data which uses PSU estimates.