



AGENDA

Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization

Policy Committee

Date: Thursday, February 19, 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
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individuals.

Contact: RVCOG: 541-423-1375

Or via Zoom

Meeting ID: 845 5578 6528

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Zoom Link:

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

Website: www.mrmopo.org

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1. Call to Order / Introductions / Review Agenda

Chair

Consent Agenda

2. Review / Approve Minutes

Chair

Attachment: [#1 MRMPO Policy Meeting Draft Minutes 01/15/2026](#)

Action Items

3. Election of Officers

Ryan McLaren

Background: In accordance with the bylaws of the Policy Committee, Officers shall be elected in February of each year. The Chair and Vice-Chair shall serve a term of one year.

Attachments: [#2 Section of the Bylaws](#)

Action Requested: *Election of Officers*

4. MRMPO Dues

Jeff Stump

Background: In 2025, the dues rate was approved at \$0.25 per capita, and the Policy Committee had discussed linking the dues rate to the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The National CPI for 2025 was 2.7%, while the West CPI was 2.9%.

Attachments: [#3 Dues Memo](#)

Action Requested: *Approval of Dues*



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Public Hearing

5. Amendment to the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program Chair: Ryan MacLaren

Background: The Policy Committee is requested to consider the proposed amendments to the 2024-27 TIP.

A. Adjust Project in TIP: *Grants Pass Signal Upgrades (KN23863)*

The 21-day public comment period and public hearing was advertised on or before Thursday, January 29, 2026, in the *Rogue Valley Times*, the *Rogue River Press* and the *Grants Pass Courier* and information is currently available on the MRMPO website.

Attachments: [#4 TIP Amendment Memo](#)

[#5 CMR for KN23863](#)

Action Requested: *Approval of the TIP Amendment*

Action Items Continued

6. MRMPO Policy Committee Meeting Move Chair

Background: The Policy Committee has held their in-person portion of their meetings in the Grants Pass City Hall for many years. There has been discussion of moving the meeting to different jurisdictions.

Action Requested: *Consensus on where to hold the meetings*

Discussion Items

7. Public Comment Chair

Regular Updates

8. MRMPO Update Chair: Ryan MacLaren

9. Other Business / Local Business Chair

Opportunity for MRMPO member jurisdictions to talk about transportation planning projects

10. Adjournment Chair

Scheduled Meetings

MRMPO TAC	March 5, 2026	1:30 p.m.
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MRMPO CAC	March 12, 2026	1:30 p.m.
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MRMPO Policy Meeting	March 19, 2026	2:30 p.m.
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All meetings are available in-person and online via Zoom unless otherwise noted.

Date: Thursday, January 15, 2026

Attendees:

Voting Members	Organization	Phone Number
Wade Elliott	Grants Pass	450-6000
Pam VanArsdale, Chair	Rogue River	660-4414
Randy Sparacino	Jackson County	774-6117
Mike Baker	ODOT	957-3658
Alternate Members	Organization	Phone Number
Lily Morgan	Gold Hill	
Steve Lambert	Jackson County	
Staff	Organization	Phone Number
Ryan MacLaren	RVCOG	423-1338
Kelsey Sharp	RVCOG	423-1375
Jeff Stump	RVCOG	423-1367
Interested Parties	Organization	
Thomas Guerava	ODOT	

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[Agenda Packet](#)

[Meeting Audio](#)

1. Call to Order at 2:37 P.M. / Introductions / Review Agenda 00:00 – 02:02

Quorum: 5 Members Present

2. Review / Approve Minutes 02:02 – 03:11

02:07 Mike Baker moved to approve the October 16, 2025, MRMPO Policy Committee Meeting Minutes with corrections. Seconded by Pam VanArsdale. No further discussion. Motion Passed by voice vote. Yes: Wade Elliott, Pam VanArsdale, Mike Baker. No: None Abstain: Lily Morgan, Randy Sparacino

Action Items

3. Request for COVID-19 Relief Funding for a Planning Project Along the Greenway

Between the Cities of Rogue River and Gold Hill **03:11 – 08:55**

09:12 Lily Morgan moved to provide the requested \$3,081.00 of COVID-19 Relief Funding for the planning project along the Greenway. Seconded by Randy Sparacino.
No further discussion.

Motion Passed by voice vote. Yes: Lily Morgan, Wade Elliott, Pam VanArsdale, Randy Sparacino, Mike Baker. No: None.

4. New MRMPO CAC Member Request **08:55 – 10:39**

10:13 Pam VanArsdale moved to appoint Mark Warwick to represent Gold Hill on the MRMPO CAC. Seconded by Randy Sparacino.
No further discussion.

Motion Passed by voice vote. Yes: Lily Morgan, Wade Elliott, Pam VanArsdale, Randy Sparacino, Mike Baker. No: None.

Discussion Items

5. MRMPO Dues **10:39 – 14:24**

6. Public Comment **14:24 – 14:27**

No comments received.

Regular Updates

7. MPO Planning Update **14:27 – 17:16**

Provided by Ryan MacLaren regarding the February chair and vice chair elections, UPWP and 2027-2030 TIP timelines, and OMPOC.

8. Other Business / Local Business **17:16 – 43:51**

Updates from Jackson County, Gold Hill, ODOT, and Grants Pass. Discussion of holding the in-person portion of the meeting in different jurisdictions.



SUMMARY MINUTES
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Policy Committee

9. Adjournment

3:20 p.m.

Scheduled Meetings		
MRMPO TAC	February 5, 2026	1:30 p.m.
MRMPO CAC	February 12, 2026	1:30 p.m.
MRMPO Policy Meeting	February 19, 2026	2:30 p.m.

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Article V

Officers and Duties

Section 1. Officers

- a. The officers of the committee shall be a chair and vice-chair to be elected at the February meeting, and as vacancies occur.
- b. The voting members of the committee shall nominate members for officer positions.
- c. Positions shall be filled by the person receiving a simple majority of the votes.

Section 2. Term of Office

- a. The officers shall hold office for a period of one year, beginning at the close of the February meeting.
- b. If the officer positions are vacant, the longest tenured committee member present shall serve as temporary chair and facilitate the meeting until the new chair and vice chair are elected to fill the remainder of the vacated terms.
- c. If both the Chair and Vice Chair are absent from a meeting, the longest tenured committee member present shall serve as temporary chair of the meeting. The temporary chair will have full authority of the Chair for the duration of the meeting, and including subsequent actions as directed by the committee.

Section 3. Duties

- a. The chair shall preside at all meetings and is entitled to vote on all issues.
- b. The chair shall appoint subcommittees as required and specify assignments and deadlines of subcommittee reports.
- c. The chair has authority to sign documents on behalf of the MRMPO.
- d. The vice-chair shall conduct all meetings of the committee in the absence of the chair.

Section 4. Executive Director

- a. The RVCOG's Executive Director or his designee shall be a non-voting member of the committee, responsible for staff support of the committee, including minute taking and record keeping.



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DATE: February 12, 2026
TO: MRMPO Policy Committee
FROM: Jeffrey Stump, Associate Transportation Planner
SUBJECT: FY 2026-27 MRMPO Member Dues

Discussions at the January Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC), Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Policy Committee meetings, resulted in a preferred population estimation method to calculate member dues. Using this method, staff have updated the FY 2026-2027 member dues and are now seeking their approval.

Last year, the MRMPO Policy Committee had discussed linking the membership dues to the Consumer Price Index or CPI and having future dues calculations indexed to the CPI. The CPI is a price index used to track changes in prices over time and show how inflation or purchasing power is evolving. The Technical Advisory Committee also recommended the use of the West All Items CPI and the Citizens Advisory Committee, as well, recommended linking the dues to a CPI.

For the 12 months ending in December, 2025, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) economic news release (<https://www.bls.gov/news.release/cpi.toc.htm>) reports the national all items CPI rose 2.7 percent. The West All Items CPI for the same time period rose 2.9 percent.

Table 1 below reflects the current approved 2025-26 MRMPO membership dues. Table 2 shows membership dues with the updated population estimates and no CPI increase. Table 3 reflects the updated population estimates and a per capita dues rate increase of 2.7% (CPI). Table 4 reflects the updated population estimates and a per capita dues rate increase of 2.9% (CPI).

Table 1: Current 2025-26 Dues

MRMPO 2025-26 Dues			
Member Jurisdictions	2024 Population	Per Capita Dues Rate	FY2025-26 Dues
Gold Hill	1,345	\$0.25	\$336.25
Rogue River	2,419	\$0.25	\$604.75
Grants Pass	39,572	\$0.25	\$9,893.00
Jackson County	4,710	\$0.25	\$1,177.50
Josephine County	20,571	\$0.25	\$5,142.75
<i>Total</i>	68,617		\$17,154

Table 2: Updated 2026-27 Dues without CPI

MRMPO 2026-27 Dues				
Member Jurisdictions	2025 Population ¹	Per Capita Dues Rate	FY2026-27 Dues ²	Increase/Decrease
Gold Hill	1,363	\$0.25	\$340.75	\$4.50
Rogue River	2,484	\$0.25	\$621.00	\$16.25
Grants Pass	40,380	\$0.25	\$10,095.00	\$202.00
Jackson County	4,737	\$0.25	\$1,184.25	\$6.75
Josephine County	20,402	\$0.25	\$5,100.50	-\$42.25
Total	69,366		\$17,342	\$187

¹ RVCOG staff utilized the latest Certified Portland State University population estimates for incorporated cities and estimates derived from SOABM for unincorporated areas.

² Proposed dues = (Population estimates * dues rate)

Table 3: Updated 2026-27 Dues with CPI (2.7%)

MRMPO 2026-27 Dues				
Member Jurisdictions	2025 Population ¹	*Per Capita Dues Rate	FY2026-27 Dues ²	Increase/Decrease
Gold Hill	1,363	\$0.25675	\$349.95	\$13.70
Rogue River	2,484	\$0.25675	\$637.77	\$33.02
Grants Pass	40,380	\$0.25675	\$10,367.57	\$474.56
Jackson County	4,737	\$0.25675	\$1,216.22	\$38.72
Josephine County	20,402	\$0.25675	\$5,238.21	\$95.46
Total	69,366		\$17,810	\$655

*Per capita dues rate increase @ 2.7% per December 2025 All Items Consumer Price Index (CPI)

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² Proposed dues = (Population estimates * dues rate)

Table 4: Updated 2026-27 Dues with CPI (2.9%)

MRMPO 2026-27 Dues				
Member Jurisdictions	2025 Population ¹	*Per Capita Dues Rate	FY2026-27 Dues ²	Increase/Decrease
Gold Hill	1,363	\$0.25725	\$350.63	\$14.38
Rogue River	2,484	\$0.25725	\$639.01	\$34.26
Grants Pass	40,380	\$0.25725	\$10,387.76	\$494.75
Jackson County	4,737	\$0.25725	\$1,218.59	\$41.09
Josephine County	20,402	\$0.25725	\$5,248.41	\$105.66
Total	69,366		\$17,844	\$690

*Per capita dues rate increase @ 2.9% per December 2025 All Items Consumer Price Index (CPI)

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DATE: January 28, 2026

TO: MRMPO Policy Committee

FROM: Ryan MacLaren, Planning Program Director

SUBJECT: TIP Amendment(s)

The Policy Committee is being asked to consider approval of the following amendment(s) to the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program.

A press release for the 21-day public comment period and public hearing was sent on or before January 29th in the Rogue Valley Times, Rogue River Press, Grants Pass Daily Courier, and information is currently available on the MRMPO website. The TAC and CAC recommended approval. Information on the new project is enumerated, below:

A. Adjust Project in TIP: *Grants Pass Signal Upgrades (KN23863)*

Description: Increase the Design phase by \$1M and cancel the Land Purchas and Construction phases. Transfer \$480K from Construction and \$120K from Right of Way to the Design phase, \$400K will come from Fix it Region 3. Land Purchase and Construction will be removed from the current STIP, and delivery in the 27–30 STIP cycle.

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	
ODOT														
Grants Pass Signal Upgrades	Upgrade traffic signals software at various locations around the city of Grants Pass, to improve the traffic flow.	n/a	N/A	23863	2025	Planning					\$ -			\$ -
					Design	\$ 1,794,600	CRP/FIXR3	\$ 205,400	ODOT	\$ 2,000,000				\$ 2,000,000
					Land Purchase					\$ -				\$ -
					Utility Relocate					\$ -				\$ -
					Construction					\$ -				\$ -
					Other					\$ -				\$ -
					Total FFY24-27	\$ 1,794,600		\$ 205,400		\$ 2,000,000	\$ -			\$ 2,000,000



Change Management Request

Approved Date: 10/28/25

Request Date:	09/05/25	CMR Number:	23863-P1	Project Lead (TPM/RE-CP):	SHOEMAKER JUSTIN		
Project Name: Grants Pass Signal Upgrades							
KN:	23863	Region:	3	Area:	ROGUE VALLEY	Project Delivery Phase:	Not Applicable
Main Funding Responsibility: SW Carbon Reduction							
Additional Funding Responsibilities:							
STIP Amendment:	Full	Approval Authority:	Delivery and Operations Administrator	MPO	Yes	Amendment:	
IGA Amendment:	No	A&E Contract Amendment:	No	Re-baseline Schedule:	No	Re-baseline Budget:	No
Scope, Schedule & Budget Change - Reason(s):	Elective - Combined projects Not Applicable Elective - Reallocation of budget authorization between work types						
Current Scope:	Upgrade advanced transportation controllers (ATC) and traffic signal interconnect facilities at various locations around the city of Grants Pass.						



Change Management Request

Describe Scope Change:	<p>Upgrade advanced transportation controllers (ATC) and traffic signal interconnect facilities at various locations.</p> <p>For record keeping purpose this description will be added when 2027 funds are distributed on this K #.</p> <p>Signal equipment upgrades at various locations. Enhanced pedestrian crossings at various locations. Signal replacement at 7th and Park. Locations are within the City of Grants Pass.</p>
Justification for Scope Change:	Combining like projects after projects were selected for the 2027 STIP cycle.



Change Management Request

Describe the Risk of not Approving the Scope Change:	Projects if separated individually will cost more. Combining the Similar type projects and close/overlapping proximity will reduce construction time lines. This will also be less impact on the public.
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	Current Dates	Proposed Dates		Current Dates	Proposed Dates
PE EA Open – 008			PS&E Submittal – 551		
PDT Kick-Off – 018			Bid Opening – 560		
Project Initiation Phase Complete - 050			Forecasted 1 st Note - 735		
DAP Phase Complete – 325			Forecasted 2 nd Note - 790		
ROW EA Open - 470			Forecasted 3 rd Note - 796		

Change Management Request

Describe Schedule Change:	<p>This project is being combine from several program funds. Schedule has not been set up yet, this was due to see what projects were selected for the 2027 STIP.</p> <p>Due to combing of several projects and additional R/W funds not available until 2027, R/W will need to be slipped to 2027, and construction to 2029 for record keeping purposes.</p>
Justification for Schedule Change:	<p>Several Traffic and signal projects were selected across two STIP cycles. And existing projects were leveraged as part of the Great Streets Grant. These additional selected projects need to combine into one project.</p>

Change Management Request

Describe the Risk of not Approving the Schedule Change:	Projects if separated individually will cost more. Combining the Similar type projects and close/overlapping proximity will reduce construction time lines. This will also be less impact on the public.
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	Current Budget	Requested Budget	Change
Planning	\$0	\$0	
Preliminary Engineering	400,000	\$1,000,000	\$600,000
Right of Way	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$0
Utility Relocation	\$0	\$0	
Construction	\$480,000	\$480,000	\$0
Other	\$0	\$0	
Total:	\$1,000,000	\$1,600,000	\$600,000

Describe Budget Change (Break down the change by Funding Program):	We are combining projects that are across two STIP cycles. Due to the changes on how the STIP will be set up in the future, region has been asked to add bottom line dollars to keep the current phases intact during its transition to a much larger project.
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Change Management Request

Justification for Budget Change:	Due to combining projects across two STIP cycles, we need to move the current available Carbon funds PE. When the next STIP cycle fund is available we will load the the newly allocated funding to the correct phases dropping the placeholder region bottom line dollars back out. This change in process has been requested by programming group as ODOT moves forward with new STIP process in 2027.
Describe the Risk of not Approving the Budget Change:	Projects if separated individually will cost more. Combining the Similar type projects and close/overlapping proximity will reduce construction time lines. This will also be less impact on the public.

	Signatures	Dates		Signatures	Dates
Funding Manager:	Johanna Anderson	10/03/25	Additional Signator:		
STIP Coordinator:	Naomi Birch	10/06/25	Additional Signator:		
Area Manager:	OBERLANDER ELIJAH	10/06/25	Additional Signator:		
Project Sponsor:	Jeremiah Griffin	10/27/25	Additional Signator:		
Tech Center Manager:	Mark Thompson	10/03/25	Additional Signator:		
Region Manager:	Darrin Neavoll	10/08/25	Additional Signator:		
Additional Signator:			Additional Signator:		