# AGENDA

## Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization

Policy Committee

## Date: Thursday, March 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 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.mrmpo.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 02/19/2026

## Public Hearing

3. **Amendment to the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program** — **Ryan MacLaren**

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

A. Adjust Project in TIP: *Lincoln Rd Multi-Modal and Transit Enhancement (KN23304)*

The 21-day public comment period and public hearing was advertised on or before Thursday, February 26, 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: #2 TIP Amendment Memo

*Action Requested: Approval of the TIP Amendment*

## Action Items

**4. Ride the Rogue Sponsorship** **Ryan MacLaren**

Background: The Rogue River Greenway Foundation, an organization dedicated to the development and promotion of multi-use walking and bicycle trails to promote healthy lifestyles for children, adults, and seniors, hosts a "Ride the Rogue" event. The foundation is hosting yet another event this year and staff proposes that the MRMPO become a Gold Level Sponsor of the event since it promotes some of the very same priorities that this MPO holds dear.

Website Link: Ride the Rogue Website

*Action Requested: Approval of Sponsoring Ride the Rogue in 2026*

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**5. RVACT Voting and Alternate Members** **Kelsey Sharp**

Background: Rogue Valley Area Commission on Transportation (RVACT) is an advisory group chartered by the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC). They address all aspects of transportation with a primary focus on the state transportation system.
MRMPO's current voting member is Wade Elliott, who is the alternate voting member for Grants Pass, and the current alternate voting member is Scott Chancey, who is the voting member for Josephine County.

Website Link: RVACT Website

*Action Requested: Appointment of any new voting or alternate members*

## Discussion Items

**6. 2026-2027 Unified Planning Work Program DRAFT** **Ryan MacLaren**

Background: The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is a plan developed annually by the MRMPO to describe its proposed work activities for the fiscal year, beginning July 1. The program describes how the MRMPO uses federal, state and local planning funds to fulfill federal and state metropolitan planning requirements.
The committee is being asked to review the UPWP and provide comments. It will be brought back in April for recommendation.

Website Link: Draft 2026-2027 UPWP

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**7. Public Comment** **Chair**

## Regular Updates

**8. MRMPO Update** — **Ryan MacLaren**

**9. Other Business / Local Business** — **Chair**

Opportunity for MRMPO member jurisdictions to talk about transportation planning projects

**10. Adjournment** — **Chair**

| Scheduled Meeting | Location | Date | Time |
|---|---|---|---|
| MRMPO TAC | Grants Pass City Hall | April 2, 2026 | 1:30 p.m. |
| MRMPO CAC | Grants Pass City Hall | April 9, 2026 | 1:30 p.m. |
| MRMPO Policy Meeting | Gold Hill City Hall | April 16,2026 | 2:30 p.m. |

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

# SUMMARY MINUTES
## Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization
Policy Committee

## Date: Thursday, February 19, 2026

Attendees:

| Voting Members | Organization | Phone Number |
|---|---|---|
| Melia Biedscheid, Vice Chair | Gold Hill | 855-1525 |
| Kathleen Krohn | Grants Pass | 450-6000 |
| Bradley Clark | Grants Pass | 450-6000 |
| 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** |
| 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 | |
| Darrin Neavoll | ODOT | |
| Elijah Oberlander | ODOT | |
| Lesley Orr | RR Greenway Foundation | |

**MRMPO Policy Committee Minutes – Thursday, February 19, 2026**

Agenda Packet Meeting Audio

1. **Call to Order at 2:31 P.M. / Introductions / Review Agenda** 00:00 – 01:50

   Quorum: 5 Members Present

2. **Review / Approve Minutes** 01:50 – 02:18

02:02 Mike Baker moved to approve the October 16, 2025, MRMPO Policy Committee Meeting Minutes with corrections. Seconded by Randy Saparcino.
No further discussion.
Motion Passed by voice vote. Yes: Melia Biedscheid, Kathleen Krohn, Bradley Clark, Wade Elliott, Pam VanArsdale, Randy Sparacino, Mike Baker. No: None.

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## Action Items

**3. Election of Officers 03:11 – 05:47**

**02:31** Pam VanArsdale nominated Wade Elliott for chair of the MRMPO Policy Committee.
Seconded by Kathleen Krohn.
No further nominations.
Motion Passed by voice vote. Yes: Melia Biedscheid, Kathleen Krohn, Bradley Clark, Wade Elliott, Pam VanArsdale, Randy Sparacino, Mike Baker. No: None.

**03:35** Mike Baker nominated Pam VanArsdale for vice chair of the MRMPO Policy Committee. Seconded by Wade Elliott.
No further nominations.
Motion Passed by voice vote. Yes: Melia Biedscheid, Kathleen Krohn, Bradley Clark, Wade Elliott, Pam VanArsdale, Randy Sparacino, Mike Baker. No: None.

**4. MRMPO Dues 05:47 – 17:35**

**10:13** Wade Elliot moved to approve the 2026-2027 MRMPO Dues tied to the National Consumer Price Index as shown in Table 3 on the Dues attachment on the agenda.
Seconded by Randy Sparacino.
No further discussion.
Motion Passed by voice vote. Yes: Melia Biedscheid, Kathleen Krohn, Bradley Clark, Wade Elliott, Pam VanArsdale, Randy Sparacino, Mike Baker. No: None.

## Public Hearing

**5. Amendment to the 2024-2027 Tranpsortation Improvement Program 17:35 – 26:25**

Chair Pam VanArsdale opened the Public Hearing.

*No public comments received.*

Chair Pam VanArsdale closed the Public Hearing.

**25:57** Mike Baker moved to approve the 2024-2027 TIP amendment as presented.
Seconded by Wade Elliott.
No further discussion.
Motion Passed by voice vote. Yes: Melia Biedscheid, Kathleen Krohn, Bradley Clark, Wade Elliott, Pam VanArsdale, Randy Sparacino, Mike Baker. No: None.

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## Action Items Continued

**6. MRMPO Policy Committee Meeting Move 26:25 – 37:27**

*No motions made. The MRMPO Policy Committee will hold their March meeting in the usual room at the Grants Pass City Hall, then following a rotating schedule for meetings in Grants Pass, Gold Hill, and Rogue River.*

## Discussion Items

**7. Public Comment 37:27 – 39:52**

*Ride the Rogue will be happening September 26th, 2026!*

## Regular Updates

**8. MPO Planning Update 39:52 – 42:07**

*Provided by Ryan MacLaren regarding the 2026-2027 UPWP and 2027-2030 TIP timelines.*

**9. Other Business / Local Business 42:07 – 01:02:58**

*Updates from Gold Hill, Jackson County, ODOT, Grants Pass, and Rouge River.*

**10. Adjournment**

3:34 p.m.

| Scheduled Meeting | Location | Date | Time |
|---|---|---|---|
| MRMPO TAC | Grants Pass City Hall | February 5, 2026 | 1:30 p.m. |
| MRMPO CAC | Grants Pass City Hall | February 12, 2026 | 1:30 p.m. |
| MRMPO Policy Meeting | Grants Pass City Hall | February 19, 2026 | 2:30 p.m. |

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**DATE:** February 26, 2026

**TO:** MRMPO Citizens Advisory 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 February 26th 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: *Lincoln Rd Multi-Modal and Transit Enhancement (KN23304)*

Description: Cancel the construction phase. Construction will be delivered in the 27–30 STIP cycle. Update the project description to reflect design-only.

| 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 | |
| **Grants Pass** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lincoln Rd Multi-Modal and Transit Enhancement | Design and acquire right-of-way to modernize Lincoln Rd from Bridge to G St, including new bike lanes and sidewalks. Work also includes adding a turn lane and resurfacing existing lanes. | n/a | N/A | | | Planning | | | | | $ - | | | $ - |
| | | | | 23304 | 2026 | Design | $ 1,670,810 | STBG/CMAQ | $ 191,230 | ODOT | $ 1,862,040 | | | $ 1,862,040 |
| | | | | 23304 | 2027 | Land Purchase | $ 2,032,399 | STBG/CMAQ | $ 232,617 | | $ 2,265,016 | | | $ 2,265,016 |
| | | | | | | Utility Relocate | | | | | $ - | | | $ - |
| | | | | | | Construction | | | | | $ - | | | $ - |
| | | | | | | Other | | | | | $ - | | | $ - |
| | | | | | Total FFY24-27 | | $ 3,703,209 | | $ 423,847 | | $ 4,127,056 | $ - | | $ 4,127,056 |