



Date: Thursday, May 16, 2024

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

Website: www.mrmppo.org

Or via Zoom

Meeting ID: 845 5578 6528

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Zoom Link:

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

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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 04/18/2024](#)

Public Hearing

Chair will Read Public Hearing Procedures

3. Unified Planning Work Program

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.

Link: [Draft UPWP](#)

Action Requested: Adoption of the UPWP

Action Items

4. Gold Hill Local Street Network Plan Letter of Support

Ryan MacLaren

Background: The City of Gold Hill is applying for a Transportation and Growth Management (TGM) grant to prepare a Local Street Network Plan (LSNP) with the assistance of a consultant. Gold Hill does not currently have a set of standards, policies, or a comprehensive transportation vision for the community. The proposed



LSNP is intended to correct that deficiency and bring the community’s transportation vision into alignment with past and future development.

Attachment: [#2 Letter of Support](#)

Action Requested: Approval of chair signing the letter of support

5. Ride the Rogue Sponsorship

Ryan MacLaren

Background: Every year 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 sponsor of the event since it promotes some of the very same priorities that this MPO holds dear.

Link: [Ride the Rogue Website](#)

Action Requested: Approval of MRMPO Sponsoring Ride the Rogue

Discussion Items

6. Public Participation Plan

Dan Moore

Background: The purpose of the Plan is to provide all interested parties with reasonable opportunities to comment on the plans, programs, and projects. The policies and practices described in the Public Participation Plan recognize the need for robust public involvement at all stages of regional planning. The plan is intended to encourage, facilitate, and follow through on public comments, concerns, and suggestions by establishing procedures for providing full public access to information and decisions, timely public notices, and early and continuing public involvement in plan development.

Link: [Draft PPP](#)

7. Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Performance Measure

Ryan MacLaren

Background: An update on the Greenhouse Gas Performance Measure. View Technical memo attached.

Attachment: [#3 Technical Memo](#)

8. Public Comment

Chair

Regular Updates

9. MRMPO Update

Ryan MacLaren

10. Other Business / Local Business

Chair

Opportunity for MRMPO member jurisdictions to talk about transportation planning projects



11. Adjournment

Chair

Scheduled Meetings		
MRMPO TAC	June 6, 2024	1:30 p.m.
MRMPO CAC	June 13, 2024	1:30 p.m.
MRMPO Policy Meeting	June 20, 2024	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, April 18, 2024

Attendees:

Voting Members	Organization	Phone Number
Melia Biedscheid, Vice Chair	Gold Hill	855-1525
Pam VanArsdale	Rogue River	660-4414
Colleen Roberts	Jackson County	774-6118
Eric Heesacker	Josephine County	474-5460
Robert Brandes	Josephine County	474-5460
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
Dan Moore	RVCOG	423-1393

Interested Parties	Organization
Jerry Marmon	ODOT
Ian Horlacher	ODOT
Ashley Bryers	FHWA
Scott Chancey	Josephine County Transit

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[Agenda Packet](#)

[Meeting Audio](#)

1. Call to Order at 2:30 P.M. / Introductions / Review Agenda 00:00 – 01:46

Quorum: Gold Hill, Rogue River, Jackson County, Josephine County, ODOT

2. Review / Approve Minutes 01:46 – 02:20

- 01:54** Pam VanArsdale moved to approve the March 21, 2024, MRMPO Policy Committee Meeting Minutes as presented. Seconded by Robert Brandes.
 No further discussion.
 Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.



Public Hearing

3. Amendments to the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program 02:20 – 17:01

Vice-Chair Melia Biedscheid opened the Public Hearing.

No public comments received during Public Hearing.

16:45 Pam VanArsdale moved to approve the 2024-2027 TIP amendments as presented. Seconded by Robert Brandes.

No further discussion.

Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

4. Title VI and Environmental Justice Update 17:01 – 36:37

No public comments received during Public Hearing.

Vice-Chair Melia Biedscheid closed the Public Hearing.

22:34 Comment from Pam VanArsdale: *The census data did not seem to be the most current. The senior population seems like it should be higher in Rogue River.*

This was the most recent data available based on the ACS data, which is based on a five-year look.

36:14 Robert Brandes moved to approve the Title VI and EJ Update as presented. Seconded by Eric Heesacker.

No further discussion.

Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Discussion Items

5. Unified Planning Work Program 36:37 – 41:40

6. Public Comment 41:45 – 41:50

No comments received.

Regular Updates

7. MPO Planning Update 41:50 – 44:33

Updates provided by Ryan MacLaren regarding the Public Participation Plan, Local Street Network Plans, and updated staffing.

8. Quarterly Project Update 44:33 – 45:28

This item will be sent in a separate email.

9. Other Business / Local Business 45:28 – 57:16

Updates from Rogue River, Jackson County, Josephine County, ODOT, and Gold Hill.



10. Adjournment

3:25 p.m.

Scheduled Meetings		
MRMPO TAC	May 2, 2024	1:30 p.m.
MRMPO CAC	May 9, 2024	1:30 p.m.
MRMPO Policy Meeting	May 16, 2024	2:30 p.m.

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May 16, 2024

Virginia Elandt
ODOT Region
3500 NW Stewart Parkway
Roseburg, OR 97470

Dear Ms. Elandt,

The City of Gold Hill is applying for a Transportation and Growth Management (TGM) grant to prepare a Local Street Network Plan (LSNP) with the assistance of a consultant. Gold Hill does not currently have a set of standards, policies, or a comprehensive transportation vision for the community. The proposed LSNP is intended to correct that deficiency and bring the community's transportation vision into alignment with past and future development.

The purpose of the study is to identify, analyze, and summarize existing federal, state, and local laws, plans, and policies that affect plan development. It will also include an inventory and evaluation of the present transportation system; develop and evaluate street, bicycle, and pedestrian network alternatives; propose a preferred alternative; and propose amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Municipal Code to implement the LSNP. A product of the plan will be a prioritized list of transportation projects for the Gold Hill urban area.

At its meeting held on May 16, 2024, the MRMPO Policy Committee voted to support Gold Hill's application for a TGM Grant. On behalf of the Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization, I urge approval of the grant request. If you need any additional information about MRMPO planning and the consistency of this project with the organization's goals and planning efforts, please contact the MRMPO Planning Program Director, Ryan MacLaren, at rmaclaren@rvcog.org.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Valerie Lovelace, Chair
Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization



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DATE: May 8, 2024
TO: MRMPO Policy Committee
FROM: Ryan MacLaren, Planning Program Director
SUBJECT: Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Performance Measure

The purpose of the memo is to update the Policy Committee on the status of the Federal GHG Performance Measure (PM) that the MRMPO anticipated adopting this year to comply with USDOT Performance Measures requirements.

Two separate federal court rulings and a senate vote have effectively halted the Federal GHG Performance Measure under CFR 490 (federal performance measures). ODOT has already reported and set a state target and is no longer pursuing voluntary reporting for MPOs for this cycle.

Again, there is no federal requirement for MPOs to report or set a GHG PM target. However, ODOT supports a national GHG measure and will report the statewide and MPO fuels-based GHG measure annually on their website. ODOT's GHG performance measure report would only be for state and local purposes, not through the Federal PM system that applies to MPOs.

For your information, below is a list of the MPO's current performance measures adopted in 2018. The MPO adopted ODOT's targets for each of the performance measures, which are reported on every 4 to 5 years. <https://www.oregon.gov/odot/performmang/pages/index.aspx>

- Safety performance measures (Fatalities and serious injuries—both number and rate per vehicle mile traveled--on all public roads)
- Transit Asset Management (TAM) established by Josephine Community Transit (JCT)
- Pavement condition on the Interstate System and on remainder of the National Highway System (NHS)
- Performance of the Interstate System and the remainder of the NHS
- Bridge condition on the NHS
- Traffic congestion
- On-road mobile source emissions (through CMAQ)
- Freight movement on the Interstate System