



## AGENDA

Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Policy Committee

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**Date: Thursday, July 17, 2025**

**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

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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 06/26/2025](#)

**Presentation**

**3. 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program Project Presentations**

**TAC Members**

**Background:** Grants Pass and ODOT have submitted project applications for the  
upcoming 2027-2030 TIP.

**Link to Website:** [Webpage with application packets](#)

## Action Items

### 4. 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program Discretionary Funds Allocations

Yazeed Alrashdi

Background: There is currently \$1,444,189 available for the 2027-2030 TIP funding cycle. With the total funding request of \$1,850,048 from both Grants Pass and ODOT, there is currently a \$405,859 difference in requests and available funding. The TAC has recommended the Grants Pass project, Lincoln Rd Multimodal & Transit Enhancements, to receive \$1,147,118.5, and the ODOT project, Grants Pass Signal Upgrades, to receive \$297,070.5.

Attachments: [#2 Staff Memo](#)

Action Requested: Approval of the 27-30 TIP funding allocations

## Public Hearing

*Chair will Read Public Hearing Procedures*

### 5. Amendment to the 2024-2027 TIP

Ryan MacLaren

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

A. Adjust Project in TIP: I-5: *Monument Dr - N. Grants Pass (KN21674)*

The 21-day public comment period and public hearing was advertised on or before Thursday, June 25, 2025, in the *Rogue Valley Times*, the *Rogue River Press* and the *Grants Pass Courier* and information is currently available on the MRMPO website.

Attachments: [#3 TIP Amendment Memo](#)

Action Requested: Approval of the TIP amendment

## Discussion Items

### 6. Public Comment

Chair

## Regular Updates

### 7. MRMPO Update

Ryan MacLaren

### 8. Other Business / Local Business

Chair

Opportunity for MRMPO member jurisdictions to talk about transportation planning projects

### 9. Adjournment

Chair



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### Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee

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#### Scheduled Meetings

MRMPO TAC	August 7, 2025	1:30 p.m.
MRMPO CAC	August 14, 2025	1:30 p.m.
MRMPO Policy Meeting	August 21, 2025	2:30 p.m.

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



## SUMMARY MINUTES

### Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization

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**Date: Thursday, June 26, 2025**

Attendees:

Voting Members	Organization	Phone Number
Melia Biedscheid, Vice Chair	Gold Hill	855-1525
Bradley Clark	Grants Pass	450-6000
Wade Elliot	Grants Pass	450-6000
Pam VanArsdale, Chair	Rogue River	660-4414
Rick Dyer	Jackson County	774-6117
Andreas Blech	Josephine County	474-5460
Mike Baker	ODOT	957-3658

Alternate Members	Organization	Phone Number
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Staff	Organization	Phone Number
Ryan MacLaren	RVCOG	423-1338
Kelsey Sharp	RVCOG	423-1375

Interested Parties	Organization
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Thomas Guevara	ODOT
Scott Chancey	Josephine County Transit

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[Agenda Packet](#)

[Meeting Audio](#)

**1. Call to Order at 2:32 P.M. / Introductions / Review Agenda 00:00 – 01:00**

Quorum: 5 Members Present

**2. Review / Approve Minutes 01:00 – 01:30**

**01:08** Bradley Calrk moved to approve the April 17, 2025, MRMPO Policy Committee Meeting Minutes as presented. Seconded by Wade Elliot.

No further discussion.

Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

## Presentations

**3. Josephine County Transit EV Bus Fire 01:30 – 42:48**

The video can be found at: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1MeAQR7TS64bqKGaFpz0wyKHIG-98zlrE/view?usp=share\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1MeAQR7TS64bqKGaFpz0wyKHIG-98zlrE/view?usp=share_link)



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#### Public Hearing

##### 4. Amendments to the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program 42:48 – 51:55

*Chair Pam VanArsdale opened the Public Hearing.*

*No public comments received.*

*Chair Pam VanArsdale closed the Public Hearing.*

- 51:25** Mike Baker moved to approve the amendment to the 2024-2027 TIP as presented.  
Seconded by Meila Biedscheid.  
No further discussion.  
Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

#### Action Items

##### 5. Rogue Valley Area Commission on Transportation Voting Member 51:55 – 59:47

- 58:17** Bradley Clark moved to appoint Wade Elliot as the MRMPO voting member on the RVACT.  
Seconded by Melia Biedscheid.  
No further discussion.  
Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

#### Discussion Items

##### 6. Public Comment 59:47 – 59:55

*No comments received.*

#### Regular Updates

##### 7. MPO Planning Update 59:55 – 01:06:07

*Provided by Ryan MacLaren regarding the scoring of the 2027-2030 TIP project applications, and no changes to the Regional Transportation Plan schedule.*

##### 8. Other Business / Local Business 01:06:07 – 01:22:04

*Updates from ODOT, JCT, Grants Pass, and Rogue River.*

##### 9. Adjournment

3:55 p.m.

##### Scheduled Meetings

MRMPO TAC	July 3, 2025	1:30 p.m.
MRMPO CAC	July 10, 2025	1:30 p.m.
MRMPO Policy Meeting	July 17, 2025	2:30 p.m.



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**DATE:** July 11, 2025  
**TO:** MRMPO Policy Committee (PC)  
**FROM:** Yazeed Alrashdi, Associate Transportation Planner  
**SUBJECT:** 2027-30 TIP CMAQ Project Presentation and Selection

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## Background

This memo provides some background for the 2027-2030 TIP project applications for the region's Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program funds. MRMPO anticipates the following funds will be available for the 2027, 2028, 2029 and 2030 Federal Fiscal Years (beginning Oct. 1, 2027, Oct. 1, 2028, and Oct. 1, 2029):

*Table 1: 2027-2030 MRMPO Funds*

MRMPO	2027	2028	2029	2030
Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program	\$155,680	\$429,503	\$429,503	\$429,503
State Gas Tax Funds	NA	NA	NA	NA

City of Grants Pass and ODOT have submitted their applications for the 2027-2030 TIP solicitation, [see here](#) for the submitted applications. Table 2 showcase an overview of the submitted projects.

*Table 2: 2027-2030 TIP Applications*

	Key #	Project Status	Agency	Project Description	Phase	CMAQ Fund Request
1	<a href="#">23304</a>	CARRIED OVER	Grants Pass	Lincoln Rd Multimodal & Transit Enhancements	PE, ROW, CONS	\$1,350,048
2	-	NEW	ODOT	Grants Pass Signal Upgrades	Project Development	\$500,000

Grants Pass project is already in the current TIP/STIP. In this TIP cycle they are asking for additional funds. However, ODOT project is applying for funds to upgrade Grants Pass signals starting with 6<sup>th</sup> & Midland Ave and other various locations around Grants Pass.



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Table 3 shows the total CMAQ funding available, additional funding requested, new project funding requests and the difference between the available and needed amounts for the region projects.

*Table 3: CMAQ Funding Breakdown*

Total CMAQ Funds Available 2027-2030 <sup>1</sup>	\$1,444,189
Total Additional Funding Requests <sup>2</sup>	\$1,350,048
Total New Projects Funding Requests	\$500,000
Total Funding Requests	\$1,850,048
Funding Shortfall <sup>3</sup>	\$ (405,859)

<sup>1</sup> Includes 2027 carryover funds

<sup>2</sup> These projects request additional CMAQ funding.

<sup>3</sup> Funding Shortfall = Total Funding Request – Total CMAQ Funds Available

During the TAC meeting, July 3, 2025, applicants presented their projects to the committee and answered questions about the submitted projects. The committee also made its recommendations on how to allocate the available funds for this TIP cycle. For more details, please refer to the TAC Recommendations section.

## **TAC Recommendations**

On July 3, 2025, the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) passed a motion recommending approval of the 2027–2030 TIP fund allocations. The motion proposed subtracting \$202,929.5 from each of the two projects to evenly address the funding shortfall, see table 3. As a result, the Grants Pass project will receive \$1,147,118.5, and the ODOT project will receive \$297,070.5. The motion was made by Ryan Nolan and seconded by James Philips.

*Table 4 Recommended allocations funding*

	Key #	Project Status	Agency	Project Description	Phase	CMAQ Fund Request	Recommended Allocations*
1	<a href="#">23304</a>	CARRIED OVER	Grants Pass	Lincoln Rd Multimodal & Transit Enhancements	PE, ROW, CONS	\$1,350,048	\$1,147,118.5
2	-	NEW	ODOT	Grants Pass Signal Upgrades	PE	\$500,000	\$297,070.5

\*TAC recommendations for 27-30 TIP/STIP fund allocations.



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The applicants will present their projects a second time at a Policy Committee meeting, July 17, 2025. TAC recommendations will be forwarded to the Policy Committee at the same meeting. During the meeting the Policy Committee will make their motion on how to allocate available funds for the 2027-2030 TIP at their July 17, 2025, meeting.





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**DATE:** June 25, 2025  
**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 June 25<sup>th</sup> 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: I-5: Monument Dr - N. Grants Pass (KN21674)**

Description: Reduce CN phase by \$5,300,791.50 to match bid award.

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														
I-5: Monument Dr - N. Grants Pass	Remove existing pavement and replace with new asphalt to improve pavement condition and extend service life. Remove trees near the roadway to help prevent avoidable collisions. Install traffic safety barriers to protect	n/a	N/A			Planning					\$ -			\$ -
				21674	2022	Design	\$ 1,215,084	NHPP	\$ 104,916	ODOT	\$ 1,320,000			\$ 1,320,000
						Land Purchase					\$ -			\$ -
						Utility Relocate					\$ -			\$ -
				21674	2025	Construction	\$ 18,158,924	NHPP	\$ 1,531,950	ODOT	\$ 19,690,874			\$ 19,690,874
						Other					\$ -			\$ -
					Total FFY24-27		\$ 19,374,008		\$ 1,636,866		\$ 21,010,874	\$ -		\$ 21,010,874