



AGENDA

Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization
Policy Committee

Date: *Monday, March 30, 2020*

Time: *2:30 p.m.*

Location: *Online at Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/834203170>*

Meeting ID: 834 203 170

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Contact: *Office Specialist, RVCOG: 541-423-1375*

MRMPO website: [jug www.mrmppo.org](http://www.mrmppo.org)

1	Call to Order / Introductions / Review Agenda	Chair
2	Review / Approve Minutes	Chair
<i>Attachment</i>	#1 MRMPO Policy Committee Draft Minutes 02/20/2020 & 11/21/2019	
Public Hearing Chair will read the public hearing procedures		
3	2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment	Ryan MacLaren
<i>Background</i>	<p>The Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization (MRMPO) Policy Committee, Josephine County, State of Oregon, will hold a public hearing to review an amendment to the 2018–2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include the following project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OR234: Gold Hill – Sams Valley Intersection • Allen Creek Road Improvements <p>The 21-day public comment period and public hearing was advertised on or before March 2, 2020 in the <i>Medford Tribune</i>, the <i>Rogue River Press</i> and the <i>Grants Pass Courier</i> and information is currently available on the MRMPO website. The TAC recommended approval of the amendment to the Policy Committee at their March 5, 2020 meeting.</p>	
<i>Attachment</i>	#2 Memo: TIP Amendment #3 Additional TIP Information	

<i>Action Requested</i>	Approval of the Transportation Improvement Program Amendment.	
Action Items		
4	Review, Discussion and Action on Adoption of the 2020-2045 RTP Update	Karl Welzenbach
<i>Background</i>	For the past 18 months, RVDOG staff along with the aid and assistance of city and county staffs have developed the update for the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). To a large part, this has merely been an update of the information contained in the previously adopted 2015-2040 RTP. The link below will take interested parties to a “virtual open house” that provides information on the RTP including the draft chapters and lists of projects.	
<i>Attachment</i>	#4 http://arcg.is/0DanLO	
<i>Action Requested</i>	Adoption of 2020-2045 RTP Update	
Discussion Items		
5	Public Comment	
Regular Updates		
6	MPO Planning Update	Karl Welzenbach
7	Other Business / Local Business Opportunity for MRMPO member jurisdictions to talk about transportation planning projects.	Chair
8	Adjournment	Chair

- The next MRMPO Policy Committee meeting will be **Thursday, April 16, 2020 at 2:30 p.m.** in the Courtyard Conference Room at Grants Pass City Hall.
- The next MRMPO Technical Advisory Committee meeting will be **April 2, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.** in the Courtyard Conference Room at Grants Pass City Hall.

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, IF YOU NEED SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING, PLEASE CONTACT RVCOG, 541-664-6674. REASONABLE ADVANCE NOTICE OF THE NEED FOR ACCOMMODATION PRIOR TO THE MEETING (48 HOURS ADVANCE NOTICE IS PREFERABLE) WILL ENABLE US TO MAKE REASONABLE ARRANGEMENTS TO ENSURE ACCESSIBILITY TO THIS MEETING.



Summary Minutes
Middle Rogue MPO Policy Committee
February 20, 2020

The following attended:

Voting Members	Organization	Phone Number
Mike Baker, Vice Chair	ODOT	957-3658
Pete Newport	Gold Hill	306-1921
Rick Riker	Grants Pass	479-7333
Robert Brandes	Josephine County	474-5460
Pam VanArsdale	Rogue River	660-4414
Valerie Lovelace, Chair	Grants Pass	479-0952
Alternate Voting Members Present	Organization	Phone Number
Neil Burgress/ De Young	Jackson County	
Staff	Organization	Phone Number
Karl Welzenbach	RVCOG	423-1360
Interested Parties	Organization	Phone Number
Wade Elliott	City of Grants Pass	450-6110
Lesley Orr	Bikeways, Walkways	
David Leverenz	Resident of Grants Pass	917-453-8535
Jason Caddy	Grants Pass	

- **Meeting recording:** [February 20, 2020 MRMPO Policy Committee Meeting Recording](#)
- [02/20/2020 MRMPO Policy Committee Agenda Packet](#)

1. Call to Order / Introductions/ Review Agenda | 00:00:00 – 0:01:08
 2:30 p.m. | *Quorum:* 5 voting members, regardless of jurisdiction

2. Review / Approve Minutes | 00:01:08 – 00:01:26

Delayed – no notes to approve.

Action Items

3. Election of Officers | 00:01:26 – 00:02:21

00:01:35 | *Rick Ricker moved to nominate Valarie Lovelace for Chair of the RVMPO TAC for the March 2020–February 2021 term. Seconded by Robert Brandes.*

No other nominations were made.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:01:52 | *Mike Baker moved to nominate Pam VanArsdale for Vice Chair of the RVMPO TAC for the March 2020–February 2021 term. Seconded by Valarie Lovelace.*

No other nominations were made.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

4. Review and Approval Draft List of Projects | 00:02:21 – 00:27:48

Clarification of what is and is not required to be in the RTP List of Projects provided by Karl Welzenbach.

00:25:44 | *Rick Riker moved that the Policy Committee approve the Review and Approval of RTP Draft List of Projects for public comment. Seconded by Pam VanArsdale.*

No further discussion.

Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Discussion Items

5. Presentation of Draft Chapters | 00:27:48 – 00:51:34

Discussion ensued of corrections to spelling.

6. Public Comment | 00:51:34 – 01:02:39

Public comment provided by Lesley Orr.

Updates on ODOT's fund distribution and "Becoming Certified by the State."

Regular Updates

7. Updates on currently Active MRMPO Projects | 01:02:39 – 01:01:43

Karl Welzenbach provided information on all active and recently completed MRMPO Projects.

8. Planning Update | 01:01:43 – 01:06:14

Planning update provided by Karl Welzenbach

9. Other Business / Local Business | 01:06:14 – 01:15:45

The next MRMPO Policy meeting will be held Monday March 30, 2020.

Update on Oregon's Cap and Trade Bill.

10. Adjournment | 01:15:45

Valerie Lovelace, Chair, adjourned meeting at 3:46 p.m.

Scheduled Meetings:

MRMPO Policy Committee | March 30, 2020 | 2:30 p.m.

MRMPO Technical Advisory Committee | March 5, 2020 | 1:30 p.m.



Summary Minutes
Middle Rogue MPO Policy Committee
November 21, 2019

The following attended:

Voting Members	Organization	Phone Number
Barry Eames	Grants Pass	218-1403
Mike Baker, Vice Chair	ODOT	957-3658
Rick Riker	Grants Pass	479-7333
Robert Brandes	Josephine County	474-5460
Pam VanArsdale	Rogue River	
Valerie Lovelace, Chair	Grants Pass	479-0952
Alternate Voting Members Present	Organization	Phone Number
John Vial / Rick Dyer	Jackson County	774-6118
Staff	Organization	Phone Number
Karl Welzenbach	RVCOG	423-1360
Andrew Axel	RVCOG	423-1375
Interested Parties	Organization	Phone Number
Wade Elliott	City of Grants Pass	450-6110
Lesley Orr	Bikeways, Walkways	

- **Meeting recording:** [11/21/2019 MRMPO Policy Committee Meeting Recording](#)
- [11/21/2019 MRMPO Policy Committee Agenda Packet](#)

1. Call to Order / Introductions/ Review Agenda | 00:00:01
 2:30 p.m. | *Quorum:* 5 voting members, regardless of jurisdiction

2. Review / Approve Minutes | 00:01:01

00:01:15 | *Rob Brandes moved that the Policy Committee approve the October 17, 2019 minutes as presented. Seconded by Barry Eames.*

No further discussion.

Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Action Items

3. Approval to Set Aside STBG Funds for Oregon Household Survey | 00:01:39 – 00:17:06

00:17:16 – 00:18:42 | *John Val moved that the Approval to Set Aside STBG Funds for Oregon Household Survey, as presented. Seconded by Rick Riker.*

Question about when the money would be needed. Clarification about it being a household survey and estimating it would be about 200 households.

Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

4. Review and Approval of Recommendation to Authorize JCT Project for Inclusion in the 2021-2024 TIP | 00:18:49

00:30:23 | *Pam VanArsdale moved that the Policy Committee approve the Review and Approval of Recommendations to Authorize JCT Project for Inclusion in 2021-2024 as presented. Seconded by Barry Eames.*

No further discussion.

Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Discussion Items

5. Public Comment | 00:31:11

No public comment was made.

Regular Updates

6. Planning Update | 00:31:24 – 01:01:43

Karl Welzenbach provided information on 2020 census, urbanized area, and possible option of TMA.

7. Other Business / Local Business | 01:01:44

None.

8. Adjournment | 01:01:55

Valerie Lovelace, Chair, adjourned meeting at 3:31 p.m.



Middle Rogue
Metropolitan Planning Organization
Regional Transportation Planning

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DATE: March 24, 2020
TO: MRMPO Policy Committee
FROM: Ryan MacLaren, Senior Planner
SUBJECT: TIP Amendment(s)

The Policy Committee is being asked to consider approval of the following amendment(s) to the 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program.

The 21-day public comment period and public hearing were advertised on or before March 2nd in the Medford Tribune, Rogue River Press, Grants Pass Daily Courier, and information is currently available on the MRMPO website. Information on the new project(s) is enumerated, below

A. Adjust Project in TIP: OR234: Gold Hill-Sams Valley Intersection (KN 20196)

Description: Advance construction phase to 2020 for delivery.

B. Adjust Project in TIP: Allen Creek Road Improvements (KN 18235)

Description: Increase PE phase by \$1,325,000 with Federal (CMAQ) funds with local match from the construction phase, replace Federal funds with local overmatch from the City of Grants Pass.

STIP CYCLE 2018-2021	OPTIONAL REFERENCE NUMBER	PROJECT NAME OR234: Gold Hill-Sams Valley Inter
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ODOT PROJECT BUSINESS CASE OR234: Gold Hill-Sams Valley Intersection

Initial Final

Project Location (Program Manager)

HIGHWAY NUMBER OR234 (Hwy # 271)	BEGIN MP 10.7	END MP 12.6	LOCAL STREET / NON-HIGHWAY LOCATION N/A
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PASTE LINK TO MAP OR PHOTO OF THE PROJECT AREA

CLICK IN THE FIELD BELOW TO BROWSE FOR AND INCLUDE A MAP OF THE PROJECT AREA (JPG, GIF, PNG, GIF, TIF, BMP FORMATS)



OR234 @ Table Rock Rd (MP 10.7)



OR234 @ Antioch Rd (MP 12.6)



OR234 @ I-5 (I-5 MP 40.9)

Comments and edits:

NAME OF COMMENTER	COMMENT DATE AND TIME	COMMENT / EDIT (FIELD WILL EXPAND AS YOU TYPE, CLICK TAB TO SEE TEXT IN EXPANDED FIELD)

Problem/Opportunity/Issue Description and Need (Program Manager)

DESCRIBE
This is an ARTS project that addresses intersection safety issues at two separate locations on OR234 (Hwy #271) and one location on OR234 - Gold Hill Spur (Hwy #486). Between 2015 & 2018 there were 6 injury A crashes at these intersections. Two of these locations (OR234 @ MP 10.7 & 12.6) is a historic top 5% SPIS site. These three intersection locations have also been a notable crash locations within District 8 for many years.

Potential Solutions (Program Manager/Project Sponsor)

DESCRIBE
This project proposes to install the following:

- 1) Increase sight distance, install lighting, enhance signing, and provide actuated flashing beacons at OR234 & Table Rock Rd. (MP 10.7).
- 2) Install enhanced signing and provide actuated flashing beacons at OR234 & Antioch Rd. (MP 12.6).
- 3) Increase sight distance and install lighting at OR234 & I-5 (I-5 @ MP 40.9).

Project Outcomes, Goals and Priorities (Program Manager/Project Sponsor)

DESCRIBE
The goal of this project is to reduce crashes at the three un-signalized intersections. This project will accomplish this by a combination of improving sight, adding lighting, improving signing, and adding actuated beacons the these locations.

Constraints and Risks (Program Manager/Project Sponsor)

DESCRIBE
Constraints and risks associated with this project include potential utility conflicts and access to electrical power for installation of lighting at select locations. Aside from these risk, it is assumed that this project will occur entirely within the public right-of-way; although an IGA with Jackson County may be required in order to install safety features on county right-of-way.

Additional Background Information (Program Manager/Project Sponsor)

DESCRIBE
 This project is being funded by the ARTS program. Additional information regarding this project can be found in the ARTS applications and the ODOT scoping documentation.

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Leveraging Opportunities (Project Sponsor)

DESCRIBE
 N/A

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Funding (Program Manager)

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AMOUNT	PROGRAM TYPE	STIP CYCLE	FUNDING PROGRAM MANAGER NAME	FUNDING PROGRAM MGR SIGNATURE/DATE
\$674,000	Safety (ARTS)	2018-2021	Jered Carpenter	

Signatures

PROJECT SPONSOR NAME Jered Carpenter	PROJECT SPONSOR TITLE R3 Traffic Manager	PROJECT SPONSOR SIGNATURE/DATE
MAINTENANCE MANAGER NAME Jerry Marmon	MAINTENANCE MANAGER TITLE D8 Manager	MAINTENANCE MANAGER SIGNATURE/DATE
NAME Art Anderson	TITLE Rogue Valley Area Manager	SIGNATURE/DATE
NAME Mike Baker	TITLE R3 Planning Manager	SIGNATURE/DATE

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