



Summary Minutes
Middle Rogue MPO Policy Committee
January 21, 2021

The following attended:

Voting Members	Organization	Phone Number
Dan DeYoung	Josephine County	660-0342
Jason Canady	Grants Pass	450-6110
Mike Baker	ODOT	957-3658
Dave Dotterrer	Jackson County	774-6119
Rick Riker	Grants Pass	479-7333
Robert Brandes	Josephine County	474-5460
Valerie Lovelace, Chair	Grants Pass	479-0952
Alternate Voting Members Present	Organization	Phone Number
Wade Elliot	Grants Pass	On File
Staff	Organization	Phone Number
Karl Welzenbach	RVCOG	423-1360
Kelsey Sharp	RVCOG	423-1375
Interested Parties	Organization	Phone Number
Leslie Orr	MRMPO CAC	
David Leverenz	MRMPO CAC	

- **Meeting recording:** [January 21, 2021 MRMPO Policy Committee Meeting Recording](#)
- [01/21/2021 MRMPO Policy Committee Agenda Packet](#)

1. Call to Order / Introductions/ Review Agenda | 00:00 – 00:33
 2:33 p.m. | *Quorum:* 5 voting members, regardless of jurisdiction

2. Review / Approve Minutes | 00:33 – :02:12

00:52 | *Mike Baker moved that the Policy Committee approve the December 04, 2020. Seconded by Rick Riker.*

No further discussion.

Motion passed with none apposed.

Discussion Items

3. JCT/Grants Pass Bus Hub | 01:16 – 44:05

Discussion has started of moving the Grants Pass Transit Hub. Valerie Lovelace has concerns and has opened a discussion.

03:13 | *Karl Welzenbach went over the timeline. In 2014 Josephine County Transit (JCT) applied for funding from the MRMPO for the Grants Pass Transit Hub design project. The MPO declined to provide funding at that time. In 2017 JCT applied again and the MPO agreed to \$172 thousand in CMAQ funding. In 2019 JCT applied for additional funding that the MPO approved.*

04:38 | *Question from Dan DeYoung: In 2014, did JCT already know the location of The Hub?
In 2014 there was no location determined.*

11:06 | *Question from Rick Riker: When the Policy Committee voted in 2017, was there a public notice?
Yes, it was noticed like every other public hearing.*

11:32 | *Comment from Mike Baker: This meeting was also noticed, and along the way there has been multiple public notices. This project has gone through all the correct channels.*

14:05 | *Question Karl Welzenbach: Did the City Council hold a meeting in September/October with a public hearing and take public comments over this issue? Did the city council then move forward in that meeting?
There was a City Council meeting that clearly went over this project. After this, there was a group that got together and got signatures from near by businesses, and concerns raised that the City Council is not listening to the peoples concerns.*

15:33 | *Comment from Mike Baker: There should be a note that this project was also adopted in the City's Transportation Plan that was voted on in October that had many public hearings, public notices, and open houses.*

16:16 | *Comments from Scott Chancey: It is a very low chance that another "better" location will be found. Also, every time an application for funding goes through the Board of County Commissioners, there are two public involvement processes.*

18:10 | *Question from Dan DeYoung: Would it be possible to have a list of how many times this project was noticed publicly over all the different meetings?
The MRMPO alone had at least two public hearings, and six different public notices. The other organizations are able to provide their different public interactions.*

28:38 | *Comment from Dan DeYoung: There are many questions about why the property on 5th street. The county already owns the property, but even if it were not already owned, this property would be a great spot.*

4. Public Comments | 44:05 – 49:20

Public comment from Dave Leverenz and Leslie Orr.

Regular Updates

5. MPO Planning Update | 49:20 – 52:06

Provided by Karl Welzenbach.

6. Other Business / Local Business | 52:06 – 58:40

Updates OMPOC

7. Adjournment | 58:40

Valerie Lovelace, Chair, adjourned meeting at 3:28 p.m.

Scheduled Meetings:

MRMPO Policy Committee | February 18, 2021 | 2:30 p.m.

MRMPO Technical Advisory Committee | February 7, 2021 | 1:30 p.m.

MRMPO Citizen Advisory Committee | February 11, 2021 | 2:00 p.m.