



AGENDA

Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization **Policy Committee**

Date: Thursday, April 15, 2021

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Location: Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89730221986?pwd=bFFud1pqMkZLQScrcFFlZEdzQTQwZz09>

Meeting ID: 897 3022 1986

Passcode: 579839

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MRMPO website: www.mrmppo.org

1	Call to Order / Introductions / Review Agenda	Chair
2	Review / Approve Minutes	Chair
Attachment	#1 MRMPO Policy Committee Draft Minutes 03/18/2021	
Action Items		
3	Ear Marks from possible new Transportation/Infrastructure Bill	Karl Welzenbach
Background	Congress is currently considering drafting a new transportation bill. Within that framework, Congressman Defazio (D-OR), the Chair of the House Infrastructure and Transportation Committee has requested that members of Congress provide the committee with a list of their “priorities” to be included in the bill. Priorities, in this case is a euphemism for “earmarks”.	
Attachment	#2 Proposed Meeting and Guidance for Members to Discuss “Priorities” #3 Earmark Application from Grants Pass (to be sent out under separate cover)	
Action Requested	Authorization for Chair to sign letter of support.	
Discussion Items		
4	Covid-19 Funding for MPOs	Karl Welzenbach

Background	In December of 2020 Congress passed and the former president signed into law a relief package for the American economy. Part of the package contained funding for transportation projects. Approximately \$800,000 will be available to the MRMPO for allocation/programming. Staff is proposing that the MRMPO TAC undertake the standard “call for projects” to request applications, score said applications, and make recommendations to the Policy Committee.	
Attachment	#4 COVID-19 Relief Funding – Local Distribution #5 Guidance on COVID-19 Relief Funding #6 Spreadsheet of projects costing ≤ \$500,000	
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, May 20, 2021 at 2:30 p.m.** held online.
- The next MRMPO Technical Advisory Committee meeting will be **May 6, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.** held online.
- The next MRMPO Citizens Advisory Committee meeting will be **May 8, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.** held online.

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
March 18, 2021

The following attended:

Voting Members	Organization	Phone Number
Jessica Simpson	Gold Hill	660-0342
Valerie Lovelace, Chair	Grants Pass	479-0952
Rick Riker	Grants Pass	479-7333
Pam VanArsdale, Vice Chair	Rogue River	660-4414
Robert Brandes	Josephine County	474-5460
Mike Baker	ODOT	957-3658
Alternate Voting Members Present	Organization	Phone Number
Wade Elliot	Grants Pass	On File
Neil Burgess	Josephine County	
Jon Vial	Jackson County	
Staff	Organization	Phone Number
Karl Welzenbach	RVCOG	423-1360
Ran MacLaren	RVCOG	423-1338
Kelsey Sharp	RVCOG	423-1375
Interested Parties	Organization	Phone Number

- **Meeting recording:** [March 18, 2021 MRMPO Policy Committee Meeting Recording](#)
- [01/21/2021 MRMPO Policy Committee Agenda Packet](#)

1. Call to Order / Introductions/ Review Agenda | 00:00 – 01:44

2:33 p.m. | *Quorum*: 5 voting members, regardless of jurisdiction

2. Review / Approve Minutes | 01:44 – 02:10

01:58 | *Mike Baker moved that the Policy Committee approve the February 18, 2021 Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Rob Brandes.*

No further discussion.

Motion passed with none apposed.

Public Hearing

3. 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment | 02:10 – 11:43

07:23 | *Question from Valerie Lovelace: When are the projections on the ramps? In 2021.*

08:03 | *Question from Neil Burgess: On Lincoln Memorial rd. there is some work happening, can that be explained?*

It may have been apart of the jurisdictional transfer, or Josephine County is working on them.

11:00 | *Jon Vial moved to approve both 2021-2024 TIP Amendments. Seconded by Neil Burgess.*

No further discussion.

Motion passed with none apposed.

Action Items

4. Authorization for New Member to CAC | 11:43 – 14:38

14:02 | *Valerie Lovelace moved to approve the addition of Steven Haydon to the MRMPO Citizens Advisory Committee. Seconded by Rob Brandes.*

No further discussion.

Motion passed with none apposed.

Discussion Items

5. Public Comments | 14:38 – 14:50

No Comment

Regular Updates

6. MPO Planning Update | 14:50 – 37:09

Provided by Karl Welzenbach.

7. Other Business / Local Business | 37:09 – 58:40

Updates from Josephine County, Grants Pass, and ODOT.

8. Adjournment | 58:40

Valerie Lovelace, Chair, adjourned meeting at 3:25 p.m.

Scheduled Meetings:

MRMPO Policy Committee | April 15, 2021 | 2:30 p.m.

MRMPO Technical Advisory Committee | April 01, 2021 | 1:30 p.m.

MRMPO Citizen Advisory Committee | April 08, 2021 | 2:00 p.m.

March 03, 2021

Ahead of Introduction of Surface Transportation Legislation, Chairs DeFazio and Norton Announce New Process for Members of Congress to Submit Their Project Priorities

WASHINGTON, DC—As the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure prepares to advance surface transportation authorization legislation this spring, Committee Chair Peter DeFazio (D-OR) and Chair of the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC) today announced the Committee will provide an opportunity for Members of Congress to submit requests for highway and transit project designations. A formal process to do so will be announced later this month.

In developing the surface transportation reauthorization bill, which passed the House last July but stalled in the Republican-led Senate, the Committee held 14 hearings, considered hundreds of policy submissions and processed more than 700 amendments. The new submission process being announced today allows more direct Member engagement on critical infrastructure projects that are consistent with State and local infrastructure plans.

“The discretion to fund projects should not be reserved for State or Federal bureaucrats. Elected representatives know the infrastructure needs of their district and should be allowed to identify projects and advocate on behalf of their constituents in legislation,” **Chair DeFazio said**. “That’s why I’m proud to make this announcement today. With a transparent, efficient process in place

to identify district priorities, coupled with good partnership from the Federal government, Congress can help put people to work on badly-needed infrastructure projects and transform the way we build and move.”

"Infrastructure projects Members of Congress identify after consultation with local officials often are urgent and need local priority," **Chairwoman Norton said**. "We have surrounded our new process with the transparency to assure projects meet Federal and local standards."

The Committee encourages Members to work with their State and local transportation and transit agencies and other planning organizations to identify projects that will help advance the goals of the legislation, which include building a safer transportation network, increasing access, strengthening our multi-modal transportation systems, reducing carbon pollution, enhancing environmental justice, supporting underserved communities, and improving state of good repair of our Nation's infrastructure.

The Committee will require all Member submissions to include the following information for each project requested:

- Documentation of whether the project is on the State, Tribal, or territorial transportation improvement program (STIP); and on the metropolitan transportation improvement program (TIP), if applicable
- Sources of funding for the full share of the cost of the project beyond the amount requested
- Letter(s) of support from the State department of transportation, or local government, transit agency, or other non-Federal sponsor
- A description of the process that has been or will be followed to provide an opportunity for public comment on the project

- Project phase (e.g. Planning, Final Design, Construction)
- NEPA category of action (e.g. Categorical Exclusion, Environmental Assessment, Environmental Impact Statement)
- Status of environmental review
- Whether the project has received Federal funding previously, and if so the source and amount
- Certification that the Member, their spouse, and other immediate family members do not have a financial interest in the project

The Committee will also hold a **Member Day hearing April 14, 2021**, to receive testimony from Members of Congress about their policy priorities.

COVID-19 Relief Funding

County/City/Small MPO Funding

Counties:	% of Funding SHF Split	22,454,595
BAKER	0.53%	119,844
BENTON	1.87%	420,180
CLACKAMAS	9.96%	2,236,837
CLATSOP	1.05%	234,855
COLUMBIA	1.52%	342,012
COOS	1.75%	391,952
CROOK	0.85%	190,721
CURRY	0.73%	163,218
DESCHUTES	5.54%	1,243,104
DOUGLAS	3.11%	698,539
GILLIAM	0.08%	18,383
GRANT	0.26%	59,098
HARNEY	0.26%	58,482
HOOD RIVER	0.71%	158,997
JACKSON	5.79%	1,300,836
JEFFERSON	0.67%	150,164
JOSEPHINE	2.45%	549,502
KLAMATH	1.96%	439,638
LAKE	0.29%	65,157
LANE	8.66%	1,945,095
LINCOLN	1.29%	289,049
LINN	3.39%	761,519
MALHEUR	0.83%	187,384
MARION	8.18%	1,836,448
MORROW	0.38%	84,620
MULTNOMAH	16.51%	3,707,676
POLK	1.93%	432,404
SHERMAN	0.09%	19,352
TILLAMOOK	0.82%	184,428
UMATILLA	2.10%	472,088
UNION	0.77%	172,137
WALLOWA	0.27%	61,538
WASCO	0.75%	168,260
WASHINGTON	12.01%	2,697,637
WHEELER	0.05%	12,262
YAMHILL	2.59%	581,178
Total		22,454,595

Cities:	% of Funding AOC/LOC Split	8,125,036
ASTORIA	1.79%	145,368
BAKER CITY	1.84%	149,494
BROOKINGS	1.23%	99,688
CANBY	3.13%	254,282
COOS BAY	3.08%	250,532
COTTAGE GROVE	1.87%	152,120
CRESWELL	1.02%	82,660
DALLAS	3.00%	243,930
FLORENCE	1.63%	132,767
HERMISTON	3.40%	276,259
HOOD RIVER	1.53%	124,591
INDEPENDENCE	1.76%	142,967
JUNCTION CITY	1.14%	92,562
KLAMATH FALLS	4.06%	330,042
LA GRANDE	2.45%	199,375
LEBANON	3.16%	257,058
LINCOLN CITY	1.62%	131,942
MADRAS	1.18%	95,713
MCMINNVILLE	6.26%	509,015
MOLALLA	1.83%	148,294
MONMOUTH	1.83%	148,819
NEWBERG	4.44%	360,720
NEWPORT	1.90%	154,294
NORTH BEND	1.83%	148,894
ONTARIO	2.12%	172,298
PENDLETON	3.14%	255,332
PRINEVILLE	1.89%	153,320
REDMOND	5.65%	459,059
ROSEBURG	4.60%	373,399
SANDY	2.04%	166,146
SCAPPOOSE	1.34%	109,064
SEASIDE	1.22%	98,787
SHERIDAN	1.15%	93,087
SILVERTON	1.92%	155,721
ST. HELENS	2.48%	201,176
STAYTON	1.45%	118,065
SUTHERLIN	1.52%	123,542
SWEET HOME	1.72%	140,118
THE DALLES	2.74%	222,328
UMATILLA	1.38%	112,065
WARRENTON	0.98%	79,811
WINSTON	1.02%	83,261
WOODBURN	4.64%	377,072
Total		8,125,036

Small MPOs:	% of Funding AOC/LOC Split	6,948,997
Albany	13.8%	959,841
Bend	21.6%	1,500,857
Corvallis	14.8%	1,025,840
Grants Pass	11.7%	810,819
Medford	36.2%	2,515,367
Milton-Freewater	1.5%	107,173
Rainier	0.4%	29,099
Total		6,948,997

PROJECT NUMBER	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	TIMING	COST	Conformity Status	Project Located in CO or PM10 Maintenance Area?
Funds Available - Short Range						
Gold Hill						
GH-001	Street Paving/ADA ramps		Short	\$40,000	Exempt	NA
Josephine County						
JoCo-001	Highland Avenue	Sidewalk Improvements- Cooke Ave. to Vine Street	Short	\$352,200	Exempt	NA
JoCo-003	New Hope Road	Sidewalk Infill Improvements- Bayard Dr. to Allen Crk	Short	\$169,500	Exempt	NA
JoCo-004	G Street	Sidewalk Infill Improvements- Lincoln Road to Leonard St.	Short	\$276,000	Exempt	NA
JoCo-005	Merlin Road	Bicycle Rail Crossing Improvements	Short	\$60,000	Exempt	NA
JoCo-007	Upper River Road	Cattle Undercrossing Removal	Short	\$60,000	Exempt	NA
JoCo-008	Josephine County	Safety Improvements, Phase II-Install curve warning signs, Various locations	Short	\$199,351	Exempt	NA

Total: \$1,157,051

PROJECT NUMBER	LOCATION		DESCRIPTION	TIMING	COST	Conformity Status	Project Located in CO or PM10 Maintenance Area?
Funds Available - Medium Range							
Grants Pass							
GP-004		Leonard Road: Dowell Road to Moon Glo Drive	Miscelaneous Sidewalks	Medium	\$146,500	Exempt	PM ₁₀
Rogue River*							
RR-001		Depot & Pine Street Intersection	Convert Pine St as through movement & Depot St to one-way	Medium	\$81,000	Exempt	NA
RR-005		Depot & Main St	Convert Depot St to one-way	Medium	\$30,000	Exempt	NA

Total: \$257,500