



**AGENDA**

*Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization*  
**Policy Committee**

**Date:** Thursday, May 20, 2021

**Time:** 2:30 p.m.

**Location:** Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81530095494?pwd=L1MzVWdrMmlsQm13RnJ1b1RWY21CZz09>

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<b>1</b>	<b>Call to Order / Introductions / Review Agenda</b>	<b>Chair</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Review / Approve Minutes</b>	<b>Chair</b>
<i>Attachment</i>	#1   MRMPO Policy Committee Draft Minutes <a href="#">04/15/2021</a>	
<b>Public Hearing</b> <b>Chair will read the public hearing procedures</b>		
<b>3</b>	<b>Review and Recommendation of the UPWP</b>	<b>Karl Welzenbach</b>
<i>Background</i>	Every year the MPO is required to develop a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). This document identifies those planning efforts which the MPO intends to pursue in the upcoming fiscal year (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022). The draft document before you is the UPWP for the upcoming fiscal year. Staff is providing this to you and to the policy committee for review and comment. After review and comment from the state DOT and USDOT we will be bringing this back to you for recommendation of adoption in June of this year.	
<i>Attachment</i>	#3   <a href="#">Draft UPWP</a> #4   <a href="#">Resolution 2021-01</a>	
<i>Action Requested</i>	Approval for the Chair to Sign the Resolution.	

Action Items		
<b>4</b>	<b>Review and Recommendation of Dues</b>	<b>Karl Welzenbach</b>
<i>Background</i>	As part of its annual budget, the Middle Rogue MPO assesses dues on the member local governments. These funds allow the MPO staff and MPO Policy Committee members to lobby on behalf of the MPO at both the state and federal level. These funds also cover the costs of Policy Board members attending conferences, meetings and other functions associated with MPO business.	
<i>Attachment</i>	#5   <a href="#">Memo Regarding Dues for FY 2021-2022</a>	
<i>Action Requested</i>	Approval of the Dues.	
Discussion Items		
<b>5</b>	<b>Public Comment</b>	
Regular Updates		
<b>6</b>	<b>MPO Planning Update</b>	<b>Karl Welzenbach</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Other Business / Local Business</b> Opportunity for MRMPO member jurisdictions to talk about transportation planning projects.	<b>Chair</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>	<b>Chair</b>

- [The next MRMPO Policy Committee meeting will be Thursday, June 17, 2021 at 2:30 p.m. online.](#)
- The next MRMPO Technical Advisory Committee meeting will be **June 3, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. online.**
- The next MRMPO Citizens Advisory Committee meeting will be **June 10, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. 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**  
**April 15, 2021**

The following attended:

Voting Members	Organization	Phone Number
Jessica Simpson	Gold Hill	885-1525
Valerie Lovelace, <b>Chair</b>	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
Staff	Organization	Phone Number
Karl Welzenbach	RVCOG	423-1360
Interested Parties	Organization	Phone Number
Lelsie Orr	Bike/Ped	
Art Anderson	ODOT	
Elijah Overlander	ODOT	

- **Meeting recording:** [April 15, 2021 MRMPO Policy Committee Meeting Recording](#)
- [04/15/2021 MRMPO Policy Committee Agenda Packet](#)

**1. Call to Order / Introductions/ Review Agenda | 00:00 – 01:22**  
 2:32 p.m. | *Quorum:* 5 voting members, regardless of jurisdiction

**2. Review / Approve Minutes | 01:22 – 01:55**

**01:40** | *Mike Baker moved that the Policy Committee approve the March 18, 2021 Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Pam VanArsdale.*

*No further discussion.*

*Motion passed with none apposed.*

### **Action Items**

#### **3. Ear Marks from Possible New Transportation/Infrastructure Bill | 02:10 – 20:21**

There was an email sent out mid-March for the different jurisdictions to think of possible projects for the earmarks. Grants Pass requested the South Y project to be addressed. The House Infrastructure and Transportation Committee requested that all projects be in the TIP or STIP or must be amended within a reasonable amount of time. The Earmarks will require a local match.

**19:42** | *Rob Brandes moved to approve the Chair singing the Letter of Support from the MPO. Seconded by Rick Riker.*

*No further discussion.*

*Motion passed with none apposed.*

### **Discussion Items**

#### **4. Covid-19 Funding for MPOs | 20:21 – 40:42**

The MRMPO will be getting \$800,000 in Covid-19 relief funding. These funds are to be treated like STBG funds. There are extra things that can be done with the funds that STBG cannot usually go to, such as paying back lost wages.

With that being said, the State is proposing an agreement with the Federal Highway Administration (the agency responsible for distributing these funds to the states) to offer a different distribution strategy. In essence the state of Oregon would take all of the funds to pay back towards the \$225 million dollar loss in gas tax revenue – thus allowing the Federal government to fulfill its obligation under the law vis a vis funding distribution – and freeing up the state to then distribute State funds to the MPOs and to those counties and cities not in MPO areas. This would effectively “wash the funds” of any federal restrictions, requirements, or prohibitions. This agreement, should it be sanctioned, would therefore provide the two MPOs with significant funding without any restrictions placed on the use of said funds. This will be a serious and ongoing deliberation at both MPOs as to how best to expend these monies.

**27:56** | *Comment from Rob Brandes: Discussions between Association of Oregon Counties (AOC) have shown if the deal goes through, the money will have to stay transportation related. There has been some concern the counties would be able to use this money for other projects unrelated to transportation.*

*This has not been confirmed yet.*

#### **5. Public Comments | 40:42 – 53:17**

*Provided by Leslie Orr in regard to Ride the Rogue.*

### **Regular Updates**

#### **6. MPO Planning Update | 51:17 – 54:45**

*Provided by Karl Welzenbach.*

**7. Other Business / Local Business | 54:45 – 58:40**

*Updates from Josephine County, Grants Pass, and Gold Hill.*

**8. Adjournment | 58:40**

Valerie Lovelace, Chair, adjourned meeting at 3:36 p.m.

**Scheduled Meetings:**

MRMPO Policy Committee | May 20, 2021 | 2:30 p.m.

MRMPO Technical Advisory Committee | May 06, 2021 | 1:30 p.m.

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

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## **Resolution 2021-01**

### **Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization - Policy Committee Adoption of the FY 2021-22 Unified Planning Work Program**

**Whereas**, the Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization was formed in 2013 to coordinate transportation planning in the greater Grants Pass area; and

**Whereas**, the Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee is a designated committee of the Rogue Valley Council of Governments; and

**Whereas**, the Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization must prepare an annual Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) that identifies program activities and expenditures; and

**Whereas**, the Policy Committee oversees Transportation Planning Activities for the Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization; and

**Whereas**, the Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee did review and comment on the UPWP for Fiscal Year 2021-22 in May of 2021; and

**Whereas**, the MRMPO held a 30-day public comment period and public hearing to secure input and comment on the adoption of the FY 2021-22 UPWP.

### **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MIDDLE ROGUE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION POLICY COMMITTEE:**

That the MRMPO Policy Committee has reviewed and accepted the recommendations of MPO Staff and the Technical Advisory Committee; and

That, with the adoption of this resolution, the MRMPO Policy Committee formally adopts the 2021-2022 Unified Planning Work Program on this the 20th day of May 2021.

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Valerie Lovelace  
MRMPO Policy Committee Chair



**Middle Rogue  
Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Regional Transportation Planning**

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**DATE:** May 20, 2021  
**TO:** Local Jurisdictions  
**FROM:** Karl Welzenbach, Planning Program Manager  
**SUBJECT:** FY 2021-22 MRMPO Dues

Every year jurisdictions pay dues based on population to help pay for the organization’s functions. Dues provide funding for general operations, primarily activities that require local funds including lobbying and local match obligations. Dues pay for Policy Committee participation in advocacy activities for which federal funds cannot be used as well as elected official participation in the Oregon MPO Consortium, and conferences such as the annual Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations Conference. Dues can also be used to supplement the MPO’s planning budget.

Table 1, below, summarizes population and the dues for each jurisdiction for FY 2021-2022. Population estimates are certified July 1, 2019 from Portland State University.

**Table 1**

<b>MRMPO Proposed 2021-22 Dues</b>					
<b>Member Jurisdictions</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>Dues Rate per Capita</b>	<b>Proposed FY2021-22 Dues</b>	<b>FY2020-21 Dues</b>	<b>Change in Dues</b>
Gold Hill	1,240	\$0.16	\$198	\$195	\$3
Grants Pass	37,725	\$0.16	\$6,036	\$5,998	\$38
Jackson County*	3,210	\$0.16	\$514	\$471	\$42
Josephine County**	16,092	\$0.16	\$2,575	\$2,627	-\$52
Rogue River	2,250	\$0.16	\$360	\$358	\$2
<i>Total</i>	<b>60,517</b>		<b>\$9,683</b>	<b>\$9,649</b>	<b>\$34</b>

The RVCOG staff utilized Portland State University population estimates for 2019 for the incorporated areas. Unincorporated population estimates utilize geo-enriched data.

Table 2 summarizes anticipated use of FY2021-22 member dues.

**Table 2**

Dues Ests	
Staff Support	\$1,743
Travel Related	\$7,262
Memberships/Conferences	\$678
	\$9,683