



AGENDA

Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization
Policy Committee

Date: Thursday, January 20, 2022

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Location: Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84856353035?pwd=d1pXTHd1dTREQ1FacjhrSGVONVMrZz09>

Meeting ID: 848 5635 3035

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MRMPO website: 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 11/18/2021	
Discussion Items		
3	TIP Timeline	Karl Welzenbach
<i>Background</i>	It's that time of year again! The MRMPO needs to begin to develop the 2024-27 TIP. Towards that end staff is providing the timetable we need to follow to accomplish this goal	
<i>Attachment</i>	#3 TIP Development Timetable	
4	Application Process	Karl Welzenbach
<i>Background</i>	At the request of ODOT, the RVMPO undertook a review of their application and selection process and developed a series of policies intended to improve the process. MPO staff is sharing these with you to initiate a discussion on the MRMPO's process.	
<i>Attachment</i>	#4 RVMPO Policy on Project Applications and Selection	

5	Public Comment	
Regular Updates		
6	MPO Planning Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greenway Study 	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, February 17, 2022 at 2:30 p.m. online.**
- The next MRMPO Technical Advisory Committee meeting will be **February 3, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. online.**
- The next MRMPO Citizens Advisory Committee meeting will be **February 10, 2022 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
November 18, 2021

The following attended:

Voting Members	Organization	Phone Number
Jerry Breckinridge	Gold Hill	855-1525
Valerie Lovelace, Chair	Grants Pass	479-0952
Rick Riker	Grants Pass	479-7333
Pam VanArsdale	Rouge River	660-4414
Robert Brandes	Josephine County	474-5460
Mike Baker	ODOT	957-3658
Alternate Voting Members Present	Organization	Phone Number
Melia Biedscheid	Gold Hill	
Wade Elliot	Grants Pass	
Mike Kuntz	Jackson County	
Staff	Organization	Phone Number
Karl Welzenbach	RVCOG	423-1360
Ryan MacLaren	RVCOG	423-1338
Kelsey Sharp	RVCOG	423-1375
Interested Parties	Organization	Phone Number
Lesley Orr	MRMPO CAC	

- **Meeting recording:** [November 18, 2021 MRMPO Policy Committee Meeting Recording](#)
- [11/18/2021 MRMPO Policy Committee Agenda Packet](#)

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

2. Review / Approve Minutes | 01:00 – 01:39

01:21 | Pam VanArsdale moved that the Policy Committee approve the September 16, 2021 Meeting Minutes as presented. Seconded by Jerry Breckinridge.

No further discussion.

Motion passed with none opposed.

Action Items

3. Discussion of Greenway Funds | 01:39 – 06:18

No Action needed, discussion only.

Discussion Items

4. Rogue River Transportation Project List | 06:18 – 11:25

Rogue River and Gold Hill have submitted lists for possible transportation related projects for the funding.

5. Public Comments | 11:25 – 13:18

Update from the Greenway Foundation.

Regular Updates

6. MPO Planning Update | 13:18 – 49:35

Provided by Karl Welzenbach regarding the new transportation bill, and a discussion on if MRMPO and RVMPO merge to become a TMA.

7. Other Business / Local Business | 49:35 - 01:10:21

Update from Josephine County, Grants Pass, and ODOT

8. Adjournment | 01:10:21

Valerie Lovelace, Chair, adjourned meeting at 3:40 p.m.

Scheduled Meetings:

MRMPO Policy Committee | December 16, 2021 | 2:30 p.m.

MRMPO Technical Advisory Committee | December 2, 2021 | 1:30 p.m.

MRMPO Citizen Advisory Committee | December 9, 2021 | 1:30 p.m.

Schedule

Planned schedule and summary of actions listed below. For greater detail or more up-to-date information, please consult RVCOG staff.

January 31, 2022	Call for Projects
Mar-Apr, 2022	Application Workshop – Attendance mandatory for Applicants
May 27, 2022	Applications due by Close Of Business
Jun-Jul, 2022	TAC application review and project recommendations. <i>With TAC concurrence, applicants may submit minor changes to applications, or modifications suggested by the TAC, no later than noon on Friday July1, 2022</i>
Jul-Aug, 2022	Policy Committee Approval of projects selected for 24-27 TIP
August 2022	MRMPO initiates Air Quality Conformity Consultation with EPA, FHWA, FTA, ODOT, and DEQ
December 2022	Draft TIP and AQCD Provided to MPO Committees
January – February, 2023	Open Public Comment Period on 2024-27 TIP and AQCD
March 2023	Committee Recommendations and Policy Committee Action on 2024-27 TIP and AQCD
April 2023	MRMPO forwards documents to ODOT, FHWA, FTA, EPA, and DEQ
May-Jun, 2023	TIP Approved by Governor



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POLICY REGARDING PROJECT APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS AS ADOPTED BY THE RVMPO POLICY COMMITTEE – DECEMBER 28, 2021

Improvements to the Application -

- Include a check box in the application for jurisdictions to indicate whether or not they intend to pursue a simple fund exchange.
- Check box stating to the effect that, should fund exchange be denied, the jurisdiction intends to pursue the project under the federal delivery process and will provide the required local match.
- Include ODOT's Local Agency Technical Scope Sheets as an initial draft of anticipated expenses in the MPO's application form.
- If a jurisdiction is partnering with another jurisdiction or agency on a project the application must be signed by both partners or include a letter of support from the referred to partner

Improvements to the Process -

1. The MPO restricts all applications that will follow the federal delivery process (all CMAQ projects and those STBG projects that will not be fund exchanged) to a minimum project cost of \$1 million. Those applications that come in under the proposed minimum will be accepted but subject to additional scrutiny by the TAC.
2. Recommend that we allow jurisdictions to apply for just a planning phase with a suggested minimum of \$150,000 for such projects although projects under that minimum will be accepted but subject to additional scrutiny by the TAC.
3. Identify that there are three categories of projects: 1) simple STBG projects that could be fund exchanged and proceed apace; 2) larger more complicated and costly projects that will be required to follow ODOT procedures, and 3) planning phase projects
4. Recommend that the RVMPO hold a workshop subsequent to the call for projects to be hosted by the MPO staff but conducted by ODOT staff. This workshop is to review with the jurisdictions all of the requirements associated with the use of federal funds.
5. Recommend that the RVMPO make the aforementioned workshop mandatory – if a jurisdiction applies for funding but does not attend the workshop that application will not be considered.

While the Technical Advisory Committee believes that the recommendations contained above will help improve the entire project selection process from applications to recommendations, the TAC also affirms that they are responsible for developing the specific project recommendations for the Policy Committee to consider. As such, the TAC intends to be far more discerning and objective in their

analysis of project applications. Please note that this may result in the TAC not recommending certain projects to the Policy Committee if the members believe that the project contains fatal flaws that have not been addressed by the applicant.