



AGENDA
Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization
 Technical Advisory Committee

Date: Thursday, January 5, 2023

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Join In-Person

Location: Ridge Room Conference Room, Grants Pass City Hall, 101 NW A St, Grants Pass, OR

Transit: Served by JCT Routes #10, 20, 35, 40, 50, 80 and 100. Paratransit services are available for qualified individuals.

Contact: RVCOG: 541-423-1375

Website: www.mrmppo.org

Or via Zoom

Meeting ID: 843 2556 0080

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Zoom Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84325560080?pwd=cFNrTHM4RmdBclh1NzBsYllhVVpKQT09>

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1. Call to Order / Introductions / Review Agenda

Chair

Consent Agenda

2. Review / Approve Minute

Chair

Attachment: [#1 MRMPO TAC Meeting Draft Minutes 11/03/2022](#)

Action Items

3. Amendment to the 2021-2024 TIP

Ryan MacLaren

Background: The TAC is being requested to make a recommendation on the proposed amendments to the 2021-24 TIP.

The 21-day public comment period and public hearing was sent on or before Thursday, December 29, 2022, in the *Medford Mail Tribune*, the *Rogue River Press* and the *Grants Pass Courier* and information is currently available on the MRMPO website.

Attachments: [#2 TIP Amendment Memo](#)

Action Requested: Recommendation to the Policy Committee



Discussion Items

4. Carbon Reduction Program Funding

Karl Welzenbach

Background: Included in the recently passed federal transportation bill, the Infrastructure, Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) is a new program fund called the Carbon Reduction Program Fund. These funds, although allocated to the urbanized areas, will be administered by the Oregon DOT. Included for your information with this agenda packet are the final project selection criteria and the draft application form. The annual available amount for the Grants Pass Urbanized area is \$135,000.

Attachment: [#3 Small Urban/Rural Criteria](#)
[#4 Application](#)

5. Fund Exchange

Karl Welzenbach

Background: Due to a shortfall in state gasoline tax revenues and an increase in required matching amounts to federal funds from the IIJA, the State DOT has decided to reduce the availability of funds for fund exchange. Each small MPO will now have available only \$250,000 to exchange for STBG funds.

6. Chapter One of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)

Ryan MacLaren

Background: The MRMPO TAC is invited to review Chapter 1 of the 2020-2045 RTP in advance of the development of the 2024-2049 RTP. The process of reviewing and updating the RTP will begin in February, and this is an opportunity to get refamiliarized with the current version and begin thinking about potential changes. Chapter 1 features an updated layout and design for review, but the content has not been changed.

Attachment: [#5 Chapter one: Introduction](#)

7. Public Comment

Chair

Regular Updates

8. RVMPO Update

Karl Welzenbach

9. Other Business / Local Business

Chair

Opportunity for MRMPO member jurisdictions to talk about transportation planning projects

10. Adjournment

Chair



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Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization
Technical Advisory Committee

Scheduled Meetings

MRMPO TAC	February 2, 2023	1:30 p.m.
MRMPO CAC	January 12, 2023	5:30 p.m.
MRMPO Policy Meeting	January 19, 2023	2:00 p.m.

All meetings are available in-person and online via Zoom unless otherwise noted.



Summary Minutes
Middle Rogue MPO Technical Advisory Committee
November 3, 2022

The following attended:

Voting Members	Organization	Phone Number
Shelly Stichter	Grants Pass	450-6126
Wade Elliott	Grants Pass	450-6114
James Philp, Vice Chair	Jackson County	774-6236
Neil Burgess, Chair	Josephine County	474-5460
Scott Chancey	Josephine Community Transit	474-5441
Ian Horlacher	ODOT	774-3699
Justin Shoemaker	ODOT	774-6376
Josh LeBombard	DLCD (Quorum)	414-7932
Alternates	Organization	Phone Number
Staff	Organization	Phone Number
Ryan MacLaren	RVCOG	423-1338
Kelsey Sharp	RVCOG	423-1375
Interested Parties	Organization	Phone Number
Lesley Orr	CAC	
Jennifer Boardman	RTC	

[MRMPO TAC November 3, 2022 Agenda Packet](#)

Full meeting recording: [2022-11-03 MRMPO TAC Meeting Audio](#)

- 1. Call to Order / Introductions / Review Agenda 00:00–01:26**
 1:30 p.m. | *Quorum*: Grants Pass, Jackson County, Josephine County, Josephine County Transit, ODOT
- 2. Review / Approve Minutes 01:26–02:11**

01:36 | *Ian Horlacher moved to approve the October 6, 2022, MRMPO TAC meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Shelly Stichter.*

No further discussion.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Action Items

3. Amendment to the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program 02:11 – 08:38

08:05 | *Wade Elliot moved to recommend approval of the Amendment to the TIP. Seconded by Ian Horlacher.*

No further discussion.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

4. Amendment to the UPWP 08:38 – 13:03

12:25 | *Ian Horlacher moved to recommend approval of the Amendment to the UPWP. Seconded by Shelly Stichter.*

No further discussion.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Discussion Items

5. Public Comment 13:03 – 13:41

Ride the Rogue was a success!

Regular Updates

6. MPO Planning Update 13:41 – 22:50

MPO Update provided by Ryan MacLaren with updates to the TIP, RTP, and DLCDC Parking Rules.

7. Other Business / Local Business 22:50 – 38:05

Update provided by Grants Pass, JCT, Jackson County, and ODOT.

8. Adjournment

2:08 p.m.

Scheduled Meetings:

MRMPO Technical Advisory Committee | December 1, 2022 | 1:30 p.m.

MRMPO Citizens Advisory Committee | November 10, 2022 | 2:00 p.m.

MRMPO Policy Committee | November 17, 2022 | 2:30 p.m.



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DATE: December 29, 2022
TO: MRMPO Technical Advisory Committee
FROM: Ryan MacLaren, Senior Planner
SUBJECT: TIP Amendment(s)

The TAC is being asked to make recommendations to the Policy Committee on the proposed TIP amendment(s) described below. The Policy Committee will hold a public hearing at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 19, 2023 to consider adoption of the proposed TIP amendment(s). A press release for the 21-day public comment period and public hearing was sent on or before December 29th to the Medford Tribune, Rogue River Press, Grants Pass Daily Courier, and information is currently available on the MRMPO website. Information on the new project is enumerated, below:

A. Add Project to TIP: Galls Creek (Lampman Rd) Bridge (KN23163)

Description: Replace the existing bridge to meet current standards.

Project Name	Project Description	RTP Project Number	Air Quality Status	Key #	Federal Fiscal Year	Phase	Federal		Federal Required Match		Total Fed+Req Match	Other		Total All Sources
							\$	Source	\$	Source		\$	Source	
Jackson County														
Galls Creek (Lampman Rd) bridge	Replace the existing bridge to meet current standards.	n/a	Exempt (40 CFR § 93.126 Table 2) - Safety, Widening narrow pavements or reconstructing bridges (no additional travel lanes).	23163		Planning					\$ -			\$ -
				23163	2023	Design	\$ 729,236	IJA	\$ 83,464	Local	\$ 812,700			\$ 812,700
				23163	2025	Land Purchase	\$ 56,799	IJA	\$ 6,501	Local	\$ 63,300			\$ 63,300
						Utility Relocate					\$ -			\$ -
				23163	2026	Construction	\$ 2,563,855	IJA	\$ 293,445	Local	\$ 2,857,300			\$ 2,857,300
						Other					\$ -			\$ -
		Total FFY21-24			\$ 3,349,890		\$ 383,410		\$ 3,733,300	\$ -		\$ 3,733,300		

Carbon Reduction Program

Small Urban and Rural Program; Project Eligibility Criteria

Eligible projects will:

- Reduce transportation greenhouse gas emissions
- Meet FHWA Carbon Reduction Program eligibility criteria,
- Be deliverable with federal funding,
- Support an existing statewide, regional, or local plan,
- Provide required local match, and
- Strive to meet Justice40 goals that 40% of benefits accrue to disadvantaged communities

Selection Criteria:

Eligible projects will be evaluated on the following criteria;

1. **Climate Benefits (60 pts)** – Does the project effectively reduce emissions from transportation?
 - a. Will the project result in a direct reduction of transportation emissions, or will the project lead to mode shift or the use of less carbon intensive transportation options? *Projects that can show a more direct or a highly probable reduction (rather than potential reduction) will receive more points. Projects that incorporate carbon reduction strategies during construction only or as a minor component of a larger project will be considered for those components only. ODOT will consider funding these projects if they are part of pilot programs that will lead to systemic changes in the agency's project delivery process. The agency must explain why the larger project budget is not sufficient to incorporate these components without CRP funding.*
 - b. Explain when emissions reductions from the project will occur. Will emissions reductions happen quickly or be achieved over a longer time frame? Will the emission reductions be monitored and reported? *Projects that deliver the reductions sooner and that show benefit over a longer time frame will receive more points.*
2. **Local Support and Engagement (10 pts)** – What is the level of community commitment and support for the project? *Please attach or link relevant supporting documentation and plan citations. Letters of support from local jurisdictions, community groups, and other local agencies may also be used as supporting documentation.*
 - a. What community engagement efforts informed development or identification of the project? Is support demonstrated from relevant partners?
 - b. How will the community know the desired outcomes were achieved?
3. **Equity (10 pts)** – Does this project mitigate impacts from emissions or reduce barriers and increase benefits to historically disadvantaged communities? Geographic and demographic considerations, individual project elements, and Justice40 benefits will be considered. *Please attach or link any relevant supporting documentation and plans. ODOT Social Equity Map and other tools are available.*

- a. Does the project provide benefit to communities identified by Justice40 criteria? How will this project provide benefits to historically disadvantaged community members?
4. **Opportunities and Innovation (10 pts)** – Will this project provide for new opportunities to reduce emissions, include innovative components, expand multimodal or micro-mobility options, or target parts of the sector that have been slower to decarbonize?
 - a. Does this funding create opportunities for future investments and actions that expand the initial emissions reduction benefits? Does the project or application build off or support other effective carbon reduction projects?
 - b. Will this project create or encourage emissions reductions beyond what are already expected through existing plans, projects and funding opportunities?
5. **Project Readiness (10 pts)** – Does the agency have a plan for implementation, construction and/or maintenance of the project?
 - a. Does the applicant and local jurisdiction guarantee any required staff time, operations, and maintenance for the project after completion?
 - b. What is the certainty from a cost and risk perspective? Are there uncertainties including, but not limited to; right of way acquisition; bridge, structure, or rail impacts; environmental review; utility relocation or drainage modifications; supply chain; and overall feasibility?