



AGENDA

Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee

Date: Thursday, December 21, 2023

Time: 2:30 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: 845 5578 6528

Phone #: +1 669 444 9171

Zoom Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84555786528>

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, IF YOU NEED SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING, PLEASE CONTACT RVCOG, 541-664-6674. 48 HOURS ADVANCE NOTICE IS PREFERABLE, AND WILL ENABLE US TO MAKE REASONABLE ARRANGEMENTS

1. Call to Order / Introductions / Review Agenda

Chair

Consent Agenda

2. Review / Approve Minutes

Chair

Attachment: [#1 MRMPO Policy Meeting Draft Minutes 11/16/2023](#)

Public Hearing

Chair will Read Public Hearing Procedures

3. Amendment to the 2024-2027 TIP

Ryan MacLaren

Background: The Policy Committee is being requested to consider the proposed amendments to the 2024-27 TIP.

- Cancel Project in TIP: *SW Oregon safety program funding reserve (FFY25-27) (KN 23305)*
- Cancel Project in TIP: *SW Oregon HB2017 safety program funding reserve (FFY25-27) (KN 23413)*
- Amend Project in TIP: *Southwest Oregon Rural Intersection Safety Improvements (KN 23053)*

The 21-day public comment period and public hearing was advertised on or before Thursday, November 30, 2023, in the *Rogue Valley Times*, the *Rogue River Press* and the *Grants Pass Courier* and information is currently available on the MRMPO website.

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

Action Requested: Approval of the amendment



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4. MPO Boundary

Ryan MacLaren

- Background: MPOs are required to update their MPO boundary following the 2020 Census if the new Census-defined urban areas extend beyond the boundaries of the current MPA. FHWA requires that MPO boundaries be updated prior to the next Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) update.
- Attachment: [#3 Boundary Expansion Map](#)
- Action Requested: Approval of the expansion

Action Items

5. Chapters 4-6 of the Regional Transportation Plan

Ryan MacLaren

- Background: The RTP is a multi-modal transportation review of the existing plan designed to meet the anticipated 25-year transportation needs within the Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization (MRMPO) planning area boundary.
- The chapters will now be uploaded to SharePoint. Leaving comments and edits is the same as before. There are some formatting errors that will be corrected. The Policy Committee is being asked to review and approve the chapters below:
- Chapter 4 – Planning Area Characteristics
Chapter 5 – Existing Transportation System
Chapter 6 – Plan Implementation
- Attachment: [Draft Chapters 4-6](#)
- Action Requested: Review and approval of the chapters.

Discussion Items

6. Chapters 7-9 of the Regional Transportation Plan

Ryan MacLaren

- Background: The Policy Committee is being asked to review the chapters below:
- Chapter 7 – Transportation Sustainability
Chapter 8 – Financial Outlook
Chapter 9 – Air Quality
- Please also review the Chapter 8 Financial Forecast spreadsheet.
- As noted in Chapter 7, there are some formatting issues that will be fixed. This item will be brought back next month for approval.
- Attachment: [Draft Chapters 7-9](#)

7. Public Comment

Chair

Regular Updates

8. MRMPO Update

Ryan MacLaren



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9. Other Business / Local Business

Chair

Opportunity for MRMPO member jurisdictions to talk about transportation planning projects

10. Adjournment

Chair

Scheduled Meetings

MRMPO TAC	January 4, 2023	1:30 p.m.
MRMPO CAC	January 11, 2023	1:30 p.m.
MRMPO Policy Meeting	January 18, 2023	2:30 p.m.

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



SUMMARY MINUTES

Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization

Policy Committee

Date: Thursday, November 16, 2023

Attendees:

Voting Members	Organization	Phone Number
Melia Biedscheid	Gold Hill	855-1525
Valerie Lovelace, Chair	Grants Pass	479-0952
Rick Riker	Grants Pass	479-7333
Pam VanArsdale, Vice Chair	Rogue River	660-4414
Rick Dyer	Jackson County	774-6118
Eric Heesacker	Josephine County	474-5460
Robert Brandes	Josephine County	474-5460
Mike Baker	ODOT	957-3658

Alternate Members	Organization	Phone Number
Steve Lambert	Jackson County	

Staff	Organization	Phone Number
Ryan MacLaren	RVCOG	423-1338
Kelsey Sharp	RVCOG	423-1375
Yazeed Alrashdi	RVCOG	423-1378

Interested Parties	Organization
Bill Landis	Gold Hill
Jerry Marmon	ODOT
Ashley Bryers	FHWA

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1. Call to Order at 2:30 P.M. / Introductions / Review Agenda 00:00 – 01:56

Quorum: Gold Hill, Grants Pass, Rogue River, Jackson County, Josephine County, ODOT

2. Review / Approve Minutes 01:56 – 02:30

- 02:08** Robert Brandes moved to approve the October 19, 2023, MRMPO Policy Committee Meeting Minutes as presented. Seconded by Mike Baker.
No further discussion.
Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.



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3. Chapters 4-6 of the Regional Transportation Plan 02:30 – 26:03

07:48 Discussion of Gold Hill Bridge Project.

19:20 RTP Timeline: approval of the chapters now, TPUA is finishing the modeling, and the rest of the RTP will be brought to the committees within the next few months. The RTP's completion date is March.

4. Public Comment 26:03 – 26:10

No comments received.

Regular Updates

5. MPO Planning Update 26:10 – 28:34

Updates provided by Ryan MacLaren regarding the RTP Open House, and the Oregon Travel Survey.

6. Other Business / Local Business 28:34 – 45:36

Updates from Jackson County, Josephine County, ODOT, and Gold Hill.

7. Adjournment

3:17 p.m.

Scheduled Meetings

MRMPO TAC	December 7, 2023	1:30 p.m.
MRMPO CAC	December 14, 2023	1:30 p.m.
MRMPO Policy Meeting	December 21, 2023	2:30 p.m.



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DATE: November 30, 2023
TO: MRMPO Policy Committee
FROM: Ryan MacLaren, Senior Planner
SUBJECT: TIP Amendment(s)

The Policy Committee is being asked to consider approval of the following amendment(s) to the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program.
 A press release for the 21-day public comment period and public hearing was sent on or before November 30th in the Rogue Valley Times, Rogue River Press, Grants Pass Daily Courier, and information is currently available on the MRMPO website. The TAC recommended approval. Information on the new project is enumerated, below:

A. Cancel Project in TIP: *SW Oregon safety program funding reserve (FFY25-27) (KN 23305)*

Description: Cancel project.

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	
ODOT														
SW Oregon safety program funding reserve (FFY25-27)	Funding for federal fiscal year 2024-2027 for the Region 3 ARTS program.	n/a	Exempt (40 CFR § 93.126 Table 2) - Safety			Planning					\$ -			\$ -
						Design					\$ -			\$ -
						Land Purchase					\$ -			\$ -
						Utility Relocate					\$ -			\$ -
				23305	2025	Construction	\$ 1,075,976	HSIP	\$ 119,553	ODOT	\$ 1,195,529			\$ 1,195,529
						Other					\$ -			\$ -
					Total FFY24-27		\$ 1,075,976		\$ 119,553		\$ 1,195,529	\$ -		\$ 1,195,529



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B. Cancel Project in TIP: *SW Oregon HB2017 safety program funding reserve (FFY25-27) (KN 23413)*

Description: Cancel project.

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	
ODOT														
SW Oregon HB2017 safety program funding reserve (FFY25-27)	Funding for federal fiscal year 2024-2027 for the Region 3 HB2017 safety program.	n/a	Exempt (40 CFR § 93.126 Table 2) - Safety			Planning					\$ -			\$ -
						Design					\$ -			\$ -
						Land Purchase					\$ -			\$ -
						Utility Relocate					\$ -			\$ -
				23413	2025	Construction	\$ 129,199	HSIP	\$ 14,355	ODOT	\$ 143,554			\$ 143,554
						Other					\$ -			\$ -
					Total FFY24-27		\$ 129,199		\$ 14,355		\$ 143,554	\$ -		\$ 143,554

C. Amend Project in TIP: *Southwest Oregon Rural Intersection Safety Improvements (KN 23053)*

Description: Reduce the Construction phase by \$978,774. Update the project locations by removing message board from scope of work.

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	
ODOT														
Southwest Oregon Rural Intersection Safety Improvements	Install signs to provide a safer roadway to the traveling public in ODOT region 3.	n/a	Exempt (40 CFR § 93.126 Table 2) - Safety			Planning					\$ -			\$ -
				23053	2024	Design	\$ 389,977	HSP IUA	\$ 43,331	ODOT	\$ 433,308			\$ 433,308
						Land Purchase					\$ -			\$ -
						Utility Relocate					\$ -			\$ -
				23053	2025	Construction	\$ 1,537,115	HSP IUA	\$ 170,791	ODOT	\$ 1,707,906			\$ 1,707,906
						Other					\$ -			\$ -
					Total FFY24-27		\$ 1,927,092		\$ 214,122		\$ 2,141,214	\$ -		\$ 2,141,214

MRMPO Boundary Expansion

