



**Date: Thursday, January 18, 2024**

**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](http://www.mrmppo.org)

**Or via Zoom**

**Meeting ID:** 845 5578 6528

**Phone #:** +1 669 444 9171

**Zoom Link:**

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

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**1. Call to Order / Introductions / Review Agenda**

**Chair**

**Consent Agenda**

**2. Review / Approve Minute**

**Chair**

Attachment: [#1 MRMPO Policy Meeting Draft Minutes 12/21/2023](#)

**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 make a recommendation on the proposed amendments to the 2024-27 TIP.

- Add Project in TIP: *Grants Pass US199 and Redwood Ave Plan (FFY23-24) (KN 23567)*

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](#)

[#3 ODOT Request](#)

Action Requested: *Consideration of the Amendment*



**Action Items**

**4. 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 MRMPO planning area boundary.

The Policy Committee tabled this item at the last meeting to further discuss the comments made. The comments have been addressed and the item is being brought back.

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

Attachments: [Draft Chapters 4-6](#)

Action Requested: *Review and approval of the chapters.*

**5. Chapters 7-9 of the Regional Transportation Plan** **Ryan MacLaren**

Background: The Policy Committee is being asked to review and approve 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](#)

Action Requested: *Review and approval of the chapters.*

**Discussion Items**

**6. Public Comment** **Chair**

**Regular Updates**

**7. MRMPO Update** **Ryan MacLaren**

**8. Other Business / Local Business** **Chair**

Opportunity for MRMPO member jurisdictions to talk about transportation planning projects

**9. Adjournment** **Chair**



# AGENDA

## Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee

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### Scheduled Meetings

MRMPO TAC	February 1, 2024	1:30 p.m.
MRMPO CAC	February 8, 2024	1:30 p.m.
MRMPO Policy Meeting	February 15, 2024	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, December 21, 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
Robert Brandes	Josephine County	474-5460
Mike Baker	ODOT	957-3658

Alternate Members	Organization	Phone Number
Steve Lambert	Jackson County	

Staff	Organization	Phone Number
Karl Welzenbach	RVCOG	423-1360
Kelsey Sharp	RVCOG	423-1375
Yazeed Alrashdi	RVCOG	423-1378

Interested Parties	Organization
Lily Morgan	Gold Hill
Jerry Marmon	ODOT
Darrin Neavoll	ODOT
Ashley Bryers	FHWA

**MRMPO Policy Committee Minutes – Thursday, December 21, 2023**

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**1. Call to Order at 2:30 P.M. / Introductions / Review Agenda 00:00 – 01:54**

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

**2. Review / Approve Minutes 01:54 – 03:58**

- 02:02** Pam VanArsdale moved to approve the November 16, 2023, MRMPO Policy Committee Meeting Minutes as presented. Seconded by Robert Brandes.  
 No further discussion.  
 Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.



## Public Hearing

### 3. Amendments to the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program **03:58 – 11:33**

*Chair Valerie Lovelace opened the Public Hearing.*

*No Comments received.*

*Chair Valerie Lovelace closed the Public Hearing.*

- 11:15** Mike Baker moved to approve the TIP amendments as presented. Seconded by Rick Riker.  
No further discussion.  
Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

### 4. MPO Boundary **11:33 – 23:20**

*Chair Valerie Lovelace opened the Public Hearing.*

*No Comments received.*

*Chair Valerie Lovelace closed the Public Hearing.*

- 21:42** Pam VanArsdale moved to approve the MPO Boundary Expansion as presented. Seconded by Robert Brandes.  
Further discussion on how the physical size could affect grant applications.  
Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

## Action Items

### 5. Chapter 4-6 of the Regional Transportation Plan **41:20 – 59:55**

Item moved due to time constraints.

- 43:45** Comments made from Pam VanArsdale regarding the statistics.
- 47:30** Comments made from Mike Baker regarding freight classifications and CFEC parking rules, and a request to reference other ODOT documents, such as Oregon Highway Plan.
- 59:26** Pam VanArsdale moved to Table this item to address comments made. Seconded by Robert Brandes.  
No further discussion.  
Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

## Update Items

### 6. Chapter 7-9 of the Regional Transportation Plan **59:55 – 01:00:57**

- 07:48** MAKE SURE TO ADD COMMENTS SAID I THINK THEY ARE NEEDED I GUESS

### 7. Public Comment **01:00:57 – 01:01:00**

*No comments received.*



## Regular Updates

### 8. MPO Planning Update **26:10 – 41:20**

The MPO Update moved due to time constraints.

*Updates provided by Karl Welzenbach regarding the current Dues and funding, and current proposals of weight tax.*

### 9. Other Business / Local Business **01:01:00 – 01:19:01**

*Updates from Gold Hill, Rogue River, Josephine County, and ODOT.*

### 10. Adjournment

3:49 p.m.

Scheduled Meetings		
MRMPO TAC	January 4, 2024	1:30 p.m.
MRMPO CAC	January 11, 2024	1:30 p.m.
MRMPO Policy Meeting	January 18, 2024	2:30 p.m.



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

*Gold Hill • Grants Pass • Rogue River • Jackson County • Josephine County • Oregon Department of Transportation*

**DATE:** December 27, 2023  
**TO:** MRMPO Policy Committee  
**FROM:** Karl Welzenbach, Planning Program Director  
**SUBJECT:** TIP Amendment

The Policy Committee is being asked to make recommendations to the Policy Committee on the proposed TIP amendment described below.

A press release for the 21-day public comment period and public hearing was sent on or before December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 in the Rogue Valley Times, Rogue River Press, Grants Pass Daily Courier, and information is currently available on the MRMPO website. The TAC and CAC recommended approval. Information on the new project is enumerated, below:

**A. Add Project in TIP: *Grants Pass US199 and Redwood Ave Plan (FFY23-24) (KN 23567)***

Description: Add project.

<b>Grants Pass US199 and Redwood Avenue Plan (KTBD)</b>			
<b>PHASE</b>	<b>YEAR</b>	<b>COST</b>	
		<b>Current</b>	<b>Proposed</b>
Preliminary Engineering	2024	\$0	\$400,000
Right of Way	NA	\$0	\$0
Utility Relocation	NA	\$0	\$0
Construction	NA	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$400,000</b>



# Oregon

Tina Kotek, Governor

Oregon Department of Transportation  
Region 3 Headquarters

**DATE:** November 09, 2023

**TO:** McGregor “Mac” Lynde  
Delivery and Operations Division Administrator

**FROM:** Darrin Neavoll  
Region 3 Manager

**SUBJECT:** Amend the 2024-2027 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to add the Grants Pass US199 and Redwood Avenue Plan project.

**Darrin Neavoll**  
**Region Manager**  
3500 NW Stewart Parkway  
Roseburg, OR 97470  
Telephone (541) 957-3518

**Requested Action:**

Approve amending the 2024-2027 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to add the Grants Pass US199 and Redwood Avenue Plan project.

Funding will come from the Region 3 bottom line and local funds.

**STIP Amendment Funding Summary:**

<b>Grants Pass US199 and Redwood Avenue Plan (KTBD)</b>			
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**Background:**

The purpose of this project is to take a fresh look at the congestion, operations and safety need on US199 and Redwood Avenue in west Grants Pass, examining all modes. The planning boundary is generally between Dowell Road to the west, Tussey Lane to the east, US199 to the south and Redwood Avenue to the north. The project will also consider a future fourth bridge connection between Lincoln Avenue and Allen Creek Road as shown in the city’s Transportation System Plan.

ODOT proposes to fund this project utilizing \$300,000 from Region 3 savings and \$100,000 from the City of Grants Pass.

**Options:**

With approval, ODOT will add the project to the STIP as outlined above.

Without approval, this project would not be added to the STIP at this time, and the safety of the corridor would not be explored until a later date.

**Attachments:**



- Attachment 1 – Approved CMR
- Attachment 2 – Location Map

Copies to:

Darrin Neavoll  
Naomi Birch

Sarah Thompson  
Lisa Cornutt

Jerry Marmon

Mike Baker