



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

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

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
Eric Heesacker	Josephine County	474-5460
Robert Brandes	Josephine County	474-5460
Mike Baker	ODOT	957-3658

Alternate Members	Organization	Phone Number
Wade Elliot	Grants Pass	
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
Colleen Roberts	Jackson County
Jerry Marmon	ODOT
Scott Chancey	Josephine County Transit
Ashley Bryers	FHWA

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**1. Call to Order at 2:30 P.M. / Introductions / Review Agenda 00:00 – 01:10**

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

**2. Review / Approve Minutes 01:10 – 01:36**

- 01:20** Robert Brandes moved to approve the December 21, 2023, MRMPO Policy Committee Meeting Minutes as presented. Seconded by Rick Riker.  
 No further discussion.  
 Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.



## Public Hearing

### 3. Amendments to the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program 01:36 – 09:04

*Chair Valerie Lovelace opened the Public Hearing.*

*No Comments received.*

*Chair Valerie Lovelace closed the Public Hearing.*

- 08:47** Mike Baker moved to approve the TIP amendments as presented. Seconded by Eric Heesacker.  
No further discussion.  
Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

## Action Items

### 4. Chapter 4-6 of the Regional Transportation 09:04 – 17:28.

- 10:31** Comments from Mike Baker for the highway descriptions and descriptions of STBG funding.  
**13:40** Comments from Pam VanArsdale about the vacancy rates.  
**17:07** Robert Brandes moved to approve the RTP chapters 4-6. Seconded by Mike Baker.  
No further discussions.  
Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

### 5. Chapter 7-9 of the Regional Transportation Plan 17:28 – 19:30

- 17:36** Robert Brandes moved to approve the RTP chapters 7-9. Seconded by Eric Heesacker.  
No further discussion.  
Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

## Update Items

### 7. Public Comment 19:30 – 19:45

*No comments received.*

### 8. MPO Planning Update 19:45 – 23:02

## Regular Updates

*Updates provided by Ryan MacLaren regarding the Title IV and Environmental Justice Plan, and the MRMPO being in attainment for Air Quality.*

### 9. Other Business / Local Business 23:02 – 58:39

*Updates from Grants Pass, Josephine County Transit, Josephine County, and Jackson County.*

### 10. Adjournment

3:30 p.m.



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<b>Scheduled Meetings</b>		
<b>MRMPO TAC</b>	<b>February 1, 2024</b>	<b>1:30 p.m.</b>
<b>MRMPO CAC</b>	<b>February 8, 2024</b>	<b>1:30 p.m.</b>
<b>MRMPO Policy Meeting</b>	<b>February 15, 2024</b>	<b>2:30 p.m.</b>