



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

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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 Pan 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.