



SUMMARY MINUTES
Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization
Policy Committee

Date: Thursday, May 16, 2024

Attendees:

| Voting Members | Organization | Phone Number |
|------------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Melia Biedscheid, Vice Chair | Gold Hill | 855-1525 |
| Valerie Lovelace, Chair | Grants Pass | 479-0952 |
| Rick Riker | Grants Pass | 479-7333 |
| Pam VanArsdale | Rogue River | 660-4414 |
| Colleen Roberts | 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 |
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| Wade Elliott | Jackson County | |
| Steve Lambert | Jackson County | |

| Staff | Organization | Phone Number |
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| Ryan MacLaren | RVCOG | 423-1338 |
| Kelsey Sharp | RVCOG | 423-1375 |
| Dan Moore | RVCOG | 423-1393 |

| Interested Parties | Organization |
|--------------------|--------------|
| Ian Horlacher | ODOT |

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1. Call to Order at 2:30 P.M. / Introductions / Review Agenda 00:00 – 01:09

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

2. Review / Approve Minutes 01:09 – 01:50

- 01:20** Pam VanArsdale moved to approve the April 18, 2024, MRMPO Policy Committee Meeting Minutes as presented. Seconded by Eric Heesacker.
 No further discussion.
 Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.



Public Hearing

3. Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) 01:50 – 06:08

Chair Valerie Lovelace opened the Public Hearing.

No public comments received during Public Hearing.

Chair Valerie Lovelace closed the Public Hearing.

05:49 Robert Brandes moved to approve the 2025-2026 UPWP as presented. Seconded by Mike Baker.

No further discussion.

Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Action Items

4. Gold Hill Local Street Network Plan Letter of Support 06:08 – 07:40

06:46 Pam VanArsdale moved to approve the Chair signing the Letter of Support. Seconded by Melia Biedscheid.

No further discussion.

Motion passed by voice vote with one abstain.

5. Ride the Rogue Sponsorship 07:40 – 10:56

10:23 Rick Riker moved to approve the MRMPO Sponsoring the Ride the Rogue at a Gold Level Sponsor at \$2,500. Seconded by Pam VanArsdale.

No further discussion.

Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Discussion Items

6. Public Participation Plan 10:56 – 26:49

7. Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Performance Measures 26:49 – 30:49

8. Public Comment 30:49 – 30:55

No comments received.

Regular Updates

9. MPO Planning Update 30:55 – 36:27

Updates provided by Ryan MacLaren regarding the Public Participation Plan and public participation opportunities.

10. Other Business / Local Business 36:27 – 57:16

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



11. Adjournment

3:23 p.m.

| Scheduled Meetings | | |
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| MRMPO TAC | June 6, 2024 | 1:30 p.m. |
| MRMPO CAC | June 13, 2024 | 1:30 p.m. |
| MRMPO Policy Meeting | June 20, 2024 | 2:30 p.m. |