



SUMMARY MINUTES
Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization
Policy Committee

Date: Thursday, December 19, 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	774-6117
Eric Heesacker	Josephine County	474-5460
Robert Brandes	Josephine County	474-5460
Mike Baker	ODOT	957-3658

Alternate Members	Organization	Phone Number
Wade Elliott	Grants Pass	
Steve Lambert	Jackson County	

Staff	Organization	Phone Number
Ryan MacLaren	RVCOG	423-1338
Kelsey Sharp	RVCOG	423-1375
Yazeed Alrashdi	RVCOG	423-1378
Dan Moore	RVCOG	423-1393

Interested Parties	Organization
Thomas Guevara	ODOT
Darrin Neavoll	ODOT
Lily Morgan	Gold Hill

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1. Call to Order at 2:32 P.M. / Introductions / Review Agenda 00:00 – 01:50

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

2. Review / Approve Minutes 01:50 – 02:12

- 01:55** Pam VanArsdale moved to approve the November 21, 2024, MRMPO Policy Committee Meeting Minutes as presented. Seconded by Eric Heesacker.
 No further discussion.
 Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.



Public Hearing

3. Amendment to the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Plan 02:12 – 12:06

Chair Valerie Lovelace opened the Public Hearing.

No public comments received during Public Hearing.

Chair Valerie Lovelace closed the Public Hearing.

11:43 Pam VanArsdale moved to approve the amendments to the 2024-2027 TIP as presented.

Seconded by Rick Riker.

No further discussion.

Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Action Item

4. Discretionary Funds 12:06 – 23:58

20:45 Pam VanArsdale moved to approve distributing the Discretionary Funds at a base of \$25,000 for each jurisdiction plus an allocation based on population as shown on Table 5 in the agenda. Seconded by Melia Biedscheid.

Further discussion on other allocations.

Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Discussion Items

5. Project Funding Application Packet Review 23:58 – 29:00

6. Public Comment 29:00 – 29:05

No comments received.

Regular Updates

7. MPO Planning Update 01:04:44 – 01:10:13

Item was moved after Item 8.

Provided by Ryan MacLaren. Governor Kotec has sent Oregon's approval of the MPO's Boundary change, discussion on how the discretionary funds will be distributed, as well as a Goodbye to Chair Valerie Lovelace.

8. Other Business / Local Business 29:05 – 01:04:44

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



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9. Adjournment

3:42 p.m.

Scheduled Meetings		
MRMPO TAC	January 2, 2025	1:30 p.m.
MRMPO CAC	January 9, 2025	1:30 p.m.
MRMPO Policy Meeting	January 16, 2025	2:30 p.m.