



SUMMARY MINUTES

Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization

Policy Committee

Date: Thursday, February 20, 2025

Attendees:

Voting Members	Organization	Phone Number
Melia Biedscheid, Vice Chair	Gold Hill	855-1525
Kathleen Krohn	Grants Pass	450-6000
Wade Elliott	Grants Pass	450-6000
Pam VanArsdale, Chair	Rogue River	660-4414
Rick Dyer	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
Interested Parties	Organization	
Thomas Guevara	ODOT	
Jerry Marmon	ODOT	
Mallory Wright	Gold Hill	

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1. Call to Order at 2:32 P.M. / Introductions / Review Agenda 00:00 – 01:25

Quorum: 5 Members Present

2. Review / Approve Minutes 01:25 – 02:03

- 01:30** Pam VanArsdale moved to approve the December 19, 2024, MRMPO Policy Committee Meeting Minutes as presented. Seconded by Eric Heesacker.
No further discussion.
Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.



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Action Item

3. Election of Officers 02:03 – 03:40

- 02:21** Melia Biedscheid elected Pam VanArsdale as Chair of the MRMPO Policy Committee.
Seconded by Rob Brandes.
No further elections.
Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- 03:00** Pam VanArsdale elected Melia Biedscheid as Vice Chair of the MRMPO Policy Committee.
Seconded by Eric Heesacker.
No further elections.
Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Public Hearing

4. Amendment to the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Plan 03:40 – 13:37

- Chair Pam VanArsdale opened the Public Hearing.*
No public comments received.
Chair Pam VanArsdale closed the Public Hearing.
- 13:03** Melia Biedscheid moved to approve the amendments to the 2024-2027 TIP as presented.
Seconded by Mike Baker.
No further discussion.
Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Action Items Continued

5. MRMPO Dues 13:37 – 23:58

- 39:01** Rob Brandes moved to approve the raising of the Dues rate from \$0.16 per capita to \$0.25 per capita. Seconded by Melia Biedscheid.
Further discussion on the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).
Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Discussion Items

6. Public Comment 42:25 – 42:30

No comments received.

Regular Updates

7. MPO Planning Update 42:30 – 59:13

Provided by Ryan MacLaren regarding the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) current call for projects and changes in the Federal requirements.



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8. Other Business / Local Business **59:13 – 01:04:44**

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

9. Adjournment

4:02 p.m.

Scheduled Meetings		
MRMPO TAC	March 6, 2025	1:30 p.m.
MRMPO CAC	March 13, 2025	1:30 p.m.
MRMPO Policy Meeting	March 27, 2025	2:00 p.m.