



## AGENDA

Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Policy Committee

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**Date: Thursday, June 26, 2025**

**Time: 2:30 p.m.**

**Join In-Person**

**Location:** Ridge Room Conference Room,  
Grants Pass City Hall, 101 NW A St,  
Grants Pass, OR

**Transit:** Served by JCT Routes #10, 20, 35,  
40, 50, 80 and 100. Paratransit  
services are available for qualified  
individuals.

**Contact:** RVCOG: 541-423-1375

**Or via Zoom**

**Meeting ID:** 845 5578 6528

**Phone #:** +1 669 444 9171

**Zoom Link:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84555786528>

**Website:** [www.mrmppo.org](http://www.mrmppo.org)

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, IF YOU NEED SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING, PLEASE CONTACT RVCOG, 541-664-6674. 48 HOURS ADVANCE NOTICE IS PREFERABLE, AND WILL ENABLE US TO MAKE REASONABLE ARRANGEMENTS

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**1. Call to Order / Introductions / Review Agenda**

**Chair**

**Consent Agenda**

**2. Review / Approve Minutes**

**Chair**

Attachment: [#1 MRMPO Policy Meeting Draft Minutes 04/17/2025](#)

**Presentation**

**3. Josephine County Transit EV Bus Fire**

**Scott Chancey**

**Background:** On January 8, 2025, Josephine County Transit had a runaway thermal event on one of their EV buses. As some of their EV buses have been purchased with MRMPO CMAQ funds, Josephine County Transit had asked for time to discuss the event.

Attached is an informational video of the event.

Link to Website: [Video of the January 2025 Bus Fire](#)



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#### Public Hearing

*Chair will Read Public Hearing Procedures*

#### 4. Amendment to the 2024-2027 TIP

**Ryan MacLaren**

Background: The Policy Committee is requested to consider the proposed amendments to the 2024-27 TIP.

- A. Add Project to TIP: *Mass Transit Vehicle Replacement Josephine County (KN23901)*
- B. Add Project to TIP: *Transit Class C Vehicle purchase Josephine County (KN23902)*
- C. Cancel Project in TIP: *Enhanced Mobility E&D (5310) - Josephine County FY25 (KN23002)*

The 21-day public comment period and public hearing was advertised on or before Thursday, May 29, 2025, in the *Rogue Valley Times*, the *Rogue River Press* and the *Grants Pass Courier* and information is currently available on the MRMPO website.

Attachments: [#2 TIP Amendment Memo](#)

Action Requested: Approval of the TIP amendment

#### Action Items

#### 5. RVACT Voting Member

**Chair**

Background: Rogue Valley Area Commission on Transportation (RVACT) is an advisory group chartered by the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC). They address all aspects of transportation with a primary focus on the state transportation system.

MRMPO no longer has a voting member, and the alternate is Scott Chancey, who is also the alternate for Josephine County.

Action Requested: Election of an RVACT voting member

#### Discussion Items

#### 6. Public Comment

**Chair**

#### Regular Updates

#### 7. MRMPO Update

**Ryan MacLaren**

#### 8. Other Business / Local Business

**Chair**

Opportunity for MRMPO member jurisdictions to talk about transportation planning projects



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#### 9. Adjournment

Chair

##### Scheduled Meetings

MRMPO TAC	July 3, 2025	1:30 p.m.
MRMPO CAC	July 10, 2025	1:30 p.m.
MRMPO Policy Meeting	July 17, 2025	2:30 p.m.

All meetings are available in-person and online via Zoom unless otherwise noted.



## SUMMARY MINUTES

### Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization

#### Policy Committee

**Date: Thursday, April 17, 2025**

Attendees:

Voting Members	Organization	Phone Number
Melia Biedscheid, Vice Chair	Gold Hill	855-1525
Bradley Clark	Grants Pass	450-6000
Wade Elliot	Grants Pass	450-6000
Pam VanArsdale, Chair	Rogue River	660-4414
Robert Brandes	Josephine County	474-5460
Mike Baker	ODOT	957-3658

Alternate Members	Organization	Phone Number

Staff	Organization	Phone Number
Kelsey Sharp	RVCOG	423-1375
Yazeed Alrasdhi	RVCOG	423-1378

Interested Parties	Organization
Thomas Guevara	ODOT
Darrin Neavoll	ODOT

#### MRMPO Policy Committee Minutes – Thursday, April 17, 2025

[Agenda Packet](#)

[Meeting Audio](#)

**1. Call to Order at 2:32 P.M. / Introductions / Review Agenda 00:00 – 01:37**

Quorum: 5 Members Present

**2. Review / Approve Minutes 01:37 – 02:12**

**01:52** Melia Biedscheid moved to approve the March 27, 2025, MRMPO Policy Committee Meeting Minutes as presented. Seconded by Mike Baker.  
No further discussion.  
Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

### Public Hearing

**3. Amendments to the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program 02:12 – 08:10**

*Chair Pam VanArsdale opened the Public Hearing.*

*No public comments received.*

*Chair Pam VanArsdale closed the Public Hearing.*



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- 07:32** Robert Brandes moved to approve the amendment to the 2024-2027 TIP as presented.  
Seconded by Wade Elliot.  
No further discussion.  
Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

#### Discussion Items

**4. Oregon Transportation Reinvestment Package (TRIP) 2025 08:10 – 24:18**

- 21:53** Rick Dyer moved to approve Chair Pam VanArsdale to speak on behalf of the MRMPO at the OMPOC Legislative Priorities Meeting. Seconded by Melia Biedscheid.  
No further discussion.  
Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**5. Public Comment 24:18 – 24:24**

*No comments received.*

#### Regular Updates

**6. MPO Planning Update 22:43 – 26:00**

*Provided by Yazeed Alrashdi regarding staff changes and updates on the upcoming TIP funding cycle.*

**7. Other Business / Local Business 26:00 – 37:51**

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

**8. Adjournment**

3:18 p.m.

#### Scheduled Meetings

MRMPO TAC	May 1, 2025	1:30 p.m.
MRMPO CAC	May 8, 2025	1:30 p.m.
MRMPO Policy Meeting	May 15, 2025	2:30 p.m.



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**DATE:** May 29, 2025  
**TO:** MRMPO Policy Committee  
**FROM:** Ryan MacLaren, Planning Program Director  
**SUBJECT:** TIP Amendment(s)

The Policy Committee is being asked to consider approval of the following amendment(s) to the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program.  
 A press release for the 21-day public comment period and public hearing was sent on or before May 29<sup>th</sup> in the Rogue Valley Times, Rogue River Press, Grants Pass Daily Courier, and information is currently available on the MRMPO website. The TAC and CAC recommended approval. Information on the new project is enumerated, below:

**A. Add Project to TIP: Mass Transit Vehicle Replacement Josephine County (KN23901)**

Description: Add new transit project.

Project Name	Project Description	RTP Project Number	Air Quality Status	Key #	Federal Fiscal Year	Phase	Federal		Federal Required Match		Total Fed+Req Match	Other		Total All Sources
							\$	Source	\$	Source		\$	Source	
JCT														
Mass Transit Vehicle Replacement Josephine County	Funding for replacement or right sizing of category C transit vehicles in urban areas. This project w ill be delivered through FTA.	n/a	N/A			Planning					\$ -			\$ -
						Design					\$ -			\$ -
						Land Purchase					\$ -			\$ -
						Utility Relocate					\$ -			\$ -
						Construction					\$ -			\$ -
				23901	2025	Other	\$ 376,866	5307	\$ 43,134	Local	\$ 420,000			\$ 420,000
				Total FFY24-27			\$ 376,866		\$ 43,134		\$ 420,000	\$ -		\$ 420,000



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**B. Add Project to TIP: Transit Class C Vehicle purchase Josephine County (KN23902)**

Description: Add new transit project.

Project Name	Project Description	RTP Project Number	Air Quality Status	Key #	Federal Fiscal Year	Phase	Federal		Federal Required Match		Total Fed+Req Match	Other		Total All Sources
							\$	Source	\$	Source		\$	Source	
JCT														
Transit Class C Vehicle purchase Josephine County	Purchase of 3 Class E Vehicles accessible low floor, Clean Air Act (CAA) compliant, compressed natural gas (CNG) buses for service expansion.	n/a	N/A			Planning					\$ -			\$ -
						Design					\$ -			\$ -
						Land Purchase					\$ -			\$ -
						Utility Relocate					\$ -			\$ -
						Construction					\$ -			\$ -
				23902	2025	Other	\$ 323,028	5307	\$ 36,972	Local	\$ 360,000			\$ 360,000
					Total FFY24-27		\$ 323,028		\$ 36,972		\$ 360,000	\$ -		\$ 360,000

**C. Cancel Project in TIP: Enhanced Mobility E&D (5310) - Josephine County FY25 (KN23002)**

Description: Cancel project, duplicate of K23721. Approved March 2025 OTC.

Project Name	Project Description	RTP Project Number	Air Quality Status	Key #	Federal Fiscal Year	Phase	Federal		Federal Required Match		Total Fed+Req Match	Other		Total All Sources
							\$	Source	\$	Source		\$	Source	
JCT														
Enhanced Mobility E&D (5310) - Josephine County FY25	Urbanized area public transit capital funding to improve transit services to the special needs, seniors, and other transit-dependent populations.	n/a	N/A			Planning					\$ -			\$ -
						Design					\$ -			\$ -
						Land Purchase					\$ -			\$ -
						Utility Relocate					\$ -			\$ -
						Construction					\$ -			\$ -
				23002	2025	Other				\$ -			\$ -	
					Total FFY24-27		\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	