



AGENDA

Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization
Technical Advisory Committee

Date: Thursday, August 7, 2025

Time: 1:30 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
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Contact: RVCOG: 541-423-1375

Or via Zoom

Meeting ID: 884 8819 9210

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<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88488199210>

Website: 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

1. Call to Order / Introductions / Review Agenda

Chair

Consent Agenda

2. Review / Approve Minutes

Chair

Attachment: [#1 MRMPO TAC Meeting Draft Minutes 07/03/2025](#)

Action Items

3. Amendment to the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program

Ryan MacLaren

Background: The TAC is requested to make a recommendation on the proposed amendments to the 2024-27 TIP.

A. **Adjust Project in TIP: Oregon Transportation Network - Josephine County FFY27 (KN23032)**

The 21-day public comment period and public hearing was advertised on or before Thursday, June 25, 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: Recommendation of approval



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4. Letter to Oregon Legislature Regarding the TRIP Legislation

Dan Moore

Background: The Oregon Legislature will hold a special session on August 29th to consider funding for the proposed Oregon Transportation Reinvestment Package (TRIP 2025). Attached is a draft letter for TAC review and comment from the MRMPO Policy Committee to the Legislature urging swift action to pass the funding package.

Attachments: [#3 Proposed Letter](#)

Action Requested: Recommendation of approving the Chair Signature

Discussion Items

5. Update on 2027-2030 TIP Approved Allocations

Yazeed Alrashdi

Background: On July 17, 2025, the Policy Committee approved the CMAQ fund allocations for the 2027–2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The motion proposed awarding the Grants Pass project the full requested amount of \$1,350,048, with the remaining \$94,141 allocated to the ODOT project.

Attachments: [#4 Staff Memo](#)

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

9. Adjournment

Chair

Scheduled Meetings

MRMPO TAC	September 4, 2025	1:30 p.m.
MRMPO CAC	August 14, 2025	1:30 p.m.
MRMPO Policy Meeting	August 21, 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 Technical Advisory Committee

Date: Thursday, July 3, 2025

Attendees:

Voting Members	Organization	Phone Number
Laure Middleton	Grants Pass	450-6064
Ryan Nolan, Vice Chair	Rogue River	582-4401
James Philp	Jackson County	774-6236
Charles Bennet	Jackson County	774-6115
Scott Chancey	Josephine Community Transit	474-5441
Justin Shoemaker	ODOT	200-5784
Alternate Voters	Organization	Phone Number
Ian Horlacher	ODOT	
Staff	Organization	Phone Number
Kelsey Sharp	RVCOG	423-1375
Yazeed Alrashdi	RVCOG	423-1378
Interested Parties	Organization	
Jennifer Boardman	ODOT	
Lesley Orr	MRMPO CAC	

MRMPO TAC Minutes – Thursday, July 3, 2025

[Agenda Packet](#)

[Meeting Audio](#)

1. Call to Order at 1:30 P.M. / Introductions / Review Agenda 00:00 – 03:12

Quorum: 4 jurisdictions represented.

2. Review / Approve Minutes 03:12 – 03:44

- 03:25** Ryan Nolan moved to approve the June 5, 2025, MRMPO TAC Meeting Minutes as presented. Seconded by Justin Shoemaker.
No further discussion.
Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Presentation

3. 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program Discretionary Funds Allocations 03:44 – 23:59

04:50 Presentation on ODOT's Grants Pass Signal Upgrades project.

15:35 Presentation on Grants Pass' Lincoln Road Multimodal & Transit Enhancements.



SUMMARY MINUTES

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Action Items

4. **2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program Discretionary Funds Allocations 23:59 – 30:30**
24:07 Ryan Nolan moved to allocate \$297,070.05 to ODOT's Grants Pass Signal Upgrades project, and \$1,147,118.50 to Grants Pass' Lincoln Road Multimodal & Transit Enhancements.
Seconded by James Philp.
Further discussion on the projects.
Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
5. **Amendment to the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program 30:30 – 33:20**
33:00 Justin Shoemaker moved to recommend approval of the 2024-2027 TIP Amendments as presented. Seconded by Ryan Nolan.
No further discussion.
Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Discussion Items

6. **Public Comment 33:20–45:23**
Discussion on the Greenway project with Lesley Orr.

Regular Updates

7. **MPO Planning Update 45:23 – 46:14**
Update from Yazeed Alrashdi regarding the upcoming TIP funding cycle.
8. **Other Business / Local Business 46:14 – 56:04**
Discussion and updates from ODOT.
9. **Adjournment**
2:27 p.m.

Scheduled Meetings

MRMPO TAC	August 7, 2025	1:30 p.m.
MRMPO CAC	July 10, 2025	1:30 p.m.
MRMPO Policy Meeting	July 17, 2025	2:30 p.m.



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DATE: July 30, 2025
TO: MRMPO Technical Advisory Committee
FROM: Ryan MacLaren, Planning Program Director
SUBJECT: TIP Amendment(s)

The TAC is being asked to make recommendations to the Policy Committee on the proposed TIP amendment(s) described below. The Policy Committee will hold a public hearing at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 21, 2025 to consider adoption of the proposed TIP amendment(s). A press release for the 21-day public comment period and public hearing was sent on or before July 31st in the Rogue Valley Times, Rogue River Press, Grants Pass Daily Courier, and information is currently available on the MRMPO website. Information on the new project is enumerated, below:

A. Adjust Project in TIP: Oregon Transportation Network - Josephine County FFY27 (KN23032)

Description: Update project name and reduce the project by \$201,395 to match the FTA grant.

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														
Oregon Transportation Network - Josephine County FFY27	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					\$ -			\$ -
				23032	2027	Other	\$ 156,853	STBG IIJA	\$ 17,953	Local	\$ 174,806			\$ 174,806
						Total FFY24-27	\$ 156,853		\$ 17,953		\$ 174,806	\$ -		\$ 174,806



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July 31, 2025

Oregon State Legislature
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Members of the Oregon Legislature,

On behalf of the Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization (MRMPO) Policy Committee, we write to emphasize the critical need for sustained and increased transportation funding to address pressing challenges in our region. As a federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization, we oversee regional transportation planning for the cities of Grants Pass, Rogue River, Gold Hill, and unincorporated areas in Josephine and Jackson counties. Our region's growing population and aging infrastructure require immediate investment in three key areas.

City and County Road Maintenance

Local roads across our region face deteriorating conditions due to deferred maintenance and insufficient state-shared revenue. Potholes, crumbling shoulders, and outdated drainage systems jeopardize safety and increase long-term repair costs. Dedicated funding for the preservation and maintenance of our regional transportation system is greatly needed.

Transit System

Josephine Community Transit (JCT) provides essential services to our communities, including seniors, low-income residents, students, and workers. However, any reductions in state funding will make it difficult to maintain service frequency, modernize fleets, or meet rising demand. Enhanced transit is vital to our economy and environment.

Safety and Multimodal Priorities

Safe roadways including pedestrian and bicycle networks are central to our Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Funding for safety, bicycle and pedestrian projects is urgently needed.

In conclusion, the MRMPO stands ready to collaborate on solutions. We urge swift action by the Legislature to pass the Transportation Investment Package (TRIP) to ensure that Oregon's transportation system remains safe and economically viable.

Sincerely,

Pam VanArsdale
Chair, MRMPO Policy Committee

CC: Governor's Office, ODOT Director



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DATE: July 31, 2025
TO: MRMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
FROM: Yazeed Alrashdi, Associate Transportation Planner
SUBJECT: 2027-30 TIP Approved Allocations

This memo outlines the approved allocations for CMAQ (Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality) funds for the 2027–2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Throughout July, the MRMPO committees reviewed submitted project proposals and developed funding recommendations for final approval by the Policy Committee.

On July 17, 2025, the Policy Committee (PC) passed a motion approving the CMAQ fund allocations for the 2027–2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The motion proposed awarding the Grants Pass project the full requested amount of \$1,350,048, with the remaining \$94,141 allocated to the ODOT project. The motion was made by Ryan Nolan and seconded by Wade Elliott. It passed unanimously.

Table 1 Approved Allocations Breakdown

	Key #	Project Status	Agency	Project Description	Phase	CMAQ Fund Request	Approved Allocations*
1	23304	CARRIED OVER	Grants Pass	Lincoln Rd Multimodal & Transit Enhancements	PE, ROW, CONS	\$1,350,048	\$1,350,048
2	-	NEW	ODOT	Grants Pass Signal Upgrades	PE	\$500,000	\$94,141

*PC recommendations for 27-30 TIP/STIP fund allocations.