



AGENDA

Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization
Policy Committee

Date: Thursday, October 16, 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

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 Policy Meeting Draft Minutes 09/18/2025](#)

Public Hearing

Chair will Read Public Hearing Procedures

3. Amendment to the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program

Ryan MacLaren

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

A. Add Project to TIP: OR99: Depot Street (Rogue River) (KN24234)

B. Adjust Project in TIP: Grants Pass Signal Upgrades (KN23863)

The 21-day public comment period and public hearing was advertised on or before Friday, September 26, 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 the TIP Amendment



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Action Items

4. IGA ODOT/MPO/Public Transportation Provider Amendment

Ryan MacLaren

Background: ODOT, MPO, and Public Transportation Provider agree to define roles and responsibilities in carrying out the metropolitan transportation planning and metropolitan transportation financial planning processes. This addendum extends the date to November 2030.

Attachments: [#3 Amendment Number 02 IGA ODOT/MPO/Public Transportation Provider](#)

Action Requested: *Approval of the Chair's Signature on the IGA Amendment*

Discussion Items

5. Public Comment

Chair

Regular Updates

6. MRMPO Update

Ryan MacLaren

7. Other Business / Local Business

Chair

Opportunity for MRMPO member jurisdictions to talk about transportation planning projects

8. Adjournment

Chair

Scheduled Meetings

MRMPO TAC	November 6, 2025	1:30 p.m.
MRMPO CAC	November 13, 2025	1:30 p.m.
MRMPO Policy Meeting	November 20, 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, September 18, 2025

Attendees:

Voting Members	Organization	Phone Number
Melia Biedscheid, Vice Chair	Gold Hill	855-1525
Bradley Clark	Grants Pass	450-6000
Wade Elliott	Grants Pass	450-6000
Pam VanArsdale, Chair	Rogue River	660-4414
Rick Dyer	Jackson County	774-6117

Alternate Members	Organization	Phone Number
Steve Lambert	Jackson County	

Staff	Organization	Phone Number
Ryan MacLaren	RVCOG	423-1338
Yazeed Alrashdi	RVCOG	423-1378

Interested Parties	Organization
Thomas Guerava	ODOT
Darrin Neavoll	ODOT
Elijah Oberlander	ODOT
Lesley Orr	Rogue River Greenway Fdn.

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1. Call to Order at 2:33 P.M. / Introductions / Review Agenda 00:00 – 02:06

Quorum: 5 Members Present

2. Review / Approve Minutes 2:06 – 02:36

- 02:11** Wade Elliott moved to approve the August 21, 2025, MRMPO Policy Committee Meeting Minutes with corrections. Seconded by Rick Dyer.
No further discussion.
Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.



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Action Items

- 3. 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program Draft Project List 02:36 – 11:37**
11:05 Bradley Clark moved to authorize staff to proceed with the 2027-2030 TIP Draft Project List as presented. Seconded by Melia Biedscheid.
No further discussion.
Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Discussion Items

- 4. Letter to Oregon Legislature Regarding the Upcoming Special Session 11:37 – 24:10**
- 5. Public Comment 24:10 – 27:56**
Comments provided by Lesley Orr.

Regular Updates

- 6. MPO Planning Update 27:56 – 31:19**
Provided by Ryan MacLaren regarding the upcoming Special Session for the Oregon Legislature, 2027-2030 TIP timeline, and the yearly Obligated Project list.
- 7. Other Business / Local Business 31:19 – 01:21:52**
Updates from ODOT, Gold Hill, Jackson County, and Grants Pass.
- 8. Adjournment**
3:16 p.m.

Scheduled Meetings

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



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DATE: September 26, 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 September 26th, 2025, 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: OR99: Depot Street (Rogue River) (KN24234)

Description: Add new project funded through the Carbon Reduction Program.

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	
Rogue River														
OR99: Depot Street (Rogue River)	Alternative designs for the addition of Bike/Ped and transit facilities at Depot Street and OR99.	n/a	N/A	24234	2026	Planning	\$ 30,000	Carbon	\$ 3,081	Local	\$ 33,081			\$ 33,081
						Design				\$ -			\$ -	
						Land Purchase				\$ -			\$ -	
						Utility Relocate				\$ -			\$ -	
						Construction				\$ -			\$ -	
						Other				\$ -			\$ -	
						Total FFY24-27		\$ 30,000		\$ 3,081		\$ 33,081	\$ -	



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B. Adjust Project in TIP: Grants Pass Signal Upgrades (KN23863)

Description: Slip Utility Relocate to FFY27 and increase Design by \$600K from Fix-It Region 3 savings.

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	
ODOT														
Grants Pass Signal Upgrades	Upgrade advanced transportation controllers (ATC) and traffic signal interconnect facilities at various locations around the city of Grants Pass.	n/a	N/A			Planning					\$ -			\$ -
				23863	2025	Design	\$ 897,300	CR/STBG Flex	\$ 102,700	ODOT	\$ 1,000,000			\$ 1,000,000
						Land Purchase					\$ -			\$ -
				23863	2027	Utility Relocate	\$ 107,676	Carbon Re	\$ 12,324	ODOT	\$ 120,000			\$ 120,000
				23863	2027	Construction	\$ 430,704	Carbon Re	\$ 49,296	ODOT	\$ 480,000			\$ 480,000
						Other					\$ -			\$ -
					Total FFY24-27		\$ 1,435,680		\$ 164,320		\$ 1,600,000	\$ -		\$ 1,600,000

AMENDMENT NUMBER 02
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT
ODOT/MPO/Public Transportation Providers Agreement
Metropolitan Planning, Financial Plans and Obligated Project Lists
Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization
Josephine County – Josephine Community Transit

This is Amendment No. 02 to the Agreement between the STATE OF OREGON, acting by and through its Department of Transportation, hereinafter referred to as “ODOT,” and the MIDDLE ROGUE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION, acting by and through its Policy Board, hereinafter referred to as “MPO” and JOSEPHINE COUNTY – JOSEPHINE COMMUNITY TRANSIT, acting by and through its elected officials, hereinafter referred to as “Public Transportation Provider,” all hereinafter referred to individually as “Party” or “Agency” and collectively as “Parties,” entered into on May 17, 2018 and Amendment 01 on April 2, 2025.

It has now been determined by the Parties that the Agreement referenced above shall be amended to extend the termination date.

1. **Effective Date.** This Amendment shall become effective on the date it is fully executed and approved as required by applicable law.
2. **Amendment to Agreement.**

Section 1. TERMS OF AGREEMENT, Paragraph 3, Page 2, which reads:

The term of this Agreement shall begin on the date all required signatures are obtained. The work identified in Section 1, Paragraph 1 shall be completed no later than November 30, 2025, on which date this Agreement terminates unless extended by an executed amendment to this Agreement.

Shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

The term of this Agreement shall begin on the date all required signatures are obtained. The work identified in Section 1, Paragraph 1 shall be completed no later than November 30, 2030, on which date this Agreement terminates unless extended by an executed amendment to this Agreement.

3. **Counterparts.** This Amendment may be executed in two or more counterparts (by facsimile or otherwise) each of which is an original and all of which when taken together are deemed one agreement binding on the Parties, notwithstanding that all Parties are not signatories to the same counterpart.
4. **Original Agreement.** Except as expressly amended above, all other terms and conditions of the original Agreement are still in full force and effect. The Parties certify that the

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representations, warranties and certifications in the original Agreement are true and correct as of the effective date of this Amendment and with the same effect as though made at the time of this Amendment.

5. **Electronic Signatures.** The Parties agree that signatures showing on PDF documents, including but not limited to PDF copies of the Agreement and amendments, submitted or exchanged via email are “Electronic Signatures” under ORS Chapter 84 and bind the signing Party and are intended to be and can be relied upon by the Parties. ODOT reserves the right at any time to require the submission of the hard copy originals of any documents.

THE PARTIES, by execution of this Agreement, hereby acknowledge that their signing representatives have read this Agreement, understand it, and agree to be bound by its terms and conditions.

**MIDDLE ROGUE METROPOLITAN
PLANNING ORGANIZATION**, by and through
its Policy Board

By _____
Chair

Date _____

JOSEPHINE COUNTY, by and through its
elected officials

By _____
Commission Vice-Chair

Date _____

STATE OF OREGON, by and through
its Department of Transportation

By _____
Amanda Pietz, Policy Data & Analysis Division
Administrator

Date _____

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