



AGENDA

Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization

Technical Advisory Committee and Citizens Advisory Committee

Date: Thursday, January 8, 2026

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
services are available for qualified
individuals.

Contact: RVCOG: 541-423-1375

Or via Zoom

Meeting ID: 815 5601 4240

Phone #: +1 719 359 4580

Zoom Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81556014240>

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

Attachments: [#1 MRMPO TAC Meeting Draft Minutes 10/02/2025](#)
[#2 MRMPO CAC Meeting Draft Minutes 10/09/2025](#)

Action Items

**3. Request for COVID-19 relief funding for a planning project along the
Greenway between the cities of Rogue River and Grants Pass**

Ryan MacLaren

Background: The City of Rogue River is requesting \$3,081.00 to fund an ODOT awarded project to create alternative designs for the addition of bike, pedestrian, and transit facilities at Depot Street and OR99 on the Southwest edge of the City of Rogue River.

In 2021, the MRMPO had set aside funds to be utilized for projects along the Greenway between the cities of Rogue River and Grants Pass. See attachments for further details on the request by the city of Rogue River and the Resolution which dedicated the Greenway funds.

Attachments: [#3 Request letter from Rogue River](#)
[#4 Resolution 2021-02 Authorization of Distribution](#)

Action Requested: Recommendation to the Policy Committee



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Discussion Items

4. MRMPO Dues

Ryan MacLaren

Background: Staff proposes maintaining the dues formula and rate that was approved by the Policy Committee in 2025. The rate, \$0.25 per capita, would generate a total of \$15,807 for the 2026-27 fiscal year.

Attachments: [#5 Dues Memo](#)

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	February 5, 2026	1:30 p.m.
MRMPO CAC	February 12, 2026	1:30 p.m.
MRMPO Policy Meeting	January 15, 2026	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, October 2, 2025

Attendees:

Voting Members	Organization	Phone Number
Shelly Stichter	Grants Pass	450-6125
Laure Middleton	Grants Pass	450-6064
Charles Bennett	Jackson County	774-6115
Neil Burgess	Josephine County	474-5460 Ext. 4408
Justin Shoemaker	ODOT	200-5784
Alternate Voters	Organization	Phone Number
Colton Minton	Jackson County	
Staff	Organization	Phone Number
Ryan MacLaren	RVCOG	423-1338
Kelsey Sharp	RVCOG	423-1375
Interested Parties	Organization	

MRMPO TAC Minutes – Thursday, October 2, 2025

[Agenda Packet](#)

[Meeting Audio](#)

1. Call to Order at 1:34 P.M. / Introductions / Review Agenda 00:00 – 00:57

Quorum: 4 jurisdictions represented.

2. Review / Approve Minutes 00:57 – 01:31

01:06 Justin Shoemaker moved to approve the September 4, 2025, MRMPO TAC Meeting Minutes as presented. Seconded by Shelly Stichter.
No further discussion.
Motion passed unanimously. Yes: Shelly Stichter, Laure Middleton, Charles Bennett, Neil Burgess, and Justin Shoemaker. No: None.

Action Items

3. Amendment to the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program 01:31 – 05:52

05:01 Justin Shoemaker moved to recommend approval of the Amendments to the 2024-2027 TIP as presented. Seconded by Charles Bennett.
No further discussion.
Motion passed unanimously. Yes: Shelly Stichter, Laure Middleton, Charles Bennett, Neil Burgess, and Justin Shoemaker. No: None.



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Discussion Items

4. Public Comment 05:52–06:07

No comments received.

Regular Updates

5. MPO Planning Update 06:07 – 08:18

Update from Ryan MacLaren regarding the November and December meetings.

6. Other Business / Local Business 08:18 – 17:50

Updates from DOT, Josephine County, and Jackson County.

7. Adjournment

1:52 p.m.

Scheduled Meetings

MRMPO TAC	November 6, 2025	1:30 p.m.
MRMPO CAC	October 9, 2025	1:30 p.m.
MRMPO Policy Meeting	October 16, 2025	2:30 p.m.



SUMMARY MINUTES

Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization

Citizen Advisory Committee

Date: Thursday, October 9, 2025

Attendees:

Voting Members	Organization	Phone Number
Lesley Orr	Active Transportation	
Judy Garrett	Grants Pass	659-9256
Nancy Sue Stout	Grants Pass	761-0899
Fred Saunders	Josephine County	659-0169
Dick Converse, Chair	Josephine County	659-8401
Non-Voting Member	Organization	Phone Number
Thomas Guevara	ODOT	975-3692
Staff	Organization	Phone Number
Ryan MacLaren	RVCOG	423-1338
Kelsey Sharp	RVCOG	423-1375
Interested Parties	Organization	

MRMPO CAC Minutes – Thursday, October 9, 2025

[Agenda Packet](#)

[Meeting Audio](#)

1. Call to Order at 1:33 P.M. / Introductions / Review Agenda 00:00 – 01:55

Quorum: Four voting members, regardless of jurisdiction.

2. Review / Approve Minutes 01:55 – 02:25

02:12 Fred Saunders moved to approve the September 11, 2025, MRMPO CAC Meeting Minutes as presented. Seconded by Judy Garrett.

No further discussion.

Motion passed unanimously. Yes: Lesley Orr, Judy Garrett, Nancy Sue Stout, Fred Saunders, and Dick Converse. No: None.

Action Items

3. Amendment to the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program 02:25 – 07:47

07:32 Nancy Sue Stout moved to recommend approval of the 2024-2027 amendment to the Policy Committee. Seconded by Judy Garrett.

No further discussion.

Motion passed unanimously. Yes: Lesley Orr, Judy Garrett, Nancy Sue Stout, Fred Saunders, and Dick Converse. No: None.



SUMMARY MINUTES

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Citizen Advisory Committee

Discussion Items

4. Public Comment 07:47 – 08:50

No comments received.

Regular Updates

5. MPO Planning Update 08:50 – 13:23

Provided by Ryan MacLaren regarding the upcoming Title VI Plan Update and the Transportation Bill passed the House and Senate and where that currently stands.

6. Other Business / Local Business 13:23 – 21:36

Discussions of the rising cost of construction.

7. Adjournment

1:54 p.m.

Scheduled Meetings

MRMPO TAC	November 6, 2025	1:30 p.m.
MRMPO CAC	November 13, 2025	1:30 p.m.
MRMPO Policy Meeting	October 16, 2025	2:00 p.m.



CITY OF ROGUE RIVER

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December 19, 2025

**Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization
c/o Rogue Valley Council of Governments
155 N. First Street
PO Box 3275
Central Point, OR 97502**

**RE: Request for COVID-19 relief funding for a planning project along the Greenway
between the cities of Rogue River and Grants Pass**

ODOT has agreed to fund a project to create alternative designs for the addition of bike, pedestrian, and transit facilities at Depot Street and OR99 on the South West edge of the City of Rogue River. This project would provide plans that, if built out, would be the first section of the Greenway expansion from Rogue River to Grants Pass. ODOT has awarded the project at an estimated cost of \$33,081.00. The City is responsible for \$3,081.00 (an initial cost which may possibly increase) and is asking that the MR MPO award the City \$3,081.00 to be utilized to fully fund the estimated cost of the planning project. The City could potentially come to the MPO requesting additional funds if the costs of the project increase, and the burden on the City increases.

The project is identified as "Project Name: OR99: Depot Street (Rogue River)", the Agreement between the City and ODOT is identified as "Misc. Contracts and Agreements No. 73000-00052826".

This project is in the 2024-2027 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) (Key #24234).

The Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization set aside \$270,000 with Resolution 2021-02 in September 2021 to be utilized for projects along the Greenway between the cities of Rogue River and Grants Pass. This planning project (largely funded by the Carbon Reduction Program) would allow the City of Rogue River to pursue funding to complete the construction of the first portion of the Greenway expansion from the current terminus towards the City of Grants Pass.

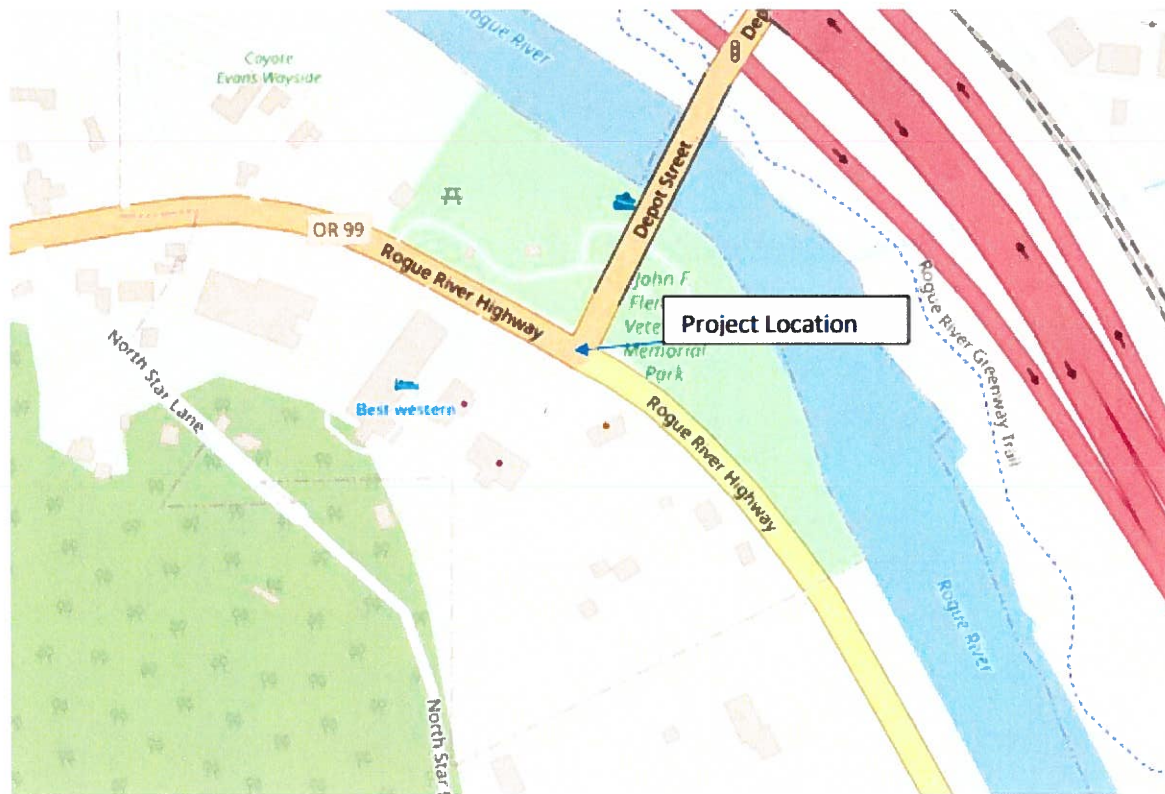
Please consider placing this request for funds on an upcoming agenda for the appropriate committee meetings of the Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Sincerely,

Ryan L. Nolan
City Administrator
City of Rogue River



PROJECT LOCATION:





***Middle Rogue
Metropolitan Planning Organization
Regional Transportation Planning***

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Resolution Number 2021 -02

Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization - Policy Committee

Authorization of Distribution of COVID-19 Relief funds for the Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization

Whereas, the Rogue Valley Council of Governments (RVCOG) has been designated by the State of Oregon as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Grants Pass Urban Area; and

Whereas, the RVCOG has delegated responsibility for MPO policy functions to the MRMPO Policy Committee, a committee of elected officials from Gold Hill, Grants Pass, Rogue River, Josephine County, Jackson County, and the Oregon Department of Transportation; and

Whereas, the MRMPO has been the recipient of \$810,000 in COVID-19 relief funding; and

Whereas, the MRMPO's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) met in two joint sessions to discuss and develop recommendations to the Policy Committee as to the disbursement of said funds; and

Whereas, the MRMPO' Policy Committee took under advisement the recommendations of the TAC and CAC, and agreed with the proposals.

NOW THEREFORE, the Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee determines that the \$810,000 shall be proportioned as follows:

- \$270,000 to the City of Gold Hill; and
- \$270,000 to the City of Rogue River; and
- \$270,000 shall be provided for projects along the Greenway between the cities of Rogue River and Grants Pass; and
- The funding must be used for "transportation related" projects; and
- The cities of Gold Hill and Rogue River shall provide a list of projects that they intend to pursue to the Policy Committee.

Adopted by the Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee on this 16th day of September 2021.


Valerie Lovelace
MRMPO Policy Committee Chair



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Oregon Department of Transportation

DATE: December 31, 2025
TO: Local Jurisdiction
FROM: Jeffrey Stump, Associate Transportation Planner
SUBJECT: FY 2026-27 MRMPO Member Dues

MRMPO Member Dues

Every year jurisdictions pay dues based on population to help pay for the organization's functions. Dues provide funding for general operations, primarily activities that require local funds including lobbying and local match obligations. Dues pay for Policy Committee participation in advocacy activities for which federal funds cannot be used as well as elected official participation in the Oregon MPO Consortium, and conferences such as the annual Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations Conference. Dues can also be used to supplement the MPO's planning budget.

Table 1, below, summarizes population and proposed dues for each jurisdiction. Population estimates are from the [December 15, 2025 Certified Population Estimates](#) from Portland State University.

Table 1: MRMPO Proposed Dues

Member Jurisdictions	Population ¹	Dues Rate per Capita	FY 2025-26 Dues	FY 2026-27 Proposed Dues ²	Dues Difference
Gold Hill	1,363	\$0.25	\$336	\$341	\$5
Rogue River	2,484	\$0.25	\$605	\$621	\$16
Grants Pass	40,380	\$0.25	\$9,893	\$10,095	\$202
Jackson County*	2,414	\$0.25	\$1,178	\$604	-\$575
Josephine County*	16,587	\$0.25	\$5,143	\$4,147	-\$996
Total	63,228		\$17,155	\$15,807	-\$1,348

¹RVCOG staff utilized the latest Certified Portland State University population estimates and the latest PSU MPO estimate commissioned by ODOT. This report uses [2025 Certified Population Estimates](#).

²Proposed dues = (Population estimates * dues rate)