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

This is the ideal project for the funding set aside with Resolution 2021-02 in September 2021.

The Rogue River Greenway Foundation's is focused on the development and completion of a Greenway path that will eventually provide a multi-modal link between Grants Pass to Ashland Oregon. We offer our support for this planning project known as "OR99: Depot Street (Rogue River)". This project will include the planning for the first segment of the Greenway to link Rogue River to Grants Pass.

Regards,

Lesley Orr
Rogue River Greenway Foundation Board President



Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization

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Oregon Department of Transportation

DATE: January 6, 2026
TO: Local Jurisdiction
FROM: Jeffrey Stump, Associate Transportation Planner
SUBJECT: FY 2026-27 MRMPO Member Dues

Staff will seek approval of the MRMPO member dues at the February TAC meeting. Currently, staff is seeking review and discussion on the preferred method to calculate member dues.

For incorporated cities within the MPO, Portland State University (PSU) supplies the latest population estimates which are then multiplied by the per capita rate resulting in the total amount of dues for the city. However, PSU does not provide an explicit estimate of the population of rural unincorporated areas of Jackson County and Josephine County within the MPO.

To determine the appropriate dues for Jackson and Josephine County within the MPO, staff must first determine the method to estimate this rural unincorporated population. Different methods can be employed to determine the rural population, but different methods can result in variations in the population estimate.

Member Dues – Basic Method

A basic method which has been used in the past is based off the latest PSU population estimate for the entire MPO. The total city population is deducted from the total MPO population leaving the total rural unincorporated population within the MPO.

Member Dues – MAZ Method

The MAZ method is derived from the Southern Oregon Activity-Based Travel Demand Model (SOABM). Micro-zones or (MAZs) are a layer within the model used for modeling non-motorized travel such as walk, bike, and transit access/egress. Also, within this layer the model stores the populations, housing, employment and other demographic data used by the model. The model covers both MPOs and beyond and uses US Census and PSU numbers for its population numbers. Using ArcGIS Pro, staff analyzes the MAZ layer and extracts the population for the zones within the MPO boundary but outside the city boundaries.

The tables below reflect the basic method and the MAZ method for determining the dues. City population estimates are from the December 15, 2025, PSU certified population estimates. The total MPO population estimates are from the 2024 MPO population estimates commissioned by ODOT.

Table 1: Basic Method

Member Jurisdictions	Population ¹	Per Capita Dues Rate	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	\$1,177	\$604	-\$574
Josephine County	16,587	\$0.25	\$5,143	\$4,147	-\$996
Total	63,228		\$17,154	\$15,807	-\$1,347

¹ RVCOG 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.

² Proposed dues = (Population estimates * dues rate)

Table 2: MAZ Method

Member Jurisdictions	Population ¹	Per Capita Dues Rate	FY2025-26 Dues	FY2026-27 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*	4,737	\$0.25	\$1,177	\$1,184	\$6
Josephine County*	20,402	\$0.25	\$5,143	\$5,101	-\$42
Total	69,366		\$17,154	\$17,342	\$188

¹ RVCOG staff utilized the latest Certified Portland State University population estimates This report uses 2025 Certified Population Estimates.

² Proposed dues = (Population estimates * dues rate)

* For unincorporated areas population, estimates are derived from Southern Oregon ABM Model data which uses PSU estimates.