



SUMMARY MINUTES

Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization

Policy Committee

Date: Thursday, April 16, 2026

Attendees:

Voting Members	Organization	Phone Number
Melia Biedscheid	Gold Hill	855-1525
Bradley Clark	Grants Pass	450-6000
Wade Elliott, Chair	Grants Pass	450-6000
Pam VanArsdale, Vice Chair	Rogue River	660-4414
Randy Sparacino	Jackson County	774-6117
Scott Chancey	Josephine County	474-5460
Mike Baker	ODOT	957-3658
Alternate Members	Organization	Phone Number
Steve Lambert	Jackson County	
Staff	Organization	Phone Number
Ryan MacLaren	RVCOG	423-1338
Kelsey Sharp	RVCOG	423-1375
Yazeed Alrashdi	RVCOG	423-1378
Interested Parties	Organization	
Thomas Guerava	ODOT	
Lesley Orr	MRMPO CAC	

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1. Call to Order at 2:35 P.M. / Introductions / Review Agenda 00:00 – 01:29

Quorum: 5 Members Present. Items 5 and 6 were swapped.

2. Review / Approve Minutes 01:29 – 02:03

01:39 Pam VanArsdale moved to approve the March 19, 2026, MRMPO Policy Committee Meeting Minutes as presented. Seconded by Randy Sparacino.

No further discussion.

Motion Passed by voice vote. Yes: Melia Biedscheid, Bradley Clark, Wade Elliott, Pam VanArsdale, Randy Sparacino, Scott Chancey, and Mike Baker. No: None.

Public Hearing

3. 2026-2027 Unified Planning Work Program 02:03 – 12:28

Chair Wade Elliott opened the Public Hearing.

No public comments received.

Chair Wade Elliott closed the Public Hearing.

12:03 Melia Biedscheid moved to approve the 2026-2027 UPWP with updated funding numbers. Seconded by Pam VanArsdale.

No further discussion.

Motion Passed by voice vote. Yes: Melia Biedscheid, Bradley Clark, Wade Elliott, Pam VanArsdale, Randy Sparacino, Scott Chancey, and Mike Baker. No: None.

Action Items

4. Ride the Rogue Sponsorship 09:25 – 13:27

12:54 Pam VanArsdale moved to appoint Lily Morgan as the alternate voting member for the MRMPO in RVACT. Seconded by Randy Sparacino.

No further discussion.

Motion Passed by voice vote. Yes: Melia Biedscheid, Wade Elliott, Pam VanArsdale, Randy Sparacino, Scott Chancey, and Mike Baker. No: None. Recuse: Bradley Clark.

Discussion Items

5. Support Letter for the BASICS Act H.R. 7437 13:27 – 23:44

Items 5 and 6 were swapped from the agenda.

6. DRAFT 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program 23:44 – 27:24

Items 5 and 6 were swapped from the agenda.

7. Public Comment 27:24 – 28:07

Comments from Lesley Orr: Ride the Rogue is happening September 26, 2026. Go to ridetherogue.com for more information.

Regular Updates

8. MPO Planning Update 28:07 – 31:36

Provided by Ryan MacLaren with updates on populations of the MRMPO members, Oregon Metropolitan Planning Organization Consortium (OMPOC), and Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO).



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9. Other Business / Local Business **31:36 – 01:02:50**

Updates from ODOT, Rogue River, Josephine County, Jackson County, and Grants Pass.

10. Adjournment

3:25 p.m.

Scheduled Meeting	Location	Date	Time
MRMPO TAC	Grants Pass City Hall	May 7, 2026	1:30 p.m.
MRMPO CAC	Grants Pass City Hall	May 14, 2026	1:30 p.m.
MRMPO Policy Meeting	Rogue River City Hall	May 21, 2026	2:30 p.m.