



AGENDA

Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee

Date: Thursday, September 18, 2014

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Location: Courtyard Conference Room, Grants Pass City Hall, 101 NW 'A' Street, Grants Pass, Oregon

Phone : Sue Casavan, RVCOG, 541-423-1360

MRMPO website : www.mrmppo.org

1. Call to Order/Introductions/Review AgendaDarin Fowler, Chair
2. Review/Approve Minutes (Attachment #1)Chair

Action Item:

3. MRMPO Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Vision..... Jonathan David

Background: Staff from the MRMPO met with the MRMPO TAC, cities of Rogue River, Gold Hill and Grants Pass to discuss the Vision Statement for the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). This will be a working session to review the comments from the Cities as well as the TAC to construct a Vision Statement for the MRMPO RTP.

Attachment: #2 – Summary comments from MRMPO TAC Committee, Rogue River, and Gold Hill

Action Requested: Create and adopt a Vision for the Regional Transportation Plan.

4. MRMPO Planning Update..... Jonathan David
5. Public Comment*Chair
(Limited to one comment per person, five minute maximum time limit)

6. Other Business / Local BusinessChair
Opportunity for MRMPO member jurisdictions to talk about transportation planning projects.

7. **Agenda Build for Next Meeting** **Jonathan David**

8. **Adjournment** **Chair**

The next MPO Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 16, 2014 at 2:30 p.m. in the Courtyard Conference Room at Grants Pass City Hall.

- The next Middle Rogue MPO TAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 2, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. in the Courtyard Conference Room at Grants Pass City Hall.

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, IF YOU NEED SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING, PLEASE CONTACT SUE CASAVAN, 541-423-1360. REASONABLE ADVANCE NOTICE OF THE NEED FOR ACCOMMODATION PRIOR TO THE MEETING (48 HOURS ADVANCE NOTICE IS PREFERABLE) WILL ENABLE US TO MAKE REASONABLE ARRANGEMENTS TO ENSURE ACCESSIBILITY TO THIS MEETING.



SUMMARY MINUTES
*Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization
Policy Committee*

August 21, 2014

The following attended:

NAME	REPRESENTING	PHONE
<u>MPO Policy Committee</u>		
Darin Fowler, Chairman		
Don Skundrick	Jackson County	774-6118
Pam Van Arsdale, Vice Chairman	Rogue River	660-4414
Robert Brandes	Josephine County	474-5460
Gus Wolf	Gold Hill	621-9653
<u>RVCOG Staff</u>		
Dick Converse	RVCOG	423-1373
Bunny Lincoln	RVCOG	944-2446

1. Call to Order / Introductions/ Review Agenda

Chairman Fowler called the meeting to order at 2:38 PM. The Committee began with introductions.

2. Review / Approve Minutes

The Chair asked if there were any changes or additions to the June meeting minutes. (NOTE: No meeting was held in July.)

On a motion Pam VanArsdale by and seconded by Don Skundrick, the minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

Public Hearing #1:

3. MRMPO Public Participation Plan

The Chair asked Staff to present the procedure for the public hearing.

Dick Converse gave a brief overview of the document, its history, and the efforts made to allow for all public advocacy groups and citizens to have input on the matter. No comments were received that affected the contents of the draft document.

Various philosophies for general public notifications and Environmental Justice (Title VI) were briefly

discussed, including methods for informing the Latino populations, available media types, innovative outreach opportunities, and compliance with legal statutes, including ADA requirements.

Mike Baker said the “radio” should be added as a PR and public noticing mechanism, and mentioned that the Table of Contents needed to be repaginated for accuracy.

There were no **public comments** offered.

On a motion by Rob Brandes, seconded by Gus Wolf, the MRMPO Public Participation Plan was approved unanimously with the aforementioned edits, regarding Table of Contents repagination and the addition of “radio” as a public information mechanism.

4. MRMPO Planning Update

- Jonathan David is holding a public open house in Gold Hill tonight to provide information on the mechanics of the MPO.
- Members discussed the new JCT commuter bus service for Gold Hill, and the fact that the bridge adjacent to the RR trestle is not suitable for busses to cross. Potential lack of pedestrian accessibility, and bus stop locations were also discussed. Rogue River has several good locations available.
- Chairman Fowler stated that Grants Pass is moving ahead with plans for UGB expansion.
- Mike Baker said that the protective median cables near Valley of the Rogue have been properly tightened, and are sufficient to prevent vehicle crossovers into oncoming traffic in the event of an accident.

5. Public Comment

None.

6. Other Business / Local Business

- Gus Wolf expressed enthusiasm about the new bike path construction.
- Members briefly discussed the status of upcoming transportation and recreational facilities projects.

7. Agenda Build for Next Meeting

- UPWP items will be considered or future meetings.
- The next meeting Policy Committee meeting will be held on September 14, 2014.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Corvallis Area Metropolitan Transportation Plan: Destination 2035

The Corvallis Vision and Goals are what the MRMPO TAC would like the MRMPO Policy Committee to consider.

See below.

A. Vision

The Vision of the Transportation Plan was developed based on the most common elements of the visions described in the area's transportation and land use plans. The draft vision was reviewed and modified by the general public, the Ad hoc Committee and the Technical Advisory Committee. Through these processes the Policy Board adopted the following Vision for the Transportation Plan.

“By 2035 the Corvallis Metropolitan Area’s transportation system provides for safe, efficient and convenient movement of people and goods to support a robust and burgeoning local and regional economy.

~~The transportation system offers a variety of mode choices to all people for intra and interregional travels in a manner which helps in reducing greenhouse gas and other pollutant emissions and conserving energy and natural resources. The multimodal system provides adequate accessibility while it preserves the integrity of the built and natural environments.~~

~~Coordination of transportation and land use decisions has lowered the rate of growth in vehicle miles of travel. Partnership between the public and private sectors has secured the needed capital by utilizing all available financial resources.”~~

B. Goals

The Goals of the Transportation Plan were developed based on a review of the goals found in the area's transportation plans and in conformance with the above vision and the regulations set out in the Corvallis Area MPO's adopted Title VI Plan. The Ad hoc Committee and the Technical Advisory Committee reviewed and commented on the Goals. In accordance with the recommendations of these groups, the Policy Board adopted the following Goals for the Transportation Plan:

- 1 To provide for safe, convenient and efficient movement of people and goods throughout the planning area consistent with the community's livability goals**
- 2 To provide for and promote alternative modes of transportation (transit, biking, walking, etc.)**
- 3 To provide for economic vitality of the planning area and the region**
- 4 To preserve integrity of neighborhoods and the natural environment**
- 5 To provide accessibility and connectivity to destinations within and outside of the planning area**
- 6 To maximize the life of existing transportation facilities**
- 7 To develop an energy efficient transportation system**
- 8 To coordinate land use and transportation decisions**

~~9 To promote use of renewable energy and reduce reliance on fossil fuel~~

~~109 To provide for the reduction of Greenhouse Gases generated by transportation~~

MRMPO Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Rogue River – Visioning September 9, 2014

Summary Comments from Public Meeting:

- Improve connectivity
- They liked Example 2, Example 6, and parts of Example 7
- Would like more public transit outside of the region
- Note Freight/Rail/Airport as part of the RTP discussion
- Include and focus on Health as an issue
- Plan for who will use it and how, explore options that people already use
- Recreation in the region is only available by car/vehicle...other alternatives?
- People use all modes in real life if they are convenient for them
- Interconnectedness of modes, think of ways to integrate modes into a functional, usable system
- Discuss efforts to create a “new view” of mode integration, focus on the enhancements
- Convenience of options
- Availability of parking downtown, plus/minus – create pedestrian friendly, “a walk through town”
- Younger generation have more options and are more likely to use them
- Does the region have the ability to maintain funding for transit options
- The MRMPO has a lot of rural space offering the opportunity to look at different forms of transit that would require more space (rail, etc)
- Smaller cities do not have funding for transit options, discuss regional thinking concepts combined with cooperation between participating government agencies
- Alternative, new technologies, simpler design
- Address telecommunication facilities availability and function (people will use technology for contact instead of trips)
- Look at new technologies that could generate energy / funds (solar highways)
- Examine opportunity for designated, safe, alternative routes for mini-electric vehicles (golf carts, etc.)
- Rogue Valley transit connections to existing transportation options (Amtrak, light rail connections)
- Look at technology to create a rail car that would work on the existing tracks

MRMPO Regional Transportation Plan
Gold Hill Visioning / Goals
August 21, 2014

Summary Comments from Public Meeting:

- Bike Paths
- Utilize Rogue River Greenway, tie into Bear Creek Greenway
- Bikes use dedicated bike lanes instead of sidewalks
- Concerns about safety, are folks comfortable with the bike lanes (Safety comfort)
- Plan pedestrian movement before building, find out what people will use
- Safety a big priority for residents, think about safe vision for pedestrian movement
- What about light rail
- Help with links inside and out of region: federal dollars for safety features, improve pieces (sections) of the system, bridges, crossings, etc.
- Attract services for public/residents (car wash, grocery store, etc.)
- Quality of life for residents
- Promotion of educational opportunities
- Access to education, health care, shopping, services
- Safety crossing for students/schools, crosswalks in strategic places
- Identify funding for smaller pedestrian projects not tied to development
- Affordable, accessible transportation connections
- Gold Hill is a rural community, high unemployment, make it possible for transit trips to other cities for jobs
- Taxi service to bridge gaps, provide affordable programs and service
- Tourism promotion
- Arts/Music/Movie theaters (Attractors)
- Retirement Condominiums
- Signage for existing attractors
- Combine old/new technology
- Sidewalks vs. Paths (cost for new facilities: concrete vs. asphalt)
- Look in to permeable surfaces, might be easier to get ROW
- Incorporate newer technology
- Flashing beacons
- Coordinated transportation to regional attractors
- Regional plan needs to consider connection to other areas for economic reasons
- Consider freight, tourism in planning
- Affordability
- MPO help to provide direction for smaller communities to find funding opportunities
- Safety features for pedestrians at appropriate places, handrails, footbridge
- Determine safer routes for bike/ped
- Transit Park and Ride locations: Library, Post Office area
- Liked Vision Example 2: An integrated multi-modal system that will build upon the “unique qualities” of each part of the region
- From Example 3: like the idea of a “people-focused” plan