



AGENDA

Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization

Policy Committee

Date: Thursday, December 15, 2016

Time: 2:30 p.m.

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

Phone : Andrea Napoli, RVCOG, 541-423-1369
MRMPO website : www.mrmppo.org

1. Call to Order/Introductions/Review AgendaChair

2. Review/Approve Minutes (Attachment #1).....Chair

Action Items:

3. Greenhouse Gas Target Discussion and DirectionKarl Welzenbach

Background: The Advisory Committee on Metropolitan Transportation Planning and Greenhouse Gas Reduction has been meeting for almost a year and has come up with some basic statements towards recommendations to the Land Conservation and Development Commission. Included with this agenda packet is a summary of the discussions and recommendations.

Attachments: #2-Memo GHG Reduction

Action Requested: Determination regarding inclusion in greenhouse gas targets.

Discussion Items:

4. Project Applications, CMAQ Funding Balance, CMAQ Advisory Committee.....Karl Welzenbach

Background: The MRMPO receives annual allocations of federal funds (STBG/CMAQ) to be used for projects. Project solicitation for 2019-2021 funds began in June 2016 with an application submittal deadline of September 30th. No applications were received. Related to the MPO's allocation of CMAQ dollars, the addition of the Salem and Eugene MPO's being eligible for CMAQ funding will impact the distribution of those funds. In an attempt to develop a fair and equitable formula for the new distribution of funds the Oregon DOT

has put together an advisory committee. Included with the agenda packet is a summary of the current situation.

Attachment: #3 – Memo CMAQ Funding Allocation Update

5. **Planning Update**.....**Karl Welzenbach**

6. **Public Comment*****Chair**

(Limited to one comment per person, five minute maximum time limit)

7. **Other Business / Local Business****Chair**

Opportunity for MRMPO member jurisdictions to talk about transportation planning projects.

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

- The next Middle Rogue MPO TAC meeting will be **Thursday, January 5, at 1:30 p.m. in the Courtyard Conference Room at Grants Pass City Hall.**
- The next Middle Rogue MPO Policy Committee meeting will be **Thursday, January 19, at 2:30 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 ANDREA NAPOLI, 541-423-1369. 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

October 20, 2016

The following attended:

Member	Organization	Phone Number
Darin Fowler, Chairman	Grants Pass	600-3696
Colleen Roberts	Jackson County	646-2878
Pam Van Arsdale, Vice Chairman	Rogue River	660-4414
Rob Brandes	Josephine County	474-5460
Simon Hare	Josephine County	474-5221
Ian Horlacher for Mike Baker	ODOT	
Others		
Leslie Orr	GP Bike/Ped.	
Jason Canady	Grants Pass	450-6111
Staff		
Karl Welzenbach	RVCOG	
Dan Moore	RVCOG	423-1361
Ryan MacLaren	RVCOG	
Bunny Lincoln	RVCOG	

1. Call to Order / Introductions/ Review Agenda

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m. The Committee did self introductions, and the group welcomed Karl Welzenbach, the new RVCOG Program Manager.

2. Review / Approve Minutes

The Chairman asked if there were any changes or additions to the previous meeting minutes.

On a motion by Pam Van Arsdale, seconded by Colleen Roberts, the minutes were approved as presented. Ian Horlacher abstained.

Public Hearing #1:

3. Regional Plan (RTP) / Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments

The Policy Committee held a public hearing to review and consider adoption of the following amendments to the 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program and the 2015-2040 Regional Transportation Plan:

- *I-5: Exit 58 6th & Morgan Intersection Improvements*
- *Grants Pass 5303 Funds*
- *Grants Pass MPO Planning (FFY 2017)*

The Chair read the procedure for the public hearing.

Ryan MacLaren presented an overview of the proposed amendment, and the Policy Committee was asked to consider approval of the following amendments to the 2015-2040 Regional Transportation Plan and 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program.

The 21-day public comment period and public hearing were advertised in the Medford Tribune, Rogue River Press, Grants Pass Daily Courier, and information is currently available on the MRMPO website. The TAC has recommended approval of the amendments.

Information on the new project is enumerated, below:

A. Add New Project to RTP & TIP: I-5: Exit 58 (6th & Morgan Intersection Improvements)

Description: Reconfiguring Intersection, traffic signal & ADA improvements, additional signage, repave-restripe intersection. Reduced scope by eliminating the reconfigure and lengthening of South Bound off-ramp portion of project.

Project # - 502

Timing - FFY 2017-18

Cost - \$1,500,000 ODOT matching funds. (Non-MPO).

Conformity Status - Exempt-Table 2 (Safety)

Ian Horlacher added additional, simplified information about the project. Simon Hare asked about changes that had been recommended. Ian Horlacher shared that an Interchange Area Management Plan will be created.

The Chair opened the public hearing.

In support: None received

In opposition: None received

The Chair closed the public testimony.

MOTION(S):

On a motion by Simon Hare, seconded by Rob Brandes the I-5: Exit 58 (6th & Morgan

Intersection Improvements) passed unanimously.

B. Add New Project to RTP & TIP: Grants Pass 5303 Funds

Description: Support Transit Planning through RTP & TIP

Project # - 800

Timing – FFY 2015-18

Cost - \$56,696 MRMPO matching funds.

Conformity Status - Exempt-Table 2 (Safety) (All are identified in the UPWP)

C. Add New Project to RTP & TIP: Grants Pass MPO Planning (FFY 2017)

Description: Planning and Research.

Project # - 801

Timing – FFY 2015-18

Cost - \$178,324 ODOT matching funds.

Conformity Status - Exempt-Table 2 (Safety)

The Chair opened the public hearing on items B. and C.

In support: None received

In opposition: None received

The Chair closed the public testimony.

MOTION(S):

On a motion by Ian Horlacher, seconded by Pam van Arsdale the Grants Pass 5303 Funds and Grants Pass (MPO Planning (FFY 2017) passed unanimously by voice vote.

Action Item:

4. Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Benchmarks Scope of Work

Dan Moore explained that the MRMPO meets the Oregon Transportation Planning Rule (TPR) requirement for achieving a 5% reduction in vehicle miles traveled (VMT) per capita. The TPR requires MPOs that achieve the 5% reduction in VMT per capita to demonstrate to the Land Conservation and Development (LCDC) that the MPO is likely to achieve the VMT reduction requirement. Then, upon LCDC order, the MRMPO will adopt VMT benchmarks to evaluate at each update of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The Scope of Work does not represent any additional taxes. The TAC recommends approval the scope of work.

MOTION(S):

On a motion by Pam Van Arsdale, seconded by Colleen Roberts, the Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Benchmarks Scope of Work was adopted by unanimous vote. Ian Horlacher abstained.

5. MRMPO Planning Update

- Karl Welzenbach, Program Manager, introduced himself, and said that he was looking forward to working with the MPO in the future.

- Dan Moore shared an ODOT conference call among all the MPOs would be created to discuss the future ramifications of adding Eugene and Salem to the CMAQ funding program. The MRMPO may be looking at a 12% reduction (based upon population) in funding. It was pointed out that future participation will be critical to the interests of the region, especially if a retroactive mechanism is determined to be applicable to Eugene and Salem. Simon Hare commented that an appropriate MPO advocacy role is essential throughout the process. Both RVMPO and MRMPO have already submitted letters of concern to ODOT on this matter. Committee members expressed great concern with the potential, “retroactive” aspect of the process due to projects that already have funding allocated to them.
- Staff has been attending Greenhouse Gas meetings (4). On Nov. 4th (Salem) and Central Point (RVCOG), will hold another “Go to” meeting. In the future, it is surmised that the LOC will be more involved in this matter, as opposed to MPOs being involved..

NOTE: Two options are being proposed, but a decision has not been made yet: #1 is the same reduction targets. Option #2 gives Portland Metro a higher target.

The MRMPO and RVMPO will meet prior to the Nov. 4th meeting to strategize on this issue.

6. **Public Comment**

None received.

7. **Other Business/Local Business**

- Pam Van Arsdale shared details of the recent OMPOC meeting, and that communication with the legislature on promotion of transportation funding is vital. Transit, seismic concerns, etc. were also mentioned. She also had brochure handouts on the MPO regions, exclusive of the MRMPO.
- Rob Brandes talked about improvements to Galice Road.
- Ian Horlacher said that the Grants Pass TSP is being reviewed by ODOT, and will go onto the DOJ next.

8. **Agenda Build for Next Meeting**

- The November 17th meeting will be cancelled.

9. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Meeting Schedule:

MRMPO TAC Thursday, Nov. 3 @ 1:30 pm
MRMPO Policy Thursday, Nov. 17 @ 2:30 pm



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

Gold Hill • Grants Pass • Rogue River • Jackson County • Josephine County • Oregon Department of Transportation

DATE: November 22, 2016
TO: Middle Rogue TAC Members
FROM: Karl D Welzenbach, Planning Program Manager
SUBJECT: Greenhouse Gas Reductions and Metropolitan Planning

Summary of Discussions and Recommendations from Green House Gas Advisory Committee

On November 4th the greenhouse gas advisory committee met to begin finalizing recommendations to bring back to the Commission. The agenda for this meeting included (1) a discussions of policy approaches for increasing transportation choices and (2) a discussion of Green House Gas reduction targets. **Please note:** included in the discussion of reduction targets was the issue of whether or not to include the newly formed MPOs (Middle Rogue and Albany) in the mix. I will address this towards the end of this memo.

- (1) The overall policy approach was to let MPOs focus on the RTP and the accompanying federal requirements and allow each region a choice for coordination. This could mean that the goal is set by the members of the MPO and there could be an exclusion for smaller cities (population 2500 and below) for meeting these goals. The effort would be to try to look towards those things that local governments, rather than MPOs, control – land use, zoning, development, etc.
- (2) Green House Gas Targets – LCDC staff provided three options to consider when developing GHG targets for communities within MPO areas: (1) establish one target for every area; (2) establish one target for the Portland Metro area and another target for everyone else; (3) establish individual targets for each area. After a great deal of discussion the committee settled on to two versions of the second option – one target for Metro and one for everyone else. These two options are:

Option 5.2.3

Year	Portland Metro Area	Other MPO Areas
By 2040	26%	13%
By 2050	37%	26%

Option 5.2.4

Year	Portland Metro Area	Other MPO Areas
By 2040	25%	20%
By 2050	35%	30%

Whether or Not to Include the New MPOs in Target Rules

Although the data indicates that there is “an insignificant effect on the targets by including [or excluding] the two Metropolitan Areas” LCDC staff recommends inclusion. Mr. Darin Fowler, Chairman of the Middle Rogue MPO, took exception to this recommendation and wanted both the TAC and the Policy Committee to discuss this issue.



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

Gold Hill • Grants Pass • Rogue River • Jackson County • Josephine County • Oregon Department of Transportation

DATE: November 21, 2016
TO: Middle Rogue Policy Committee Members
FROM: Karl D. Welzenbach, Planning and Program Manager
SUBJECT: CMAQ Funding Allocation Update

In August 2016, ODOT informed the Oregon Air Quality Maintenance Areas (including the RVMPO and MRMPO) that both Salem and Eugene are now Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) eligible areas, which will require an update to the current funding allocation formula that was last approved back in 2006 with the passage of SAFETEA-LU. Table 1 below includes an estimate prepared by ODOT, based on population, of what the allocations could look like when Salem and Eugene are added. The table also includes the differences in funding with and without Salem/Eugene and the percent reduction.

Annual Amounts						
	Without Salem/Eugene	% Share	With Salem/Eugene	% Share	\$ Difference	% Reduction
Metro	\$14,086,017	79.1%	\$10,561,701	59.3%	-\$3,524,316	25%
Medford	\$2,465,053	13.8%	\$1,307,833	7.3%	-\$1,157,220	47%
Grants Pass	\$704,300	4.0%	\$532,341	3.0%	-\$171,959	24%
Klamath Falls	\$352,150	2.0%	\$427,221	2.4%	\$75,071	-21%
Eugene	\$0	0.0%	\$2,263,636	12.7%	\$2,263,636	
Salem	\$0	0.0%	\$2,514,788	14.1%	\$2,514,788	
Lakeview	\$65,000	0.4%	\$65,000	0.4%	\$0	0%
Oakridge	\$65,000	0.4%	\$65,000	0.4%	\$0	0%
LaGrande	\$65,000	0.4%	\$65,000	0.4%	\$0	0%
	\$17,802,520	100%	\$17,802,520	100%		

*Distribution based on population, which closely matches 2006 CMAQ allocation formula

ODOT recognizes that the timing of this presents some challenges for the MPO Maintenance Areas developing Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs). ODOT recommends taking a conservative approach as the MPOs go through the CMAQ project solicitation/selection process. The RVMPO is using the annual estimate of \$1,307,833 (Table 1 with Salem/Eugene column) for our 2018-21 TIP development.

Middle Rogue MPO

ODOT recognizes that the timing of this presents some challenges for the MPO Maintenance Areas developing Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs). ODOT recommends taking a conservative approach as the MPOs go through the CMAQ project solicitation/selection process. The RVMPO is using the annual estimate of \$1,307,833 (Table 1 with Salem/Eugene column) for our 2018-21 TIP development.

ODOT hired a public involvement consultant, Jeanne Lawson, to conduct some preliminary interviews with a select number of eligible CMAQ entities. ODOT felt it was important to have a neutral, non-ODOT person conduct these conversations. On October 31st, the RVCOG Executive Director, Planning Program Manager and MPO Coordinator participated in an interview with Ms. Lawson to talk about how the MPO is currently distributing CMAQ funds, the opportunities and barriers to our method, impacts on planned investments, and what kind of approach should be used to distribute the funds. Ms. Lawson will provide a summary of the interviews in the near future.

Currently, ODOT is in the process of forming a Program Advisory Committee (PAC) Committee to develop program recommendations for (CMAQ) funds. Mike Quilty, RVMPO Policy Committee Chair, is serving on the CMAQ PAC. Mr. Darin Fowler has been contacted to represent the Middle Rogue MPO. The first meeting is likely to be held on December 16th in Salem.