



SUMMARY MINUTES

Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee

October 14, 2013

The following attended:

| NAME | REPRESENTING | PHONE |
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| <u>MPO Policy Committee</u> | | |
| Darin Fowler | Grants Pass | 660-3696 |
| Don Skundrick | Jackson County | 774-6118 |
| Gus Wolf | Gold Hill | 621-9653 |
| Terry Haugen for Lily Morgan | Grants Pass | 476-6168 |
| Mark Gatlin | Grants Pass | 441-7674 |
| Art Anderson for Mike Baker | ODOT | 957-3658 |
| Pam VanArsdale | Rogue River | 660-4414 |
| Robert Brandes | Josephine County | 474-5460 |

Others Present

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| Aaron Cubic | Grants Pass |
| Ben Blankenbaker | Flying Toad Graphics |
| Travis Brouwer (by phone) | ODOT |

RVCOG Staff

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| Michael Cavallaro | RVCOG | 423-1335 |
| Dan Moore | RVCOG | 423-1361 |
| Andrea Napoli | RVCOG | 423-1369 |
| Sue Casavan | RVCOG | 423-1360 |

1. Call to Order / Introductions/ Review Agenda

Darin Fowler called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. Committee began with introductions.

2. Review / Approve Minutes

Fowler asked if there were any changes or additions to the August and September meeting minutes.

On a motion by Don Skundrick and seconded by Rob Brandes the minutes were approved as presented. Art Anderson abstained.

3. Oregon's Priorities for Reauthorization of MAP-21

Travis Brouwer referred to the document in the agenda and explained that MAP-21 will expire soon and Congress will need to take action on a new transportation bill. ODOT is seeking endorsement from the MPOs and asking that prospective Oregon MPO Consortium (OMPOC) members for the region endorse the document at the October meeting. He briefly discussed the

notion of strength in consensus. He discussed goals of the document and noted that transportation funding may be reduced significantly.

Art Anderson asked what he thought the future of this bill would be and Brouwer commented that transportation remains a bipartisan issue and he was encouraged by both parties currently working together.

Don Skundrick questioned using the phrase “working poor” on Page 9. Brouwer said it was mentioned at the OMPOC meeting. Some members agreed that it was not correct sentence structure and suggested replacing with “low income workers”.

On a motion by Pam VanArsdale and seconded by Mark Gatlin the committee unanimously recommended approval of the document with recommended changes to “working poor” verbiage.

4. Oregon MPO Consortium (OMPOC) Membership

Moore said all the MPOs in Oregon are being asked to endorse the reauthorization document and started discussion about representation of MRMPO on the OMPOC board. He gave a brief background of the organization and asked that the committee designate two members to attend the meetings and become actively involved. The next meeting will be October 25 in Portland. He added that there will be an MPO dues discussion with the TAC this week and typically dues are used for travel and expenses. The dues proposal will be brought to the Policy Committee at the next meeting. He indicated that RVCOC will reimburse expenses to members in the interim.

Mark Gatlin and Pam VanArsdale volunteered the OMPOC positions. VanArsdale noted that she will not be able to attend the October meeting.

On a motion by Terry Haugen and seconded by Don Skundrick the committee unanimously nominated Pam VanArsdale and Mark Gatlin as the MRMPO OMPOC representatives.

5. Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ) / Surface Transportation Program (STP) Project Solicitation Process

Moore gave a brief description of the documents and said TAC members have forwarded recommendation for approval of the funding documents and timeline. He informed members the application due date will be January 22, 2014. Anderson further explained what an ‘obligated’ project was and noted that it was important for the funding to be used in the program year. He added that it is possible to use multiple year funding for a large, regionally significant project.

On a motion by Don Skundrick and seconded by Pam VanArsdale the committee unanimously approved the project application due date, project application, instructions, and evaluation criteria.

6. MRMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Bylaws

Andrea Napoli presented the TAC bylaws and briefly explained the changes. Anderson asked if there was any language in the document about dispute resolution with the Rogue Valley Area Commission on Transportation (RVACT). Napoli is working on a resolution and will bring to the TAC next month.

On a motion by Terry Haugen and seconded by Gus Wolf the committee unanimously approved the TAC Bylaws.

7. Middle Rogue MPO Logo

Ben Blankenbaker gave a short presentation and introduced various versions of an MRMPO logo. He presented a recommended selection. Don Skundrick felt a representation of the river would be important and was not included on the recommended selection.

Rob Brandes made a motion to approve the recommended selection logo. Seconded by Pam VanArsdale.

7 in favor

1 opposed

Motion passed for recommended selection.

8. MRMPO Planning Update

Moore said there will be protocols for RVACT/MPO agreement to resolve issues on the next meeting agenda. He will bring the Interim 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to the TAC in November and will be asking this committee for approval in December.

He mentioned that the next meeting was scheduled on the Veteran's Day holiday, members agreed to cancel November meeting.

Michael Cavallaro informed members of the MPO Program Manager interviews and asked if any members would like to attend the phone interview. Pam VanArsdale volunteered.

9. Public Comment

None received.

10. Other Business / Local Business

None received.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.