



**SUMMARY MINUTES**  
*Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization*  
*Policy Committee*

**October 16, 2014**

The following attended:

Policy Committee

Darin Fowler, Chairman	Grants Pass	660-3696
Pam Van Arsdale, Vice Chairman	Rogue River	660-4414
Dan De Young	Grants Pass	660-0342
Robert Brandes	Josephine County	474-5460
Gus Wolf	Gold Hill	621-9653
Mike Baker	ODOT	957-3658

RVCOG Staff

Jonathan David	RVCOG	423-1373
Bunny Lincoln	RVCOG	944-2446

Others Present

Ian Horlacher	ODOT
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**1. Call to Order / Introductions/ Review Agenda**

Vice Chair Pam Van Arsdale called the meeting to order at 2:40 PM.

**2. Review / Approve Minutes**

The Chair asked if there were any changes or additions to the September meeting minutes.

**On a motion by Rob Brandes, seconded by Pam Van Arsdale, the minutes were unanimously approved as presented.**

**3. MRMPO Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Goals, Objectives, strategies, and Performance Measures**

Jonathan Devoid resented the draft document, pointing out that the TAC had recommended its adoption at their last meeting and that he had used national examples to create the document. Map 21 Planning factors are included in Table #2. Page three (3) demonstrates how the document meets the national guidelines. Performance measures are included with some of the strategies, and are expected to be reviewed every four years.

A Traffic Count Program, benefitting both MPOs, may be a future consideration. RVTD donated a van for putting out traffic count equipment. ODOT does in house video (classification) counts. The COG is interested in exploring the opportunities for working with both MPOs on a more aggressive counting program. Walking and Biking are both chapters in the RTP.

Pedestrian projects/systems were also briefly discussed.

Under Committee review, discussion and input, the following substantive edits were made to the (draft) document:

### **Goal #1 – Enhance Region’s Economic Viability**

- **Objectives:**
  - G1-05 will be added to address a freight component
- **Strategies:**
  - G1-S5 A freight reference will be added.

### **Goal #2 – Regional Transportation System Safety & Security**

- **Objectives:**
  - G2-O2 Amended to read, “Collaborate with first responders, transportation and health agencies as they develop...”
- **Strategies:**
  - G2-S1 “Identify high severity crash locations”...
  - G2-S2 “Consider intersection improvements that provide safety benefits.”...

Dan De Young spoke about the need for a safety education program for pedestrians and bicyclists.

G2-S5 “... improving security measures and safety awareness for pedestrians...”  
G2-S6 “safety measures, such as red light camera...”

- **Performance Measures:**
  - G2-P3 Removed “... rate”
  - G2-S5 was omitted.

### **Goal #3 – Accessibility & Mobility Choices**

“Transportation Demand Management (TDM)” was changed to “Transportation Options”.

### **Goal #4 - Regional Environments**

The Goals were renumbered

- **Strategies:**
  - G4-S4 was omitted.

## **Goal #5 – Maximize System Effectiveness**

- **Objectives:**
  - G5-O2 Omitted everything but first sentence.
  - G5-O3 Omitted last sentence.
  - G5-O5 Omitted (a)
  - G5-O4 moved “improved coordination...” to G5-O6.
- **Strategies:**
  - G5-S1 Omitted last phrase.
  - G5-S4 Removed reference to traffic signals
- **Performance Measures:**
  - G5-P3 “...newly identified park and ride locations.”

## **Goal #6 Mode Integration & Connectivity**

- **Objectives:**
  - G6-O2 Removed first phrase
  - G6-O4 was omitted.
- **Strategies:**
  - G6-S1 “...anticipated level of freight traffic...”
- **Performance Measures:**
  - G6-P1 “corridors that have facilities for at least...”
  - G6-P3 was changed to “Number of new, mixed use development...”

## **Goal #7 – Maintenance/Preservation of Existing Transportation System**

- **Objectives:**
  - G7-S2 “...Give priority to projects...”
  - G7-S4 “... Encourage local finding
  - G7-P2 ...”

**On a motion by Mike Baker and seconded by Gus Wolf, the MRMPO Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Goals, Objectives, Strategies, and Performance Measures were unanimously approved as presented with the caveat that Jonathan David would add a Freight Objective and Strategy under Goal 1.**

### **4. MRMPO Planning Update**

Jonathan David said that Staff’s focus had been to complete the RTP Goals, Objectives, Strategies, and Performance Measures.

### **5. Public Comment**

None.

**6. Other Business / Local Business**

Rob Brandes said that there was concern that the TAC had lost a bike representative with Michael Black leaving for Ashland.

**7. Agenda Build for Next Meeting**

**8. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.