



SUMMARY MINUTES

Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee

December 18, 2014

The following attended:

Policy Committee

Darin Fowler, Chairman	Grants Pass
Pam Van Arsdale, Vice Chairman	Rogue River
Robert Brandes	Josephine County
Mike Baker	ODOT
Terry Haugen	Grants Pass

RVCOG Staff

Jonathan David	RVCOG
Dan Moore	RVCOG
Bunny Lincoln	RVCOG

Others Present

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

Chairman Darin Fowler called the meeting to order at 2:33 PM.

2. Review / Approve Minutes

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

On a motion by Pam Van Arsdale, seconded by Mike Baker, the minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

Public Hearing:

The Chairman read the hearing procedure and opened the hearing.

3. MRMPO Title VI Plan

This item was continued until January 15th to allow staff to consider and develop changes to the (draft) Plan. Mike Baker said Federal Highways were looking at Title VI Plans in greater detail. The need to have translators at meetings was discussed.

On a motion by Terry Haugen, seconded by Mike Baker, the hearing was continued until Jan. 15, 2015.

4. Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Draft Financial Plan (2015-2040)

Dan Moore reviewed the 12/11/14 memo information. As required by Federal law, the RTP Financial Plan must show sufficient funding to implement the Plan. The Policy Committee must concur with chapter information.

The various Tables in the Plan include:

Table 1 - Revenue Sources (Federal, State & local)

Table 2 - (Draft) Estimated Street Improvements Expenses. The table will be finalized with TAC input, and then be returned to the Policy Committee at a later date within the next few months.)

- MRMPO Jurisdictions
- Short, medium and long range time frames. Federal/State funds anticipated (SML)
- Local Funds (SDCs, local fees & others)
- Totals (All potential revenues for the 25 year period)
- Non Capital Needs (Street programs - operations, maintenance & preservation)
- Available Capital Funds (available for projects)
- Tier 1 Funds (Regional & Federal \$)
- Discretionary Funds (MPO CMAQ, STP, “Enhance It” and ODOT modernization \$)

Table 3 - Financial Assumptions (This item will be updated with additional ODOT funding information)

Mike Baker questioned the \$50,000, Small City Allotments listed for Rogue River & Gold Hill. He also brought up **Table 2 - 2015-2020** under Other Funds – Gold Hill, stating that the calculations may be off. There were brief comments made on several other items, with the understanding that they would be brought up again when appendix A was discussed.

Dan Moore next called the Committee’s attention to Chapter 9 – Financial Plan, a part of the regional RTP.

Chapter sections and graphics include:

- Introduction
- Federal Regulations for Financial Constraint
- Fiscal Constraints
- Methodology (data)
- Key Terms & Acronyms
- Street/Transit System Revenue Funding Sources (State Highways (SHF), Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), Surface Transportation (STP), Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ), ODOT programs, and local street fees) **NOTE:** Based on a Committee query, Dan Moore will check to see if Jackson County has Transportation SDCs)
- **Figure 9.1** - Revenue Forecasts All Sources (will change for final document)
- **Definitions** - pages 3-4 (Mike Baker pointed out STP accuracy on page 3 that only federally funded and regionally significant projects are eligible for this funding.

- Page 4 - Under “ODOT Fix It & Enhance Program, “multi-model” was changed to reflect the correct spelling of “multi-MODAL”...
- **Figure 9.2 - Transit System Revenues.** The accompanying narrative including section on Federal Transit Administration (FTA) programs, Bus & Bus Facilities, Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individual Disabilities, grants for rural areas and system maintenance, and a program to preserve high quality bus-related facilities.
- **State Transit Revenue Sources (Special Transportation Fund & Non-Emergency Medical Transportation)**
- **Local Transit Revenue Sources (Fareboxes & Bus Passes)**
- **Revenue Projections**
- **Risk Response** (including assumptions that funding level estimates may decrease in the future)
- **MRMPO RTP Funding Forecasts, Assumptions** (an explanation of Table 9.2 – Street & Transit System Revenue and Non-Capital Needs). Planned projects for which funding cannot be identified are illustrated in the Tier 2 project list, discussed in another chapter of the Plan.
- **Figure 9.3 – Street & Transit System Revenues & Non-Capital Needs Assumptions**

Appendix A – is comprised of Tables A-1 to A-21, covering Financial Forecasts & Assumptions (revenues & expenses) related to the MRMPO member municipalities and counties, funding allocations, a variety of population forecasts, MRMPO STP, CMAQ and ODOT revenues (FYE 2015-2040), ODOT Non-Modernization Highway Uses, Transportation Modernization Projects (including ODOT Region 3 shares), allocations to MRMPO for Transportation Modernization Projects, and JCT Revenue Projections/Expenses.

Dan Moore reviewed each of the Tables, and explained the methods by which the figures were derived. Gold Hill, Grants Pass, Rogue River, Jackson and Josephine Counties are included in the data, where applicable. Annual projections and assumptions were increased by various percentages where warranted. In competitive project categories, funding cannot always be guaranteed. Mike Baker pointed out that ODOT percentages would likely be decreasing over time. A brief discussion was held regarding the potential that each MPO, as well as Jackson & Josephine Counties might contribute, as a partner, to the JTC commuter program. No funding dedications were proposed. There is no allocation to RFACT.

Mike Baker stated that safety funding would go to the problems identified as being the worst in the region. Revenue and expenses for this category will be added to the Plan. ODOT will provide the estimates to COG Staff.

5. Regional Transportation Plan Freight Goals, Objectives & Strategies

Jonathan David presented the edits to Freight Goal 1 G1-05 and G1-S5 as proposed by the TAC.

G1-S5 (b) was edited to read: Support local, regional and state ~~and~~ **“funding”** measures to improve freight infrastructure.

On a motion by Rob Brandes, seconded by Mike Baker the Committee adopted the Freight Goals, Objectives & Strategies with the requested text edit to G1-S5. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

6. MRMPO Planning Update

Jonathan David shared that the RVCOG Staff is on track with creation of the LMP for the RVMPO.

7. Public Comment

None.

8. Other Business / Local Business

Pam Van Arsdale will attend the OMPOC meeting.
RR sold 21 building permits in 2014.

9. Agenda Build for Next Meeting

Letter of Support
Discussed next meeting attendance.
Verify election timing.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.