



SUMMARY MINUTES

Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee

May 15, 2014

The following attended:

NAME	REPRESENTING	PHONE
<u>MPO Policy Committee</u>		
Darin Fowler, Chairman	Grants Pass	660-3696
Dan DeYoung	Grants Pass	660-0342
Terry Haugen	Grants Pass	441-7674
Don Skundrick	Jackson County	774-6118
Mike Baker	ODOT	957-3658
Pam VanArsdale, Vice Chairman	Rogue River	660-4414
Robert Brandes	Josephine County	474-5460
Simon Hare	Josephine County	474-5221
Gus Wolf	Gold Hill	621-9653
<u>Others Present</u>		
Michael Black	Grants Pass	450-6061
Scott Lindburg	Grants Pass	
Scott Chancey	JOCO Transit	474-5441
Ian Horlacher	ODOT	
<u>RVCOG Staff</u>		
Jonathan David	RVCOG	423-1338
Dan Moore	RVCOG	423-1361
Pat Foley	RVCOG	423-1372

1. Call to Order / Introductions/ Review Agenda

Chairman Darin Fowler called the meeting to order at 2:36 PM. The Committee began with introductions.

2. Review / Approve Minutes

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

On a motion by Pam VanArsdale and seconded by Michael Baker the minutes were approved as presented.

Don Skundrick has taken the place of John Vial and Gus Wolf has taken the place of Rick Hohnbaum.

Public Hearing

3. MRMPO Discretionary Funding Projects

Chairman Darin Fowler opened the Public Hearing at 2:39 PM. Public hearing is to consider the adoption of the MRMPO Discretionary Funding Projects.. He read the public hearing procedures.

Handout: Revised TAC Funding Recommendations

Jonathan David gave a brief overview: Originally there were thirteen projects. Five projects were withdrawn. At the last meeting there were projects that were tentatively approved. Three projects were added at the last TAC meeting. Dan Moore said that there are also funding changes from CMAQ to STP on two projects. Jonathan asked that the Policy Committee approve the list of the projects identified in Table 2 of the handout; 1. Grants Pass - Bike/Ped Improvements, 2. Grants Pass - Alt Fuel Facility and 3. Grants Pass - Redwood Phase 3.

Discussion/Comments: Grants Pass – Redwood Phase 3 is designated as a place holder until further information is available.

Mike Baker made a motion to approve the projects listed on Table 2. Gus Wolf seconded the motion.

Discussion: No questions or comments.

The motion was unanimously approved.

For clarification: Terry Haugen- ‘this does not set out any authorization for which fiscal year these funds will come out of’. Dan Moore explained that after approval today staff will prepare another Table with these projects and then line out the funding years for each project (per funding availability that is known). That Table will then be sent to the TAC for review. If they are comfortable with it we will then move forward with the State Transportation Improvement Program and the amendments that need to occur.

There were no public comments

The public hearing was closed at 2:43 p.m.

Action Items

4. Letter of Support for Gold Hill Local Street Network Application

Jonathan David said that RVCOG is working with the City of Gold Hill to prepare a TGM grant to prepare a Local Street Network Plan. Because of their small size they do not have a TSP and therefore no project lists. With a Local Street Network Plan they could identify projects to be included in the RTP. Support of the MPO is being sought to support this application.

Action: Policy Committee authorization for the Chair to sign the letter.

Discussion: Don Skundrick said that Jackson County will be sending a letter of support for this application and also for Rogue River’s application.

Pam VanArsdale made a motion to support the Gold Hill’s TGM application letter. The motion was seconded by Don Skundrick.

Discussion: None.

The motion passed with one abstention.

5. Letter of Support for Rogue River Transportation System Plan Update Application

Jonathan David said that RVCOG is working with the City of Rogue River to prepare a TGM grant to update their TSP (last update 2001) which will allow the City to prepare a new prioritized project list. This will help to ensure that they have projects in the RTP. Support of the MPO is being sought to support this application.

Action: Policy Committee authorization for the Chair to sign the letter.

Rob Brandes made a motion that to approve the letter of support for the Rogue River TSP application. Gus Wolf seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

The motion passed with one abstention.

Regarding the letter supporting the TGM application for Josephine County's Transit Plan: Scott Chancey reported that their letter was withdrawn because the project has been funded through another source

6. MRMPO Planning Update

Jonathan David reported: MPO staff began work on a Limited Maintenance Plan (with DEQ/ EPA) and the RTP. After today we will be working on STIP amendments to include the projects approved today.

Michael Baker: The Model – Update 2 is going on in the Grants Pass and Josephine County area. It is important that Grants Pass and Josephine County move forward as fast as possible with land uses.

7. Public Comment

No comments.

8. Other Business / Local Business

Michael Baker reported that due to a lot of unknown variables (the Highway Trust Fund is scheduled to go bankrupt before the end of this fiscal year) the Federal government is starting to slow down reimbursements for projects. The HTF bill expires in September. We do not know what the new bill will look like. It has been decided to delay the STIP cycle for nine months. Instead of a two-year STIP update it will be another three-year update. Currently we have projects scheduled through 2018. The next STIP will be 2018-2021. The Enhance Process will be pushed out until next summer.

Rob Brandes reported that there is a process started to form a Technical Advisory Committee for the RVACT.

9. Agenda Build for Next Meeting

- Update on status of STIP amendment process
- Discuss goals, objectives and policies before getting public input for the RTP (delete if DEQ can come to meeting)
- Ask DEQ to give a presentation on the Limited Maintenance Plan
- TSP boiler plate information

10. Adjournment

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