



SUMMARY MINUTES
Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization
Policy Committee

August 21, 2014

The following attended:

NAME	REPRESENTING	PHONE
<u>MPO Policy Committee</u>		
Darin Fowler, Chairman		
Don Skundrick	Jackson County	774-6118
Pam Van Arsdale, Vice Chairman	Rogue River	660-4414
Robert Brandes	Josephine County	474-5460
Gus Wolf	Gold Hill	621-9653

RVCOG Staff

Dick Converse	RVCOG	423-1373
Bunny Lincoln	RVCOG	944-2446

1. Call to Order / Introductions/ Review Agenda

Chairman Fowler called the meeting to order at 2:38 PM. The Committee began with introductions.

2. Review / Approve Minutes

The Chair asked if there were any changes or additions to the June meeting minutes. (NOTE: No meeting was held in July.)

On a motion Pam VanArsdale by and seconded by Don Skundrick, the minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

Public Hearing #1:

3. MRMPO Public Participation Plan

The Chair asked Staff to present the procedure for the public hearing.

Dick Converse gave a brief overview of the document, its history, and the efforts made to allow for all public advocacy groups and citizens to have input on the matter. No comments were received that affected the contents of the draft document.

Various philosophies for general public notifications and Environmental Justice (Title VI) were briefly

discussed, including methods for informing the Latino populations, available media types, innovative outreach opportunities, and compliance with legal statutes, including ADA requirements.

Mike Baker said the “radio” should be added as a PR and public noticing mechanism, and mentioned that the Table of Contents needed to be repaginated for accuracy.

There were no **public comments** offered.

On a motion by Rob Brandes, seconded by Gus Wolf, the MRMPO Public Participation Plan was approved unanimously with the aforementioned edits, regarding Table of Contents repagination and the addition of “radio” as a public information mechanism.

4. MRMPO Planning Update

- Jonathan David is holding a public open house in Gold Hill tonight to provide information on the mechanics of the MPO.
- Members discussed the new JCT commuter bus service for Gold Hill, and the fact that the bridge adjacent to the RR trestle is not suitable for busses to cross. Potential lack of pedestrian accessibility, and bus stop locations were also discussed. Rogue River has several good locations available.
- Chairman Fowler stated that Grants Pass is moving ahead with plans for UGB expansion.
- Mike Baker said that the protective median cables near Valley of the Rogue have been properly tightened, and are sufficient to prevent vehicle crossovers into oncoming traffic in the event of an accident.

5. Public Comment

None.

6. Other Business / Local Business

- Gus Wolf expressed enthusiasm about the new bike path construction.
- Members briefly discussed the status of upcoming transportation and recreational facilities projects.

7. Agenda Build for Next Meeting

- UPWP items will be considered or future meetings.
- The next meeting Policy Committee meeting will be held on September 14, 2014.

8. Adjournment

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