



SUMMARY MINUTES

Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee

September 18, 2014

The following attended:

NAME	REPRESENTING	PHONE
<u>MPO Policy Committee</u>		
Darin Fowler, Chairman	Grants Pass	660-3696
John Vial for Don Skundrick	Jackson County	774-6118
Terry Haugen for Mark Gatlin	Grants Pass	441-7674
Ian Horlacher for Mike Baker	ODOT	957-3658
Pam Van Arsdale, Vice Chairman	Rogue River	660-4414
Robert Brandes	Josephine County	474-5460
<u>RVCOG Staff</u>		
Jonathan David	RVCOG	423-1338
Sue Casavan	RVCOG	423-1360

1. Call to Order / Introductions/ Review Agenda

Chairman Fowler called the meeting to order at 2:35 PM. The Committee began with introductions.

2. Review / Approve Minutes

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

On a motion Pam VanArsdale and seconded by John Vial, the minutes were approved as presented. Ian Horlacher abstained.

3. MRMPO Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Vision

Jonathan David gave a Power Point presentation and informed members of the public meetings that were held in the cities of Grants Pass, Rogue River, Gold Hill and the MRMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). He presented comments received at the meetings and various examples of Vision Statements from Corvallis and other MPOs.

He noted that all the jurisdictions had positive comments about the new bus service from Grants Pass to Medford.

There were common themes expressed from the jurisdictions:

- Safety was a main concern particularly for bike lanes and sidewalks in the smaller jurisdictions.
- Connectivity for complete transportation systems was a high priority along with freight and rail added as part of the discussion.
- Recreation opportunities are plentiful in the region and primary access is by SOV.

- Cities expressed the desire to create more pedestrian-friendly downtown areas.

Members of the TAC agreed that the Corvallis Vision model was their preference for creating the goals to be presented to the Policy Committee.

They agreed on the following MRMPO Vision Statement.

VISION

“An intermodal transportation system that provides for safe, efficient, and convenient movement of people and goods to support a robust and burgeoning regional economy”

On a motion by John Vial and seconded by Rob Brandes the committee unanimously adopted the above Vision Statement.

4. MRMPO Planning Update

Jonathan David informed members that on September 23 there will be a Grand Opening at the Grants Pass City Council Chambers for the new bus service from Grants Pass to Medford. He noted that JCT is working on getting a transit stop in Gold Hill. Members briefly discussed safety issues concerning pedestrians going across the bridge.

5. Public Comment

None.

6. Other Business / Local Business

Pam VanArsdale said the ‘Ride the Rogue’ event was scheduled for Saturday.

7. Agenda Build for Next Meeting

Jonathan David hoped to have Goals, Strategies, and Performance Measures for the next meeting.

Darin Fowler wants to try to fix the ‘Y’ and suggested the zeroscaping concept, no water or maintenance. Ian Horlacher suggested bringing a proposal to ODOT.

8. Adjournment

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