



SUMMARY MINUTES

Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee

January 15, 2015

The following attended:

Policy Committee

Aaron Cubic for Darin Fowler	Grants Pass
Mark Reagles	Rogue River
Chuck DeJanvier for Robert Brandes	Josephine County
Mike Baker	ODOT
Terry Haugen	Grants Pass
John Vial for Colleen Roberts	Jackson County

RVCOG Staff

Dan Moore	RVCOG
Andrea Napoli	RVCOG
Sue Casavan	RVCOG

Others Present

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

Chairman Aaron Cubic called the meeting to order at 2:39 PM. Members asked that a meeting request notice be sent out prior to each meeting to determine if a quorum will be present.

2. Review / Approve Minutes

The Chair asked if there were any changes or additions to the December meeting minutes. Minutes were approved as presented.

The minutes were unanimously approved as presented by voice vote.

Public Hearing:

- The Chairman read the public hearing procedure and continued the hearing from the December 18, 2014 meeting.

3. MRMPO Title VI Plan

This item was continued from December 18th to allow staff to consider and develop changes to the (draft) Plan.

Andrea Napoli gave a Power Point presentation. She presented a summary of the plan and discussed strategies for outreach to traditionally underserved populations identified in the Middle Rogue MPO planning area. She noted that some jurisdictions have used the demographic information and maps for grant applications.

Terry Haugen asked if any public comment on the document was received by staff and Napoli replied that there were no comments or responses received. Mike Baker suggested adding the outreach groups to the contact list for MRMPO meetings and functions.

The Chairman asked if there were any more questions for the committee or staff. He said this is a public hearing and this is the time for anyone to comment on this document.

In favor of: None received

In opposition to: None received.

He closed the public portion of the hearing.

On a motion by John Vial and seconded by Mike Baker the committee unanimously approved the MRMPO Title VI Plan.

On a motion by Mike Baker and seconded by John Vial the committee unanimously adopted the MRMPO Title VI Plan.

4. MRMPO Planning Update

Dan Moore informed members that Jonathan David was on medical leave and expected to return soon. He noted that staff is working on the MRMPO Regional Transportation Plan and will be bringing various chapters to the committees for review next month. He is working with Tom Schauer in updating the travel demand model. MPO staff will be working with the TAC for short, medium, and long range project lists. He briefly discussed alternative measures and Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) and will have more information as the model is updated.

5. Public Comment

None received.

6. Other Business / Local Business

Mike Baker mentioned that the Grants Pass UGB expansion had been approved by the city and the county but is currently being appealed. The Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) will make the final decision. Baker added that ODOT will be moving forward with the scope of work for updating the Grants Pass Transportation System Plan (TSP). ODOT is finalizing the scope of work for Rogue River and Gold Hill. Josephine County TSP update will start sometime after summer. Two interchange management plans (55 and 58) will be coordinated along with the TSP update.

Baker informed members that the enhance process just starting up, applications for proposals going out at the end of the month. Jurisdictions will be notified in the next couple weeks. Focus will be more on improving the state system or local projects that will improve the state system. John Vial emphasized the importance of coordinating with ODOT about projects as soon as possible to assure the proposal will meet the requirements. ODOT scoping will be used for the cost estimates along with consideration of the federal requirements. Contact Art Anderson for information specific to projects and Lisa Cortes for proposal form questions. Deadline for proposals will be August 1, 2015. The Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) will not make a decision on funding levels until May or June and will be dependent

on what Congress does.

Napoli asked for the status of the 15-18 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and Baker responded that it was adopted by the OTC in December with Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) approval anticipated in mid-February. Moore asked what the next STIP cycle would be and Baker mentioned that it will be 2018-2021 probably come out the beginning of 2017. Baker noted that the STIP timeline should be on the ODOT website, if not contact Lisa Cortes.

Cubic briefly discussed the need to have the MRMPO representative at the RVACT meetings. The Chair of the Policy Committee is designated but Rob Brandes has been the alternate.

Commissioner Colleen Roberts will be the representative for Jackson County.

Haugen said the city is waiting for adoption of a resolution to allow moving forward with the Allen Creek project. Redwood Avenue Phase 2 out to bid this month, Phase 3 hope for bid this fall. Grants Pass is waiting on fund exchange for the alternative fuel project.

7. Agenda Build for Next Meeting

Vial thought communities should start discussions about Enhance applications and look at possibilities of teaming up and coordinating where it makes sense; process, procedures, timelines for discussion.

- MRMPO representative for RVACT
- 2014 obligated funds
- UPWP and dues proposal, overview of work tasks for MRMPO
- Transit update – Scott Chancey

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.