



**SUMMARY MINUTES**

*Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Policy Committee*

**October 15, 2015**

The following attended:

**MRMPO POLICY COMMITTEE**

NAME	REPRESENTING
Jan Fish	Gold Hill
Ian Horlacher for Mike Baker	ODOT
Colleen Roberts	Jackson County
Robert Brandes	Josephine County
Terry Haugen	Grants Pass
Pam Van Arsdale, Vice Chairman	Rogue River

Others Present

Aaron Cubic	Grants Pass
Ian Horlacher	ODOT
Dan Dorrell	ODOT
Leslie Orr	Grants Pass Bike/Ped
John Vial	Jackson County

RVCOG Staff

Dan Moore	RVCOG
Bunny Lincoln	RVCOG
Andrea Napoli	RVCOG

**1. Call to Order / Introductions/ Review Agenda**

The Vice Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:34 pm.

**2. Review / Approve Minutes**

The Vice Chairman asked if there were any changes or additions to the previous meeting minutes.

**On a motion by Ian Horlacher, seconded by Jan Fish, the minutes were approved as presented.**

**3. RVACT/MRMPO Coordination Policy Revisions (Resolution 2015- 3)**

Dan Moore presented the proposed revisions to the existing Coordination Policy. The Commission

wants to implement a Chair/Co-Chair scenario. The proposed makeup (revised) of the subcommittee includes:

- The sitting chairperson of the MRMPO Policy Committee
- The sitting Chairperson of the RVACT
- The sitting Vice Chairperson of the MRMPO Policy Committee
- An MRMPO Policy Committee member selected by the RVMPO
- The sitting Chairperson of the MRMPO serving as an ex-officio member of the subcommittee
- The ODOT Area Manager

Dan Moore went over several revisions to the Coordination Policy proposed by Mike Baker, included in the above Policy overview.

**On a motion by Ian Horlacher, seconded by Robert Brandes, Resolution 2015-3 - RVACT/MRMPO Coordination Policy Revisions were approved, with added changes, by unanimous voice vote.**

*Action Item:*

#### **4. Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Chapter 6 – Plan Implementation**

Andrea Napoli presented an overview of RTP Chapter 6:

##### **A. Projects in the RTP -**

- Local Jurisdiction Transportation System Plans

##### **B. Project Selection Criteria -**

- Mobility
- Community Vitality/Livability
- Transportation Options
- Resource Conservation
  
- Evaluation & Review

##### **C. RTP Project List (by Jurisdiction) –**

- Project Timing
  - Short Range - 2015 to 2020
  - Medium Range - 2021 to 2030 Tier 1
  - Long Range - 2030 to 2040
  
- Other Projects Tier 2

##### **D. Tables –**

- **6.1 Policy foundation for MPO Project Selection**
- **6.2 RTP Project List by Jurisdiction (Short Range)**
- **6.3 RTP Project List by Jurisdiction (Medium Range)**
- **6.4 RTP Project List by Jurisdiction (Long Range)**
- **6.5 Tier 2 Projects (Unfunded)**

## E. Map(s)

- **Other Projects**

The MRMPO TAC recommended approval of the Chapter. Adoption of the TSP is a land use decision, and must follow the required rules for same, thereby creating the expectation that at least 180 days will pass before adoption can be expected.

**On a motion by Colleen Roberts, seconded by Ian Horlacher, the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Chapter 6 – Plan Implementation was approved by unanimous voice vote.**

## 5. Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Chapter 7 – Transportation Sustainability

Dan Moore presented an overview of RTP Chapter 7, stipulating that sustainability measures were being added to assist in meeting the stated goals:

### A. Definitions -

- Oregon Transportation Plan Update (2006), “Creating a balance between the economy, social needs, and the environment in order to ensure healthy and equitable lifestyle and resources for future human, plant and animal communities.”
- ORS 184.421, “Using, developing and protecting resources in a manner that enables people to meet current needs and provides that future generations can also meet future needs, from the joint perspective of environment, economic and community objectives.”

### B. Recommended Sustainability Strategies (from the ODOT Transportation Plan) -

- Environmentally Responsible Transportation System  
**Strategy 1.2 added the word “emissions” after “greenhouse gas...”**
- Energy Supply
- Creating Communities
- Economic Viability

The MRMPO TAC recommended approval of the Chapter.

**On a motion by Ian Horlacher, seconded by Jan Fish, the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Chapter 7 – Transportation Sustainability was approved, with the Strategy 1.2 text addition, by unanimous voice vote.**

## 6. Oregon MPO Consortium Work Plan (Draft FY 15-16 Work Program)

Dan Moore presented an overview of the General Scope & Work Plan, including responsibilities for:

1. OMPOC Coordination
2. Coordination with State/Federal Agencies, Legislators and National Organizations
3. Resource Development
4. Technical Support for MPOs (Short, medium & long term)

The Committee members held a brief discussion about the operation mechanics of OMPOC. There will be one Staff person who will be helping the MPOs. ODOT will provide Staff funding and the match. Dan Moore also explained that he used other, adopted RTPs in form

## **7. MRMPO Planning Update**

- The RR Greenway presentation will be made at the next meeting.
- RTP final chapters will potentially be brought to the November Policy Committee meeting, with the public involvement process, including individual jurisdictions, to follow.
- Staff will propose a slight adjustment to the RVMPO boundaries at the next meeting.

## **8. Public Comment**

None.

## **9. Other Business / Local Business**

- Connect Oregon and Enhance It project applications are due Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>.
- 75% of the RTP efforts have been completed.

## **10. Agenda Build for Next Meeting**

## **11. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Next MPO TAC meeting – Thursday, Nov. 5, 2015 @ 1:30 pm