SUMMARY MINUTES
Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization
Policy Committee

March 19, 2015

The following attended:

NAME	REPRESENTING	PHONE
MPO Policy Committee		
Darin Fowler, Chair	Grants Pass	660-3696
Colleen Roberts	Jackson County	646-2878
Dan De Young	Grants Pass	660-0342
Mark Gatlin	Grants Pass	441-7674
Mike Baker	ODOT	957-3658
Pam Van Arsdale, Vice Chairman	Rogue River	660-4414
Chuck DeJanvier for Robert Brandes	Josephine County	474-5460
Others Present		
Ian Horlacher	ODOT	
John Vial	Jackson County	
RVCOG Staff		
Dan Moore	RVCOG	423-1361
Jonathan David	RVCOG	423-1338
Andrea Napoli	RVCOG	423-1369
Sue Casavan	RVCOG	423-1360

1.   Call to Order / Introductions/ Review Agenda
Chairman Fowler called the meeting to order at 2:34 p.m.   The meeting began with Committee introductions. Members welcomed Commissioner Roberts of Jackson County to the committee. Andrea Napoli informed the committee that Action Item number 3 to a Discussion Item.

2.   Review / Approve Minutes
The Chair asked if there were any changes or additions to the previous meeting minutes.

On a motion by Pam Van Arsdale, seconded by Mark Gatlin, the minutes were approved as presented.

Discussion Items:

3.   2015-2040 Draft Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Project List
      Dan Moore informed the committee that Mike Baker of ODOT had pointed out inconsistencies

in the Draft Project List pertaining to projects that use the fund exchange program and local funds. MPO staff will need to make some adjustments and bring the project list back to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for review and back to the Policy Committee for adoption.

Dan DeYoung thought that Leonard Road project name should be changed to Leonard Street to Third Street. Napoli will get clarification from the City of Grants Pass.

John Vial asked Mike Baker if jurisdictions needed to list fund exchange projects in the RTP. Baker was unsure but whatever the MPO decides it should be consistent between the jurisdictions. Vial mentioned that once the fund exchange was in place it becomes local funds. Jackson County does not list those projects unless they are regionally significant and he noted that it might create a very large project list.

MPO staff will verify if fund exchange projects needed to be included or not included on the RTP project list. The project list will be brought back to the Policy Committee.

4.   Target Rule Review
Moore referred to the memorandum and handout included in the agenda packet and gave the committee a brief overview. MPO staff was recently informed by the Department of Land Conservation about the development of the Draft Target Rule Review Report. The report is looking at the 2011 greenhouse gas (GHG) target rule which is tied to legislation called scenario planning for metropolitan areas to look at ways to reduce GHG emissions. It is voluntary at this time. MPO staff brought to the TAC and after discussion members made a recommendation to the Policy Committee that they would prefer to wait until the RTP and other state requirements are completed. Moore asked if there were any comments from committee members, written comments are due by April 17.

Dan DeYoung asked for more information on what the emission percentages were based on and wanted more detail on the requirements. Moore noted that they use a model called "Green Step". DeYoung had concerns that the region would be required to meet a target that was not there, need to clarify what the target is. Moore said he will bring more information and invite Bob Cortright and some ODOT modeling staff to answer questions. He will try to arrange for the next meeting.

5.   MRMPO Planning Update
Jonathan David is back, Dan Moore has been filling in. TAC is reviewing RTP draft chapters and will bring back next month.

6.   Public Comment
None received.

7.   Other Business / Local Business
Mike Baker reminded jurisdictions that ODOT staff is available for pre-proposals for Enhance Projects, they are not required but are recommended. Scope of Work for Grants Pass Transportation System Plan (TSP) is being developed.

8.   Agenda Build for Next Meeting
- LCDC available for next meeting
- Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for May meeting

9.   Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.