



SUMMARY MINUTES

Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee

May 21, 2015

The following attended:

NAME	REPRESENTING
<u>MPO Policy Committee</u>	

Art Anderson for Mike Baker	ODOT
Chuck De Janvier for Rob Brandis	Josephine County
Colleen Roberts	Jackson County
Dan De Young	Grants Pass
Darin Fowler, Chairman	Grants Pass

Pam Van Arsdale, Vice Chairman	Rogue River
Simon Hare	Josephine County

Others Present

Aaron Cubic	Grants Pass
Cindy England	Rogue River
Fred England	Rogue River
Ian Horlacher	ODOT

RVCOG Staff

Dan Moore	RVCOG
Bunny Lincoln	RVCOG
Andrea Napoli	RVCOG

1. Call to Order / Introductions/ Review Agenda

Chairman Fowler called the meeting to order at 2:31 pm. The Committee began with introductions.

2. Review / Approve Minutes

The Chair asked if there were any changes or additions to the April 16th meeting minutes.

On a motion by Pam Van Arsdale, seconded by Simon Hare, the minutes were approved as presented. Art Anderson abstained.

Public Hearing #1:

3. MRMPO Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) 2015-16 (Resolutions 2015-1 and 2015-2)

The Chair read the procedure for the public hearing.

Dan Moore referenced the **May 14, 2105 memo**, including the projects, budget, funding sources, and an outline of the current/proposed FY tasks, and requested the UPWP be adopted. ODOT allocations are included in the data. MRMPO planning funds will increase by \$31,000, with an anticipated total of \$220,000 for the ensuing year. An Associate Planner will be hired soon. Policy and TAC Committee time is calculated as in-kind match for FTA funds. Dues funds are available for other MPO expenses.

Predominant work tasks relate to:

1. Development of the 2015-40 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)
2. Coordination on the Rogue Valley Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Plan

The TAC is recommending approval.

Table #1 **Transportation Planning Funds by Source and Activity.** Work tasks include:

- **Program Management**
Clerical & Personnel, UPWP Development/Progress, Public Involvement/Education, Interagency/Jurisdictional Coordination, Grant Writing
- **Short Range Planning**
TIP Activities, Air Quality Conformity, Local TSP Technical Assistance, STP/CMAQ Project Funds Management
- **Long Range Planning**
RTP Development, ITS Coordination
- **Data Development**
Research & Analysis Program, Data collection/analysis for Title 6 & EJ
- **Transit – JOCO**
Grants Pass – Medford Transit Line Passenger Survey

Table #2 is the **Budget**, showing costs for the various work tasks:

- **Program Management -** Clerical & Personnel, UPWP Development/Progress, Public Involvement/Education, Interagency/Jurisdictional Coordination, Grant Writing
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It was pointed out that the balance on page 4 was off by \$1. The table #1 is the budget to be approved. “In kind” is agency related, and is charted monthly by RVCOG Staff.

The Chair opened the public hearing

In support: None received
In opposition: None received

The Chair closed the public testimony.

On a motion by Simon Hare, seconded by Mark Gatlin, the MRMPO Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) 2015-16 (Resolutions 2015-1 and 2015-2), was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Action Items:

4a. Revised CMAQ/STP Programming for Allen Creek Road Improvement Project

Dan Moore offered an overview of the revisions requested by Grants Pass. **(May 18, 2015 memo)** The City proposes to increase CMAQ funding by \$1,287,571 and decrease STP funds by \$3,069. ODOT assisted the City in developing the revised amounts. Per eligibility requirements, CMAQ funded projects must lie within the Grants Pass AQMA.

Establishment of a policy on allocation of excess funding has been recommended by TAC.

TAC has reviewed the request and recommended approval.

4. Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Project List

May 14, 2015 Memo - Dan Moore presented the updated Project List. “Regionally significant” projects within the MPO boundaries (those adding capacity to a system for air quality purposes) are required to be in the List. The List does not include Enhanced funds because their future availability is unknown at this time. Those line items with red strikethroughs do not meet the “regionally significant” criteria, but can still be part of the list. All projects listed as Short Range can be matched with available funding. The Rogue River Greenway is on the Short Range project list.

Art Anderson complimented the MPO and Staff on the excellent quality of the RTP.

Chairman Fowler offered an opinion about the I-5 Exit 58 6th & Morgan project (#502), speculating on how much the improvements were actually needed, and whether the State would demand a jurisdictional exchange, if not in the near future, possibly at some future date, when ODOT staffing may have changed. Mr. Anderson said a jurisdictional exchange was never considered as part of this ODOT safety project. He also stated that the reason for the project, and its scope, could be briefed at the next meeting.

On a motion by Mark Gatlin, seconded by Pam Van Arsdale, the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Project List, with further discussion on Project #502, was approved by unanimous voice vote.

5. Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Chapters 1, 2 &4

Andrea Napoli presented the RTP chapters review. JACO, ODOT and Grants Pass have offered comments. The TAC recommended approval of the chapters.

Chapter 1 - Introduction

Purpose, MPO establishment, quality of life, RTP updates process, boundary map

Chapter 2 - Goals & Policies

Vision, Goals 1-7 (remain the same), Planning Factor Correlation
Goals, Strategies and Recommended Performance Measures

Chapter 4 - Planning Area Characteristics

Political & Physical characteristics,
Population, 2010 Census & American Community Survey Demographics
Employment, Commute Patterns Worker Demographics,
Commute Modes, Major Employers, Poverty levels, Education
Household Characteristics

Rogue River is challenging the American Community Survey. The question was raised as to how a successful survey might affect the RTP statistics. Staff shared that the data could be amended if warranted.

On a motion by Pam Van Arsdale, seconded by Mark Gatlin, the draft Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Chapters 1, 2 & 4 were approved by unanimous voice vote.

6. MRMPO Planning Update

- Interviews continue for the Associate Planner position.
- The ITS Plan update continues.
- Suggestions are being sought for input on the upcoming RVCOG Associate Planner position, and how the various jurisdictions could utilize his/her expertise in specific fields.

7. Public Comment

None.

8. Other Business / Local Business

8. Agenda Build for Next Meeting

- ODOT Project #502
- Proposed STP/CMAQ policy on fund surpluses
- Screening criteria for regionally significant projects (part of air quality conformance process)

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.