



SUMMARY MINUTES

Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee

June 18, 2015

The following attended:

NAME	REPRESENTING
<u>MPO Policy Committee</u>	
Mike Baker	ODOT
Colleen Roberts	Jackson County
Robert Brandes	Josephine County
Terry Haugen	Grants Pass
Pam Van Arsdale, Vice Chairman	Rogue River
Simon Hare	Josephine County

Others Present

Art Anderson	ODOT
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

1. Call to Order / Introductions/ Review Agenda

Vice Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:36 pm. The Committee began with introductions.

2. Review / Approve Minutes

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

On a motion by Mike Baker, seconded by Colleen Roberts, the minutes were approved as presented. Rob Brandes and Terry Haugen abstained.

Presentation Item:

3. Grants Pass Interchange Exit 58 – 6th & Morgan Update

Art Anderson introduced the project and gave a brief history of its associated problems. Dan Dorrell, representing ODOT Traffic, gave a Power Point presentation on the proposed improvements to the Exit 58 interchange. The presentation included an overview of the Road Safety Audit prepared by Kittleson & Assoc, Inc. High fatality areas are now the considered factor as the safety program changes. People from other regions came in to the area to do the analysis, and the intersection ranked third in the region in 2012. The higher the Safety Priority Index Score, the more accidents occurred. The overview included graphics and geometry photos of the intersection. Dan Dorrell explained the turn movement problem/accidents associated with the intersection. Sign clutter is also a distraction for drivers.

High Problems:

- Southbound Turning Movements
- Out of Area Drivers

Medium Problems:

- Signal Visibility
- Sign Clutter
- Truck Turning Movements
- Downstream Driveways

Potential solutions were shown, including separation barriers, increased curb radii, restriping, realignments, new signals and regrading some roads surfaces. Committee members also shared personal observations about the intersection. Crash History charts were also part of the presentation. ODOT will be rescoping the area to gather new data. Art Anderson said a new signal was essential.

Action Items:

4. Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Project 502. I-5 Exit – 6th & Morgan

This item was dropped from the agenda. Mike Baker stated that the project cannot be added to the RTP because the project is inconsistent with the Grants Pass TSP. The project can wait years for the Grants Pass TSP to be adopted.

5. Proposed Policy for Reallocation of STP/CMAQ Surplus Funds

Dan Moore went over the reallocation policy. The TAC has recommended approval of the proposed policy. The step by step policy includes:

1. The Policy Committee makes all final planning and programming decisions.
2. Awards are given for a specific project, and are non-transferable.
3. Surplus funds are addressed in the following manner:
 - a. MRMPO member jurisdictions' unexpended funds are returned to the region for reallocation subject to adopted policy criteria. (Substitute projects may be proposed by the original recipients. Substitute projects must be in the TIP.
 - b. Non-MRMPO member recipients' unexpended funds are returned to the MRMPO region for reallocation.
4. Priority for reallocating unexpended funds will be given to funded projects needing additional monies for completion.

Private sector projects can be considered, but must have a public agency sponsor.

The Grants Pass Allen Creek Improvement Project was discussed with respect to the AQMA and the expanded UBG, and it was determined that Federal Highway did not have a problem with it.

On a motion by Rob Brandes, seconded by Simon Hare, the Proposed Policy for Reallocation of STP/CMAQ Surplus Funds was approved by unanimous voice vote.

6. Regional Significance Criteria

Dan Moore presented an overview of the proposed screening criteria. The criteria are designed to facilitate determination of the regional significance of a roadway facility with respect to Air Quality Conformity requirements, and are modeled after those adopted by the RVMPO. The criteria identify specific projects that need to go into the TIP, and will help with RTP updates and regional significance.

The TAC recommended approval of the criteria. Mike Baker pointed out that the proposed criteria followed nationally accepted standards.

On a motion by Simon Hare, seconded by Mike Baker, the Regional Significance Criteria was approved by unanimous voice vote.

7. MRMPO Planning Update

- The RTP process continues on target. Bike facilities will be presented in July.
- Staff is updating the current Grants Pass Transportation Model. Results will be presented to the TAC and Policy Committee.

8. Public Comment

None.

9. Other Business / Local Business

- Pam VanArsdale reminded everyone that the rooster Crow is next weekend.
- The Merlin off ramp is progressing according to plans.
- Current chip sealing

10. Agenda Build for Next Meeting

No items for July. Therefore the July meeting will be cancelled.

11. Adjournment

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