



SUMMARY MINUTES

Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee

Sept. 17, 2015

The following attended:

NAME	REPRESENTING
<u>MPO Policy Committee</u>	
Darin Fowler, Chairman	Grants Pass
Mike Baker	ODOT
Mark Gatlin	Grants Pass
John Vial for Colleen Roberts	Jackson County
Jan Fish	Gold Hill
Robert Brandes	Josephine County
Terry Haugen	Grants Pass
Pam Van Arsdale, Vice Chairman	Rogue River
Simon Hare	Josephine County
Terry Haugen	Grants Pass

Others Present

Leslie Orr	Grants Pass Bike/Ped
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RVCOG Staff

Dan Moore	RVCOG
Bunny Lincoln	RVCOG

1. Call to Order / Introductions/ Review Agenda

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

Simon Hare suggested that Connect Oregon and the Enhance It Programs needed to be discussed. The matter was added as Agenda Item #7 (Other Business).

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 Mike Baker, the minutes were approved as presented.

Action Item:

3. Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Chapter 5

Dan Moore presented an overview of RTP Chapter 5 (Sept. 9th memo) and the accompanying maps:

- A. **Roadways** - Federally classified and regionally adopted arterials and collectors, jurisdictional responsibilities, # lanes & roadway widths, speed limits, signalized intersections, pavement conditions, bridge conditions (using Sufficiency Ratings from 0-100) and freight routes.

Table 5-7 was amended to change the Rogue River Bridge, Highway 25 SB (6th St, Cavemen) to OR 99, not US199.

- B. **Transit System** - Fixed route, senior/disabled service, service hours, ridership and funding, non-emergency medical transportation, specialized public transportation, intercity bus service, school bus routes.
- C. **Pedestrian System** - Existing sidewalks, pedestrian destinations, system deficiencies.
- D. **Bicycle System** - Facility types, existing bikeway locations, cycling destinations, system challenges.

Chairman Fowler mentioned the potential for extending the Greenway to Grants Pass from Jackson County, but acknowledged that the routing would present some challenges. John Vail spoke about the dynamics of the Greenway Committee. It was agreed that Grants Pass would be interested in future participation opportunities.

- E. **Parking** - Introduction, parking standards, code and policy changes (including strategies on reducing parking). Current minimum standards are reflected for Grants Pass. Parking “fees” need to be clarified. The Plan shows how the various jurisdictions have revised their parking standards to meet the required 10% reduction. Grants Pass has already reduced their parking code standards to exceed the reduction percentage.

John Vial said that the section on “Parking & Lanes” needed to be revised to remove specifics about how the requirements would be met.

- F. **Transportation Options (TO) – (Still under MRMPO TAC review for expected revisions)** Introduction, TO purpose, TO function (RVTD promotes these activities for the region.) Members agreed that a discussion with RVTD about actual TO programs/funding in the Grants Pass area is warranted as a future agenda item. No options are offered at the moment. The commuter line does not qualify as an option. The only option now available is the Park & Ride Program. When it is determined what RVTD has to offer for transportation options in Region 3, this section will be completed.
- G. **Air Facilities** – Public & private.
- H. **Rail System** - Freight, passenger, crossings (A reference to train-bus service connection will be added to this section.).

I. **Waterways and Pipelines** - Waterways, pipelines

The City of Grants Pass is working toward a joint use agreement with GPID, and the formation of a committee is being considered.

Dan Moore shared that the review process was on a two (2) year cycle, with updates every four (4) years.

J. **Plan Consistency** - Local plans, State plans

On a motion by John Vial seconded by Mark Gatlin, the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Chapter 5 (excepting the “Transportation Option” section) was approved by seven votes; with Commission Hare casting a no vote.

Dan Moore proceeded to a presentation of the transportation maps created to supplement Chapter 5:

- Roadway Jurisdiction (Map 5-1) (Will be amended to reflect correct road classifications.)
- Functional Classification (Map 5-2)
- Number of Lanes – (Map 5-3)
- ~~Pavement~~ & Bridge Conditions (Map 5-4) (**Pavement Conditions were removed. Sufficiency Data was added.**)
- State Highway Average Daily Truck Traffic (Map 5-5)
- Transit Routes (Map 5-6)
- Bike/Ped Network (Map 5-7)

The Committee agreed that the approval of the maps had been included, by reference, in the RTP Chapter 5 approval vote.

4. Oregon MPO Consortium Work Plan

Dan Moore gave an information presentation on the OMPOC Draft Work Scope and 2015-16 Work Program. Funding which began in July, 2015. As proposed, the Program would include:

1. Fiscal & Administrative Agent
2. OMPOC Support Staff for organizing meetings
3. Development of an annual/bi-annual work program
4. Key Contacts to create an effective OMPOC presence in Salem
5. Technical collaboration benefitting MPOs

The proposed Draft Work Plan includes:

1. OMPOC Coordination
2. Coordination with State & Federal Agencies, Legislators and National Organizations
3. Resource Development
4. Technical Support for MPOs (Short, medium and “other” projects)

Pam Van Arsdale said that she was having difficulty attending the OMPOC meetings, due to her work schedule, and suggested that someone else might be able to attend more regularly.

5. MRMPO Planning Update

- Staff continues to work on the RTP chapters. The project is currently on schedule.

6. Public Comment None was offered.

7. Other Business / Local Business

Simon Hare suggested that non-highway focused projects might be considered as part of the Connect Oregon Program, and that it was important not to lose an opportunity to do so. John Vial advised the Committee that the match for these projects was 30%. Differences between Connect Oregon and the Enhance It programs were pointed out by Mike Baker. A brief discussion ensued about matching funds, various projects and the potential of applying for both programs for the same project.

8. Agenda Build for Next Meeting

- Invite a Greenway Committee representative to present an update
- OMPOC member suggestions
- Additional RSP Chapters
- RVACT/MPO Coordination Agreement language revisions

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:53 PM. The next meeting will be October 15, 2015 at 2:30 PM.