



**SUMMARY MINUTES**  
*Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization  
 Policy Committee*

**March 17, 2016**

The following attended:

<b>Member</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>
Darin Fowler, Chair	Grants Pass	660-3696
Colleen Roberts	Jackson County	646-2878
Rick Riker	Grants Pass	479-7333
Mike Baker	ODOT	957-3658
Pam Van Arsdale, Vice Chair	Rogue River	660-4414
Robert Brandes	Josephine County	474-5460
<b>Staff</b>		
Dan Moore	RVCOG	423-1361
Ryan MacLaren	RVCOG	423-1338
Bunny Lincoln	RVCOG	944-2446
<b>Others Present</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>
Leslie Orr	Grants Pass Bikes	

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

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m. The meeting began with Committee introductions.

**2. Review / Approve Minutes**

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

**On a motion by Pam Van Arsdale, seconded by Colleen Roberts, the minutes were approved as**

amended.

*Public Hearing:*

**3. Draft 2015-2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)/2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) /Air Quality Conformity Determination (AQCD)**

**The Chair read the procedure for the public hearing.**

Dan Moore shared drafts of the three (3) documents in a Power Point format.

The topics, for the RTP and TIP, include:

**Review Draft 2015-2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP):**

Multi-Modal

Federally Funded & Regionally Significant Projects

Fiscally Constrained (Funding sources identified)

Meets Clean Air Act Requirements

- **Chapter 1** – Introduction Purpose, MPO, Regional Planning & Quality of Life, Keeping the RTP current, Development Plan, Document Development
- **Chapter 2** – Vision & Goals
- **Chapter 3** – Public Involvement Additional comments presented (predominantly ODOT)
- **Chapter 4** – Planning Area Characteristics
- **Chapter 5** – Existing Transportation System Roadways, Transit, Pedestrian, Bike and Parking. Transportation options. Air, rail and freight, Waterways & Pipelines. Plan Consistency
- **Chapter 6** – Plan Implementation Projects, Selection Criteria, RTP Project List

Note: STP funding is now being called STBG (Surface Transportation Block Grant)

- **Chapter 7** – Transportation Sustainability
- **Chapter 8** – Financial Plan Revenue Sources (Street System, Transit)
- **Chapter 9** – Air Quality Emissions analysis is no longer required  
The MRMPO RTP meets AQCD conformity - maintain current levels. Monitoring not required.
- **Chapter 10** – Environmental Considerations Inventory, Mapping, Environmental Justice, Environmental consideration in planning
- **Chapter 11** – System Performance Grants Pass Model
- **Chapter 12** – Safety and Security MRMPO Crash data & security planning (mainly natural disasters)
- **Maps**
- **Appendices**

## **The 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):**

The State Planning Rule requires separate adoption of the TIP.

- Introduction
- Federal Requirements
- TIP Development
- TIP Project Summary
- Demonstration of Financial Constraint & Capacity
- Adequate Maintenance & Operation of Existing System
- Available & Committed Revenues & Funding Sources
- Reasonably available Revenues & Funding Sources
- Comparison of MTIP Funding Levels
- Amending the TIP
- MRMPO 2015 – 2018 TIP Projects
- Tables
- Figures
- Appendices

## **Air Quality Conformity Determination (AQCD):**

- Adopting Resolution 16-02
- Synopsis
- Why are we producing this document?
- Who takes action?
- Purpose
- Air Quality Status
- PM10
- CO
- CO & PM10 Limited Maintenance Plans Conformity Criteria & Summary
- Appendix A
- Appendix B
- Tables
- Figures
- Maps

The RTP may need to be amended because ODOT may add two MPOs (Salem and Lane) to the CMAQ funding program. Portland Metro may be ineligible for funding. Research is being done on the reasoning for this. The outcome on this issue is unknown at the moment.

The next RTP update will be in March, 2019.

### **The Chair opened the public hearing**

**In support:** None received

**In opposition:** None received

The Committee briefly discussed the public comments received and documented by Staff.

### **The Chair closed the public testimony.**

**MOTIONS:**

**On a motion by Pam Van Arsdale, seconded by Mike Baker, Resolution 2016-1 (RTP) was adopted by unanimous voice vote.**

**On a motion by Colleen Roberts, seconded by Rob Brandes, Resolution 2016-2 (TIP) was adopted by unanimous voice vote.**

**On a motion by Pam Van Arsdale, seconded by Mike Baker, Resolution 2016-3 (AQCD) was adopted by unanimous voice vote.**

***Action Items:***

**4. 2015 Annual Listing of Obligated Projects**

Ryan MacLaren presented the Draft Obligated Federal Funds Projects List for Oct. 1, 2014 to Sept. 30, 2015. The dollar amounts were provided by ODOT and Josephine County Transit, in the interest of creating transparency in federal transportation planning. The TAC recommended approval of the list.

The List includes sections referencing:

- Introduction
- Federal Requirements
- Federal Funding Sources – Surface Transportation Program (SP), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program, National Highway Performance Program, Interstate Maintenance, Metropolitan Planning (MPO), Federal Transit Administration (FTA)
- Other Funding Sources
- Fund Distribution by Jurisdiction & Agency - \$588,000+/- (STP-L) and +/- \$700,000 (CMAQ). Jurisdictions may exchange STP-L through ODOT’s fund exchange program for state dollars at a 94% exchange rate. Local funds are not reflected on the chart graph.
- Fund Distribution by Project Type - Roadway, Transit, Planning and Alternative Modes
- Project Delivery, Phasing – Planning, Preliminary Engineering, Right-of-Way, Construction, and Environmental.
- List of Obligated Projects –
  1. JOCO - Galice Rd #2401: Chip Seal (MP 0.0 -15.4) \$939,000
  2. JCT (JOCO – 5311) \$133,541 (FTA)  
JTC – 5307 Transit Operations \$1,433,036 (FTA)  
Commuter Service \$ 499,926 (CMAQ (L400))  
R\Preventative Maintenance \$312,047 (FTA 5310)
  3. FFO-15 Exit 61 (Louse Creek Interchange) Total \$2,550,000  
STP \$2,201,265  
L240 \$1,979,876
- Map of Obligated Projects
- Appendix A Federal Regulations

**On a motion by Pam Van Arsdale, seconded Colleen Roberts, the Policy Committee approved adoption of the 2015 Annual List of Obligated Projects. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**

## 5. **Greenhouse Gas Target Rule Advisory Committee**

Dan Moore passed out a LCDC flyer on the GHG Target Rule Review Summary. . The MRMPO needs to have a representative on the review committee. Dan Moore is a Staff representative, but the Policy Committee needs to be represented as well.

The flyer information included:

- **Target Rule Review**
- **Scenario Planning Results**
- **New Information**
- **LCDC Action & Next Steps**
  - Targets
  - Metropolitan Planning Coordination
  - Advisory Committee
  - Addition Information Contacts

A transportation memo from DLCD (an LACD agenda item, March 10-11, 2016) was also shared. The memo covered:

- **Agenda Item Summary**
- **Background**
  - Transportation Planning in Metropolitan Areas
  - Reducing Greenhouse Gasses
  - Conclusions
- **Scope of Work**
  - Integrating Transportation Planning in Metropolitan Areas
  - Greenhouse Gas Reduction Targets
- **Advisory Committee Roster**
- **Department Recommendations & Draft Motions**

Darin Fowler volunteered to fill the position through 2016. Ron Brandes said he would fill in if Mr. Fowler was unable to attend a meeting.

**On a motion by Rob Brandes, seconded by Pam Van Arsdale, Darin Fowler was approved to represent the MRMPO on the Greenhouse Gas Target Rule Advisory Committee.**

## 6. **MRMPO Planning Update**

- A public hearing will be held on the UPWP at the next meeting.
- Staff will transfer all the adopted documents to the State.
- Staff will work on a joint agreement on mutual concern coordination with the two MPOs. The concept is in the original MPO/ODOT agreement. Both MPOs will offer feedback on the matter prior to creating the actual document. The Committee suggested an annual collaboration meeting, and briefly discussed some issues that would be good for joint MPO consideration.

## 7. **Public Comment**

None received.

**8. Other Business/Local Business**

- Darin Fowler wondered why traffic lanes have been turned into bike lanes that are not really being used. Mike Baker talked about “level of stress” for cyclists and potential mitigation measures like multi-use paths, away from vehicular traffic. The upcoming Grants Pass TSP update will offer a good opportunity to address this issue.

**9. Agenda Build for Next Meeting**

**10. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

**Meeting Schedule:**

MRMPO TAC	Thursday, April 7 <sup>th</sup> @ 1:30 pm
MRMPO Policy	Thursday, April 21 <sup>st</sup> @ 2:30 pm