



SUMMARY MINUTES
Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization
Policy Committee

April 21, 2016

The following attended:

Member	Organization	Phone Number
Darin Fowler, Chair	Grants Pass	660-3696
Colleen Roberts	Jackson County	646-2878
Jason Canady for Rick Riker	Grants Pass	479-7333
Mike Baker	ODOT	957-3658
Molly Bradley for Pam Van Arsdale	Rogue River	660-4414
Robert Brandes	Josephine County	474-5460
Simon Hare	Josephine County	474-5221
Staff		
Dan Moore	RVCOG	423-1361
Bunny Lincoln	RVCOG	944-2446

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 Mike Baker, seconded by Colleen Roberts, the minutes were approved as presented. (A single “typo” was corrected prior to the vote.)

Public Hearing:

3. MRMPO Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) 2016-2017 – Resolutions 2016-4 & 5

The Chair read the procedure for the public hearing.

Dan Moore presented an overview (Memo of April 13, 2016) of the draft 2016-2017 UPWP listing MRMPO dues and planning activities and funding for the coming year. It also included the MRMPO self certification that activities fulfill federal requirements for metropolitan planning. The TAC recommended Policy Committee approval of the Work Program and self certification at its April 7th meeting.

The time the Policy Committee and TAC members spend on MRMPO planning will continue to be used as in-kind match for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA 5303) funds, freeing dues funds for other expenses.

Members expressed concern about the CMAQ issue if Lane/Salem MPO is included in the jurisdictions eligible for funding. If implemented, retroactivity could be a problem, but Mike Baker said he thought it wouldn't be an issue. The RVMPO could be reduced 47% if the potential inclusion of the other entities goes through. Dan Moore suggested that RVMPO and MRMPO be held harmless for the next few years. The MRMPO doesn't have to do alternative measures for VMT reductions.

Next fiscal year, some of the major work tasks include:

- Updating the Public Participation Plan
- Soliciting 2019, 2020, & 2021 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) & Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funded projects (STBG is the new name for STP funds)
- Developing the 2018-21 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- Continuing work on the Rogue Valley Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Plan
- Developing an alternative route plan as a key management strategy to minimize the effects of congestion-causing events
- Updating the Title 6/EJ plan

The draft UPWP budget summary (Table 1) includes:

- **Table 1 - Proposed FY 2017 Budget** - Transportation Planning Funds by Source/Activity (same funding amounts as current FY, but the amount could change, based on upcoming discussions at the State level)

Delineated Work Tasks include:

- **Table 2 - Proposed Program Activity** - outlining work tasks for program management, short/long range planning, data development/maintenance and transit. Proposed activities include:

1. **Program Management**
2. **Short Range Planning**
3. **Long Range Planning**
4. **Data Development**
5. **Transit**

The draft UPWP has been submitted for review by federal and state planning partners (Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration and ODOT). Staff asked jurisdictions, to suggest changes to the draft UPWP, which have been incorporated into the final draft for the public hearing.

The Chair opened the public hearing

In support: None received

In opposition: None received

The Chair closed the public testimony.

MOTION:

On a motion by Rob Brandes, seconded by Mike Baker, Resolution 2016-4 (UPWP) and Resolution 2016-5 (Self Certification) were adopted by unanimous voice vote.

Action Items:

4. State Transportation Improvement Program Enhance Non-Highway Proposals

Dan Moore presented a summary of an ODOT memo (March 22nd), stipulating that in July, 2015, the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) approved Enhance program funding and a revised process for the FY 2018-2021 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Region 3 will receive -\$5.169 million. Enhance funds are mostly comprised of federal funds allocated to the State, and do not include federal or state formula disbursements to local jurisdictions. ODOT would like to share RVMPO Policy Committee input with the RVACT on the following STIP Enhance Non-Highway proposals:

- Jackson County: Rogue River Greenway: Rock Point to Twin Bridges - \$2,400,000 request
- Josephine Community Transit: 5th Street Transit hub – \$596,000 request

Memo attachments included:

#3 – ODOT Cover Letter – STIP Enhance Non-Highway Proposals, Enhance Funding Guidelines

#3A – Rogue River Greenway: Rock Point to Twin Bridges, Enhance Proposal Form

#3B – Josephine Community Transit: 5th Street Transit Hub, Enhance Proposal Form

The Policy Committee was asked to provide ODOT with input on the two Enhance Non-Highway project proposals located within the MRMPO Planning Area that will be shared with the RVACT. The TAC gave its support for the two Enhanced projects as they work their way through the approval process. A Super ACT will deal with the project applications in June.

Mike Baker filled the Committee in on the ODOT proposal review/scoping process, and which projects were at the top of the list. Everything from this point forward will be publicized on a regional level. He went over details of the two proposed, local projects, and also outlined the makeup of the review board. None of the jurisdictions making proposals will be part of the review/approval body.

On a motion by Simon Hare, seconded by Colleen Roberts, the Committee gave its support for the

two Enhanced projects as they work their way through the approval process. The motion passed by majority voice vote. Mike Baker abstained.

5. MRMPO Planning Update

- Dan Moore will be part of the statewide committee on the CMAQ funding issue, and will solicit input from the MPOs
- Contact information has been provided to the Greenhouse Gas Target Rule Advisory Committee on Darin Fowler and Rob Brandes representing the MPO as a member and alternate..
- USDOT has been notified of the Committee’s adoption of the RTP, TIP and the Conformity Determination.
- The UPWP amount will vary from year to year,

6. Public Comment

None received.

7. Other Business/Local Business

- Rob Brandes shared that JOCO Transit had had its annual review, and it went very well.
- The JOCO Transit ridership survey garnered a significant number of responses. A presentation on this will be made at the June meeting.

8. Agenda Build for Next Meeting – No meeting will be held in May unless an unexpected matter arises.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:28 p.m.

Meeting Schedule:

~~MRMPO TAC — Thursday, May 5th @ 1:30 pm~~

~~MRMPO Policy — Thursday, May 26th @ 2:30 pm~~