



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

**August 18, 2016**

The following attended:

<b>Member</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>
Colleen Roberts	Jackson County	646-2878
Jason Canady	Grants Pass	479-7333
Robert Brandes	Josephine County	474-5460
Pam Van Arsdale, Vice Chairman	Rogue River	660-4414
Rick Riker	Grants Pass	479-7333
<b>Others</b>		
Leslie Orr	GP Bike/Ped.	
<b>Staff</b>		
Dan Moore	RVCOG	423-1361
Ryan MacLaren	RVCOG	

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

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

**2. Review / Approve Minutes**

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

**On a motion by Colleen Roberts, seconded by Rick Riker, the minutes were approved as presented.**

**Public Hearing #1:**

**3. 2015-2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Amendment – Transit Hub (Josephine County)**

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

Ryan MacLaren presented an overview of the proposed amendment to the Policy Committee was asked to consider approval of the following amendments to the 2013-2038 Regional Transportation Plan and 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program.

The 21-day public comment period and public hearing were advertised on or before July 28 in the Medford Tribune, Rogue River Press, Grants Pass Daily Courier, and information is currently available on the MRMPO website. Information on the new project is enumerated, below:

**A. Amendment to RTP: *Transit Hub – Josephine County***

Description: The project consists of developing a transit hub on two parcels of land that the County already owns. The hub will consist of on street parking for six separate transit vehicles, passenger shelters for all six slots, bike racks, parking for park and ride use, additional seating besides the shelters, lighting, security and a customer service building.

**Project # - 724**

**Location & Description - Region 3 Transit hub, Josephine County**

**Timing - Short**

**Cost - \$1,052,000**

**Conformity Status - Exempt-Table 3**

Design funding has been obligated. Construction is expected to begin in 2017-18.

**The Chair opened the public hearing**

**In support:** None received

**In opposition:** None received

**The Chair closed the public testimony.**

**MOTION(S):**

**On a motion by Rob Brandes, seconded by Jason Canady, the 2015-2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Amendment – Transit Hub (Josephine County) was adopted by unanimous voice vote.**

***Public Hearing #2:***

**4. Regional Plan (RTP)/Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment**

Ryan MacLaren went over the details of the proposed amendments to the 2015-2018 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) and the 2015-2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

The project description is to install edge line rumble strips, center line rumble strips, and center line recessed pavement markers to a number of highway segments within the Region (attached tables were provided to show specifics for exact mile markers.) Only a small segment of center line recessed pavement markers fall within the MRMPO boundary (a general location map was included for the Committee). The funds for this project are not MRMPO funds but rather ODOT Safety Funds. The cost per mile is estimated at \$15,000/mile. The project is Davis-Bacon rated, and is subject to established construction protocols. Federal Highway funds are used. Some gas tax is used. Only two segments are located in the MPO. Construction is expected in 2015-2018, with the majority of construction on 2017.

**The Chair opened the public hearing**

**In support:** None received

**In opposition:** None received

**The Chair closed the public testimony.**

**MOTION(S):**

**On a motion by Rob Brandes, seconded by Rick Riker the Regional Plan (RTP)/Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment – Region Wide Rumble Strips (KN 18880) was adopted by unanimous voice vote.**

**5. MRMPO Planning Update**

- Ryan McLaren will be bringing additional RTP/TIP amendments to the Policy Committee in September.
- Carl Rosenbach has accepted the position of COG Program Manager, and will be relocating from Texas to Medford.
- Dan Moore shared a packet of information from DLCD regarding updated GHG Target Rules. Albany and the MRMPO are suggested form inclusion, a stance opposed by the MRMPO Policy Committee. Darrin Fowler and Pam van Arsdale are the RVMPO representative and alternate to the GHG Advisory Committee. A memo created y a professional analyst accompanied the DLCD packet, outlining three options for the updated Target Rules:

1. Establish the same targets for all involved entities.
2. Establish one target for Metro and another for all the others involved.
3. Establish a set of different targets for each metropolitan area.

The question has arisen whether the time, effort and expense of attempting to achieve unreachable goals would be worth it. It was suggested that perhaps setting a “not to exceed” goal might better serve the unique, realities of southern Oregon emissions. It was divulged that the GHG Target Rule process is only related to light use vehicles. Electric vehicles are accounted for in the GHG emissions analysis. At this point, participation in the GHG target process is voluntary. The Committee members discussed the rural nature of the MPO municipalities, and the unfairness of putting it into the same “category” as the more heavily populated/trafficked, metropolitan areas.

- Dan Moore shared more information about CMAQ funding issues, and how the RVMPO has reacted to the proposed cuts in funding. It may also turn out that future projects may be selected for funding based on a competitive process.
- The ODOT fund exchange program requires the RVCOG to approve fund exchanges involving MPO funds.

**6. Public Comment**

None received.

**7. Other Business/Local Business**

- The OTC is meeting in Medford. Pam Van Arsdale shared

**8. Agenda Build for Next Meeting**

- Two more RTP/TIP amendments will be brought to the Committee.

**9. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:29 p.m.

**Meeting Schedule:**

MRMPO TAC            Thursday, Sept. 1 @ 1:30 pm  
MRMPO Policy        Thursday, Sept. 15 @ 2:30 pm