



**Summary Minutes
Middle Rogue MPO Policy Committee
September 21, 2017**

The following attended:

Voting Members	Organization	Phone Number
Barry Eames	Grants Pass	218-1403
Bob Strosser	Jackson County	774-6119
Darin Fowler, Chair	Grants Pass	660-3696
Michael Bollweg for Pam VanArsdale	Rogue River	660-0093
Rick Riker	Grants Pass	479-7333
Rob Brandes	Josephine County	474-5460
Staff	Organization	Phone Number
Karl Welzenbach	RVCOG	423-1360
Stephanie Thune	RVCOG	423-1368
Interested Parties	Organization	Phone Number
Aaron Cubic	Grants Pass	450-6000
Jason Canady	Grants Pass	450-6110
John Vial	Jackson County	774-6238

Specific agenda items can be accessed via the links below, while the full recording of this meeting can be accessed here: [170921 MRMPO Policy Committee Meeting Audio](#)

1. Call to Order / Introductions/ Review Agenda 00:00 – 03:26
1:32 | *Quorum*: 5 voting members, regardless of jurisdiction

2. Review / Approve Minutes 03:27 – 04:09

The Chair asked if there were any changes or additions to the August 17 meeting minutes.

03:43 | On a motion by Rob Brandes, seconded by Rick Riker, the Committee recommended approval of the August 17 MRMPO Policy Committee meeting minutes as submitted.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Action Items

3. VMT Benchmarks 04:10 – 13:57

Standing in for Dan Moore, Karl Welzenbach presented two VMT Benchmark memos: 1) *Demonstration of MRMPO 5% Reduction in VMT per Capita*, and 2) *Proposed VMT Benchmarks*.

As the first memo details (p.2, beneath Table 2), despite increases in MRMPO population and vehicle counts, VMT per capita will continue to decline due to 1) growth occurring in downtown areas where walking and biking are viable alternatives to driving and 2) the fact that VMT does not take out of area trips into account.

It was noted that the 5.4% anticipated reduction by 2040 may be affected by TPAU’s new activity-based transportation model. If the benchmarks leading up to that 5.4% reduction are not being met under the new model, staff will conduct scenario analyses to see what alternative measures may need to be implemented to remedy that.

The next step (pending approval of the VMT Benchmarks by the Policy Committee today) will be for staff to work with DLCD to submit a report containing the related documentation to LCDC that shows the MPO will achieve a 5% reduction of VMT/capita and will follow the benchmarks, which progress in four-year increments (base-year 2010, target-year 2040).

Upon request, Welzenbach provided the following clarifications:

- VMT is calculated via TPAU’s existing transportation model which takes various socio-economic data into account (e.g. population, number of households, number of employment sites).
- The population figure in Table 1 of the first memo is based on the MPO planning boundary.

14:10 | Bob Strosser moved to forward the two VMT Benchmark memos as submitted to LCDC for consideration. Rick Riker seconded.

There was no further discussion.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Discussion Items

4. Public Comment 13:58 – 16:40

Regular Updates

5. Planning Update 16:41 – 22:55

6. Other Business/Local Business 22:56 – 25:16

7. Adjournment 25:17 – 25:20

2:57 p.m.

Meeting Schedule:

MRMPO TAC | Thursday, October 5, 2017 | 1:30 pm

MRMPO Policy Committee | Thursday, October 19, 2017 | 2:30 pm