



**Summary Minutes
Middle Rogue MPO Policy Committee
April 20, 2017**

The following attended:

Voting Members	Organization	Phone Number
Bob Strosser	Jackson County	774-6119
Darin Fowler, Chair	Grants Pass	660-3696
Art Anderson for Mike Baker	ODOT	774-6353
Pam VanArsdale, Vice Chair	Rogue River	660-4414
Rick Riker	Grants Pass	479-7333
Robert Brandes	Josephine County	474-5460
Staff	Organization	Phone Number
Andrea Napoli	RVCOG	423-1369
Stephanie Thune	RVCOG	423-1368
Interested Parties	Organization	Phone Number
Jason Canady	Grants Pass	450-6110

1. Call to Order / Introductions/ Review Agenda

Chair Fowler called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m., and a quorum was confirmed with voting members from Grants Pass, Rogue River, Jackson County, Josephine County, and ODOT in attendance.

In Karl Welzenbach’s absence, Andrea Napoli took ownership of agenda items 3, 6, and 8, while item 4 was postponed to the May 18 meeting. It was further noted that item 3 was a public hearing/action item.

2. Review / Approve Minutes

The Chair asked if there were any changes or additions to the March 16 meeting minutes.

On a motion by Pam VanArsdale, seconded by Rick Riker, the Committee recommended approval of the March 16 MRMPO Policy Committee meeting minutes as submitted.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Action Item / Public Hearing:

3. Adoption of FY 2018 Unified Planning Work Program

The Chair read the procedure for the public hearing.

Andrea Napoli explained that the UPWP is the program budget for the upcoming fiscal year, which begins July 1. It outlines the plans and programs to be undertaken by staff during the upcoming year. There have been no changes to the document since its last draft form reviewed by the Policy Committee in February, but an item of note is that PL funds will increase from \$156,000 to approximately \$200,000. The 30-day public comment period was opened on March 19, but no comments were received.

COMMENTS

Page iii | Public Works Director Mike Bollweg will assume Mark Reagles' position on the TAC going forward. Mark Reagles will remain listed on the UPWP as he was serving the TAC during the document's development.

Page iii | Stephanie Thune should be added to the RVCOG staff list in future versions of the UPWP.

SUGGESTED REVISIONS

Page 4 | Rob Brandes proposed replacing "The MPO would like to incorporate ..." with "The MPO is considering incorporating ..." in the commentary under **MRMPO Unfunded Needs for FY 2018** related to HERS-ST.

The Chair opened the discussion to public comment, both in support and in opposition.

None voiced.

The Chair closed the public testimony.

On a motion by Pam VanArsdale, seconded by Rob Brandes, the Committee proposed adoption of the FY 2018 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) as revised.

There was no further discussion.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Presentations

4. "What Are MPOs?"

Item was postponed to the May 18 meeting.

5. Rogue Valley Seismic Event Highway Triage Approach

Art Anderson presented a triage strategy for preventatively shoring up the infrastructure that would be most at risk in the event of seismic activity (i.e. the Cascadia Quake) in southern Oregon. Timelines and budget amounts for project phases were shared and a summary handout was distributed.

Mr. Anderson said he would like to receive input from the counties and other MPO jurisdictions regarding their specific plans for seismic triage. Rob Brandes indicated that Josephine County had a consultant prepare a similar triage report, which he will share with Mr. Anderson.

6. 2017 Additional CMAQ Funding | Round II

Andrea Napoli reported that the previous background information given regarding the increased amount of 2019-2021 CMAQ funds available is no longer accurate. A table was provided showing the 2009-2016 CMAQ amounts (firm) and 2017-2018 amounts (estimated), with the additional explanation that \$2.1 million in CMAQ funds remain from previous years, so there will be a call for projects in the future once the 2019-2021 funding questions are resolved. Karl Welzenbach should have more CMAQ funding information available by the May 18 meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding the process for converting CMAQ funds to FTA. Rob Brandes will ask Scott Chancey for specifics he may have; if necessary, Andrea Napoli will contact the FTA representative for information.

7. Public Comment

None voiced.

8. Planning Update

There were no updates shared.

9. Other Business / Local Business

- Per Rob Brandes, Josephine County is looking into an open house around the second week of May for the Merlin sidewalk project, which will use MPO funds for sidewalks, curbs and storm drains. Center turn lanes and bike lanes are not included in the project.
- The Chair mentioned that some of the new climbing lane side slopes failed and Art Anderson remarked that ODOT has been working on repairs.
- The Chair inquired about the tree-clearing on Williams Highway near Crystal Lane before Pennington Farms, which Art Anderson replied was not an ODOT project, but could possibly be maintenance-related or perhaps tied to a development project.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:22 p.m.

Meeting Schedule:

MRMPO TAC | Thursday, May 4, 2017 | 1:30 pm

MRMPO Policy | Thursday, May 18, 2017 | 2:30 pm