



**Summary Minutes
Middle Rogue MPO Policy Committee
January 18, 2018**

The following attended:

Voting Members	Organization	Phone Number
Christina Stanley	Gold Hill	855-1525
Dan DeYoung	Josephine County	660-0342
John Vial for Bob Strosser	Jackson County	774-6238
Mike Baker	ODOT	957-3658
Pam VanArsdale	Rogue River	660-4414
Rob Brandes	Josephine County	474-5460
Staff	Organization	Phone Number
Karl Welzenbach	RVCOG	423-1360
Ryan MacLaren	RVCOG	423-1338
Stephanie Thune	RVCOG	423-1368
Interested Parties	Organization	Phone Number
Lesley Orr	Bikeways/Walkways	707-218-4025

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1. Call to Order / Introductions/ Review Agenda 00:00 – 01:39
2:31 | *Quorum*: 5 voting members, regardless of jurisdiction

2. Review / Approve Minutes 01:40 – 03:34

The Vice Chair asked if there were any changes or additions to the September 21 meeting minutes.

02:10 | On a motion by John Vial, seconded by Mike Baker, the Committee recommended approval of the September 21 MRMPO Policy Committee meeting minutes as submitted.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Public Hearing

3. 2015-2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment 03:35 – 16:37

The Vice Chair read the procedure for the public hearing.

Ryan MacLaren reported that the MRMPO 2018-2021 TIP needs to be amended to add construction for the following project:

- Oregon Salt Pilot Phase 2: Bridge Deck Testing & Sealing (KN 21076)
Description: “Salt testing on bridge decks; design of sealing and overlay projects, and construction of protective systems.”

The bridge under consideration in this amendment is on I-5 over Evans Creek; a sealant test will be conducted to determine whether the bridge components are adequately protected against decay from salting.

John Vial opened discussion regarding the necessity of amendments to the TIP/RTP for maintenance/safety projects. *Karl Welzenbach* explained that, since no language currently exists in the RTP related to the state’s estimated expenditures for maintenance and safety projects, TIP and RTP amendments are required. *Mike Baker* clarified that the FHWA requires ODOT to be very specific about the maintenance/safety work they include in the STIP; the use of “buckets” to hold funds for e.g. maintenance/safety projects is not allowed. However, only maintenance/safety work that utilizes federal (Title 23) funds needs to be amended into the TIP/RTP; work conducted with the sole use of state funds does not.

Vial stated his concern with the inconsistency of the amendment process; namely, ODOT does amend the TIP/RTP for maintenance and safety projects, while the other MPO jurisdictions such as Jackson County, Grants Pass, etc. do not. *Welzenbach* will raise the issue at the upcoming UPWP meeting to elicit a recommendation from the FHWA on the matter.

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

None voiced.

The Vice Chair closed the public testimony.

16:05 | John Vial moved to approve the proposed amendment to the 2018-2021 MRMPO TIP. Mike Baker seconded.

There was no further discussion.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Action Items

None scheduled.

Discussion Items

4. Public Comment 16:38 – 19:23

- Results of the 2017 “Ride the Rogue” event and plans for the 2018 event were shared. Rider education (to help ensure traffic rules are followed) and event promotion will be key focal points for 2018.

Regular Updates

5. Planning Update 19:24 – 30:35

- The Safety Performance Measures will be addressed by the MPO committees in February; other measures will follow in future. To-date, the FHWA has not specified any consequences for MPOs failing to meet the measures.
- The April 27 OMPOC Meeting will be held in Grants Pass at the City Hall Council Chambers. Detailed information will be made available; all MPO members are welcome to attend.

6. Other Business/Local Business 30:36 – 39:29

- *Jackson County* | Rogue River Greenway (N. River Rd, outside of Rogue River to the Rock Point Bridge) project is in design phase.
- *Gold Hill* | Inquiry regarding responsibility/planned work for narrow bridge at the south end of town. No work pending per ODOT; bridge is still structurally sound, albeit functionally obsolete.
- *ODOT* | Mike Baker and Art Anderson swapping MPO attendance for their respective committees in February.
- *Josephine County* | Will pass ordinance and then request signs from ODOT restricting panhandling by homeless on roadways.

7. Adjournment 39:30 – 39:42

3:12 p.m.

Scheduled Meetings

MRMPO TAC | Thursday, February 1, 2018 | 1:30 pm

MRMPO Policy Committee | Thursday, February 15, 2018 | 2:30 pm