AGENDA

Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

Date:	*Thursday, August 7, 2014*
Time:	*1:30 p.m.*
Location:	*Courtyard Conference Room, Grants Pass City Hall, 101 NW 'A' Street, Grants Pass, Oregon*
Phone :	*Sue Casavan, RVCOG, 541-423-1360* *MRMPO website : www.mrmpo.org*

1. **Call to Order/Introductions/Review Agenda ..... Michael Black, Chair**

2. **Review/Approve Minutes (Attachment #1) ..... Chair**

Action Item:

3. **MRMPO Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Goals and Policies..... Jonathan David**

Background: The Goals and Policies will provide the policy framework to guide the development of the RTP as well as subsequent decisions about system management, and project selection and implementation.

Action Requested: Forward recommendation to Policy Committee.

Discussion Item:

4. **Josephine Community Transit Update ..... Scott Chancey**

5. **MRMPO Update ..... Jonathan David**

6. **Public Comment*..... Chair**

(Limited to one comment per person, five minute maximum time limit)

7. Other Business / Local Business .....Chair

Opportunity for MRMPO member jurisdictions to talk about transportation planning projects.

8. Adjournment .....Chair

- The next Middle Rogue MPO TAC meeting will be **Thursday, September 4, at 1:30 p.m. in the Courtyard Conference Room at Grants Pass City Hall.**
- The next Middle Rogue MPO Policy Committee meeting will be **Thursday, August 21, at 2:30 p.m. in the Courtyard Conference Room at Grants Pass City Hall.**

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SUMMARY MINUTES

Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization
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June 5, 2014

The following people were in attendance:

MRMPO Technical Advisory Committee

Voting Members in Attendance:

Chuck DeJanvier	Josephine County
Ian Horlacher	ODOT
John Vial	Jackson County
Josh LeBombard	DLCD
Kelli Sparkman	ODOT
Michael Black	Grants Pass
Rick Hohnbaum	Gold Hill
Scott Chancey	Josephine County Transit
Terry Haugen	Grants Pass

Others Present:

Jay Meredith	Grants Pass Finance Director

By Phone:

Brian Finneran	DEQ
Wes Ricther	DEQ

RVCOG Staff ,
Pat Foley, Dan Moore, Jonathan David, Bunny Lincoln

1. Call to Order / Introductions / Review Agenda
Michael Black called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM. Introduced two DEQ members.

2. Review / Approve Minutes
Mr. Black asked if there were any changes or additions to the May meeting minutes. Terry Haugen, stated that Redwood #3 & alternative fuel projects were Grants Pass projects.

On a motion by Rick Hohnbaum and seconded by Ian Horlacher, the Committee unanimously approved the minutes as corrected.

7. Limited Maintenance Plan (LMP) - Agenda Item #7 was moved ahead to the first discussion item.

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Dan Moore explained the LMTs for Grants Pass' CO and PM10. The benefit of creating the LMPs for the Grants Pass area is that they will save the MPO thousands of dollars in modeling costs. (MPOs must demonstrate transportation conformity for the Regional Transportation Plan, and the LMPs would fulfill that requirement.) The region has been monitored, and determined not to exceed allowed emissions, and is not expected to do so in the future. Therefore, the LMP option is available for implementation.

Brian Finneran and Wes Ricther represented the DEQ by phone, and stipulated that the LMP process was being fast tracked by DEQ. They went over the LMP work schedule. The EPA Seattle staff is assisting with the Plans, and has provided examples of adopted CO and PM10 plans. Modeling is not required. Federal Environmental Quality Commission adoption is anticipated by the end of the year, with EPA submittal to immediately follow. Grants Pass public hearings on both plans are expected in September. The hearings will be coordinated by DEQ, including media publicity, notification and provision of a hearings officer.

Dan Moore said that air quality emissions modeling was just completed for CO with the MOVES model. DEQ found an excellent job had been done, and nothing more is needed. Land use was factored into the analysis. (Employment, population and housing units). Actual Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) were provided by ODOT, and based upon 2005 statistics. Sierra Research participated in the analysis. A Limited Maintenance Plan is an option for communities with proven low emissions for a particular pollutant, and a ten (10) year carryover from the first plan into the LMP is applicable. Transportation conformity is still required, but no modeling or budgeting is required. No more plans will be required in the future.

Jonathan David expressed appreciation for DEQ's favorable praise for the work done by Sierra Research.

3. Interim 2012-15 Transportation Improvement Project (TIP) & 2015-18 Interim TIP

Dan Moore presented the two separate project lists showing when the funds would be expended. STP and CMAQ projects were approved by the Policy Committee. Any TAC revisions to the list will go to the Policy Committee. Public hearings before the Policy Committee will be held on June 19th, and the lists will go on to ODOT after that.

Based on listed monetary figures, Terry Haugen asked if more dollars STP for 2012-15 were available than previously noted, and whether more funds were allocated than are available? Jonathan David said that COG staff will review the figures for accuracy.

Dan Moore said that the TAC needed to determine funding allocations (some projects went from CMAQ to STP funding) for specific projects, along with the years for disbursal. The list was "overprogramed" for STP funds at 150% of available funding, and affected cities will prioritize projects for initial funding. The TAC would then decide how to allocate the funds, with the potential for splitting the funds between 2014 and 2015.

Committee members discussed various aspects of prioritizing Grants Pass' projects and allocating funding to them. A consensus was reached that the projects were already approved for the specific time period, and that the list could be forwarded "as is".

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On a motion by John Vial, seconded by Terry Haugen, Attachment #2 (with the condition that Grants Pass work with MPO staff to adjust delivery years, while remaining with the program time period and approved budget).

Terry Haugen asked for project updates on Rogue River 6th and Morgan, Caveman Bridge repair, the I-5 (Exit 58) and Exit 61 (ODOT projects). General status updates will be provided at the next TAC meeting.

The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

The matter will go to the Policy Committee on June 19th, and north for further approvals immediately thereafter. Key numbers (STP) will then be assigned to projects by ODOT Region 3. Kelli Sparkman briefly outlined the ODOT fund exchange process. On Art Anderson's behalf, Ian Horlacher outlined preliminary construction dates for some of the projects.

4. Surface Transportation (STP) Funds for Sidewalk Infill

Jonathan David queried the Committee about creation of a future STP rotating fund for small sidewalk infill projects (primarily targeting safe routes to schools and transit stop connections) commencing in 2018. John Vial asked to have more details, and was inclined to vote "No" at this point, in the interest of keeping STP funding flexible. The potential need to provide "Matching funds", CMAQ exchanges, protection of discretionary funds, catching up with lagging infrastructure on active transportation projects, and the need to provide benefits to smaller communities were discussed. Josh LeBombard asked if there was a current category for ranking these types of projects, and shared that Gold Hill and Rogue River need to come forward with future projects.

The matter will be placed on a future agenda for additional discussion.

5. Potential RVCOG Traffic Count Program

There was no expressed interest in an RVCOG traffic counting program.

6. RVACT TAC Draft Bylaws

Pat Foley presented the concept of creating an RVACT Technical Advisory Committee to review, score and recommend transportation projects. ODOT prefers not to do future evaluations. RVACT (draft) bylaws were formulated in 2012, and the Committee would like to pursue the formation of a TAC. The focus would be on soliciting professionals with "on the ground" experience. Ms. Foley asked if the MRMPO TAC was actually interested in the potential creation of an RVACT TAC. Rick Hohnbaum asked for an explanation of the primary purpose/responsibility of group, with Ms. Foley responding that they would conduct "Enhanced" project rankings, OTC based criteria evaluations, and project prioritizations. Their work would culminate in recommendations to the RVACT. Other Committee functions could include review of special funding opportunities. Any TAC creation approval must also go through the RVACT, ODOT and OTC.

John Vial advocated the removal of any reference to the two MPO TACs, with the affected jurisdictions determining the TAC membership. Scott Chancey stipulated that transit agencies need to have an independent vote.

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The TAC would be a single entity, encompassing Jackson and Josephine County jurisdictions. The next step will be to get the two groups together to refine the details of the creating the TAC and defining jurisdictional/agency participation parameters.

On a motion by Terry Haugen, seconded by Rick Hohnbaum the Committee voted unanimously to recommend to the Policy Committee that an RVACT Technical Advisory Committee be formed.

7. Limited Maintenance Plan (LMP) – moved to first agenda item

8. MRMPO Update
There will be no July 3rd meeting? August 7th is the next TAC meeting.

9. Public Comment -
None received.

10. Other Business / Local Business -
None.

11. Adjournment -
The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM.

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