



SUMMARY MINUTES

Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

May 1, 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
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RVCOG Staff

Andrea Napoli, Dan Moore, Bunny Lincoln

1. Call to Order / Introductions / Review Agenda

Michael Black called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM.

2. Review / Approve Minutes

Mr. Black asked if there were any changes or additions to the April meeting minutes.

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

3. Discretionary Funds Project Status

The Chair gave a brief overview of previous work done on the project applications and approvals.

Dan Moore went over RVCOG suggestions for alternative funding for projects needing construction funds. Andrea Napoli prepared spreadsheets on the various projects.

Table #1 - Tentative Policy Committee approvals in April

Table #2 - Remaining CMAQ and STP funding with switches (construction) to STP.

(The Transit Hub Study was pulled and added to long range transit plan by Scott Chaney.)

Table #3. Remaining Projects & Original Requests with funding amounts.

Grants Pass –

Terry Haugen spoke about STP funds being used for preliminary work on the alternative fuel facility project.

Fruitdale improvements have been postponed and will use future funding sources.

Redwood #3 will continue to move forward. The City is working with traffic engineering and ODOT for confirmation, the project is holding now for consideration. John Vial verified that no future funding would be needed for Redwood – Phase #3.

Michael Black said that discussions continue with ODOT on Redwood #3. Design agreement will be forthcoming.

Jay Meredith confirmed that \$107,000 was allocated to the alternative fuel facility @ 106%, assuring \$100,000 for the project (based upon utilization of a fund exchange mechanism). A brief discussion ensued about the alternative fuel facility and future funding opportunities, including ODOT CMAQ funds.

Fruitdale improvements will be addressed in future years.

Josephine County –

Chuck DeJanvier spoke about postponing some County projects for future funding cycles.

John Vial confirmed that the County was advancing the Redwood #3 & alternative fuel projects.

Kelli Sparkman pointed out that the Bike/Ped projects should be moved to STP (under fund exchange). CMAQ funding has a lot of federal requirements attached, but STP exchange is more flexible.

Michael said that CMAQ isn't used often by the City. STP funds are typically used for other projects.

Kelli Sparkman talked about making Fruitdale improvements a priority, and there was a brief discussion about phasing to utilize various local, State and federal funding options. Michael Black said that a master plan was anticipated in a year, with engineering to follow.

In a straw poll, the Bike/Ped project was approved for advancement with a shift to STP funding. Scott Chaney felt that there would be additional CMAQ projects proposed over time, thereby taking advantage of those funding opportunities. Terry Haugen stressed that Fruitdale improvements should proceed, with a firm phasing plan completed next year.

The Committee's expressed concern was that CMAQ funds would disappear if they were not utilized soon.

On a motion by John Vial and seconded by Rick Hohnbaum, the alternative fuel and Redwood - Phase #3 projects were recommended for elevation to “funded” status and the Grants Pass Bike/Ped project was recommended for shifting to STP Fund Exchange. The motion passed unanimously.

4. TAC Review of Staff Documents Prior to Policy Committee Submittal -

Committee members discussed the manner in which TAC approvals and recommendations are presented to the Policy Committee, with specific concern expressed over additional comments, from sources other than the actual TAC, that might be added to the recommendations sent on to the Policy Committee. It was determined that all TAC recommendations would be sent to the Policy Committee exactly as approved. Anything else, including any separate Staff recommendations on a particular matter, would be presented as “New/Additional Information”.

5. MPO Planning Update –

Dan Moore spoke about progress on the Middle Rogue Regional TSP. A Goal & Policy memo will be presented to the TAC later this summer. The DEQ is working on the Limited Maintenance Plans, thereby saving significant MPO costs. Presentations to the TAC & Policy Committee will be forthcoming.

Discretionary Funding Projects will come up for public hearing at the Policy meeting on May 15th.

6. Public Comment -

None received.

7. Other Business / Local Business -

None.

8. Adjournment -

The meeting was adjourned at 2:22 PM.