



SUMMARY MINUTES
Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization
Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

March 6, 2014

The following people were in attendance:

MRMPO Technical Advisory Committee

Voting Members in Attendance:

Chuck DeJanvier	Josephine County
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:

Neil Burgess	JOCO Public Works, Civil Engineer
Jay Meredith	Grants Pass Finance Director

RVCOG Staff

Jonathan David, 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

Black asked if there were any changes or additions to the meeting minutes. Rick Hohnbaum said that he had not attended the previous meeting.

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

3. Discretionary Funds Applications – Review Staff Evaluation

Chairman Black opened a work shop on application proposals from the various MPO participants. Andrea Napoli explained the project scoring spreadsheets and the initial project prioritizations. A brief discussion ensued about whether ODOT approved the Bike/Pedestrian improvement project #2. Michael Black said that ODOT feels the project

will ultimately be approved. Kelli Sparkman said that the four (4) project components are not actually linked to each other and stipulated unexpended funds would go back into the CMAQ “pot”.

Potential partnership opportunities and future funding options for the JCT computer service project were discussed, with both financial and “in kind” contributions.

John Vial asked how the “scoring” spreadsheet matrix would be integrated into the approval/recommendation being made to the Policy Committee. Members agreed that the spreadsheet was meant to be a preliminary ranking, designed to generate a general discussion, and, therefore, a vital part of the discussion process. The hybrid vehicle amount (fund exchange with no match) was adjusted to \$12,957. It was clarified that the adopted project rankings would not be reviewed every year, but would be included in the new STIP (2016-18), and jurisdictional TSPs would need to be amended accordingly. 2013-14 projects can move forward now.

Staff guided the Committee through the RVCOG scoring process. Terry Haugen and John Vial pointed out that yearly short falls for the first three (3) years did not overlap, and that it would be better to see the specific shortfalls for each year. Andrea Napoli adjusted the spreadsheet accordingly.

Jonathan David presented a Redwood Avenue – Phase #3 improvement memo from ODOT expressing concerns about the design and life span for the project, and the alternative presented during the public involvement process. Terry Haugen said that Grants Pass is soliciting more public/agency comments, and that additional meetings with ODOT will be held.

There was a brief discussion of individually ranking the projects high, medium and low, with members returning their comments to COG staff. John Vial suggested that, due to the closeness of all the figures and the small shortfall, that the process could actually be done during the meeting, without the need for a “high medium, and low” scenario.

Andrea Napoli went over some of the scoring strategies with respect to air quality, freight, greenhouse gasses, potential actual use of a specific improvement and transportation benefits.

Terry Haugen said that Grants Pass would be willing to reduce its Redwood Avenue – Phase #2 and FY2016 CMAQ requests (in the amount of the deficits) to eliminate those shortfalls. Josephine County offered to reduce the FY2017 Merlin Road sidewalk project in a similar fashion. Terry Haugen also pointed out that the FY2018 Fruitdale Avenue improvements might also be reduced with the expectation that some of the other listed projects would change over time, and moneys could be reallocated to projects with reduced funding. With the concession that future funding might change over time, the members discussed shifting the CMAQ carryovers in a manner that would allow funding of all projects, and how the various projects would be affected in the short term. Terry Haugen said that the 2014 shortfall could be taken from the Redwood Ave. – Phase #2 STP funds. Dan Moore said the applications would be amended to reflect the stipulated changes.

The hybrid purchase will be handled through a fund exchange, upping the cost to \$25,957.

On a motion by John Vial and seconded by Rick Hohnbaum, the hybrid purchase (2014 STP funds @ \$12,957) by RVCOG was unanimously approved and recommended to the Policy Committee for approval (amended by Rick Hohnbaum).

On a motion by Terry Haugen and seconded by Scott Chancey, approved the Project List and recommended its approval by the Policy Committee, with the discussed monetary changes to be enacted by RVCOG staff. The motion passed unanimously.

4. RVCOG Hybrid Vehicle –

The hybrid vehicle was discussed under the previous agenda item.

5. MPO Planning Update – Jonathan David said that the COG was in the preliminary planning stages of a drought summit to be held in April. Michael Black stressed the importance of technical interaction amongst the Committee, and RVCOG, if members have questions or concerns over specific issues.

6. Public Comment -

None received.

7. Other Business / Local Business -

None.

8. Adjournment -

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 PM.