



SUMMARY MINUTES

Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

August 7, 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
Kelli Sparkman	ODOT
Michael Black	Grants Pass
Scott Chancey	Josephine County Transit
Terry Haugen	Grants Pass

RVCOG Staff

Sue Casavan, Jonathan David, Bunny Lincoln

1. Call to Order / Introductions / Review Agenda

Michael Black called the meeting to order at 1:36 PM.

2. Review / Approve Minutes

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

Agenda Items #3 and #4 were transposed.

Terry Haugen requested more formal ODOT project updates in the future. Ian Horlacher had provided available information by email. Kelli Sparkman will ask project leaders for updates to be presented at the September meeting. Jon Vial suggested that project leaders attend meetings on a quarterly basis. Kelli Sparkman will pursue this with ODOT.

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

3. Josephine Community Transit Update

Scott Chancy presented an informational memo on the RV Valley Commuter Line. Specific points included:

- The official logo has been created

- A unique name has been selected for the program (not related to a county or Specific jurisdiction)
- Three vehicles have been secured from Lane Transit
- Passenger Carrier Permit is in process
- September 1st start date is still anticipated
- Identification of Park & Ride lots in Grants Pass, Gold Hill and Rogue is under investigation
- Formalization of stops in Rogue River and Gold Hill (official agency/jurisdictional approvals needed)
- ODOT will do a public event to inaugurate the service (Sept. 23rd)

Community partners (RCC, the VA, medical campuses, etc.) will be sought to continue the project once the three year grant sunsets.

Fiscal ridership is up 152% since 2008-9, with no significant changes in hours of service. Every ridership record was broken last year. Upcoming route reconfigurations are expect to increase ridership totals. In answer to a question posed by John Vial, Mr. Chancey explained the philosophy for JCT providing refined, enhanced service to its customers, and making sure that the system is as user friendly as possible.

4. MRMPO Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Goals & Policies

Jonathan David facilitated a discussion on the MRMPO RTP vision, goals and policies, exhibiting examples of various other adopted plans. While the Policy Committee will render the final decision on these matters, David expressed COG Staff's desire to gain some direction from the TAC before proceeding further.

As part of a generalized discussion, TAC members agreed that brevity, flexibility and integration of multimodal systems that recognize the unique qualities/needs of the various jurisdictions within the region were keys to creating a workable Plan.

The final consensus was that the Corvallis model (excepting Goal 9 and Goal 10, related to alternative fuel sources and Greenhouse Gas reduction) was the preferred direction for Staff to take in creating the Goals to be presented to the Policy Committee. Measuring methodologies were also stressed as a vital component of the Goals. Mr. David, thanked the membership for their input and direction, and said that TAC members would receive emailed copies of the draft materials being presented to the policy Committee.

5. MRMPO Update -

Jonathan David had no updates to share.

It was determined that the Redwood Ave #3 has received all the required approvals.

Chuck DeJanvier brought up the chip seal project in the Galice Road area, and a discussion ensued about projects where only portions were located within MPO boundaries. Sue Casavan said if any part is located in an MPO, then it would be included in the relevant TIP. Chuck De Janvier will send an email to Andrea Napoli on this matter.

Ian Horlacher asked that members email ODOT project questions (for update purposes) in advance of the meeting at which the update(s) will be provided.

6. Public Comment -

None received.

7. Other Business / Local Business -

Chairman Black announced that this would be his last MPO meeting, as he has recently accepted the position of Ashland Parks & Recreation Director. John Vial will cover the next meeting as Vice Chairman, with elections being added as an agenda item. Mr. Vial expressed his opinion that it was not appropriate for a Jackson County employee to serve as Chairman of a Middle Rogue MPO committee.

8. Adjournment -

The meeting was adjourned at 2:38 PM.