



## **SUMMARY MINUTES**

### ***Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)***

**March 5, 2015**

*The following people were in attendance:*

#### **MRMPO Technical Advisory Committee**

##### *Voting Members in Attendance:*

Chuck DeJanvier	Josephine County
Ian Horlacher	ODOT
John Krawczyk, Vice Chairman	Rogue River
Josh LeBombard	DLCD
Kelli Sparkman	ODOT
Lora Glover	Grants Pass
John Vial	Jackson County
Terry Haugen	Grants Pass

##### *Others Present:*

##### *By Phone:*

Nick Fortey	Federal Highway Administration
Bob Cortwright	DLCD

#### **RVCOG Staff**

Andrea Napoli, Dan Moore, Bunny Lincoln

#### **1. Call to Order / Introductions / Review Agenda**

The Vice Chairman called the meeting to order at 1:35 PM. Members introduced themselves.

#### **2. Review / Approve Minutes**

The Vice Chairman asked if there were any changes or additions to the February meeting minutes. The date, 2014, was changed to 2015, and the meeting start time was amended to 1:35 PM.

**On a motion by Kelli Sparkman, seconded by John Vial, the Committee unanimously approved the minutes as amended. Ian Horlacher abstained.**

##### *Action Items:*

#### **3. 2015-2040 Draft Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Project List**

Andrea Napoli outlined the project list sources:

- The 2015-18 MRMPO Interim Transportation Improvement program (MTIP) – “Short Range” Projects
- Project lists provided by jurisdiction staff based upon revisions to existing TSP project lists
- Revised project lists from Grants Pass, Rogue River, and Josephine County, per initial review at the February TAC meeting

Ms. Napoli also explained changes that COG Staff made to the project list after meeting with the jurisdictions in order to work toward fiscal constraints:

**Scenario #1** - Grants Pass, Rogue River, and Josephine County have provided revised project lists that shift projects to other timeframes, or to Tier 2 (unfunded) in an effort to reduce funding shortfalls.

**Scenario #2** – Uses Scenario #1, but shifts projects as funding allows, thereby moving some back to their original timeframes, and from Tier 2 (unfunded) **back to funded (Tier 1)**.

**Note:** Both STP and CMAQ funds were applied to Grants Pass projects. A lesser amount of STP was applied to Josephine County and Rogue River.

There are still some unfunded projects in the County and Rogue River. Funds may be left in reserve. Chuck DeJanvier said Josephine County was expecting changes because of TPS updates. The RTP List is fluid and can be changed in the future.

Grants Pass is considering at least three (3) projects potential Enhance-it funds application, with no funding amounts known at this time. Jackson & Josephine Counties are also planning to apply. John Vial recommended removing the Enhance-it projects into Tier 2 projects. Andrea Napoli said she could shift funds around to remove any implication that the funds would go to any specific project.

**On a motion by John Vial, seconded by Ian Horlacher, the TAC recommended Policy Committee approval of the draft RTP, using Scenario #2. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**

#### **4. MRMPO RTP Progress Report and Draft Chapter Review**

Dan Moore and Andrea Napoli presented an overview and timeline of progress to date on the MRMPO RTP development, and completed draft RTP chapters 1, 2, 3, & 5. (Chapter 9 has been previously presented to the TAC.)

#### **Table #1 - RTP Chapter Progress @ 100% completion**

Chapter 1. - Introduction

Chapter 2. - Regulatory Framework

Chapter 3. - Vision & Goals

Chapter 5. - Planning Area Characteristics

Other chapters are partially complete. Chapter 8. – Transportation Sustainability will be discussed next month. A full draft Plan will be ready in December.

#### **Table #2 – RTP Task & Subtasks Progress @ 100% completion**

- Develop RTP Guiding Principles (Subtasks 2.1 – 2.6)
- Travel Demand Review/Update (Subtasks 5.1 and 5.4)
- TIP Development (Subtasks 6.1 and 6.2)

## **Chapter 5. – Planning Area Characteristics**

The following subjects were covered for TAC review:

- Political and Physical Characteristics (Source: School Districts and cities/counties)
- Demographics (Source: 2010 Census and American Community Survey 2008-2012)
- Employment Characteristics (Source: American Community Survey & OED)
- Commute Patterns (Source: American Community Survey & Josephine Co. Chamber of Commerce)

The Chapter also has a map identifying all the parks in the various jurisdictions. Commute patterns are illustrated in Figure 5.1.

The membership will review the completed chapters and comment to Staff by March 13<sup>th</sup>. A Word version will be emailed to all the members, enabling change tracking.

### **5. Enhance and Fix-It Proposal Coordination**

Dan Moore presented background about ODOT's program, and the fact that it would be mainly focused on improvements to the State system, or local projects benefitting the State system. This year, proposal applications will be subject to pre-proposal consultations with ODOT staff and ACTS. An application guidance document is available on the ODOT website. ODOT Pre-Consultation forms were provided to the members. Final proposals are due on Monday, August 3, 2015. COG Staff will be able to provide application assistance, if requested.

### **6. Target Rule Review**

Dan Moore and Bob Cortwright shared background on the DLCD draft Target Rule Review Report (regarding reduction of Greenhouse Gas Emissions by 2035 to meet the 2050 goals) covering:

- Executive Summary (Scenario Planning Results)
  - The MPOs are not required to do scenario planning. Metro believes it can exceed the 20% target reduction. Eugene and Springfield expect to come close to the targets, but not meet them. Strategic Assessment would provide the region with a better picture of emissions in the area.
  - Local targets are strictly voluntary. There are no requirements to do scenario planning.
- Chapter 1. - Introduction
- Chapter 2. – Regulatory Framework
- Chapter 3. – Vision & Goals
- Chapter 4. –
- Chapter 5. – Planning Area Characteristics

Members discussed how the targets might be set, the results of Scenario Planning, if implemented locally, and the benefit of Strategic Assessments. Comments on the draft Report, etc. are needed by DLCD by April 17<sup>th</sup>. No targets exist for this area at the moment. The region is just being asked if they want to be involved by adding targets for the new MPO. It was pointed out again that any Assessment at this time might be cost free, in addition to voluntary. (Jurisdictions with adopted targets and alternative measures would probably be more likely to get funding priority.) TPAU is doing the analysis. The targets will be reviewed/updated every four (4) years. Nick Fortey expressed concern that the RTP completion remain the top priority.

John Vial asked that the MPO hold off on an involvement in this process, and any setting of targets until the RTP and Alternative Measures have been completed/adopted.

The group reached unanimous consensus to have Bob Cortwright notice the state that the MPO prefers to wait until the RTP, Alternative Measures, etc. have been completed/adopted before getting involved in the GHG targeting process. Dan Moore will carry the recommendation to the Policy Committee

**7. ODOT MRMPO Update -**

No update was forthcoming.

Terry Haugen gave an update on Grants Pass projects:

- Redwood Ave. #2 was awarded @ \$3.4 million to Copeland Paving.
- Redwood Ave. #3 is proceeding. On-street parking is an issue. Bidding is anticipated this fall.

**9. MRMPO Planning Update -**

Dan Moore presented an update on current COG activities:

- Jonathan David may be returning to work soon, on a half time basis.
- Staff continues to work on the RTP and associated documents.

**10. Public Comment -**

None received.

**11. Other Business / Local Business -**

Kelli Sparkman asked to have documents sent out for comments in a more timely fashion.

**12. Adjournment -**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 PM.