



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

May 7, 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
Kelli Sparkman	ODOT
Terry Haugen	Grants Pass
Scott Chancey	Josephine Community Transit
Lora Glover	Grants Pass

Others Present:
Aaron Cubic

RVCOG Staff

Dan Moore, Bunny Lincoln

1. Call to Order / Introductions / Review Agenda

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

2. Review / Approve Minutes

The Chairman asked if there were any changes or additions to the March meeting minutes.

On a motion by Ian Horlacher, seconded by Kelli Sparkman, the Committee unanimously approved the minutes as presented.

Action Items:

3. MRMPO Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) 2015-16

Dan Moore reviewed information contained in his May 1st memo. The new Oregon MPO funding mechanisms resulted in a \$31,000 increase in MRMPO planning funds. \$220,000 is expected for the MRMPO upcoming planning year. The potential total for the transit survey is approximately \$17,000.

Predominant work tasks relate to:

1. Development of the 2015-40 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)
2. Coordination on the Rogue Valley Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Plan

Table #1 **Transportation Planning Funds by Source and Activity.** Work tasks include:

- **Program Management**
Clerical & Personnel, UPWP Development/Progress, Public Involvement/Education, Interagency/Jurisdictional Coordination, Grant Writing
- **Short Range Planning**
TIP Activities, Air Quality Conformity, Local TSP Technical Assistance, STP/CMAQ Project Funds Management
- **Long Range Planning**
RTP Development, ITS Coordination
- **Data Development**
Research & Analysis Program, Data collection/analysis for Title 6 & EJ
- **Transit – JOCO**
Grants Pass – Medford Transit Line Passenger Survey

Table #2 is the **Budget**, showing costs for the various work tasks:

- **Program Management -** Clerical & Personnel, UPWP Development/Progress, Public Involvement/Education, Interagency/Jurisdictional Coordination, Grant Writing
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On a motion by John Krawczyk, seconded by Ian Horlacher, the Committee unanimously recommended Policy Committee approval of the 2015-16 Unified Planning Work Program.

4. 2015-2040 Draft Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Project List

Dan Moore outlined the fiscally constrained project list (revised). The TAC previously recommended the List to the Policy Committee for their approval, but the Committee wanted Staff to determine which projects needed to be included based on federal regulations, and for the TAC to take another look at the List. Projects to be included fall under the following criteria:

- Regionally significant projects (adding system capacity), regardless of funding source
- Projects requiring a federal environmental clearance
- Projects to be programmed in the TIP
- Projects receiving State/federal transportation funds

Grants Pass submitted a proposal for the Allen Creek Road Improvements Project to increase CMAQ funding by \$1,287,571, and decrease STP funds by \$3,069. ODOT is working with the City in developing the revised STP/CMAQ amounts. Per eligibility requirements, CMAQ funded projects must lie within the Grants Pass AQMA. A \$4,608,760 available balance (including a surplus) of CMAQ dollars currently exists through FFY 2018. **Jackson County commented that a**

policy should be established for overruns and reallocations of surplus CMAQ or STP funds. Staff will draft a memo and proposed policy for the next meeting. Priority would be given to funding previously programmed projects.

Enhance-It funds are not included because the program is in a state of flux at this point, but may be available later. CMAQ, STP and local funds are included. The List is divided into short, medium and long range projects, with a Tier 2 (unfunded but still needed) section as well. The Grants Pass TSP will identify more projects.

Short Range Projects: Grants Pass, ODOT, Rogue River and JOCO Transit
Medium Range Projects: Grants Pass, Josephine County, JOCO Transit
Long Range Projects: Grants Pass, Josephine County, Rogue River, JOCO Transit

All projects are financially constrained.

“Exempt” projects do not have to address air quality conformity. The members briefly discussed other aspects of what makes a project regionally significant. ODOT is working with Gold Hill on a street Network Plan. Grants Pass Project # 215 (medium range - new local collector) is part of the Air Quality Conformity, and not eligible for CMAQ finding.

Rogue River’s local \$ can cover their medium range project. Their TSP update is expected to be completed in Fall, 2015.

On a motion by Chuck De Janvier, seconded by Terry Haugen, the TAC recommended Policy Committee approval of the Allen Creek Improvements project. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

On a motion by Ian Horlacher, seconded by John Krawczyk, the TAC recommended Policy Committee approval of the RTP List, including the addition of the Allen Creek Improvement Project amendments.

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

5. RTP Draft Goals and Policies

Dan Moore led a brief overview/discussion on Chapter 2 – Visions & Goals (the previous “Objectives” headings have been amended to “Policies”)

John Krawczyk suggested that Goal 7 G7 - P3 should be moved to Goal 2 Policies (G2 - P5), and the members concurred with this change.

On a motion by Terry Haugen, seconded by John Krawczyk, the TAC recommended Policy Committee approval of Chapter 2, with the removal of Goal #7 - G7-P2, and its relocation to Goal #2 – G2-P5.

“Identify, Prioritize and Apply for investment opportunities to preserve the existing transportation including all modes.”

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

6. MRMPO Planning Update -

Dan Moore presented an update on current COG activities:

- Jonathan David has resigned, and Dan Moore is the new Program Manager.
- Progress is being made on the RTP
- Updating Grants Pass TSP
- Model should be operational by June for TSP updates
- Working with ODOT on Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) to improve safety and traffic flow. An inventory will be done on existing capabilities, with decisions then made on expanding the program.
- RVCOG is interviewing for an additional planner.

7. Public Comment -

None received.

8. Other Business / Local Business -

Terry Haugen asked about the Enhance-It, and what direction to take based on the ODOT memo encouraging pre-apps by July. Ian Horlacher will check on this issue.

9. Adjournment -

The meeting was adjourned at 2:33 PM.