



Minutes
Middle Rogue MPO Technical Advisory Committee
April 6, 2017

The following attended:
MRMPO TAC

Member	Organization	Phone Number
Chuck DeJanvier	Josephine County	474-5460
Eric Heesacker for Scott Chancey	Josephine County Transit	474-5441
Ian Horlacher	ODOT	774-6399
Jason Canady	Grants Pass	450-6110
John Vial, Chair	Jackson County	774-6238
Others	Organization	Phone Number
Staff	Organization	Phone Number
Karl Welzenbach	RVCOG	423-1360
Stephanie Thune	RVCOG	423-1368

1. Call to Order / Introductions / Review Agenda

Chair John Vial called the meeting to order at 1:28 PM. A quorum was confirmed, with representatives from Grants Pass, Jackson County, Josephine County and ODOT in attendance.

2. Review / Approve Minutes

The Chair asked if there were any changes or additions to the minutes of the March 2 meeting.

Ian Horlacher moved to approve the March 2 MRMPO TAC meeting minutes as presented.

Prior to a second, the Chair noted that the terms “Chair” and “Vice Chair” should be used in the future instead of the outdated “Chairman” and “Vice Chairman.” There was no need to amend the current minutes under review.

The motion as stated was seconded by Chuck DeJanvier and carried unanimously by voice vote.

Action Items:

3. Bylaw Revisions

The Bylaws were included for the Committee’s review, with the new wording for Article III, Section 3(b) added to clarify both the number of representatives required from each jurisdiction, as well as the list of member jurisdictions. The language as amended follows, with added verbiage shown in italics:

“A quorum shall exist when the majority of member jurisdictions are present. *Member jurisdictions are one individual from each of the following: cities of Gold Hill, Grants Pass, Rogue River, Jackson County, Josephine County and ODOT Rogue Valley Area Office.*”

On a motion by Ian Horlacher, seconded by Chuck DeJanvier, the Committee proposed recommending adoption of the amendment to Article III, Section 3(b) of the MRMPO TAC Bylaws to the MRMPO Policy Committee. *The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.*

4. Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

The FY 2017-2018 UPWP was included for the Committee’s review. Karl Welzenbach reported that the UPWP – previously provided to both the TAC and the Policy Committee – had been out for public comment since March 21, 2017; no comments were received. Receipt of public comment has historically been rare, but not unheard of; the Chair noted that this could be due in part to staff’s solid alignment of UPWP fund allocations with community needs.

Agencies affected by the UPWP (i.e. FHWA, FTA, DEQ, ODOT and EPA) provided comments during the review process, but these related primarily to the RVMPO UPWP, not the MRMPO. *Mr. Welzenbach will provide a list of the comments received to the MRMPO TAC members per request by Jason Canady.*

As requested by the Chair, Mr. Welzenbach explained that the UPWP is the budget for the MPO and is required by the federal government; it must be updated annually in Oregon. Planning funds for MPOs are provided by the FHWA (“PL funds”) and the FTA (“5303 funds) along with two additional grants in Oregon: ODOT and TGM (Transportation & Growth Management). Mr. Welzenbach then drew attention to *Figure 3* on page 27 of the MRMPO UPWP, which presents the FY 2017-2018 UPWP Budget in table form.

On a motion by Ian Horlacher, seconded by Jason Canady, the Committee proposed recommending adoption of the FY 2017-2018 MRMPO UPWP to the MRMPO Policy Committee. *The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.*

5. Public Comment

None voiced.

6. Planning Update

MINUTES

RVCOG will be transitioning away from detailed meeting minutes in favor of summary documents with the recordings of each meeting being made available online. The summaries will capture

motions, action items and resolutions, but will not summarize related discussions. In the case of particularly controversial or complex deliberations, key points/arguments will be noted.

CMAQ

An anticipated 47% cut in CMAQ funds for the Rogue Valley did not materialize, so additional funds – in the amount of \$171,000 per year, for a three-year total of \$513,000 – are available. Overall, this makes for a grand total of \$3.8 million CMAQ fund dollars to be spent within the Urban Growth Boundaries (UGBs). It was noted that the CMAQ UGB boundaries have changed between project years and should be incorporated into the GIS so that projects are not inadvertently planned outside the boundary lines. *Karl Welzenbach will provide TAC members with current GIS CMAQ boundary data.* In light of the extra funds, an additional call for projects will be forthcoming and will be discussed at the May 4 MRMPO TAC meeting.

A statewide CMAQ Advisory Committee has been convened in order to discuss and develop a new distribution methodology for CMAQ funds; Mike Quilty, Pam VanArsdale and Karl Welzenbach are members along with representatives from DEQ, ODOT and EPA. The methodology will be based on a new formula to be drafted by ODOT. Following the presentation of this draft formula at the upcoming April 10 meeting:

- The RVMPO TAC will provide feedback on the formula;
- Staff directors of MPOs will incorporate that feedback into their consideration of the formula;
- The formula will then be forwarded through the MPO committees for review; and
- Final program design recommendation will be made by the deadline of June 20, 2017.

Handouts detailing 2009 – 2018 CMAQ allocations, 2019-2021 MRMPO TAC funding recommendations, and progress to-date on discussions regarding formula design factors were distributed and reviewed. *Per request by the Chair, Mr. Welzenbach will send the current formula (developed in 2006 off of original calculations from the 1990s utilizing DVI) to the MRMPO TAC members.*

Discussion ensued regarding the formula design factors, including greenhouse gasses (committee consensus not yet reached) and PM_{2.5} (argued against by MPOs due to most coming from point sources and much less from transportation, yet the specific source quantities being indistinguishable once mixed together in air).

Mr. Canady and Mr. Horlacher commented on the challenges (and hesitation) related to utilizing CMAQ funds in Josephine County, which receives one of the smallest allotments, yet has one of the largest fund carryover amounts from year to year.

Per request by Mr. DeJanvier, during future “Planning Update” segments, Mr. Welzenbach will recap MRMPO Policy Committee decisions related to recommendations sent up by the TAC.

7. Other Business / Local Business

- Jason Canady mentioned a CMAQ project for the Hillcrest/Beacon/9th/10th street area. CMAQ funds will be requested only for sidewalk needs related to the project, which includes roadwork as well.
- Ian Horlacher reported that ODOT has selected David Evans & Associates, Inc. as the consultant for the Grants Pass TSP update.

8. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:02 p.m.

Scheduled Meetings

MRMPO Policy Committee | April 20, 2017 | 2:30 p.m.

MRMPO TAC | May 4, 2017 | 1:30 p.m.