



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

February 2, 2017

The following people were in attendance:

MRMPO Technical Advisory Committee

<u>Member</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>
Chuck DeJanvier	Josephine County	474-5460
Scott Chancey, Chairman	JOCO Transit	774-6399
Mark Reagles	Rogue River	582-4401
John Vial	Jackson County	774-6238
Jason Canady	Grants Pass	450-6110
Ian Horlacher	ODOT	
Josh LeBombard	DLCD	
<u>Others</u>		
Leslie Orr	GP Bike & Ped	
<u>Staff</u>		
Andrea Napoli	RVCOG	
Dan Moore	RVCOG	
Karl Welzenbach	RVCOG	
Bunny Lincoln	RVCOG	

1. Call to Order / Introductions / Review Agenda

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 1:40 PM. The members introduced themselves.

2. Review / Approve Minutes

The Chairman asked if there were any changes or additions to the minutes of the January 25th meeting. Changes requested were:

- Page 1. Item #3 - Dan Moore explained that at the December 2016 TAC meeting, the TAC approved a motion to continue the proposed RTP/TIP amendments: Transfer Jurisdiction of ~~OR-26~~ **OR 260**: Lower River Road to Josephine County.
- Page 3, Table 1. - Andrea Napoli will adjust the ~~019~~ **2019** to 2020 balance carryovers.

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

Action Items:

3. Discretionary Funding Project Applications

Andrea Napoli shared that project applications have been reviewed and evaluated by staff, and rankings applied as to how well elements of the proposed projects fulfill established criteria. She also shared the highest individual project rankings as related to the approval criteria. The TAC was expected to use the project evaluations, analyses, and funding information as tools in developing a funding recommendation to the Policy Committee for the use of the 2019-2021 STBG and CMAQ funds. The projects will be presented by jurisdiction staff at the February 16th Policy Committee meeting as will the TAC funding recommendation.

Table 1. MRMPO Project Evaluations. 2019-2021 (Agenda attachment #2)

The three projects were scored on criteria under the following categories:

- **Mobility**
- **Community Health & Vitality**
- **Transportation options**
- **Resource Conservation**
- **CMAQ Qualifications**

2019-2021 MRMPO Project Selection

Agency	Project Name	STBG Funds Requested	CMAQ Funds Requested
JCT	Electric Transit Vehicle		\$1,390,815
JCT	Transit Hub		\$172,000
Jackson Co.	Rogue River Greenway: Rock Point to Twin Bridges Rd	\$2,425,320	

Scott Chancey said that the JCT project reduces emissions by 100% (Resource Conservation), but wondered if just air quality benefits should be considered, or whether other criteria should be used as well. RVMPO used other criteria in their scoring of RVTD projects, and Karl Welzenbach said that their projects should be reevaluated. CMAQ funds cannot be used for gas to gas, or diesel to diesel, replacements. There was a brief discussion on the difficulty of ranking road projects against transit projects in the same process..

If it is opened for additional projects to be submitted at a later date, John Vial felt that the scoring system should be expanded. Staff said it was difficult to balance the criteria in some cases. Scott Chancey agreed. John Vial said that the County would be able to adjust the Greenway project accordingly if the requested funding was not available.

On a motion by Chuck DeJanvier, seconded by Jason Canady, the Committee recommended Policy Committee approval of the Discretionary Funding Project Amounts. The voice vote on the motion was unanimous.

4. Draft TIP and RTP Project Lists

Dan Moore shared lists of proposed draft **2018-21 TIP** projects and amendments to the **2015-40 RTP**, in addition to a copy of the **2015-40 RTP** project list highlighting projects that could be impacted through approval of the proposed projects seeking **2019-2021 STBG and CMAQ** funds. He also went over the recommended funding breakdown amounts. **(Agenda Attachment #3)**

Committee members were asked to review funding breakdowns and amounts. RTP short and long range amendments will be required. In order to compensate for shortfalls some projects will be moved out of short range, into medium and long range phases, or to the Tier 2 list. The three new 2019-21 projects will be added to the spreadsheet. The PL funding amounts must be included in the TIP. The Policy Committee will hold a public hearing in March.

The “estimate/”guess”” and required fiscal constraint elements of the project selection process were discussed. The fact that the region actually could ask for more project funding was also mentioned. Projects can be planned years in advance, but funding cannot be allocated/earmarked in advance for a specific use. Fiscal constraint must be maintained. Bumping projects on the list is OK to achieve fiscal constraints. There was a discussion about previous protocols, in relation to the process being implemented now, and how some projects will need to be moved into different categories to meet the financial constraints and deficits.

Karl Welzenbach suggested identified four (4), long range projects, and bump them from the list. They will be added to the Tier 2 list.

On a motion by John Vial, seconded by Chuck DeJanvier, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend Policy Committee amendments to the short range RTP, removing Projects 202 to 205 , and adding the three projects previously approved under Agenda Item #3.

The RTP gets revisited every four (4) years.

5. MPO Dues

Staff proposed maintaining the dues formula and rate that was approved by the Policy Committee in December, 2013. The rate, \$0.16 per capita, would generate a total of \$9,656 for the 2017-18 fiscal year. Dues for 2017-18 overall are \$1,268 higher than in 2016-17. **Attachment #4 - January 27,**

2017 Dues Memo summarizes population and proposed dues for each jurisdiction (**Table 1.**), as well as anticipated uses of the dues revenues for FY2018.(**Table 2.**) Population estimates are certified July 1, 2016 by Portland State University.

On a motion by Mark Reagles, seconded by John Vial, the Committee unanimously recommended Policy Committee approval of the 2017-18 Dues Schedule. Ian Horlacher (OOT) abstained.

6. Election of 2017 Chair & Vice Chair

Chairman –

On a motion by Chuck DeJanvier, seconded Mark Reagles, the Committee unanimously elected John Vial as 2017 Chairman. Subsequent to the voice vote, the nominations were closed.

Mr. Vial was concerned that his choice might not be politically correct due to his position with Jackson County, but he was assured by the TAC members that this would not be an issue.

Vice Chairman –

On a motion by Ian Horlacher, seconded by Mark Reagles, the Committee unanimously elected Lora Glover as 2017 Vice Chairman. Subsequent to the voice vote, the nominations were closed.

7. Draft Unified Planning Work Plan

Karl Welzenbach presented the **FY 2017-18 MRMPO UPWP** for Committee discussion. He called attention to **Table 2. (Attachment #5, page 30)**, showing decreased budgets from last year because of the addition of Central Lane and Salem to the CMAQ process. The distribution of PL and 5303 funds are also tied to the CMAQ allocation process. The MRMPO is the only one loosing money. The RTP will have to be revisited because of the CMAQ funding issue.

Proposed Work Tasks cover:

- Program management
- Short Range Planning
- Long Range Planning
- Data Development
- Transit – JOCO

The draft UPWP will be submitted for review by federal and state planning partners (Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration and ODOT). Staff is asking jurisdictions to suggest changes to the draft UPWP which could be incorporated into a final draft for public hearing in April. The Policy Committee will be asked to adopt the work plan at that time. The bulk of the money is in day to day operations and the RTP update.

A formal recommendation will be sought in March.

- **Item 5.1 (Table 2)** will be changed to **“Transit Planning Assistance”**

8. Public Comment – No comments were forthcoming.

9. Planning Update

- Several upcoming meetings (MPO/ODOT Transit and OMPOC) have been cancelled.

- A CMAQ meeting will be held in Salem on Feb. 21st
- The Draft TIP, Air Quality Conformity and RTP amendments will be brought to the Policy Committee for their formal review/approval on March 16th.

10. Other Business / Local Business

- Josh LeBombard explained the difference between LCDC and DLCD.

11. Adjournment

The meeting as adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Scheduled Meetings:

*MRMPO TAC Mar. 2, 2017 @ 1:30 pm.

*MRMPO Policy Feb.16, 2017 @ 2:30 pm