

**SUMMARY MINUTES
ROGUE VALLEY MPO POLICY COMMITTEE
JANUARY 28, 2014**



The following attended:

NAME	REPRESENTING	PHONE
<u>MPO Policy Committee</u>		
Al Densmore	City of Medford	282-1415
Art Anderson	ODOT	774-6353
Bill Cecil	Talent	535-1566
Don Skundrick	Jackson County	774-6118
Bruce Sophie for Jeff Bellah	City of Phoenix	535-1634
Jim Lewis	City of Jacksonville	899-7023
Mike Quilty	City of Central Point	664-7907
Rich Rosenthal	City of Ashland	941-1494
Ruth Jenks	City of Eagle Point	941-8537
<u>Staff</u>		
Dan Moore	RVCOG	423-1361
Andrea Napoli	RVCOG	423-1369
Bunny Lincoln	RVCOG	944-2446

Others Present

11 members of the public were present.

1. Call to Order / Introductions/ Review Agenda -

Mike Quilty called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. Committee began with introductions. Jonathan David was introduced as the new RVCOG Program Planning Manager, and Bunny Lincoln as the new Contract Recorder for both the Rogue Valley and Middle Rogue MPOs.

2. Review / Approve Minutes -

Quilty asked if there were any additions or corrections to the November meeting minutes.

On a motion by Jim Lewis and seconded by Rich Rosenthal the minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

3. Public Comment -

None.

Action Items:

4. RVMPO Public Advisory Council (PAC) Bylaws –

Andrea Napoli, RVCOG, presented an overview of the PAC recommended revision to the Bylaws. Substantive changes included:

- **Article III Section 1 (a.)** - Addition of special interest groups for Public Health and Senior Citizens
- **Article IV, Section 1(c.)** - Removal of Super Majority provisions
- **Article V – Section 3 (a.)** - The PAC Chairman will be a voting member

The Council held a round table discussion on the following items:

- Clarification that the PAC Chairman will be a voting member
- The differentiation between regular and special meetings as related to members' attendance requirements, and that a "quorum" for a particular meeting would be composed of appointed Council members
- The fact that anyone may request a PAC application
- Clarification of the "Public Health" representation on the PAC, and its nexus with the "active" transportation concept
 - Mike Montero spoke to the fact that the State, as part of the tentative "Options Plan" and "Lease Cost Model", is specifically looking for representation from the medical community or entities closely linked to it.
 - Art Johnson pointed out that there is still an ongoing effort to fully understand the "active" transportation philosophy
 - It was concluded that the PAC application screening/appointment process would allow sufficient oversight, on multiple levels, to assure that any Public Health representative would meet the spirit and intent of the Policy Committee and others who might be involved.

On a motion by Don Skundrick and seconded by Jim Lewis the Bylaws were unanimously approved as revised.

5. RVMPO Public Advisory Council Member Appointments –

Aaron Prunty, Eagle Point, and Mike Stitt, Phoenix applied for PAC reappointment. Ron Holthusen, Jacksonville, and David Chapman, Ashland applied for PAC appointment. Ed Danehy applied to be moved from Jacksonville representation to the Senior Citizen special interest group.

On a motion by Don Skundrick and seconded by Al Densmore the applications and special interest reappointment were unanimously approved.

Report Items:

6. Discretionary Funding Project Applications Report -

Dan Moore presented an overview of the thirteen (13) submitted CMAQ/STP applications (see attachments #1 - RVMPO Discretionary Funding Requests, FFY 2016-2018, and #2 –

RVCOG Memo on Project Applications), along with the schedule for their review and approval process. The remainder of the process will include reviews by the TAC, PAC and Policy Committee, and extend through July, 2014, when the final projects will be submitted for the Governor's signature; and USDOT issues federal Air Quality Conformity Determination.

Rich Rosenthal asked about the unused CMAQ funds, and Mr. Moore responded that they would be rolled into the 2016-18 CMAQ totals, as opposed to soliciting additional project applications.

Mike Quilty spoke as an advocate for CMAQ funding expenditures to purchase a new, hybrid vehicle for use by RVCOG staff and other MPO representatives. He pointed out that the cost would be shared, on a 50/50 basis, by both the RVMPO and MRMPO. He further stated that, considering current rental car and other COG transportation expenses that the new vehicle could reasonably be expected to pay for itself within two (2) years.

There was a brief discussion regarding a standard format for upcoming presentations by individual project applicants, but, as no format has been established to date, no clear determination was made on this issue.

7. Annual Obligations Report – (see attachment #3)

Dan Moore shared the Report with the Committee, stipulating that its purpose was to provide public transparency on funding expenditures. Al Densmore asked about Lozier Lane costs because the improvements are actually a joint Jackson County and City of Medford project. John Vial stipulated that the County was the lead agency, and was listed as such in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Committee members agreed that it would be prudent, and better serve to inform the public, if there were footnotes to denote any shared projects and funding. Mike Quilty also said that it would be advantageous to see the actual CMAQ fund totals passing through the RVCOG in a fiscal year.

8. RVMPO Planning Update -

Jonathan David updated the Committee on his extensive travels to meet with other MPO working groups, the primary goal being to determine how available local, State and federal can be used more effectively because 50% of STP funds are allocated to Air Quality. He is also involved with formulating the COG's Planning Work Program for the coming year, as well as TIP, TRADCO and RVACT. Based upon various Committee questions, he went on to explain that most of the interaction he is doing now with the other MPOs is related to determining what is essential work, versus what might be considered a "wish list" in terms of priorities. A great deal of coordinated modeling is expected to be done in the future for economy of scale, and in the hope of achieving equal benefits for smaller MPOs.

9. Public Comment

None received.

10. Other Business / Local Business

Based upon a query from Mike Quilty, the Council was advised by Art Anderson not to offer comment on Josephine County's expressed intent to withdraw from RVACT, and further explained that the State would be holding discussions on the issue next week with those involved.

Other information presented dealt with:

- Information to be disseminated to the public on the Highway 99 corridor project, the opportunity for affected municipalities and organizations to request specific ODOT presentations on the project and the planned ODOT public open house in March
- Progress on the Fern Valley interchange
- Highway 62 improvement bid information will be provided at a later date

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.