

**SUMMARY MINUTES  
ROGUE VALLEY MPO POLICY COMMITTEE  
APRIL 22 2014**



The following attended:

NAME	REPRESENTING	PHONE
Al Densmore, Vice Chairman	City of Medford	282-1415
Art Anderson	ODOT	774-6353
Jim Lewis	City of Jacksonville	899-7023
Julie Brown	RVTD	608-2143
John Vial for Don Skundrick	Jackson County	774-6118
Mike Quilty, Chairman		
Bruce Sophie	City of Phoenix	535-1634
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

Mike Montero, Mike Baker and Alex Georgevitch

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

Chairman Mike Quilty called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

**2. Review / Approve Minutes -**

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

**On a motion by Rich Rosenthal and seconded by Bruce Sophie the minutes were unanimously approved as presented.**

**3. Public Comment -**

None.

***Public Hearing #1***

**4. RVMPO Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) 2014-15**

### **The Chair read the public hearing procedure for both hearings**

Dan Moore presented an overview of the UPWP. The budget and dues schedule was approved in February. Affected agencies requested some revisions which are included in the draft document.

The TAC reviewed the Program and recommended approval.

John Vial asked about annual air quality budget and expenditures. Moore replied that the TIP and RTP costs had gone up due to the required use of new software, requiring the use of consultants to update the Plan and run the model. New projects of regional significance are required to have an Air Quality analysis. A consultant is required for this process. The new TIP and RTP also require modeling.

Al Densmore shared his frustrations about the lack of a Rogue Valley/AMTRAC connection, wondering why one is not available. As part of a discussion among those present, Jonathan David agreed that it was definitely something to consider and explore with ODOT. A potential research/study was mentioned, as well as direct communication with AMTRAC, exploration of service between northern California and Eugene and the option for future consideration and discussion by the MPO Policy Committee.

### **The Chair opened public testimony.**

In support:	None received
In opposition:	None received

### **Chair closed the public hearing**

**Jim Lewis made a motion to adopt the 2014-15 Unified Planning Work Plan (Resolutions 2014-1 and 2014-2). Seconded by Al Densmore. Motion passed unanimously.**

### ***Public Hearing #2***

#### **5. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) & Regional Plan Amendment (RTP)**

- **Chair read the public hearing procedures**

Napoli presented the proposed amendments. ODOT has requested that the I-5 south Medford to Ashland paving project be added to the current TIP and RTP project list in order to assure completion of the project under the proposed timeline.

The TAC recommended Policy committee approval of the amendments.

Dan Moore said that ODOT also wanted the project engineering in the new TIP and RTP in order to utilize their internal federal funding.

**Chair opened public testimony.**

In support:                      None received  
In opposition:                  None received

**The Chair closed the public hearing.**

**Art Anderson made a motion to adopt the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) & Regional Plan Amendment (RTP). Seconded by Jim Lewis. Motion passed unanimously.**

**6. RVMPO Planning Update –**

Dan Moore spoke about a bringing a TIP amendment for the Valley Feeder Project to the Committee in May. Other approved projects will be included in next 2015-18 TIP (approval in July). Three of the projects will have Air Quality analysis requirements. An updated Public Participation Plan will be presented to the Committee in June.

**7. Public Comment**

None.

**8. Other Business / Local Business**

Mike Quilty announced that Jonathan David was gone due to death in family, and offered the Committee's condolences to Jonathan and his family.

Mike Quilty gave an overview of Super ACT projects.

Al Densmore shared that Medford Council President Dan Bunn had been approached about the potential of having the Medford Bike/Pedestrian Advisory Committee represented on the Public Advisory Committee. Dan Moore noted that there are several vacancies on the current Committee, although not for Medford. Andrea Napoli said that a Bike/Pedestrian representative might be a good fit in the Active Transportation & Public Health category recently added to the Committee, and that no Bylaws amendment would be required to implement that strategy.

Mike Baker pointed out that the 2018-21 STIP will be delayed by 8-9 months. The new Enhanced STIP is being reevaluated. The 2015-18 will still be implemented on schedule.

The next meeting will be held on May 27<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 PM.

**9. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:37 p.m.