

**SUMMARY MINUTES
ROGUE VALLEY MPO POLICY COMMITTEE
MAY 27, 2014**



The following attended:

NAME	REPRESENTING	PHONE
Al Densmore, Vice Chairman	City of Medford	282-1415
Art Anderson	ODOT	774-6353
Bill Cecil	City of Talent	535-1566
Bruce Sophie	City of Phoenix	535-1634
Don Skundrick	Jackson County	774-6118
Jim Lewis	City of Jacksonville	899-7023
Julie Brown	RVTD	608-2143
Mike Quilty, Chairman	City of Central Point	664-7907
Rich Rosenthal	City of Ashland	941-1494
<u>Staff</u>		
Dan Moore	RVCOG	423-1361
Andrea Napoli	RVCOG	423-1369
Bunny Lincoln	RVCOG	944-2446

Others Present

Mike Montero, Mike Kuntz, Mike Faught and Alex Georgevitch

1. Call to Order / Introductions/ Review Agenda -

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

2. Review / Approve Minutes -

2 (a.) – Additional Agenda Item –

Dan Moore stated that Mike Montero had applied to change from Central Point to Freight representative on the Pubic Advisory Committee.

On a motion by Jim Lewis, and seconded by Al Densmore, Mr. Montero’s request was unanimously approved.

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

On a motion by Rich Rosenthal and seconded Bruce Sophie by the minutes were

unanimously approved as presented.

Committee members acknowledged the need to advertise for vacant seats on the PAC.

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3. Public Comment -

None.

Public Hearing

4. RVMPO Public Participation Plan

The Chair read the public hearing procedure for the hearing.

Andrea Napoli presented an overview of the updated Plan, emphasizing the proposed amendments to the draft. Last update was completed in 2007. Basic changes were not tracked in the update. Substantive changes were tracked.

The PAC and TAC have recommended approval of the draft update.

Section 3. – Goals & Objectives No goals were changed, but language was added to reflect a greater use of electronic and social media for dissemination of MPO related public information.

Goal 1 #10 was changed to encourage “**designated**” Committee members to speak with the media on various MPO planning activities.

Goal 2 #1. The 30 day notice was changed to 21 day because the current notification time frame causes longer review delay.

Section #7 – Review, Evaluation & Revision of the Public Participation Plan. Staff and Committee (as opposed to public) will review public participation activities.

Appendix C was created to demonstrate public outreach efforts for the 2013 RTP update.

One comment was received on the updated Plan. A specific Bike/Ped seat on the PAC was requested. (Public Health currently covers this.) The PAC did not see this request. Committee members talked about the PAC composition, and expressed agreement that the issue had definite merit. Mike Quilty felt that a representative actually involved in the Public Health field would be a much greater benefit to the PAC, and it was agreed that the matter needed to be returned to the PAC for their review and input.

The Chair opened public testimony.

In support: None received

In opposition: None received

Chair closed the public hearing.

As additional input on potential enhancements to the public notice issue, the RTVD Public Forum and direct mailings were mentioned as an excellent public information tool.

The Committee held a brief discussion on getting an appropriate “mix” on the PAC, perhaps shifting representations around, and various ways, especially utilizing social media options, that the public could be better informed about MPO activities.

Art Anderson made a motion to adopt the Public Participation Plan as presented. (The PAC will consider amendments as necessary, and the makeup of the PAC, and possible changes thereto, may be considered at a future date.) The motion was seconded by Don Skundrick. Motion passed unanimously.

5. RVMPO Planning Update –

Dan Moore attended a recent meeting on the updates to the Regional Travel model (transit & ridership). The new model is expected to be much more accurate than previous Consultation work has been initiated for the Air Quality Conformity TIP. A new emissions model will be used.

RVCOG has started ODOT Alternative measures Benchmark Analysis (TGM grant). An early project start was authorized by ODOT.

6. Public Comment

None.

7. Other Business / Local Business

Mike Quilty outlined Connect Oregon 5 final review committee activities coming up soon.

Art Anderson said that Grants Pass and JOCO were returning to RVACT in July. Don Skundrick and Mike Quilty commended ODOT for the manner in which it has handled this sensitive matter.

June 6 is the date set for the Clean Cities Alternative Fuel Conference. The event will be held in the JACO Public Works PW Auditorium on Antelope Road.

The next meeting will be held on June 24th @ 2:00 PM.

9. Adjournment

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