

**SUMMARY MINUTES
ROGUE VALLEY MPO POLICY COMMITTEE
AUGUST 26, 2014**



The following attended:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Al Densmore, Vice Chairman	City of Medford	772-1116
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
Ruth Jenks	City of Eagle Point	826-4212
<u>Staff</u>		
Dan Moore	RVCOG	423-1361
Jonathan David	RVCOG	
Andrea Napoli	RVCOG	423-1369
Bunny Lincoln	RVCOG	944-2446

Others Present

Mike Kuntz, Alex Georgevitch, Mike Faught, Mike Montero, Paige Townsend, Dan Bunn.

1. Call to Order / Introductions/ Review Agenda -

Chairman Mike Quilty called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Introductions followed.

2. Review / Approve Minutes -

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

On a motion by Rick Rosenthal, seconded by Julie Brown, the minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

3. Public Comment -

None.

4. Regional Significance Screening Criteria

Jonathan David went over the progress on the creation, review and adoption of the screening

criteria and shared that both the TAC and PAC had recommended passage of same.

On a motion by Jim Lewis, seconded by Al Densmore the Regional Significant Screening Criteria was adopted by the Policy Committee as presented. The voice vote was unanimous.

Public Hearing #1

5. RVMPO Environmental Justice and Title VI Plan

The Chair read the public hearing procedure for the hearings.

Andrea Napoli explained the mapping updates and shared that the statistics are used for scoring criteria for transportation project selections. Both ODOT and FHWA were consulted during the update development, and the TAC voted to recommend approval of the draft plan update.

Mapping changes to the four (4) environmental justice populations

- Date Sources - 2010 Census and American Community Survey (new) **NOTE:** The ACS surveys are updated every few months, rather than on the ten (10) year cycles of the federal census.
- Geography – uses a mix of census tract and block groups
- Population Identification - now identifying **regional**, rather than **national** averages for better depiction of local conditions
- Minority Populations – identified concentrations of minority populations not identifying as “white alone” during the 2010 census

Both census tracts and blocks groups were used for evaluation purposes, with a discussion ensuing on the differences between the two methods, and the fact that more frequent and accurate results will be available from now on. A single, Minority Map was created. Substantive changes were tracked in the updated document. The draft was represented to the RVMPO PAC, TAC and to the general public, including those with limited English speaking capabilities, during the legal comment period.

The Chair opened public testimony.

In support: None received
In opposition: None received

Chair closed the public hearing.

On a motion by Jim Lewis, seconded by Bruce Sophie, the Committee approved the RVMPO Environmental Justice and Title VI Plan (Resolution 2014-5) as presented. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The final document and adopted maps will be available on the RVCOG website. The maps will be provided in a separate appendix.

Public Hearing #2

6. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Resolution 2014-4, Air Quality Conformity Determination (AQCD) and Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) - Resolution 2014-6

Dan Moore presented a Staff overview of the documents. A 30-day public comment period was provided to the public. Several changes to the TIP and RTP were made in response to comments from RVTD. Affected agencies have found that all the presented materials are in conformance with the requirements for approval.

The Chair opened public testimony.

In support: Mike Montero voiced his support of the adoption of all the draft documents.

In opposition: None received

Chair closed the public hearing.

On a motion by Bruce Sophie, seconded by Jim Cecil, the Policy Committee adopted the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) (Resolution 2014-4) unanimously by voice vote.

On a motion by Jim Lewis, seconded by Bill Cecil, the Policy Committee adopted the Air Quality Conformity Determination (AQCD) and Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) (Resolution 2014-6) unanimously by voice vote.

7. MPO Planning Update –

Jonathan David updated the Committee on the status of the region's air quality conformance status.

RTVD Staff will make a presentation presentation at next meeting.

8. Public/Audience Comment –

None.

9. Other Business / Local Business

- Mike Quilty said that the DOE will be meeting on Thursday, August 28th (11-3PM) at RVCOG offices. Reservations would be appreciated to allow for ordering lunch.
- The next Policy Committee meeting will be held on September 23rd @ 2:00 PM.
- Jonathan David shared that the new COG vehicle should arrive by the end of the month.
- Al Densmore will represent Mike Quilty and the MPO at the September RVACT meeting.
- Johnathan David explained that MPOs have been meeting to work out a future MPO funding program.
- Al Densmore said that it would be good to have the MPO host a spring OMPOC meeting in order to bring the area some additional attention and in the future.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.