

**AGENDA**

**Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Policy Committee**



**Date:** *Tuesday, August 25, 2015*

**Time:** *2:00 p.m.*

**Location:** *Jefferson Conference Room, RVCOG 155 N. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Central Point*

*Transit: served by RVTD Route #40*

**Phone :** *Sue Casavan, RVCOG, 541-423-1360*

*RVMPO website : [www.rvmpos.org](http://www.rvmpos.org)*

- 1. Call to Order/Introductions/Review Agenda ..... Mike Quilty, Chair**
- 2. Review/Approve Minutes (Attachment #1)..... Chair**
- 3. Public Comment, Items not on the Agenda ..... Chair**  
*(Comments on Agenda Items allowed during discussion of each item)*

**Public Hearing:**

- **Chair will read the public hearing procedures**

- 4. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) & Regional Plan Amendment ..... Ryan MacLaren**

**Background:** The Policy Committee will hold a public hearing to review and consider adoption of the following amendment to the 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program and the 2013-2038 Regional Transportation Plan:

- The Interstate 5: Barnett Road Overpass Bridge has been deemed Structurally Deficient due to the “Poor” rating for the deck. There are numerous deficiencies in the deck surface.

**Attachment:** #2 – Memo, RTP / TIP Amendments

**Action Requested:** Approve Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) / TIP amendments.

**Action Item:**

- 5. MPO Letter of Support / Medford Urban Growth Areas..... Dick Converse**

**Background:** Medford City Planning staff presented a unified concept plan for the city’s Urban Reserve Areas during the June 23<sup>rd</sup> Policy Committee meeting. The Committee Chair instructed RVMPO staff to prepare a letter for its review. The letter has been drafted and is ready for review.

*Attachment:* #3 – MPO Comment letter

*Action Requested:* Authorize Committee Chair to sign the comment letter.

**6. MPO Dues Request for \$500 to Support Livability Solutions Forum.....Dan Moore**

*Background:* RVCOG is sponsoring a Livability Solutions Forum on the Economy, Housing and Transportation on September 23, 2015. Current sponsors include: RVCOG, Jackson County, RVTD, Jackson County, and AARP. RVCOG is requesting \$500 in RVMPO dues to support the costs of the forum (e.g., food, speaker stipend, etc.). There is \$750 in MPO dues budgeted this fiscal year for coordination.

*Attachment:* None

*Action Requested:* Approve using \$500 in RVMPO dues to support the Livability Solutions Forum.

**7. RVMPO Planning Update.....Dan Moore**

**8. Public Comment..... Chair**

**9. Other Business / Local Business ..... Chair**

*Opportunity for RVMPO member jurisdictions to talk about transportation planning projects.*

**10. Adjournment ..... Chair**

The next MPO Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 22 at 2:00 p.m. in the Jefferson Conference Room, RVCOG, Central Point.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The next MPO PAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 15 at 5:30 p.m. in the Jefferson Conference Room, RVCOG, Central Point.</li> <li>• The next MPO TAC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 9 at 1:30 p.m. in the Jefferson Conference Room, RVCOG, Central Point.</li> </ul> |
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IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, IF YOU NEED SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING, PLEASE CONTACT SUE CASAVAN, 541-423-1360. REASONABLE ADVANCE NOTICE OF THE NEED FOR ACCOMMODATION PRIOR TO THE MEETING (48 HOURS ADVANCE NOTICE IS PREFERABLE) WILL ENABLE US TO MAKE REASONABLE ARRANGEMENTS TO ENSURE ACCESSIBILITY TO THIS MEETING.

**SUMMARY MINUTES  
ROGUE VALLEY MPO POLICY COMMITTEE  
JULY 28, 2015**



The following attended:  
MPO Policy Committee

<b>Members</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Phone</b>
Bruce Sophie	City of Phoenix	535-1216
Colleen Roberts	Jackson County	646-2878
Jim Lewis	City of Jacksonville	899-7023
Julie Brown	RVTD	608-2413
Mike Quilty, Chairman	City of Central Point	664-7907
Mike Faught for Rich Rosenthal	City of Ashland	941-1494
Michael Zarosinski	City of Medford	

**Staff -**

Dan Moore	RVCOG	423-1361
Andrea Napoli	RVCOG	423-1369
Ryan MacLaren	RVCOG	423-1338
Sue Casavan	RVCOG	423-1360

**Others Present -**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Phone</b>
Mike Montero	Montero & Assoc.	944-4376
Al Densmore	JWA	601-0704
Alex Georgevitch	Medford	774-2114

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

Chairman Mike Quilty, called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. Committee began with introductions.

**2. Review / Approve Minutes -**

The Chairman asked if there were any additions or corrections to the June meeting minutes. Some phone numbers are not correct for members in the June minutes. Page 9, Item 8, second bullet point needs sentence completed.

**On a motion by Bruce Sophie, seconded by Jim Lewis, the minutes were approved with subsequent changes. Julie Brown abstained.**

**3. Public Comment -**

None received.

***Public Hearing:*****4. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) & Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Amendment**

**The Chair read the public hearing procedure.**

Andrea Napoli noted that five projects were listed in the agenda and the fifth project, Railroad Crossing Train Warning System Upgrade – Ashland is removed from the amendment request. She gave an overview of the proposed amendments:

- Jackson Street & McAndrews Road Signal Upgrades
- Jackson & Josephine Sign Delineation Upgrades
- RVTB, 5310 FTA E&D Transit Capital STP Transfer 2015-2017
- RVTB, 5310 FTA Enhanced Mobility Program 2015, 2016

**The Chair opened public testimony.**

**In support:** None received

**In opposition:** None received

**The Chair closed the public hearing.**

**On a motion by Jim Lewis, seconded by Bruce Sophie, the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) & Regional Plan Amendments were unanimously approved by voice vote.**

**5. RVMPO Planning Update**

Dan Moore informed the committee that there will be a Strategic Assessment Final Draft Report presented at their meeting in October. The plan will look at different policies for sensitivity testing which could be used for the RTP update.

He mentioned that the RTP 2017-2042 update will begin this fiscal year.

The MPO is close to an agreement with ODOT on updating the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Plan.

RVMPO is recruiting for a Senior Transportation Planner.

**6. Public Comment**

None received.

**7. Other Business / Local Business**

Julie Brown mentioned that there will be a Public Transportation Forum encouraging a local conversation about transportation on August 6 at 6:00 p.m. in the Medford Library.

Mike Quilty briefly discussed the Oregon MPO Consortium meeting in Bend last week.

Colleen Roberts said that Jackson County staff gave a presentation to the Board of Commissioners on the update of their Transportation System Plan.

**8. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

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DATE: August 3, 2015  
TO: RVMPO Policy Committee  
FROM: Ryan MacLaren, Associate Planner  
SUBJECT: RTP/TIP Amendments

The Policy Committee is being asked to consider approval of the following amendments to the 2013-2018 Regional Transportation Plan and 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program.

The 21-day public comment period and public hearing were advertised on August 4 in the Medford Tribune, and information has been available on the RVMPO website since that date. The RVMPO TAC has recommended approval of the amendment listed. Information on the project is listed, below:

#### A. Add New Project to RTP & TIP: I-5: Barnett Road Overpass Deck Overlay (KN19538)

Description: The Interstate 5: Barnett Road Overpass Bridge has been deemed Structurally Deficient due to the “Poor” rating for the deck. There are numerous deficiencies in the deck surface. The deck overlay will preserve this bridge by removing the many patches, filling in the spalls, sealing the tightly spaced cracks, and providing a more durable surface. Users will have an improved surface to drive on, and Oregon will have one less Structurally Deficient state highway bridge.

Project Name	Project Description	RTP Project Number	Air Quality Status	Key #	Federal Fiscal Year	Phase	Federal		Federal Required Match		Total Fed+Req Match	Other		Total All Sources					
							\$	Source	\$	Source		\$	Source						
ODOT																			
I-5: Barnett Road Overpass Deck Overlay	Deck Overlay, Bridge #08676B	910	Exempt - Table 2, Safety			Planning													
						19538	2015	Design	\$	101,933	STP-FLEX	\$	11,667	ODOT	\$	113,600		\$	113,600
								Land Purchase											
								Utility Relocate											
						19538	2016	Construction	\$	579,656	STP-FLEX	\$	66,344	ODOT	\$	646,000		\$	646,000
		Other																	
		Total FFY 15-18			\$	681,589		\$	78,011		\$	759,600		\$	759,600				



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August 20, 2015

Bill Hoke, Interim City Manager  
City of Medford  
411 W. 8th Street  
Medford, OR 97501

RE: RVMPO Comments on Medford Future Growth Areas

Dear Bill,

Pursuant to the Regional Plan requirement that cities prepare conceptual plans in collaboration with the Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (RVMPO), both the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and the Policy Committee reviewed the conceptual plan Medford prepared for Future Growth Areas in Medford. Unlike other cities that have submitted plans for individual growth areas, Medford opted to produce a single plan covering multiple growth areas in advance of an amendment to add around 2,000 acres to its Urban Growth Boundary. The scope of conceptual plan review is defined in Regional Plan Performance Indicators 2.7 and 2.8.

Performance Indicator 2.7 requires that transportation plans be prepared in collaboration with the RVMPO. Medford presented its plan to the TAC for review at its May 2014, meeting. Subsequent to that meeting, the collaboration process was refined to require a comment letter bearing the signature of the Policy Committee chair. The Policy Committee reviewed the plans at its June 23, 2015, meeting and provides the following comments.

Performance Indicator 2.7.1 requires that plans identify a general network of regionally significant arterials under local jurisdiction, transit corridors, bike and pedestrian paths, and associated projects to provide mobility throughout the region. Medford staff presented a map showing proposed new transportation corridors, most of which extend either existing higher-order streets or planned streets identified in the Transportation System Plan. The plan also includes pedestrian trails that are part of the Parks Plan. The plan recognizes North Phoenix Road and North Foothill Road as the primary north-south route on the east side of the city, and connects it to Highway 62 along the north edge of MD-3 with a new arterial. A second new arterial extends the Highway 62 bypass to the northern edge of MD-1. The plan also ensures connections of Medford streets to Central Point and Phoenix where boundaries coincide.

Performance Indicator 2.8 requires the same collaboration as for 2.7. Performance Indicator 2.8.2 requires consistency with the land use distribution outlined in the Regional Plan, especially where a specific set of land uses were part of the rationale for designating land that the Resource Lands Review

Committee determined to be commercial agricultural land. Medford Future Growth Areas in this category include MD-4, MD-6, MD-7middle, and MD 7 north. The only growth area with specific requirements is in MD-6, where a property line adjustment will be required in order for property lines to be consistent with the growth area boundary. Each growth area includes a mix of residential densities and employment area, but not necessarily at the same proportions as in the Regional Plan. City staff explained that the land use allocation process began with a basic framework of streets that influenced placement of uses and densities, which in turn influenced street connections and locations.

Performance Indicator 2.10 requires buffering of Exclusive Farm Use lands from incompatible development. The City will implement buffering standards when properties are developed adjacent to EFU land.

The Policy Committee discussion centered on concerns about ensuring protection of corridors and funding for transportation improvements; the effect of growth on existing facilities; transit plans to mitigate congestion; and the desire to see more detail in the planning for each future growth area.

The Policy Committee finds that the conceptual plans create no barriers to inter-jurisdictional connectivity and are consistent with other Regional Plan performance indicators. The Committee recommends that the City submit more specific plans for the individual future growth areas at a future date. These comments are provided to affirm that Medford followed the requirements of the Regional Plan to prepare its conceptual plans in collaboration with the RVMPO.

Sincerely,

Michael G. Quilty, Chair  
RVMPO Policy Committee