

**SUMMARY MINUTES
ROGUE VALLEY MPO POLICY COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 15, 2015**



The following attended:

MPO Policy Committee

Members	Organization	Phone
Art Anderson	ODOT	774-6353
Bruce Sophie	City of Phoenix	535-1634
Colleen Roberts	Jackson County	646-2878
Jim Lewis	Jacksonville	899-7023
Mike Quilty, Chairman	Central Point	664-7907
Mike Faught for Rich Rosenthal	Ashland	941-1494
Michael Zarosinski	Medford	
Ruth Jenks	Eagle Point	941-8537
Tonia Moro	RVTD	973-2063

Staff -

Dan Moore	RVCOG	423-1361
Dick Converse	RVCOG	423-1373
Sue Casavan	RVCOG	423-1360
Michael Cavallaro	RVCOG	

Others Present -

Name	Organization	Phone
Mike Montero	Montero & A Assoc.	944-4376
Zac Moody	Talent	
Mike Baker	ODOT	
John Vial	Jackson County	
Paige Townsend	RVTD	

1. Call to Order / Introductions/ Review Agenda -

Chairman Mike Quilty called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. Committee began with introductions. Dan Moore requested that Agenda Item 8, 'Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Goals and Policies' be removed from the agenda. He informed members that the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) will be doing further review. Staff will bring back to the committee in January.

2. Review / Approve Minutes -

The Chairman asked if there were any additions or corrections to the October meeting minutes. Phone number for Colleen Roberts is incorrect. Members asked if all phone numbers could be reviewed and corrected if needed. Mike Faught was representing Rich Rosenthal at October meeting. Art Anderson commented that the Viaduct Overlay funding dollars don't seem to correct, ODOT will work with MPO staff and update the committee next month.

On a motion by Jim Lewis and seconded by Colleen Roberts the minutes were approved with subsequent changes and review of all phone numbers.

3. Public Comment -

None.

Public Hearing:

4. 2015-18 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) & Regional Transportation Plan Amendment

The Chair read the public hearing procedure.

Dan Moore summarized the proposed TIP amendment and explained that two projects using ODOT funds will go to Phoenix and Ashland for ADA improvement projects.

- **Region 3 ADA Improvement Projects**

Michael Zarosinski asked what the specific funding source was. Art Anderson replied that ODOT had funding they wanted to use to take care of ADA ramps and started with Special Transportation Areas (STAs). ODOT allocated a certain amount of funding to various cities that had state highways or roads running through them in the STAs. Three cities, Ashland, Jacksonville, and Phoenix were eligible. ADA rules have changed and Anderson hoped to see more rounds of funding for ADA in this region.

The Chair opened public testimony.

In support: None received.

In opposition: None received

The Chair closed the public hearing.

On a motion by Art Anderson and seconded by Jim Lewis the committee unanimously approved the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) & Regional Plan Amendments for the ADA improvement projects in Ashland and Phoenix.

Action Item:

5. Talent Conceptual Plan

Dick Converse presented the conceptual plans for TA-4 and TA-5. The conceptual plans and comment letter were reviewed by the Technical Advisory Committee at its November 2015 meeting. The areas are relatively small and he noted that through the public involvement process the design for TA-5 will be much different than first proposed. Potential for developable land in Talent was decreased and the smaller areas are not requiring arterial or collector construction. He added that it will most likely be a mix of residential and commercial development to achieve the required densities. Option 2 and Option 3 for TA-5 are probably most likely to be adopted. He noted that the city council is moving ahead and approved the resolution.

Mike Baker mentioned that the MPO comment letter says that Talent is looking at opportunities to increase development in the present Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) to reduce densities in TA-5. He asked if there was a minimum density requirement for TA-5 and if an offset was allowed. Converse responded yes it is allowed and the regional plan itself set minimums for every community and then it stated that it could be offset by increasing densities in the existing urban area. Converse briefly explained the performance indicator concept in the regional plan. Commercial development was challenging in Talent as there are areas in the existing core ready for development. He noted that there is a strong need for residential and adequate area for commercial. Zac Moody, City of Talent, indicated that in 2007 the city amended a code to allow different densities for areas outside the city limits but within the UGB. The city came up with different concepts such as allowing ground floor residential in a commercial zone. There was a big concern that if commercial was built in the new areas that it could vacate commercial in the core.

On a motion by Jim Lewis and seconded by Bruce Sophie the committee unanimously authorized the MPO Chair to sign the RVMPO comment letter for the City of Talent.

Mike Baker thought it was well done and a good effort at looking at concepts of where growth will occur in the future.

6. RVACT/RVMPO Coordination Policy Revisions

Moore informed members that at the October meeting the Policy Committee approved changes to the RVACT-RVMPO Coordination Policy by changing the committee structure of having Co-Chairs from Jackson and Josephine Counties to a Chair / Vice-Chair format. ODOT proposed a few minor revisions and added the RVACT Chairperson as a signatory. He briefly discussed the changes presented in a policy. Anderson mentioned that it will be on the RVACT agenda in January and all necessary signatures will be obtained.

On a motion by Mike Faught and seconded by Jim Lewis the committee unanimously approved the RVACT/RVMPO Coordination Policy revisions.

7. RVMPO Public Advisory Council (PAC) Appointments

Moore noted that there were three PAC membership applications that require Policy Committee action. All applications were supported by the PAC.

- Brad Inman, representing East Medford
- Aaron Prunty, representing Eagle Point

- Ron Holthusen, representing Jacksonville

On a motion by Jim Lewis and seconded by Bruce Sophie the committee unanimously approved member renewals for Brad Inman, Aaron Prunty, and Ron Holthusen to 2-year terms on the RVMPO Public Advisory Council.

8. Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Goals and Policies

Agenda Item removed; will bring back to the committee in January.

9. RVMPO Planning Update

Moore mentioned that the TAC is currently reviewing the final draft Strategic Assessment document. Updates will be based on comments and the Policy Committee is scheduled to review the document in January.

MPO staff is working on the RTP update: Goals and Policies; Travel Demand model update.

DKS is currently updating the Intelligent Transportation System Plan (ITS) which will include RVMPO and Middle Rogue MPO and become a regional plan.

MPO staff is working on finishing a Needs Assessment for the MPO and it will be presented in the next few months.

10. Public Comment

None received.

11. Other Business / Local Business

Quilty attended the rail leadership group meeting and briefly discussed future plans for rail. He added that at the Oregon Freight Advisory meeting they discussed the passing of the new 5-year transportation bill.

Anderson mentioned that last Thursday sent out design package for Hwy 62 Bypass Phase 1 to Salem. Bid opening scheduled for February 11, 2016. He announced that Jeff Griffin is leaving his current job and there is going away event tomorrow.

Highway 138, 62, and 230 are still closed.

Baker announced that the viaduct study is moving ahead, gathering technical information. Most issues are pointing toward seismic and operational type issues. A purpose and need statement will be developed and determine options.

Tonia Moro informed the committee that Jackson County, RVTD, and other sponsors hosted a Healthy Communities session, reinforces that when regions focus on bicycle/pedestrian and transit they will have healthier communities.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 PM.