

**SUMMARY MINUTES
ROGUE VALLEY MPO POLICY COMMITTEE
MARCH 24, 2015**



The following attended:
MPO Policy Committee

Member	Organization	Phone Number
Bruce Sophie	City of Phoenix	535-1634
John Vial for Colleen Roberts	Jackson County	535-1634
Jim Lewis	City of Jacksonville	899-7023
Julie Brown	RVTD	608-2413
Ruth Jenks	City of Eagle Point	941-8537
Mike Baker for Art Anderson	ODOT	

Staff -

Dan Moore	RVCOG	423-1361
Andrea Napoli	RVCOG	423-1369
Bunny Lincoln	RVCOG	944-2446

Others Present -

Name	Organization	Phone Number
Mike Faught	Ashland	552-2411
Mike Montero	Montero & Assoc.	944-4376
Al Densmore		
Scott Chancey	JCT	
Paige Townsend	RVTD	
Josh Le Bombard	DLCD	

1. Call to Order / Introductions/ Review Agenda -

Bruce Sophie, acting Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. Committee began with introductions.

2. Review / Approve Minutes -

The Vice Chairman asked if there were any additions or corrections to the February 24th meeting minutes.

On a motion by Jim Lewis, seconded by Ruth Jenks, the minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

3. Public Comment -

None.

Action Items:

4. Annual Listing of Obligated Projects – Federal Fiscal Year 2014

Andrea Napoli presented the Obligated Federal Funds Projects List. Funding comes from ODOT and RVTD. The 2014 programmed amounts come from the TIP. The Report is designed to provide transparency on the entire process. Pie charts show the fund distributions by jurisdictions and agencies, as well as by Project Types (Roadway, Transit, Planning & Alternative Mode). STP funds exchanged for State funds are shown in the Report. Dan Moore said that the FHA recommended including STP fund exchanges in the FFY 2014 Obligations Report, in order to have a tracking system for the STP funds. The TAC reviewed the List, and recommended approval by the Policy Committee.

On a motion by Jim Lewis, seconded by Mike Faught, the Committee unanimously voted to approve the Annual Listing of Obligated Projects – Federal Fiscal Year 2014. The motion passed by voice vote.

Discussion Items:

5. Strategic Assessment (SA) Update

Dan Moore Region noted that information had been provided to the Committee in the agenda packet, and that he was available to any questions on the Strategic Assessment process. In October, 2014, the Policy Committee agreed to move forward with ODOT, LCDC and MPO Staff to create an SA. Work was started in February, using the Regional Strategic Planning Model (RSPM). Data is being gathered, and a report will be generated. The data collected will be brought to the TAC on Wed., April 8 by ODOT/DLCD in a workshop where all the model assumptions and inputs will be shared for feedback. A survey will be created to gather additional information. The PAC will hold a public meeting in the evening. Information, data gathering and modeling will continue through April and May, with a final Report being submitted to the Policy Committee in June. Bob Cortwright spoke about how the adopted Plan information and data being collected from various jurisdictions and agencies is being used in the model.

6. Target Rule Review

Dan Moore and Bob Cortwright shared background on the 2011 adopted draft DLCD Target Rule Review Report (regarding reduction of Greenhouse Gas Emissions by 2035 to meet the 2050 goals), giving a brief overview of same:

Executive Summary (Scenario Planning Results)

Portland Metro, Eugene-Springfield have done scenario planning. Corvallis did a Strategic Assessment. Metro believes it can exceed the 20% target reduction. Eugene and Springfield expect to come close to the targets, but not meet them.

Strategic Assessment would provide the region with a better picture of emissions in the area. Local targets are strictly voluntary. There are no requirements to do scenario planning. No targets exist for this area at the moment. TPAU is doing the analysis. The targets will be reviewed/updated every four (4) years.

LCDC is required to evaluate the Rule by June and determine whether amendments are warranted. The preliminary conclusion is that target revisions are needed, setting the targets out farther. MPO comments on the draft Report, etc. are needed by DLCD by April 17th. Public comment will be taken at the May DLCD meeting. The final report will be ready in May.

Committee members held a brief discussion, with comments on:

- Potential transit funding packages and sources
- New funding at a regional level
- June, 2015 is the administrative rule date set in 2011 for the Commission to review the targets to decide whether amendments are warranted.
- No target changes are proposed changes for 2035.
- Target changes for 2040 will be considered for development.
- Changes to fleet, fuel and technology are a primary factor when considering GHG reductions
- The 2050 legislative goal is 75% below the 1990 levels of GHG emissions.
- Metro estimates that they can get a 29% reduction in GHG.
- It is not anticipated that areas outside Metro will be required to participate in scenario planning.
- Scenario planning and transportation planning may have commonalities that will be helpful in the future
- No proposals for changes to TPR or UGB rules are expected to result from this process.
- The trend for people to commute farther to go to work, and how to sort out that pattern as part of any future modeling processes
- How GHG emissions, and progress toward reductions are actually measured
- The SA model hopefully will reflect all the adopted RTP/Plans policies and actions for expanded transit, along with estimated travel and fuel needs, as well as emissions.
- Modeling issue specifics will be addressed on April 8th.
- Future RVT service, and anticipated GHG reductions associated with same, will be dependent on available funding.

Presentation Item:

7. Josephine County – Rogue Valley Commuter Line

Scott Chancey gave an overview, and led a discussion, on the JCT Commuter Service Program. Information presented included:

- System starting dates, schedules, bus stops, transfer ability, trip costs
- Funding sources and project duration (3 years)
- CMAQ 3 year funding, local match through non-emergency Medicare transportation funding
- Local match requirements
- Geographic links (Cave Junction, Ashland, Wolf Creek, VA in White City)
- % of trips generated in Medford (almost 50%)
- Annual costs
- Revenues & Expenses
- Average Daily Passengers (types and destinations)
- Passenger survey in May, 2015 (all JTC services)
- Bus condition specifics
- Total boardings by location
- Passenger demand by time
- Local funding needs and options
- Future funding needs
- Maintenance is approximately \$.98/mile.
- Potential for fare increases
- Possible funding/grant sources for new busses

8. RVMPO Planning Update

- Jonathan David has returned to work, half time.
- Current MPO staff focus is Strategic Assessment
- The Work Program will come to the Policy Committee soon.
- Eagle Point has a TGM grant for RPS conceptual planning.

9. Public Comment

None received.

10. Other Business / Local Business

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.