

**SUMMARY MINUTES
ROGUE VALLEY MPO POLICY COMMITTEE
AUGUST 25, 2015**



The following attended:
MPO Policy Committee

Members	Organization	Phone Number
Mike Baker for Art Anderson	ODOT	774-6353
Bruce Sophie	City of Phoenix	535-1216
Colleen Roberts	Jackson County	646-2878
Jim Lewis	Jacksonville	899-7023
Paige Townsend for Julie Brown	RVTD	608-2413
Mike Quilty, Chairman	Central Point	664-7907
Rich Rosenthal	Ashland	941-1494
Michael Zarosinski	Medford	

Staff -

Dan Moore	RVCOG	423-1361
Andrea Napoli	RVCOG	423-1369
Bunny Lincoln	RVCOG	944-2446
Dick Converse	RVCOG	
Ryan MacLaren	RVCOG	423-1338

Others Present -

Name	Organization	Phone Number
Mike Baker	ODOT	957-3658
Mike Kuntz	Jackson County	774-6228
Mike Montero	Montero &	944-4376

Alex Georgevitch	Medford	774-2114
Josh Le Bombard	DLCD	414-7932
Tonia Morrow	RVTD Board	973-2063
Megan LaNier	Richard Stevens	773-2646
Mike Faught	Ashland	552-2912
Scott Fleury	Ashland	552-2912

1. Call to Order / Introductions/ Review Agenda -

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

2. Review / Approve Minutes -

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

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

3. Public Comment -

None.

Public Hearing #1:

4. 2015-18 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) & 2013-38 Regional Plan Amendment

The Chair read the public hearing procedure.

Ryan MacLaren gave an overview of the proposed amendment:

- The Interstate 5: Barnett Road Overpass Bridge has been deemed structurally deficient due to a “Poor” rating for the deck. There are numerous deficiencies in the deck surface, and the proposed overlay will preserve the bridge. State and ODOT funds (\$759,600) will be used. The TAC has recommended approval of the amendment.

The Chair opened public testimony.

In support: Mike Montero expressed support for the amendment.

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 Amendment for the Barnett Overpass overlay was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Action Item:

5. MPO Letter of Support / Medford Urban Growth Areas

Dick Converse gave an overview of the general concept letter on Medford's complete Future Growth Areas. The City will be providing future details on each, individual area as UGB inclusions move forward.

Mike Quilty asked about locational details on (alternative) arterials to Interstate 5 (Foothill/N. Phoenix and the Westside connections). Mr. Converse said that more details will be forthcoming, but that those issues were more a part of the TSP.

Alex Georgevitch stated that most connectivity would be internal for Medford, thereby not affecting connections to other jurisdictions. He also passed out an updated Conceptual Plan of the Urban Reserve, and pointed out that there were many other levels of detail and review, including additional transportation analysis at the TSP and master planning levels, before any future development can be approved.

Members briefly discussed other aspects of both current and future roadway connections.

Josh LeBombard reminded everyone that the current process is related exclusively to the RPS **Conceptual Plans**. Mike Montero reiterated that the RPS goal was to assure that the regional growth would occur in a fashion that would address future transportation connectivity needs appropriately.

On a motion by Jim Lewis, seconded by Bruce Sophie , the Policy Committee Chairman was authorized to sign the concept review letter, as amended to correct typographic errors, for the City of Medford, in compliance with Regional Plan Performance Indicators 2.7 and 2.8. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

6. MPO Dues Request - \$500 to Support Livability Solutions Forum (Economy, Housing, Transportation)

Dan Moore presented a request for a \$500 contribution (from dues funds) to support the Livability Solutions Forum. The majority of the TAC has recommended that the Policy Committee use \$400 from 5303 funds, with a \$100 match from dues.

Paige Townsend, RVTB, passed out a flyer about the Forum. Transportation will be a significant focus of the entire Forum.

On a motion by Mike Baker, seconded by Jim Lewis, \$400 in 5303 funds and \$100 in RVMPO dues funds were approved to support the Livability Solutions Forum. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

7. RVMPO Planning Update

- **Staff is working on the 2017 RTP update. Presentations will be made in the coming months.**

- Staff continues to work on Title 6 – Environmental Justice.
- Copies of the OMPOC General Work Scope were handed out to the Committee members. Comments to Staff from Committee members are welcomed.

8. Public Comment

9. Other Business / Local Business

- OMPOC will meet Nov. 6th, in Portland.
- The airport has been doing well, despite the smoke in the air.
- ODOT is gathering data on the viaduct project, and is accepting applications for the Enhance It program.
- RVTD is interested in all plans for transit related projects, Connect Oregon and Enhance It.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 PM.