

**SUMMARY MINUTES
ROGUE VALLEY MPO POLICY COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 22, 2015**



The following attended:

MPO Policy Committee

Members	Organization	Phone Number
Bruce Sophie	City of Phoenix	535-1216
Art Anderson	ODOT	774-6353
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
Ruth Jenks	Eagle Point	941-8537
Dan Bunn for Michael Zarosinski	Medford	

Staff -

Dan Moore	RVCOG	423-1361
Bunny Lincoln	RVCOG	944-2446
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
Tonia Morrow	RVTD Board	973-2063
Scott Fleury	Ashland	552-2912
Jacob Ormsby	Auto Autos	

1. Call to Order / Introductions/ Review Agenda -

Chairman Mike Quilty called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Committee began with introductions.

2. Review / Approve Minutes -

The Chairman asked if there were any additions or corrections to the August meeting minutes. Colleen Roberts asked to have her phone number corrected.

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

3. Public Comment -

None.

Public Hearing #1:

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

The Chair read the public hearing procedure.

Ryan MacLaren summarized the proposed RTP and TIP amendments.

- **OR 99 Ashland Creek Bridge Rehabilitation** - Southbound Ashland Creek Bridge (downtown) has been rated “Poor” for both the superstructure and substructure. Federal funding = \$592,630. ODOT match = \$67,830. Total project = \$660,460. The TAC has recommended approval of the amendment.
- **I-5 Cable Barrier – Southern Oregon** - Sixteen (16) open barrier segments between I-5 MP 30.8 and 153.50 (covering multiple jurisdictions) will be improved with the installation of cable barriers to prevent additional accidents. Four sections are located within MPO boundaries. Federal funding = \$2,305,500. ODOT match = \$194,500. Total project = \$2,500,000. The TAC has recommended approval of the amendment.

Bruce Sophie expressed support for the amendment.

The Chair opened public testimony.

In support: None received.

In opposition: None received

The Chair closed the public hearing.

On a motion by Bruce Sophie, seconded by Colleen Roberts, the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) & Regional Plan Amendment for the OR 99 Ashland Creek Bridge Rehabilitation and the I-5 Cable Barrier amendments were unanimously approved by voice vote.

Action Item:

5. MPO Public Advisory Council (PAC) Appointment

Dan Moore presented Justin Hurley's application. The PAC has recommended approval of same. Dan Bunn stated that he is a personal friend of Mr. Hurley, but had no bias. Chairman Quilty recused himself due to a business relationship with Mr. Hurley.

On a motion by Bruce Sophie, seconded by Ruth Jenks, Justin Hurley was appointed to represent Central Point. The motion passed by voice vote.

Presentation Item:

6. Cab Connection Auto Autos

Jacob Ormsby gave a presentation on the "Auto Autos" computer software program that allows cab drivers connect with potential fares. He addressed the fact that Uber is taking advantage of the current rules for cab referral service provision. The "Auto Autos" program would allow for membership for all cab companies.

Mike Quilty added additional information about Uber, its operating tactics, and said he felt that there was a need for better guarantees that drivers are subjected to proper background screening, commercial insurance and a more equitable competition between cab service providers. Paige Townsend spoke about her experience with Uber in Seattle, the legal battle between Eugene and Uber, how RVTD is implementing Transportation Options and Ride Shares, and how the computer software could benefit the Rogue Valley. Mike Montero asked how the software could actually work, and how data could be used to identify emission reductions when the computer software was used. Mr. Ormsby said that a 30% emission has been projected if implementing the software. Art Anderson said Uber was a brilliant idea, and he did not view it as the "demon" that so many people appear to feel it is. Mr. Ormsby said he did not intend to "demonize" Uber, but felt they should have to play by the same rules as all cab companies, and that they continue to track customers through Google. The members had a brief discussion about how Uber insurance worked (personal Vs commercial).

7. RVMPO Planning Update

- Staff and an advisory committee is rewriting the Goals & Policies for the RTP. They will come back to the TAC and Policy Committee.
- The ODOT/DLCD team working on the Strategic Assessment modeling team will be here in October.

8. Public Comment None.

9. Other Business / Local Business

- Art Anderson shared that Exit 24 will be closed this weekend for construction.
- Bids are opened for the site/civil work on the new Ashland rest area.
- The OTC will be here in October.
- Eagle Point Mayor Bob Russell's wife, Debbie, passed away on Sept. 19th.
- Mike Quilty talked about the OPAC meeting and the Portland container port closure.
- Mike Montero offered some comments on OPAC's favorable reactions to the manner in which southern Oregon was handling freight issues.
- Colleen Roberts shared that she had attended the Army Corps of Engineers' meeting in Shady Cove to discuss the potential results if the Lost Creek Dam were to fail.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 PM.