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**AGENDA**

**Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Policy Committee**



**Date:** *Tuesday, March 22, 2016*

**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.rvmpto.org](http://www.rvmpto.org)*

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- 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)*

***Information Item:***

- 4. Transportation Needs Assessment for Traditionally Under-Served Populations.....Andrea Napoli**

*Background:* In 2014, the Policy Committee had recommended a Transportation Needs Assessment be completed as a Title VI/Environmental Justice work task. The purpose of the assessment is to help the region identify gaps, barriers, needs, and potential disproportionality of investment in the transportation system for traditionally underserved populations (Low-Income, Minority, Seniors, and Young Persons). Staff will review the contents of the report and map series.

*Attachment:* #2 – Draft Transportation Needs Assessment Report (click on link below)  
[http://www.rvmpto.org/images/policy-committee/2016/agendas/Attach2\\_NeedsAssessDraftReport.pdf](http://www.rvmpto.org/images/policy-committee/2016/agendas/Attach2_NeedsAssessDraftReport.pdf)

Transportation Needs Assessment Maps (click on link below)  
[http://www.rvmpto.org/images/policy-committee/2016/agendas/Attach2\\_NeedsAssessMapSeries.pdf](http://www.rvmpto.org/images/policy-committee/2016/agendas/Attach2_NeedsAssessMapSeries.pdf)

*Action Requested:* Recommendations for use of information and/or next steps

***Action Items:***

- 5. Proposed RVMPO Dues / Review Draft Work Plan 2016-2017 .....Dan Moore**

*Background:* The Policy Committee sets member dues annually as part of the adoption process for the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Staff is seeking approval on proposed dues for FY2017 and suggestions for changes to the draft Work Program. The TAC recommends approval of the proposed dues for next fiscal year.

*Attachment:* #3 – Memo, FY2017 RVMPO Dues and UPWP discussion

*Action Requested:* Approve member dues, comment on UPWP

**6. Public Advisory Council New Member Applications.....Dan Moore**

*Background:* Jon Michael Polich, representing Mass Transit and Jason Darrow, representing Ashland have submitted new member applications for the Public Advisory Council.

*Attachments:* #4 – New member applications for Jon Michael Polich and Jason Darrow

*Action Requested:* Appoint new members to Public Advisory Council.

**7. Greenhouse Gas Target Rule Advisory Committee.....Dan Moore**

*Background:* At its May 2015 meeting the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) completed its review of the Metropolitan Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Targets Rule. LCDC approved the Target Rule Review Report. It also agreed with the department’s recommendation that the target rule should be updated to set targets for the year 2040. The commission is establishing a single advisory committee to function as the rulemaking advisory committee for the target rule amendments and to review of the process of metropolitan area transportation planning. The advisory committee would likely include an LCDC commissioner, a commissioner from the Oregon Transportation Commission, staff from the Oregon Department of Transportation, a representative from each metropolitan area, other interest groups, and the general public.

*Attachment:* #5 – DLCD GHG Target Rule Review Flyer

*Action Requested:* Consider designating a Policy Committee member to serve on the Target Rule Advisory Committee

**8. RVMPO Policy Committee Endorsement of RVTN’s May Tax Levy..... Tonia Moro**

*Background:* RVTN is requesting Policy Committee endorsement of RVTN’s May Tax Levy.

*Attachments:* #6 – RVTN Fact Sheet

*Action Requested:* Consider endorsing RVTN’s May Tax Levy request.

**9. RVMPO Planning Update.....Dan Moore**

**10. Public Comment..... Chair**

**11. Other Business / Local Business ..... Chair**  
*Opportunity for RVMPO member jurisdictions to talk about transportation planning projects.*

**12. Adjournment ..... Chair**

The next MPO Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 26 at 2:00 p.m. in the Jefferson Conference Room, RVCOG, Central Point.

- The next MPO PAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 17 at 5:30 p.m. in the Jefferson Conference Room, RVCOG, Central Point.
- The next MPO TAC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 13 at 1:30 p.m. in the Jefferson Conference Room, RVCOG, Central Point.

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.



# Vote YES for RVTD May 2016

**RVTD is good for our community**

## **Access to Jobs, School & Health Care**

Transit improves access to education and provides opportunities to compete for higher wage jobs

## **Enhanced Economic Growth**

Businesses and industries considering relocation to the region pass by the area due to lack of adequate public transit in southern Oregon

## **Improved Air Quality**

Public transit reduces emissions and improves local air quality. 30% of greenhouse gas emissions in Oregon come from transportation.

## **Less Traffic**

Alternatives to low-occupancy autos means less congestion on roads and reduced demand for parking

## **Mobility for All**

Without public transit, older adults, low-income and people with disabilities would find it difficult to meet their basic everyday needs, such as shopping and healthcare

## **Better Quality of Life**

Transit is a vital public service for those who need it every day, and who choose to use it when they can

## **Why is RVTD funding urgent now?**

**Local funding rates for RVTD have not increased in over thirty years**, despite the growing need for transit, and the rising cost of fuel, wages, health insurance, etc.

- In 2015, RVTD was **forced to cut Saturday and evening services** due to inadequate funding. RVTD also reduced frequency to its most heavily utilized Route 10, resulting in job elimination, **overcrowding** of passengers, and service reduction to Medford, Phoenix, Talent and Ashland.
- People trying to reach work, school, grocery stores and medical appointments have **lost transportation**. Citizens using transit to cut back on fuel use, gridlock and parking issues now have **very limited transit options**.
- RVTD has taken **numerous steps to use dollars efficiently** and secure funding by consolidating staff, using alternative fuels, replacing aged/inefficient equipment, upgrading facilities, obtaining numerous grants to maintain services, and continuing outreach to state and congressional legislators.
- RVTD has reached a crossroads where **critical funding gaps** are now on the horizon

## How will the levy benefit local transit?

A 5-year property tax levy will create stable funding for RVTN and build a lasting foundation for regional public transit. The tax will be an additional 13¢ per \$1,000 of property value.

- 8¢ – **Eliminates current operating deficit** resulting from increased costs of operation and maintenance, wages & health care, and reduced federal funding
- 1.5¢ – **Reinstates more frequent service on RVTN Route 10** along Hwy 99 – Medford, Phoenix, Talent and Ashland, to Ashland, the busiest route in the District, providing over a half million trips each year. Recent cuts have resulted in ridership that exceeds capacity, so people get left behind
- 1.25¢ – **Expands service to southwest Medford**, which has a rapidly growing need for better transit
- 1.5¢ – **Restores Saturday service** increasing ridership by 7%
- 0.5¢ – **Increases Route 24 service to Rogue Regional Medical Center**, an area which has experienced significant increases in jobs; hourly service will become half-hourly, benefiting employees and patients
- 0.25¢ – **Establishes service to RCC White City campus**, supporting education, job skills and upward mobility; this route will also benefit Amy's Kitchen and Carestream, two major employers in the region

## Who is eligible to vote for the levy?

Registered voters within the area of the Rogue Valley Transportation District will vote on the levy, which includes the more densely populated areas along I-5 and Hwy 62 corridors -- **Medford, Central Point, White City, Ashland, Jacksonville, Talent and Phoenix.**

## What is Rogue Valley Transit Now?

RVTN is a group of concerned local citizens volunteering to help RVTN secure funding and support for public transit in the Rogue Valley. RVTN believes that a strong transit system is essential to protect our quality of life and community standards for livability. Goals of the Committee are to educate voters, communicate the issues and pass the RVTN Local Tax Option.

## Here's how to support the levy:

The timeline is short. RVTN needs allies like you to help pass the levy.

- **VOLUNTEER:** Place yard-signs, make phone calls, write letters to the editor, host house parties, secure endorsements, and spread the word. Whether you can give a little time or a lot of time – volunteers will play a critical role in passing the levy.
- **CONTRIBUTE:** RVTN needs to raise money to fund this campaign. Contributions of all sizes are helpful; even modest donations are meaningful. Contributions may be made by mail or online – see contact info below. Make checks payable to Rogue Valley Transit Now.
- **VOTE:** Register to vote & cast your ballot in the upcoming election, May 2016. If you have recently moved, please be sure to update your voter registration here by Tuesday, April 26: [secure.sos.state.or.us/orestar/vr/register.do?lang=eng](http://secure.sos.state.or.us/orestar/vr/register.do?lang=eng)

## Contact Rogue Valley Transit Now:

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