

## AGENDA

### Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee



**Date:** Tuesday, September 26, 2017

**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

**Contact:** Stephanie Thune, RVCOG: 541-423-1368  
RVMPO website: [www.rvmpos.org](http://www.rvmpos.org)

1	Call to Order / Introductions / Review Agenda	Mike Quilty, Chair
2	Public Comment Items not on the agenda   <i>Comments on agenda items allowed during discussion of each item</i>	Chair
Consent Agenda		
3	Review / Approve Minutes	Chair
Attachments	#1   RVMPO Policy Committee Draft Minutes 170822	
Action Items		
4	Approve “RVMPO Policy Regarding Awards of Discretionary Transportation Funds” (last updated Jan. 24, 2012)	Karl Welzenbach
Background	This policy has been reviewed with the aim of clarifying language related to items 3(ii) and 3(iii). Staff has incorporated all suggested changes made by TAC members and, at their September 13 meeting, the TAC recommended approval to the Policy Committee.	
Attachments	#2   RVMPO Policy Regarding Awards of Discretionary Transportation Funds	
Action Requested	Approve revised policy.	

Discussion Items		
<b>5</b>	<b>Public Comment</b>	<b>Chair</b>
Regular Updates		
<b>6</b>	<b>RVMPO Planning Update</b>	<b>Karl Welzenbach</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Other Business / Local Business</b> Opportunity for RVMPO member jurisdictions to talk about transportation planning projects.	<b>Chair</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>	<b>Chair</b>

- The next RVMPO Policy Committee meeting will be **Tuesday, October 24, at 2:00 p.m.** in the Jefferson Conference Room, RVCOG, Central Point.
- The next RVMPO TAC meeting will be **Wednesday, October 11, at 1:30 p.m.** in the Jefferson Conference Room, RVCOG, Central Point.
- The next RVMPO PAC meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 21, at 5:30 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 RVCOG, 541-664-6674. 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.

**SUMMARY MINUTES  
ROGUE VALLEY MPO POLICY COMMITTEE  
AUGUST 22, 2017**



The following attended:

<b>Voting Members</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>
Art Anderson	ODOT	774-6353
Bob Strosser	Jackson County	774-6119
Jim Lewis	Jacksonville	899-7023
John Harrison for Darby Stricker	Talent	535-1566
Michael Zarosinski, <b>Vice Chair</b>	Medford	772-1909
Rich Rosenthal	Ashland	941-1494
Ruth Jenks	Eagle Point	941-8537
Sarah Westover	Phoenix	972-0869
Tom Humphrey for Mike Quilty	Central Point	423-1025
Tonia Moro	RVTD	973-2063
<b>Staff</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>
Karl Welzenbach	RVCOG	423-1360
Ryan MacLaren	RVCOG	423-1338
Stephanie Thune	RVCOG	423-1368
<b>Interested Parties</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>
Al Densmore	JWA Public Affairs	601-0704
Alex Georgevitch	Medford	774-2114
Jim Herndon	RVMPO PAC	840-0741
Mike Faught	Ashland	552-2244

Mike Kuntz	Jackson County	774-6228
Mike Montero	Montero & Associates	779-0771
Paige West	RVTD	608-2429

**NOTE:** In the interest of best utilizing staff time, minutes will now be truncated to show action items/outcomes only. Hyperlinks to the full meeting and to each of the public hearing, action and presentation items will be incorporated into the abbreviated written minutes, which will themselves continue to be posted on the RVMPO website. *Firefox is recommended as a browser* as the audio files will not play consistently using Internet Explorer.

Specific agenda items can be accessed via the links below, while the full recording of this meeting can be accessed here: [170822 RVMPO Policy Committee Meeting Audio](#)

**1. Call to Order / Introductions/ Review Agenda 00:00 – 01:22**

2:03 | *Quorum:* Ashland, Central Point, Eagle Point, Jacksonville, Medford, Phoenix, Talent, Jackson County, ODOT, RVTD

**2. Public Comment 01:22 – 01:35**

***Consent Agenda***

**3. Review / Approve Minutes 01:36 – 03:27**

The Vice Chair asked if there were any additions or corrections to the previous meeting minutes.

**On a motion by Jim Lewis, seconded by Bob Strosser, the minutes of the July 25, 2017 meeting were approved as presented.**

*The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.*

***Public Hearing***

**4. 2017-2042 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment 03:28 – 05:40**

**The Vice Chair read the procedure for the public hearing.**

Ryan MacLaren reported that the RVMPO RTP and TIP need to be amended to remove the following project:

**A. Region-wide Rumble Strips (KN 18880)**  
Description: *“Region-wide rumble strips.”*

**The Vice Chair opened the discussion to public comment, both in support and in opposition.**  
None voiced.

**The Vice Chair closed the public testimony.**

**05:18 | Jim Lewis moved to approve the proposed amendment to the 2017-2042 RVMPO RTP and 2015-2018 RVMPO TIP. Rich Rosenthal seconded.**

There was no further discussion.

*The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.*

## ***Action Items***

### **5. Letter of Support for RVTD 05:41 – 12:08**

Karl Welzenbach reported that RVTD has requested that the RVMPO write a letter of support for their 2017 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) bus facilities grant request to replace seven buses. Paige West explained that the grants are competitive and awarded more points when accompanied by letters of support. The grant request also includes language to implement Transit Signal Priority (TSP) technology along Highways 99 and 62.

The fate of the decommissioned buses will depend on the timing of the event and is uncertain at this time. Options include simply decommissioning with no further action, selling very cheaply to a sister agency, or auctioning off. The feasibility of the various options will be influenced by the fact that the CNG tank certifications of the seven buses are due to expire in 2024, with an approximate cost of \$100,000 each to recertify.

**11:52 | Rich Rosenthal moved to approve the submittal of a letter of support from the RVMPO for RVTD's FTA bus facilities grant application. Jim Lewis seconded.**

There was no further discussion.

*The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.*

## ***Discussion Items***

### **6. STIP Presentation to Stakeholder Groups | 2021-2024 STIP Development Process 12:09 – 36:19**

### **7. Public Comment 36:20 – 36:28**

## ***Regular Updates***

### **8. RVMPO Planning Update 36:29 – 57:42**

- TPAU's new activity-based transportation model
- Findings to-date of CMAQ carryover funds balance

### **9. Other Business / Local Business 57:43 – 1:00:47**

### **10. Adjournment 1:00:48 – 1:00:49 3:04**

**Scheduled Meetings:**

RVMPO TAC | Wednesday, September 13 @ 1:30 pm

RVMPO Policy Committee | Tuesday, September 26 @ 2:00 pm

RVMPO PAC | Tuesday, September 19 @ 5:30 pm

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## **Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization**

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August 11, 2017

### **Proposed Revised RVMPO Policy Regarding Awards of Discretionary Federal Transportation Funds**

(Surface Transportation Program and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program)

This Policy addresses the allocation of STP and CMAQ funds awarded to the RVMPO planning area for surface transportation improvements. Projects receive federal funding through the RVMPO by way of listing in the current RVMPO Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program. Final approval for grant recipients is made by Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration through the funding obligation process, which occurs subsequent to publication in the MTIP.

1. RVMPO Policy Committee makes all final planning and programming decisions regarding STP and CMAQ program awards.
2. All awards are specific to a project, and must be spent on that project.
3. Funds that are not used on the project for which they were allocated will be addressed as follows:
  - a. RVMPO member jurisdictions
    - i. When RVMPO grant funds are not fully expended, unused funds go back to the RVMPO region for re-allocation.
    - ii. When a jurisdiction determines it will not implement a project, it may offer a substitute project(s). Both the currently programmed and its Substitute project(s) will be evaluated according to current RVMPO evaluation ~~criteria~~process. The Policy Committee will consider the evaluation of the substitute project, particularly its performance relative to the original project, and other information the committee agrees is appropriate. The Policy Committee will decide whether:
      1. Funds should be awarded to the substitute project; or
      2. Funds should go back to the region for re-allocation.
    - iii. When a project cannot be implemented for reasons beyond the recipient jurisdiction's control (generally but not limited to when Federal Highway Administration or Federal Transit Administration finds an awarded project in-eligible) recipient jurisdiction will have 90 days from the date of final determination to submit a substitute project for consideration. Both the currently programmed and its sSubstitute project will be scored according to current RVMPO evaluation ~~criteria~~process. The Policy Committee will consider evaluation of substitute project, particularly its performance relative to the original project, and other information the committee agrees is appropriate. The Policy

Committee will decide whether:

1. Funds should be awarded to the substitute project; or
  2. Funds should go back to the region for re-allocation.
- b. Recipients that are not RVMPO members
- i. All funds not used as described at the time of the award will go back to the RVMPO region for re-allocation.
4. Priority for available funds will be given to funded projects that need additional funding for completion.
- 4.5. Should funding still be available and if all programmed projects have been fully funded then prioritization may be given to those projects that were submitted through the application process but were not selected for funding.