

**SUMMARY MINUTES
ROGUE VALLEY MPO POLICY COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 26, 2017**



The following attended:

Voting Members	Organization	Phone Number
Bob Strosser	Jackson County	774-6119
Ian Horlacher for Art Anderson	ODOT	423-1362
Jim Lewis	Jacksonville	899-7023
John Harrison for Darby Stricker	Talent	535-1566
John Stromberg for Rich Rosenthal	Ashland	552-2104
Julie Brown for Tonia Moro	RVTD	779-5821
Mike Quilty, Chair	Central Point	664-7907
Ruth Jenks	Eagle Point	941-8537
Tim Jackle for Michael Zarosinski, Vice Chair	Medford	770-5466
Staff	Organization	Phone Number
Karl Welzenbach	RVCOG	423-1360
Ryan MacLaren	RVCOG	423-1338
Stephanie Thune	RVCOG	423-1368
Interested Parties	Organization	Phone Number
Alex Georgevitch	Medford	774-2114
Jim Herndon	RVMPO PAC	840-0741
Mike Montero	Montero & Associates	779-0771
Paige West	RVTD	608-2429
Paula Brown	Ashland	488-5587

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1. Call to Order / Introductions/ Review Agenda 00:00 – 01:12

2:03 | *Quorum*: Six jurisdictions required; nine present

2. Public Comment 01:13 – 02:22

Consent Agenda

3. Review / Approve Minutes 02:23 – 03:11

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

02:36 | On a motion by Jim Lewis, seconded by Bob Strosser, the minutes of the August 22, 2017 meeting were approved as presented.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Ian Horlacher (ODOT) and Tim Jackle (Medford) abstained, having not been present at the August 22 meeting.

Action Items

4. Approve “RVMPO Policy Regarding Awards of Discretionary Transportation Funds” (last updated January 24, 2012) 03:12 – 13:17

Karl Welzenbach reported that the revisions (in red) to the policy are the result of thorough discussion at the August and September RVMPO TAC meetings and comprise:

- Clarification to items 3(a)(ii) and 3(a)(iii), which now state that when a jurisdiction determines it will not implement an MPO-funded project (ii), or when the project cannot be implemented for reasons beyond the jurisdiction’s control (iii), the jurisdiction may offer a substitute project(s) with the understanding that *“Both the currently programmed and its substitute project(s) will be evaluated according to current RVMPO evaluation criteria process.”*; and
- The addition of an item 5 which states *“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.”*

In response to inquiries, Welzenbach explained that:

- The intent of the language revisions in 3(a)(ii) and 3(a)(iii) was to ensure that an “apples to apples” comparison would be made of the jurisdiction’s original project and the substitute project(s) it submits for consideration.
- The procedure according to the policy is as follows: 1) the jurisdiction’s substitute project(s) will be considered/evaluated in comparison to the merits/scoring of its original project; 2) the Policy Committee will decide whether to award funds to the substitute project(s), or to return the funds to the funding pool for re-allocation according to items four and five of the policy.

12:46 | Jim Lewis moved to approve the revisions to the “RVMPO Policy Regarding Awards of Discretionary Transportation Funds” as presented. Ruth Jenks seconded.

There was no further discussion.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Discussion Items

5. Public Comment 13:18 – 13:32

Regular Updates

6. RVMPO Planning Update 13:33 – 20:41

- Quarterly reports to the Policy Committee regarding currently active MPO projects will begin in November and be ongoing.
- The transportation modeling system is changing from a trip-based to an activity-based model.
- The final report of the 2008 – 2011 Oregon Household Activity Survey is under construction.

7. Other Business / Local Business 20:42 – 25:23

- The quarterly Oregon MPO Consortium (OMPOC) meeting will be held Friday, October 6. Chair Quilty and Welzenbach will attend.
- The annual Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO) conference will be held October 17-20 in Savannah, GA. Chair Quilty and Welzenbach will attend.
- The OTC will hold a 2-day workshop in October. Paula Brown will carry any items/concerns communicated to her by MPO members to the meeting.

8. Adjournment 25:24 – 25:35

3:04

Scheduled Meetings:

RVMPO TAC | Wednesday, October 11 @ 1:30 pm

RVMPO Policy Committee | Tuesday, October 24 @ 2:00 pm

RVMPO PAC | Tuesday, November 21 @ 5:30 pm