

**SUMMARY MINUTES
ROGUE VALLEY MPO POLICY COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 14, 2017**



The following attended:

Voting Members	Organization	Phone Number
Art Anderson	ODOT	774-6353
Jim Lewis	Jacksonville	899-7023
Julie Brown for Tonia Moro	RVTD	608-2413
Michael Zarosinski, Vice Chair	Medford	772-1909
Mike Quilty, Chair	Central Point	621-4853
Rich Rosenthal	Ashland	941-1494
Ruth Jenks	Eagle Point	941-8537
Sarah Westover	Phoenix	972-0869
Staff	Organization	Phone Number
Karl Welzenbach	RVCOG	423-1360
Ryan MacLaren	RVCOG	423-1338
Stephanie Thune	RVCOG	423-1368
Interested Parties	Organization	Phone Number
Al Densmore	JWA Public Affairs	601-0704
Jim Herndon	RVMPO PAC	840-0741
Mike Montero	Montero & Associates	779-0771

The full recording of this meeting can be accessed here: [171214 RVMPO Policy Committee Special Meeting Audio](#)

1. Call to Order / Introductions/ Review Agenda 00:00 – 01:57

10:01 a.m. | *Quorum*: Six jurisdictions required; eight present.

2. Public Comment 01:58 – 02:16

Consent Agenda

3. Review / Approve Minutes 02:17 – 02:44

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

02:22 | Jim Lewis moved to approve the minutes of the November 28, 2017 meeting as presented. Rich Rosenthal seconded.

Art Anderson abstained.

There was no further discussion.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Public Hearing

4. 2017-2042 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments 02:45 – 14:44

The Chair read the procedure for the public hearing.

Ryan MacLaren reported briefly on three state-requested amendments to the 2018-2021 TIP and 2017-2042 RTP.

- **A** | Project being split and \$1.2 million added to construction. ODOT has requested a rush amendment via this meeting so that the project can go out to bid in January.
- **B** | New project to add a shared multi-use path to connect Highway 99 to the Bear Creek Greenway in Talent ([locator map](#)).
- **C** | An additional funding source was added to the RVTD Rideshare and TDM project.

Details of all projects were included in the agenda packet for review and are available online at www.rvmmpo.org. All three projects are using state (non-MPO) funds.

Art Anderson explained that Amendment A was part of the Siskiyou Pass project. Timing on the bridge work without this amendment would have meant the rest area would open, then immediately close for three months while the bridge work was done. The additional \$1.2 million is required because a crossover needs to be built and the bridge decks are in worse shape than first thought.

Anderson also mentioned that Paul Mather has directed ODOT to conduct a pilot study to measure the levels of rebar decay over a 5 – 10 year period on bridges protected with sealant versus those that are not; the aim is to gather data that will inform the development of a maintenance schedule.

The Chair opened the discussion to public comment, both in support and in opposition.

None voiced.

The Chair closed the public testimony.

13:20 | Jim Lewis moved to approve the amendments to the 2017-2042 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) as presented. Sarah Westover seconded.

There was no further discussion.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Action Items

5. Public Advisory Council (PAC) Member Renewal Approval 14:45 – 21:23

Ryan MacLaren reported that East Medford representative Brad Inman’s membership term is up for renewal for the period of December 2017 – December 2019. Inman’s existing application was made available for review.

15:38 | Jim Lewis moved to approve Brad Inman’s December 2017 – December 2019 membership renewal for the RVMPO PAC as a representative for East Medford. Julie Brown seconded.

There was no further discussion.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Efforts will continue to be made to find representatives for White City (which falls under county jurisdiction, and whose two positions on the PAC have remained vacant for quite some time) as well as for the remaining membership vacancies across the various geographical and special interest areas. Despite county oversight of White City’s unincorporated area, a representative would need to live within White City’s geographic boundary.

The time commitment for a PAC representative is approximately two to three hours every other month (January, March, May, July, September, November). Detailed information about the PAC, the [current membership chart](#) showing all vacancies and the [new member application form](#) are all available from [this page](#) of the RVMPO website.

Art Anderson mentioned the significance of the PAC’s input into local transportation issues; having access to public sentiment on decisions that affect communities throughout the valley is both helpful and necessary.

Discussion Items

6. Public Comment 21:24 – 23:42

- White City CNG station update provided by Mike Montero.

Regular Updates

7. RVMPO Planning Update 23:43 – 24:02

- No changes to any information provided at the November 28 meeting.

8. Other Business / Local Business 24:03 – 31:35

- OMPOC | Next meeting on January 26 in Salem.
- Legislative fixes underway for HB-2017.
- Level of accountability is high for all programs/allocations related to HB-2017.

9. Adjournment 31:36 – 31:48

10:32 a.m.

Scheduled Meetings:

RVMPO Policy Committee | Tuesday, January 23 @ 2:00 pm

RVMPO TAC | Wednesday, January 10 @ 1:30 p.m.

RVMPO PAC | Tuesday, January 16 @ 5:30 pm