

**SUMMARY MINUTES  
ROGUE VALLEY MPO POLICY COMMITTEE  
APRIL 24, 2018**



The following attended:

<b>Voting Members</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>
Art Anderson	ODOT	774-6353
Jim Lewis	Jacksonville	899-7023
John Harrison for Darby Stricker	Talent	897-0570
John Vial for Bob Strosser	Jackson County	774-6238
Kelly Madding for Kim Wallan	Medford	774-2009
Mike Quilty, <b>Chair</b>	Central Point	664-7907
Sarah Westover	Phoenix	972-0869
Scott Fleury for Rich Rosenthal	Ashland	552-2412
Tonia Moro	RVTD	973-2063
<b>Alternate Voting Members Present</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>
Mike Baker	ODOT	957-3658
<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>
Jim Herndon	RVMPO PAC	840-0741

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### **1. Call to Order / Introductions / Review Agenda 00:00 – 01:05**

2:02 | *Quorum*: Ashland, Central Point, Jacksonville, Medford, Phoenix, Talent, Jackson County, ODOT, RVTD

### **2. Public Comment 01:06 – 01:31**

None voiced.

## ***Consent Agenda***

### **3. Review / Approve Minutes 01:32 – 02:33**

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

**01:50 | Jim Lewis moved to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2018 meeting as presented. Tonia Moro seconded.**

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) Amendment 02:34 – 07:24**

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

Ryan MacLaren reported that the RVMPO RTP and TIP need to be amended to add Project A below:

#### **A. Southern Oregon Seismic Triage (KN 21296)**

Description: *“Perform seismic upgrades on 17 bridges and 7 hillside slopes.”*

- The RVMPO has zero bridges and one landslide area included in the seismic triage plan.
- At a future date, this project will undergo an administrative amendment to be split into two separate projects for bridges and slopes.
- \$35 million was earmarked by HB2017 for the seismic triage work.
  - ODOT and the FHWA agree that this amendment is valid as presented despite all funds not being available to ODOT within the four-year span of the TIP; the fact that the funds will be available during the lifespan of the current RTP suffices.
  - The amendment – verbiage of which is present in the STIP – shows all funds as federal, which is incorrect, since HB2017 consists solely of state funds.

**14:18 | John Vial** recommend approval of the proposed amendment to the 2017-2042 RTP and 2018-2021 TIP *as amended per the final sub-bullet point above* to show all monies as state, rather than federal, funds. **Jim Lewis** seconded.

There was no further discussion.

*The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.*

As a point of order, Karl Welzenbach stated that the hearing had not yet been opened to public comment.

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

None voiced.

**The Chair closed the public testimony.**

*Post-Meeting Note:* Subsequent to the Policy Committee meeting, Staff held discussions with ODOT staff regarding the type of funding (state versus federal) to be included in the amendment. This issue has been resolved and the amendment will reflect the funding types and amounts identified in the STIP.

## ***Action Items***

### **5. RVMPO UPWP | FY2018-2019 07:25 – 10:32**

The UPWP is required for every MPO by the federal government and comprises the MPO's annual program budget, delineating how much planning money will be received, where it is coming from and how it will be spent. The document has been publicly noticed for over one month now, and has been reviewed previously by both the TAC and Policy Committees. Adoption of the document is required this month; at their April 11 meeting, the TAC recommended that the Policy Committee approve the UPWP as presented.

**17:48 | Jim Lewis** moved to adopt the FY2018-2019 RVMPO UPWP. **John Harrison** seconded.

There was no further discussion.

*The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.*

## ***Discussion Items***

### **6. Public Comment 10:33 – 12:56**

None voiced.

## ***Regular Updates***

### **7. RVMPO Planning Update 12:57 – 27:06**

- *Transportation Planning Rule (TPR)* | The Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) was originally planning to take the rules to the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) in May, but now it is likely that the Rules Advisory Committee (RAC) will convene once more, delaying presentation of the proposed new TPR until July.

- *OMPOC* | The OMPOC Meeting will be held this Friday, April 27, in Grants Pass at the City Hall Council Chambers from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., with a bus tour of Redwood Avenue pedestrian and transit improvements immediately following. All are welcome to attend.

## **8. Other Business / Local Business 27:07 – 30:35**

- *Phoenix* | *Sarah Westover*
  - The City Council has decided to request a variance from their Transportation System Plan (TSP) to return to a two-lane configuration for Main Street on Highway 99; if the variance is approved, a recommendation will be made to lower the speed limit significantly. The proposed variance is currently under consideration by the Phoenix Planning Commission. It is unknown yet whether approval of the variance would affect the grant awarded to Phoenix by ODOT for bicycle and pedestrian safety for transitioning to a one-lane configuration.
- *RVTD* | *Tonia Moro*
  - Federal funding and a grant are providing funds for the order of seven new CNG buses.
  - The Green Transportation Summit provided a lot of useful information regarding alternative fuels such as renewable natural gas and the fuel cell technology being researched by the freight system.
  - A lot of interesting Clean Cities Coalition work is underway statewide.
- *Central Point* | *Chair Quilty*
  - The Pine Street project is running three months ahead of schedule; completion of major construction is now being anticipated in September instead of December.
- *ODOT* | *Art Anderson*
  - Projects in Shady Cove have resulted in vast improvements.
- *Jackson County* | *John Vial*
  - Complaints are being received regarding the traffic congestion in the Costco/Table Rock Road area. The county is advising drivers to take alternate routes until roadwork in that area later this year and into 2019 can alleviate the issues.
  - There will be a Safe Routes to School (SRTS) call-for-projects in late July or early August as \$10 million annually has been earmarked for the program via HB2017. Applications and awards will run directly through ODOT and not be subject to the MPO application/evaluation process.
- *League of Oregon Cities Transportation Policy Committee* | *Chair Quilty*
  - The committee has met twice so far, with two more meetings scheduled in May, to consider what to bring to the legislature in the 2019 long session. Updates of interest to the MPO will be shared at future RVMPO Policy Committee meetings by Chair Quilty.

## **9. Adjournment 30:36 – 30:50**

2:31

### **Scheduled Meetings:**

RVMPO TAC | Wednesday, May 9 @ 1:30 pm

RVMPO PAC | Tuesday, May 15 @ 5:30 pm

RVMPO Policy Committee | Tuesday, May 22 @ 2:00 pm