

## AGENDA

# Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee



**Date:** Tuesday, July 23, 2019

**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:** Rebecca Schexnayder, RVCOG: 541-423-1375  
RVMPO website: [www.rvmpos.org](http://www.rvmpos.org)

1	Call to Order / Introductions / Review Agenda	Mike Quilty, Chair
Consent Agenda		
2	Review / Approve Minutes	Chair
Attachment	#1   <a href="#">RVMPO Policy Committee Meeting Draft Minutes 20190625</a>	
PUBLIC HEARING		
Chair will read the public hearing procedures:		
3	Amendments to the 2018–2021 RVMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)	Ryan MacLaren
Background	<p>The Policy Committee will hold a public hearing to review and consider adoption of amendments to the 2018–2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include the following projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2018–2021 STIP Rebalance Amendments</li></ul> <p>The 21-day public comment period and public hearing was advertised on July 2, 2019 in the <i>Medford Mail Tribune</i> and information is currently available on the RVMPO website. The TAC recommended approval of the amendment to the Policy Committee at their July 10, 2019 meeting.</p>	
Attachment	#2   <a href="#">Memo: RTP/TIP Amendment</a>	
Action Requested	Approve the 2018–2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendments.	

Action Items		
4	Letter of Support for CP’s URA CP-2B	Karl Welzenbach / Tom Humphrey
Background	As part of the Regional Problem Solving, local jurisdictions committed to provide the MPO an opportunity to review and comment on local plans for their Urban Reserve Areas. Central Point is seeking input and an affirmative recommendation regarding CP-2B.	
Attachment	#3   <a href="#">Draft Letter of Support</a>	
Action Requested	Authorization for Chair to sign letter in support of Central Point’s Urban Reserve Area CP-2B	
Discussion Items		
5	Public Comment	Chair
Regular Updates		
6	<b>RVMPO Planning Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Call for Projects—RTP</li><li>• Bike/Ped Project Applications</li></ul>	Karl Welzenbach
7	<b>Other Business / Local Business</b> Opportunity for RVMPO member jurisdictions to talk about transportation planning projects.	Chair
8	Adjournment	Chair

- The next RVMPPO Policy Committee meeting will be **Tuesday, August 27, at 2:00 p.m.** in the Jefferson Conference Room, RVCOG, Central Point.
- The next RVMPPO TAC meeting will be **Wednesday, August 14, at 1:30 p.m.** in the Jefferson Conference Room, RVCOG, Central Point.
- The next RVMPPO PAC meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 17, 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 Meeting

### June 25, 2019



The following attended:

Voting Members	Organization	Phone Number
Art Anderson	ODOT	774-6353
Rick Dyer	Jackson County	774-6118
Joh Harrison for Darby Ayers-Flood	City of Talent	535-1566
Jim Lewis	City of Jacksonville	899-7023
Al Densmore, <b>Vice Chair</b>	City of Medford	601-0704
Mike Quilty, <b>Chair</b>	City of Central Point	664-7907
Rich Rosenthal	City of Ashland	488-5347
Ruth Jenks	City of Eagle Point	941-8537
Tonia Moro	RVTD	973-2063
Alternate Voting Members Present	Organization	Phone Number
John Vial	Jackson County	774-6238
Scott Fleury	City of Ashland	552-2412
Staff	Organization	Phone Number
Karl Welzenbach	RVCOG	423-1360
Ryan MacLaren	RVCOG	423-1338
James Gerhardt	RVCOG	423-1369
Interested Parties	Organization	Phone Number
Mike Montero	Montero & Associates	944-4376
Alex Georgevitch	City of Medford	774-2114
Mike Kuntz	Jackson County	774-6228
Paige West	RVTD	608-2429

Shandell Clark	Jackson County	774-6519
Carol Voisin	Ashland Resident	
Craig Anderson		
S R Hall	Ashland Resident	

[RVMPO Policy Committee June 25, 2019 Agenda Packet](#)

Full meeting recording: [2019-06-25 RVMPO Policy Committee Meeting Audio](#)

**1. Call to Order / Introductions / Review Agenda 00:00–01:45**

2:04 p.m. | *Quorum*: Ashland, Central Point, Eagle Point, Medford, Jacksonville, Jackson County, ODOT, RVTB

**2. Review / Approve Minutes 01:46–02:11**

**01:51** | *Jim Lewis moved to approve the May 28, 2019 policy committee meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Rich Rosenthal.*

*No further discussion.*

*Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.*

Agenda Item #6—Public Comment—was moved up to become Agenda Item #3.

**3. Public Comment 02:12–08:45**

1.) Carol Voisin, City of Ashland resident and former City Councilor

- The City of Ashland, Transportation Commission as well as City of Ashland residents previously spoke out about issues of withdrawing the East Nevada Street Bridge project from the CIP list.
- Many in Ashland (residents, councilors, commission members) are still interested in pursuing a bicycle/pedestrian bridge at East Nevada Street and ask that funding tied to the issue receive a delayed final decision.
- Supportive of delaying funding for Independent Way-Washington Street to Tolman Creek Road project to address safety issues that could result without a median on Ashland Street.
- The Ashland City Councilors and Transportation Commission need more time to understand the projects and issues mentioned before funding decisions are made as well as time for further discussions regarding a bicycle/pedestrian bridge for East Nevada Street.
- Public Comment Submission, [PDF Link](#)

2.) Craig Anderson

Issues of Concern:

- The process followed for bringing the Independent Way/Washing Street project to the RVMPO Policy Committee after the TAC unanimously recommended the medians be a condition of the project—the recommendation was not discussed with the policy committee.
- The City of Ashland approved a development that is contingent upon access at Washington Street and left turns in and out of Washington Street. ODOT reviewed the project application and made no comment regarding the medians.
- The Washington Street project is entirely based upon the medians being built and is in the Ashland TSP.
- A project based on safety improvements cannot be honestly built without them and building this project without the medians is fraud.
- The City of Ashland never adopted the IAMP because of the medians and not wanting to build them. Constructing the medians would have tremendous impact on the businesses in the area. If the City doesn't want to build the medians, they should not receive the money that was specifically for the medians.
- The trust placed in the city councilors and governments officials that are responsible for bringing these types of issues forward has been tremendously jeopardized and undermined through the process followed by RVMCOG staff.

3.) Public Comment by S. Hall submitted post-meeting (7/8/19), [PDF Link](#)

Please see Page 5 of the Minutes for the full public comment submission.

## ***Public Hearing***

### **4. Amendment to the 2018–2021 RVMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

**08:46–15:35**

The Chair read the public hearing procedures and public comment rules.

Staff provided background on the TIP amendments.

The Chair opened the hearing to public comment. No public comment was made. The hearing was closed.

**14:47** | *Rich Rosenthal moved to approve the 2018–2021 TIP amendment, North Couplet Pedestrian Crossing (Phoenix), as presented. Seconded by Jim Lewis.*

*No further discussion.*

*Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.*

## ***Action Items***

### **5. Discussion and Resolution of the Washington St. Extension 15:36–43:39**

Correction: Additional money for the cost of the median in Ashland was \$30,000 not \$35,000 as stated in the agenda item's background.

**36:53** | Rich Rosenthal moved that the Policy Committee reapprove the Washington Street Extension to Tolman Creek Road to include the appropriate traffic controls in lieu of a median. Seconded by Al Densmore.

*With the funds dedicated for the median to be spent on traffic controls to reduce the potential for left turning movement from Washington Street onto Ashland Street.*

*Tonia Moro abstained.*

*The motion carried by a majority “Aye” voice vote.*

*There were no Nay votes.*

## **6. Review and Authorization for the Chair to Sign Letter of Support for the City of Medford’s BUILD Grant Application 43:40–47:55**

**47:07** | Jim Lewis moved to authorize the Chair of the RVMPO Policy Committee to sign a letter of support for City of Medford’s BUILD grant application for the “Mega-Corridor” Project. Seconded by John Harrison.

*No further discussion.*

*Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.*

## ***Discussion Items***

Public Comment Agenda Item was moved to become item #3.

## ***Regular Updates***

### **7. RVMPO Planning Update 47:56–49:30**

### **8. Other Business / Local Business 49:31–53:09**

### **9. Adjournment**

2:57 p.m.

#### *Scheduled Meetings*

RVMPO Policy Committee | July 23, 2019 | 2:00 p.m.

RVMPO TAC | July 10, 2019 | 1:30 p.m.

RVMPO PAC | July 16, 2019 | 5:30 p.m.

July 8, 2019

Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee  
Jefferson Conference Room  
155 N. 1<sup>st</sup> Street  
Central Point, OR

Attention: Mike Quilty( Chair) & Members of the RVMPO Policy Committee

I attended the June 25, 2019 RVMPO Policy Committee meeting to listen to Action Item #4: Discussion and Resolution of the Washington St, Extension (Ashland). Karl Welzenbach directed the discussion.

The background of this project is on the Agenda. The Agenda stated this item was brought back at the request of ODOT rep. Art Anderson.

The issue: the Project's median cannot be built to work correctly ( Agenda description).

Now my comments:

Prior to this meeting, I had read the comprehensive email sent to EACH of you on the Policy Committee by Craig Anderson, Ashland resident. On 6/25/19, Mr. Anderson reminded the Committee that this project (without the safety median) fails to meet required safety elements for construction. Safety elements were always essential and required for this project from Day 1.

The Committee's subsequent discussion essentially conceded there were questions about the project design that were still outstanding. Several members ( Tonia Moro for one) clearly were uncomfortable to ignore RVMPO established procedures/processes for review of projects needing further evaluation.

What a fiasco:

I witnessed. ODOT, Art Anderson who couldn't seem to remember safety issues originally required, although I believe Karl corrected the issue.

I listened to Rich Rosenthal (Ashland) explain how disastrous a late delay would be with a project that seems to be "shovel ready" ( HUMM ...even if it is not a safe design) . He put on a pretty convincing look of sincerity on his face as he subtly pled his case. His message: Such a sad state of affairs if Ashland was made to conform to RVMPO review requirements which would delay the project from getting started. His body language fairly screamed: Safety ! What hogwash!

A few of you on the Committee appeared to support further review , but ALAS when the final vote came, you all folded and put this fiasco through. .Only Tonia Moro showed any integrity but then sadly, she ducked the issue by abstaining..

As a member of the public witnessing this meeting , it was shocking to see how shallow your review process is and how quickly you succumb to pressure from within your own committee. It seems you just ignore what your job is in an effort to "PLAY NICE". I almost threw up when I listened to one member when she apologized to Rosenthal for daring to even ask for clarifications on the project.

You should all resign or be replaced if you can't "critically think" through the issues in front of you. And for heaven's sake stop cracking jokes about asinine alternatives for "safety", and how to spend the \$30,000.00 you threw to Ashland.

I request this letter be submitted for the record.

Susan Hall RN  
210 E. Nevada Street  
Ashland



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DATE: July 17, 2019  
TO: RVMPO Policy Committee  
FROM: Ryan MacLaren, Senior Planner  
SUBJECT: 2018-2021 STIP Rebalance Amendments

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The Policy Committee is being asked to consider approval of the following amendment(s) to the 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program.

The 21-day public comment period and public hearing were advertised on July 2<sup>nd</sup> in the *Medford Tribune*, and information has been available on the RVMPO website since that date. The RVMPO TAC has recommended approval of the amendment(s) listed. Information on the project(s) is listed, below:

**A. Adjust Project in TIP: *OR140: Bear Creek – OR62 (KN 20135)***

Description: Increase Right of Way phase by \$33,000 and Utility Relocation phase by \$10,000. Decrease Preliminary Engineering phase by \$122,000 and Construction phase by \$2,223,433. Scope reduced to fund shortfall on other pavement preservation projects.

**B. Adjust Project in TIP: *Region 3 VMS Upgrades (KN 20166)***

Description: Cancel Construction and Utility Relocation phases to fully fund other operations projects in Region 3. Complete design - shelf project. CN funding in 21-24 STIP



**C. Remove Project from TIP: *OR99: Ashland Pedestrian Upgrades (KN 20186)***

Description: Cancel project to fund other high priority safety projects (KN 20191- US199: MP25 to Kerby Shoulder Widening and KN 20246 – US101: Johnson Ave. Intersections Coos Bay). The City of Ashland is considering changes to local streets that would remove the need for this work.

**D. Adjust Project in TIP: *OR66 over RR bridge & E. Main St. over I-5 bridge (Ashland) (KN 21180)***

Description: Increase Preliminary Engineering phase by \$57,000 and increase Construction phase by \$786,000. Initial core testing indicated more damage to deck than anticipated. Additional core samples in process to determine extent of damage to the deck. Fund from Bridge Program

**E. Adjust Project in TIP: *OR66: Railroad Bridge - Dead Indian Memorial Rd (KN 21184)***

Description: Shelf project funded through DAP design. Reduce Preliminary Engineering phase by \$250,000 and move the \$250,000 to KN 20135 – OR140: Bear Creek – OR62.

**F. Adjust Project in TIP: *Region 3 ADA Scoping (KN 21373)***

Description: Move \$1,500,000 of ADA program funds back into project to allow scoping of ADA design on all highways in Region 3 fund from ADA program

**G. Adjust Project in TIP: *Southern Oregon Seismic Slopes Stability (KN 21452)***

Description: Increase Preliminary Engineering phase by \$2,000,000 and Construction phase by \$1,000,000 to address additional slides. Fund from KN 21296 - Southern Oregon Seismic Triage.

**H. Add New Project to TIP: *Region 3 ADA Curb Ramps (District 8) (KN 21492)***

Description: New ADA projects - funding advanced from 21-24 allocation (PE-\$1,284,000, RW-\$45,000, UR-\$160,500 & CN-\$4,128,000)



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July 23, 2019

Chris Clayton, City Manager  
City of Central Point  
140 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Central Point, OR 97502

RE: RVMPO Comments on Future Growth Areas CP-2B

Dear Chris,

Pursuant to the Regional Plan requirement that cities prepare conceptual plans in collaboration with the Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (RVMPO), both the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and the Policy Committee reviewed conceptual plans prepared for Future Growth Area CP-2B. The scope of conceptual plan review is defined in Regional Plan Performance Indicators 2.7 (Conceptual Transportation Plans) and 2.8 (Conceptual Land Use Plans).

Performance Indicator 2.7 requires that transportation plans are prepared in collaboration with the RVMPO. Central Point submitted its plans to the TAC for review at its meetings on June 12, 2019 and again on July 10, 2019. The Policy Committee reviewed the plans at its July 23, 2019 meeting, and provides the following comments.

Performance Indicator 2.6 requires compliance with Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Alternative Measures to ensure walkable mixed use neighborhoods that are anchored by activity centers. This indicator relies on benchmarks from the RTP regarding the number of overall dwelling units and employment to occur in mixed-use/pedestrian-friendly areas. The conceptual plan proposed one activity center that is characterized by medium and high density residential land use and employment centers. Public open space is only broadly identified at this point because park locations will be settled when master plans are created. Central Point's Parks and Recreation Element, adopted in March of 2018, will dictate size and type.

Performance Indicator 2.7.1 requires that plans identify a general network of regionally significant arterials under local jurisdiction, transit corridors, bike and pedestrian paths, and associated projects to provide mobility throughout the region. All scenarios use the existing network of County collector roads as the primary road network. Upton, Gebhard, and Wilson Road abut or cross this Urban Reserve. Bike and pedestrian paths locations will be dependent upon and developed in coordination with the Active Transportation Plan currently being developed by Jackson County. The transportation plans appear to have no significant impact on the regional transportation system.

Performance Indicator 2.8 requires the same collaboration as for 2.7. Performance Indicator 2.8.1 requires conceptual plans to demonstrate how the density requirements of Section 2.5 will be met. Central Point's target density is 6.9 units per gross acre through 2035, increasing to 7.9 units per acre thereafter. The concept plan for

CP-2B demonstrates compliance with the Regional Plan. The proposed land use percentages are 85 percent residential, 6 percent open space/park, and 9 percent employment. Using a mix of low-, medium-, and high-density residential zoning, the targets will be met.

Performance Indicator 2.10 requires agricultural buffering. The conceptual plan states that the City will implement agricultural buffers in accordance with adopted ordinances at the time of annexation.

The Policy Committee notes that the conceptual plans create no barrier to inter-jurisdictional connectivity and are consistent with other Regional Plan performance indicators. The Policy Committee further understands that revisions to the Concept Plan are possible and even likely up until such time as a UGB Amendment is drafted. Any future significant Concept Plan revisions will be made in collaboration with the RVMPO. These comments are provided to affirm that Central Point followed the requirements of the Regional Plan to prepare its conceptual plans in collaboration with the RVMPO.

Sincerely,

Michael G. Quilty, Chair  
RVMPO Policy Committee