
AMENDED AGENDA

Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization

Policy Committee



Date: Tuesday, June 25, 2019

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Location: Jefferson Conference Room
RVCOG, 155 N. 1st Street, Central Point
Transit: served by RVTD Route #40

Contact: Rebecca Schexnayder, RVCOG: 541-423-1375
RVMPO website: www.rvmppo.org

1	Call to Order / Introductions / Review Agenda	Mike Quilty, Chair
Consent Agenda		
2	Review / Approve Minutes	Chair
Attachment	#1 RVMPO Policy Committee Meeting Draft Minutes 20190528	
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">North Couplet Pedestrian Crossing (Phoenix) <p>The 21-day public comment period and public hearing was advertised on June 3rd 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 June 12, 2019 meeting.</p>	
Attachment	#2 Memo: RTP/TIP Amendment	
Action Requested	Approve the 2018–2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendments.	

Action Items		
4	Discussion and Resolution of Washington St. Extension	Karl Welzenbach
Background	<p>The Washington Street Extension was a substitution project submitted by the City of Ashland for the Nevada Street Bridge project. This substitution was a subject of much discussion at the Technical Advisory Committee. Eventually the TAC recommended that the substitution be approved with the caveat of ensuring that a median on OR 99 (either partial or whole) be included. The TAC also recommended programming an additional \$35,000 to cover the cost of the median. The Policy Committee approved these recommendations.</p> <p>ODOT has now stated that the median cannot be built to work correctly.</p> <p>Art Anderson has requested that this issue be brought back to the Policy Committee for discussion and possible action.</p>	
Attachment	#3 Memo on Reallocation of STBG Funds: Ashland	
Action Requested	Discussion and Determination by the Policy Committee.	
5	Review and Authorization for Chair to Sign Letter of Support for the City of Medford’s BUILD Grant Application	Karl Welzenbach
Background	<p>The City of Medford is submitting a grant application for a \$20.5 million federal grant to help fund improvements to the City’s North Phoenix Rd/Foothills Rd. “Mega-Corridor”.</p>	
Attachment	#4 Draft Letter of Support	
Action Requested	Review and authorization by the Policy Committee for Chair to sign letter of support on behalf of the RVMPO.	
Discussion Items		
6	Public Comment	Chair
Regular Updates		
7	RVMPO Planning Update	Karl Welzenbach
8	Other Business / Local Business Opportunity for RVMPO member jurisdictions to talk about transportation planning projects.	Chair
9	Adjournment	Chair

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- The next RVMPO Policy Committee meeting will be **Tuesday, July 23, at 2:00 p.m.** in the Jefferson Conference Room, RVCOG, Central Point.
 - The next RVMPO TAC meeting will be **Wednesday, July 10, at 1:30 p.m.** in the Jefferson Conference Room, RVCOG, Central Point.
 - The next RVMPO PAC meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 16, 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
May 28, 2019**



The following attended:

Voting Members	Organization	Phone Number
Art Anderson	ODOT	774-6353
John Vial for Rick Dyer	Jackson County	774-6118
Jim Lewis	City of Jacksonville	899-7023
Al Densmore, Vice Chair	City of Medford	601-0704
Mike Quilty, Chair	City of Central Point	664-7907
Scott Fleury for Rich Rosenthal	City of Ashland	488-5347
Chris Luz for Sarah Westover	City of Phoenix	261-3139
Tonia Moro	RVTD	973-2063
Alternate Voting Members Present	Organization	Phone Number
Staff	Organization	Phone Number
Karl Welzenbach	RVCOG	423-1360
Ryan MacLaren	RVCOG	423-1338
Interested Parties	Organization	Phone Number
Mike Montero	Montero & Associates	944-4376
Alex Georgevitch	City of Medford	774-2114
Jenna Marmon	ODOT	774-5925
Peter Schuytema	ODOT	503-986-4110
Josh LeBombard	DLCD	414-7932
Katie Brown	ODOT	968-3512
Mike Kuntz	Jackson County	774-6228
Paige West	RVTD	608-2429

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Full meeting recording: [2019-05-28 RVMPO Policy Committee Meeting Audio](#)

1. Call to Order / Introductions / Review Agenda 00:00–02:37

2:03 p.m. | *Quorum*: Ashland, Central Point, Phoenix, Medford, Jacksonville, Jackson County, ODOT, RVTD

The agenda was adjusted to remove Action Item #5 due to the issue not being legally viable in Oregon.

2. Review / Approve Minutes 02:38–03:13

02:55 | *Jim Lewis moved to approve the April 23, 2019 policy committee meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Al Densmore.*

No further discussion.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Presentations

3. Multi-Modal Criteria and Methods for Project Selection 03:14–36:45

[Presentation](#) by Peter Schuytema, ODOT

Action Items

4. Public Advisory Council, Member Term Renewals 36:46–38:19

37:28 | *Al Densmore moved to approve the PAC member terms renewals for Jim Herndon and Robin Lee for the July 2019–July 2021 term. Seconded by Jim Lewis.*

No further discussion.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

~~5. Discussion and Approval for Chairman to Sign Letter to Congressman Peter DeFazio regarding Twin 33's~~

***Item removed from the agenda.*

Discussion Items

6. Public Comment 38:20–39:04

Regular Updates

7. MPO Planning Update 39:05–42:05

8. Other Business / Local Business 42:06–51:12

9. Adjournment

2:54 p.m.

Scheduled Meetings

RVMPD Policy Committee | June 25, 2019 | 2:00 p.m.

RVMPD TAC | June 12, 2019 | 1:30 p.m.

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



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DATE: June 18, 2019
TO: RVMPO
FROM: Ryan MacLaren, Senior Planner
SUBJECT: TIP Amendments

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 June 3rd 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. Remove Project from TIP: *North Couplet Pedestrian Crossing (Phoenix)* (KN 21020)

Description: Remove Project from the TIP. This is a fund exchange and not required to be in the STIP.

Project Name	Project Description	RTP Project Number	Air Quality Status	Key #	Federal Fiscal Year	Phase	Federal		Federal Required Match		Total Fed+Req Match	Other		Total All Sources
							\$	Source	\$	Source		\$	Source	
Phoenix														
North Couplet Pedestrian Crossing	Ped crossing & connection to Bear Creek Greenway with RRFB at 4th St & Main St and Bear Creek Drive.	634	Exempt (Table 2) Safety			Planning								\$ -
						Design					\$ -			\$ -
						Land Purchase					\$ -			\$ -
						Utility Relocate					\$ -			\$ -
				21020	2019	Construction	\$ 73,000	STBG (L)	\$ 27,000	Local	\$ 100,000			\$ 100,000
						Other					\$ -			\$ -
					Total FFY 18-21		\$ 73,000		\$ 27,000		\$ 100,000	\$ -		\$ 100,000



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DATE: May 15, 2018
TO: RVMPO Policy Committee
FROM: Ryan MacLaren, Senior Planner
SUBJECT: Reallocation of Discretionary STBG Funds – Ashland

The Policy Committee is being asked to consider approval of the following reallocation of discretionary STBG funds awarded to Ashland through the RVMPO. Below is a breakdown of the original funds awarded, the reallocation of the funds and the funds being returned to the MPO.

The RVMPO TAC has recommend approval to the Policy Committee to move funding from the Nevada Street to the Washington Street project with the following conditions: 1) the IAMP recommendation regarding the median extension to prevent left outs must be part of the completion of the project, and 2) an additional \$30,000 over the funding amount stated in the revised application should be approved.

The RVMPO PAC has recommend approval to the RVMPO Policy Committee of the Washington Street Extension to Tolman Creek Road as the proposed project substitution for the Nevada Street Bridge.

Applicant	Project Name	Originally Awarded Funds (STBG)	Reallocated Funds Requested (STBG)	Minimum Required Match	Project Total		Funds Available for Reallocation
Ashland	Washington Street Extension	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,029,945	\$ 117,882	\$ 1,147,827		\$ 470,055



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Attachment #4
(Agenda Item 5)

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June 25, 2019

The Honorable Elaine Chao, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

On behalf of the Rogue Valley MPO, I would like to express my support for the City of Medford's application to the U.S. Department of Transportation's FY2019 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) program. The City's request for \$20.5 million in grant funds would support vital improvements of southern Oregon's Foothill Road/North Phoenix Road "Mega-Corridor," enhancing access and resiliency of the entire region's transportation system.

The Corridor currently extends 11 miles through the center of Medford from neighboring rural communities northeast and south of the city, providing a critical connection for residential and commercial areas throughout southern Oregon. However, existing capacity of the Corridor is severely insufficient to accommodate current and growing traffic demands. As a result, many vehicles are forced to avoid the Corridor with inefficient routes that place stress and congestion on other roadways, particularly U.S. Interstate 5 and its interchanges. This creates delays and safety hazards for freight and local passenger traffic throughout the region.

Under the City's proposal, BUILD grant funds will be used to make strategic improvements and expansions along the corridor that will facilitate additional freight and passenger traffic with designated lanes for bicycles and pedestrians. In addition to improving access to existing residential and commercial destinations throughout the region, the project will enhance access to a planned employment campus and future crossing over Interstate 5. This corridor will also provide vital seismic resiliency in the event Interstate-5 is disabled by the forecasted earthquake along the Cascadia-Subduction zone.

Matched with over \$20 million in local funding, the requested BUILD grant will support rural economic growth, job creation, resiliency, traffic safety, and energy efficiency over the next 20 years. I strongly support the City's request and respectfully request your full and fair consideration of the benefits this project will provide for the rural southern Oregon region.

Sincerely,

Mike Quilty, Chair, RVMPO