

**Summary Minutes
Rogue Valley MPO Public Advisory Council
September 16, 2014**



The following attended the meeting:

MPO Public Advisory Council

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| Al Willstatter | Mass Transit | |
| David Chapman | Ashland | |
| David Lewin | Phoenix | 512-0436 |
| Edward Danehy | Senior Citizens | |
| Eric Heesacker | Talent | 455-7138 |
| Glen Anderson | East Medford | |
| Mark Earnest | Jacksonville | 899-8080 |
| Mike Montero | Freight | 779-0771 |
| Thad Keys | Talent | |

Staff

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| Jonathan David | RVCOG | 423-1338 |
| Bunny Lincoln | RVCOG | 944-2446 |
| Andrea Napoli | | |

Others Present

Mary Wooding

1. Call to Order/Introductions/Review Agenda -

With approval from the membership, Jonathan David called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

2. Review/Approve Minutes -

On a motion by Mike Montero, seconded by Ed Danehy, the May 20th minutes were approved as amended. Ed Danehy asked that Others Present make reference to Agenda Item #4. David Lewin Abstained.

On a motion by David Chapman, seconded by Eric Heesacker, the August 13th Special Meeting minutes were approved as presented.

3. Public Comment -

Ed Danehy referred to the May 20th meeting minutes, stating that a 20 year time frame for public comments and project implementation was too long. This comment was linked to Page 2, the last sentence in Paragraph #4.

Jonathan David explained that an RTP was a fiscally constrained plan covering a 20 year span. Typically, not all identified projects will prove to be viable over that time frame.

Mr. Danehy asked that the reference to “Seniors” be changed to read “Senior Citizens”.

The Council held a brief discussion on Light Rail, and the need for adequate funding and public subsidies.

4. RVMPO PAC Member Application –

Jonathan David presented Mary Wooding’s PAC application to the Council.

On a motion by David Lewin, seconded by Al Willstatter, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend Policy Committee approval of Mary Wooding’s application for membership on the PAC.

5. RVMPO Public Advisory Council Seats–

Jonathan David suggested including a Bike/Ped representative on the PAC (without reducing Medford’s representative numbers).

Glenn Anderson initiated discussion amongst Council members regarding the “carefully crafted” historic compromises made in creation of the PAC, distinct demographic differences between the member entities, and formulas for representation of the various member entities, taking a strongly articulated stand on leaving those formulas as they were previously adopted. Jonathan Davis voiced his support for this position, and confirmed that the PAC Bylaws stipulate that a quorum, currently eight (8), is based on number of members that have signed up. Mike Montero shared similar recollection of formulaic bylaws representation, and his recommendation that another position just be added to the PAC.

Jonathan David also suggested that a Health position, in addition to a new Bike/ped Council position, might be a worthwhile future consideration.

On a motion by David Chapman, seconded by Mike Montero, the Council voted unanimously to leave the current representation formulas as they stand, and create a 7th special interest group for Bicycles & Pedestrians.

6. MPO Planning Update –

- Jonathan David shared information on the Sept. 23rd (Grants Pass to Medford) commuter service inauguration celebration. Staff is working with Scott Chancy on a Gold Hill bus stop location at the Fire Station. ODOT is assisting with this item.
- Mr. Danehy asked that an official thank you be communicated to Scott Chancy, exclusively from the PAC, for his successful efforts to implement the JCT commuter service.

7. Other Business –

David Lewin asked how the Policy Committee knows what PAC recommends. Eric Heesacker commented that Staff always communicates with the Policy Committee on PAC issues. Jonathan David reiterated that he keeps them informed if something is important. The Committee also receives copies of the official PAC minutes.

Mike Montero addressed the PAC Bylaws, Art. #3, Section a., as associated the State revising plans (Oregon Highway Plan), and exactly what is a public health member? He mentioned that he thought the timing was good for the PAC to offer comments on this matter. Is it important to recognize that transportation investments may also benefit Public Health? Which are the most important benefits? Jonathan David asked of the PAC wanted Staff create definition for Public Health?

Jonathan David will provide a (draft) definition for the next PAC meeting.

The Strategic Assessment is coming up soon. Two meetings will be held (TAC and PAC special meetings). The dates will be announced later.

8. Public Comment -

Mary Wooding asked members to consider supporting for the RVTD tax initiative, currently on the November ballot.

9. Next Meeting -

The next meeting is scheduled for Nov. 18, 2014, in the RVCOG conference room, at 5:30 PM.

9. Adjournment -

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Prunty at 6:40 PM