

**Summary Minutes
Rogue Valley MPO Public Advisory Council
March 17, 2015**



The following attended:

MPO Public Advisory Council

Al Willstatter	Mass Transit	482-2807
Brad Inman	East Medford	734-5409
David Lewin	Phoenix	512-0436
Edward Danehy	Senior Citizens	858-0367
Eric Heesacker	Talent	455-7138
Mark Earnest	East Medford	899-8080
Mary Wooding	Ashland	482-1066
Michael Stanek	Eagle Point	821-1804
Mike Montero	Freight Industry	779-0771
Mike Stitt, Vice Chair	Phoenix	535-2504
Ron Holthusen	Jacksonville	878-3019
Thad Keays	Talent	774-8273

Staff

Jonathan David	RVCOG	423-1338
Sue Casavan	RVCOG	423-1360

Others Present

None

1. Call to Order/Introductions/Review Agenda

Mike Stitt, Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM. Council members welcomed new members Mary Wooding and Michael Stanek.

2. Review/Approve Minutes -

The Vice Chairman asked if there were any changes or additions to the January meeting minutes. Ron Holthusen said he was listed as 'Others Present', the meeting time should be changed to 5:35 PM, and change the year date on Page 2 to 2015.

On a motion by Al Willstatter and seconded by Mary Wooding, the Council unanimously approved the minutes with subsequent changes.

3. Public Comment -

Jonathan David informed members that David Chapman, Ashland representative had resigned.

4. Review Draft Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) 2015-2016 –

Jonathan David said the TAC and government agencies had reviewed the document, comments were submitted and included in the UPWP presented to the council this evening. He requested that PAC members get their comments back to him within a week.

Several members noted that the Public Advisory Council list was incomplete, some members were not listed.

Jonathan gave a brief summary of the UPWP work tasks and budget.

Ron Holthusen asked if the drop in revenue affected the ability of the organization to meet the MPO requirements without losing any services. Jonathan noted that there was a drop in state dollars and the smaller MPOs did not fare as well. There was a decrease in RVMPO funding and a slight increase in MRMPO funding.

Mary Wooding asked what it meant that there was no funding identified for transit. Jonathan responded that at this point there was no funding identified for transit. Thad Keays pointed out that the UPWP document was for transit planning purposes only.

Mike Montero mentioned that on Subtask 3.2 there was an obligation for the RVMPO to coordinate transportation planning to ensure the comprehensive plans for Regional Problem Solving (RPS) are consistent. Many of the jurisdictions are going through their urban growth boundary (UGB) amendment processes. The MPO was vested with the responsibility that local land use decisions did not compromise the capacity of our regional transportation system. Much like ODOT has an Interagency Management Plan (IAMP) and basically the plan goes in place before land use decisions are made by the locals. The reason is to ensure that local land use decisions do not consume that capacity important to the region. He asked if this was considered when allocating the budget for this item. Montero asked for updates on the air quality conformity document and Jonathan indicated that MPO staff is working on getting a Limited Maintenance Plan (LMP). Montero informed the council that the container firm at the Port of Portland had permanently withdrawn from Oregon and he had concerns that this might impact the air quality in the region. Jonathan noted that the MPO was well within the CO budget and did not think that would be an issue.

Members requested the PAC list be updated on Page 3. They asked what the procedure was for addressing member vacancies. Jonathan David responded that staff would notify the city and ask for another Ashland representative.

Jonathan David asked members for tentative approval and said the record would be open for a week for comments.

Mike Montero made a motion for approval contingent upon the recommendations from Federal Highway Administration and that the record is left open for 7 days for PAC input to staff.

Jonathan David noted that Federal Highway Administration had provided input.

Brad Inman seconded the motion. Council passed the motion unanimously.

Ed Danehy asked if the RVMPO brochures were available yet and Jonathan David said they will be worked on in the future, this calendar year. Danehy requested that they be available to PAC members for distribution.

Eric Heesacker pointed out that on Pages 44-45 there are acronyms that are great to carry around for reference.

5. Annual Listing of Obligated Projects 2014 –

Jonathan David informed members that the document was reviewed by the TAC and recommended for approval to the Policy Committee. He noted that a project will need to be added.

Mike Montero added that perhaps a brief summary of the purpose of the document would be helpful to the new members. Jonathan David gave brief explanation of funding sources. He noted that equity was considered.

Ron Holthusen asked if the new Middle Rogue MPO had any effect on funding and Jonathan David replied that there is less money with more MPOs.

Al Willstatter how much effect does the new MPO in Grants Pass have on this region, JD there is no direct influence.

Ed Danehy asked why Jacksonville showed up negative, JD unsure.

Mike Stitt both Talent and Phoenix are at zero, JD they have not applied for funding. Montero suggested that there might be a lack of local funds for some jurisdictions.

JD – staff will review the pie chart and look into adding the compressed natural gas fueling station project in White City.

David Lewin made a motion to approve the 2014 Annual Listing of Obligated Projects. Seconded by Al Willstatter with the caveat that the record would be kept open for 7 days. Council passed unanimously.

6. MPO Planning Update –

Jonathan David announced that there will be a Strategic Assessment public meeting on Wednesday, April 8 at 5:30 p.m.

7. Other Business -

Ron Holthusen asked members if they reported to any of their city staff or councilors, any reporting at meetings. Members shared information with their respective jurisdictions but did not do any formal reporting.

Mary Wooding informed members that RVTD will be out of funding in 2017. She asked members to encourage the public to support transit next time it makes it to the ballot. Mike Stitt felt that more public education might have been necessary.

8. Public Comment -

None received.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM.