Summary Minutes Rogue Valley MPO Public Advisory Council May 17, 2016



The following attended:

MPO Public Advisory Council		
Aaron Prunty	Eagle Point	864-9868
Edgar Hee	Bike/Ped	734-4872
Glen Anderson	East Medford	770-6577
Kay Harrison	Central Point	664-1066
Mary Wooding	Ashland	482-1066
Michael Stanek	Eagle Point	821-1804
Mike Montero, Vice Chair	Freight Industry	779-0771
Ron Holthusen	Jacksonville	899-8080
Staff		
Dan Moore	RVCOG	423-1361
Andrea Napoli	RVCOG	423-1369
Sue Casavan	RVCOG	423-1360

Others Present

Patrick McKechnie, Tom Humphrey

1. Call to Order/Introductions/Review

Mike Montero called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Members present introduced themselves.

2. Review/Approve Minutes

The Vice Chairman asked if there were any changes or additions to the March meeting minutes.

On a motion by Mary Wooding and seconded by Kay Harrison the Council unanimously approved the minutes as presented. Glen Anderson abstained.

3. Public Comment -

None received.

4. Public Advisory Council New Member Application

Patrick McKechnie introduced himself and informed members that he was interested in the Mass Transit member position. He sees potential for growth in the region and would like to share his experience.

On a motion by Glen Anderson and seconded by Ron Holthusen the council unanimously forwarded recommendation to appoint Patrick McKechnie to the Public Advisory Council representing Mass Transit.

5. Central Point Urban Reserve Area (CP-3)

Tom Humphrey, City of Central Point, gave a Power Point presentation. He gave an overview area concept plan. He mentioned that the planning commission would like to keep the plan flexible at this time.

He provided an overview of the transportation concerns.

Glen Anderson asked if the statewide goals were considered in the conceptual planning process and Humphrey noted that for the final plan statewide goals will be used for the final plan but the conceptual plan uses performance measures.

Mary Wooding asked when the process would start and Humphrey responded that the City Council will start the UGB amendment process in the fall.

Anderson mentioned that it might create more traffic by narrowing a road.

Edgar Hee noted that a cul-de-sac creates out of direction travel. Minimizing out of direction traffic is better for bicycles and pedestrians.

Kay Harrison agreed that the area was challenging for traffic flow. The area has many different uses for transportation and the city would like to consider the potential for economic development.

Montero said that adding land to the UGB doesn't mean you can urbanize it. The cities are thinking about adding land and looking at transportation options that will work.

Humphrey noted that the process involves the obligation to do forward planning for the Regional Problem Solving (RPS) process. Ron Holthusen asked if the plan considered future population from a transportation perspective and Humphrey indicated that there was an economic element to the plan that results in numbers and ratios.

On a motion by Glen Anderson and seconded by Mary Wooding the council unanimously forwarded comment from the council that the concept plan did a reasonable job in exploring land use and transportation options in Central Point.

6. MPO Orientation

Due to time constraints, the agenda item will be brought back at the next meeting. Moore asked that members review the handout and come back with questions.

7. MPO Discretionary Funds, Project Criteria Changes

Andrea Napoli gave a brief overview of the discretionary fund program. She briefly discussed the Surface Transportation Program (STP) block grant program and Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ) funding sources that MPO jurisdictions will be submitting project applications for. She briefly described changes to the application process brought about by the transportation needs assessment and alternative measures.

Hee suggested for Transportation Options, Item 3 that the region considers looking at more than linear miles for bike facilities.

Holthusen added that for Item 4 the region could include separated pathways for bike/ped facilities also.

8. MPO Planning Update

Napoli gave a Power Point presentation and updated members on the public input survey. It was noted that more outreach efforts could be targeted for White City and Eagle Point (Northern RVMPO).

9. Other Business

Montero briefly summarized the report document handout titled *One Oregon: A Vision for Oregon's Transportation System.* He noted that the report will help guide where funding will be allocated.

10. Public Comment

None received.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.