

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



The following attended:

**MPO Public Advisory Council**

Aaron Prunty, Chairman	Eagle Point	864-9868
Glen Anderson	East Medford	770-6577
Justin Hurley	Central Point	
Kay Harrison	Central Point	664-1066
Mary Wooding	Ashland	482-1066
Mark Earnest	East Medford	899-8080
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**

Dan Moore	RVCOG	423-1361
Sue Casavan	RVCOG	423-1360

**Others Present**

None

**1. Call to Order/Introductions/Review**

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

**2. Review/Approve Minutes**

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

**On a motion by Ron Holthusen and seconded by Mary Wooding the Council unanimously approved the minutes as presented.**

**3. Public Comment -**

None received.

**4. Public Advisory Council Member Renewal Applications**

The following PAC members are requesting renewal of their membership:

- Aaron Prunty, representing Eagle Point
- Brad Inman, representing East Medford
- Ron Holthusen, representing Jacksonville

**On a motion by Mike Montero and seconded by Mary Wooding the committee unanimously forwarded recommendation for appointment of the above members.**

Members suggested advertising in the newspaper for new members and post vacant positions on the website.

## 5. Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Goals and Policies

Dan Moore briefly reviewed the RTP Goals and Policies document. He presented comments from committees and they were incorporated into the goals and polices.

### Further Comments and Discussion:

Goal 1: Members questioned the word ‘sustain’ could be perceived as connected to funding, replace with maintain or foster, or just use ‘Design and develop...’ Make sure there is clear definition for the word “sustain”.

- Take subways out of the Goal 6 Potential Actions
- Edgar Hee Goal 2.4 specified time period, Kay Harrison liked the resilient piece and how to build locally in time of disaster

Aaron Prunty wondered if the document should match county policy and Harrison agreed that more coordination between different plans would be beneficial. Moore noted that he could add text about coordinating with other agencies to respond to incidents and make sure regional plans are coordinated with local emergency plans.

Montero added that is was similar to 3-3, reduce vulnerability.

Policies 2-3 and 2-4 discuss restoring general mobility and reducing vulnerability.

Ron Holthusen suggested the following: Add a policy to Goal 3 “Identify and incorporate into design and planning areas that represent features of historical value and community identity.” Add after communities in 3-4 ‘including green spaces and natural areas’. Glen Anderson agreed and mentioned that open space has been compromised and he thought it important to be specific. Harrison also agreed and added that in order to make density work more open space will be needed. Montero added that the Regional Problem Solving (RPS) mandated open space to be adopted into the plans and those land use decisions are already happening.

Mike Stitt noted that RPS was related to land use and wondered if it was beyond the scope of the MPO. Prunty thought 3-5 related more to transportation and that open space would relate more to planning. Members agreed to leave text additions to staff discretion but to let the TAC know that the PAC was concerned about green spaces.

Holthusen suggested for Goal 6, Potential Actions second bullet to change to ‘Establish parking-space standards that are proportional to infill development, promoting community livability and economic development’. Members agreed it is the policy of the state to reduce parking standards but do not think it works in a real world.

Insurance companies not approve, for shared parking space

Goal 8: Holthusen noted that freight was part of the goal but wondered if adding consideration for commercial delivery would be beneficial. Moore thought that would be addressed at the municipal level.

**On a motion by Ron Holthusen and seconded by Mike Stitt, the council unanimously forwarded recommendation for adoption with the above suggested additions.**

## 6. MPO Planning Update –

Moore gave a brief overview of the Regional Transportation Plan update. MPO staff will be working on the project list and updating the travel demand model.

ODOT and DLCDD will give a presentation in January on the Strategic Assessment draft report.

Members requested that an Executive Summary for the Strategic Assessment be sent out before the presentation, if possible.

ODOT will be coming in January to give presentations on the Bicycle/Pedestrian plan.

**7. Other Business -**

Montero and Justin Hurley briefly described the first compressed natural gas (CNG) fueling station to be developed in White City and noted that it was partially funded with MPO support.

**8. Public Comment -**

Holthusen asked if there was any kind of committee studying transportation planning for self driving cars.

**9. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Prunty at 7:00 p.m.