

**Summary Minutes
Rogue Valley MPO Public Advisory Council
March 15, 2016**



The following attended:

MPO Public Advisory Council

Aaron Prunty	Eagle Point	864-9868
Brad Inman	East Medford	734-5409
Edgar Hee	Bike/Ped	734-4872
Kay Harrison	Central Point	664-1066
Mark Earnest	East Medford	899-8080
Mary Wooding	Ashland	482-1066
Michael Stanek	Eagle Point	821-1804
Mike Montero, Vice Chair	Freight Industry	779-0771
Ron Holthusen	Jacksonville	899-8080
Thad Keays	Talent	774-8273

Staff

Andrea Napoli	RVCOG	423-1369
Ryan MacLaren	RVCOG	423-1338
Dan Moore	RVCOG	423-1361
Sue Casavan	RVCOG	423-1360

Others Present

Jason Darrow, Jon Michael Polich, Louise Shawkat

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 January meeting minutes.

On a motion by Mary Wooding and seconded by Aaron Prunty the Council unanimously approved the minutes as presented.

3. Public Comment -

None received.

4. Public Advisory Council New Member Applications

Jason Darrow introduced himself and informed members that he was interested in the Ashland member position. He added that he presently works for the Providence Management Group and noted his previous committee experience. He enjoys working with transportation-related issues.

Jon Michael Polich (Michael) introduced himself and informed members that he was interested in the Public Health position. His background includes the extensive study of policy issues to inform and aid decision

makers.

On a motion by Kay Harrison and seconded by Mary Wooding the council unanimously forwarded recommendation to appoint Jason Darrow and Michael Polich to the Public Advisory Council.

5. Transportation Needs Assessment for Traditionally Under-Served Populations

Andrea Napoli gave a Power Point presentation. She briefly explained the definition of under-served populations and gave an overview of the document chapters identifying location of populations and the varying transportation needs.

She noted that the RVMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) suggested using five years of crash data in place of the one year that was presented and she will update the maps to reflect the changes.

Some members questioned the low income area in Ashland and Napoli mentioned that census tract data was used to begin the analysis. Mike Montero added that it was a good place start but for decision-making it will be necessary to look more closely at the indicators.

The twelve 'Areas of Concern' were presented with the main findings. Napoli briefly explained the community survey and results obtained, noting that a good public transit system was the highest priority. Kay Harrison thought it interesting that transit was priority as there is no stable funding and the public does not support it at the voting polls.

Part of the study looked at a fair share of funding dollars that were invested as a whole, transit not included. Napoli pointed out that the low income areas were a little low on the funding distribution.

Thad Keays brought up the fact that 50% of MPO funds are allocated to transit and suggested adding it to the report.

Napoli mentioned that the TAC would like to use it as project evaluation criteria and help in revising the project scoring system. She asked members for suggestions on how and where the information could be shared or used. Member suggestions included:

- Housing authorities
- School Districts
- Employment agencies
- Public health such as Asante and Providence
- Habitat for Humanity, Northwest Seasonal Worker, ACCESS

Members agreed that the report was practical and helpful and a document that could be used for planning purposes. Montero noted that this report could help when projects are being submitted to the agencies for funding by identifying what needs will be met with the projects.

6. Annual Listing of Obligated Projects 2015

Ryan MacLaren gave a Power Point presentation on the Obligated Projects document and informed members that MPOs are required each year to publish a list of projects showing project type, amount, and distribution of funds.

On a motion by Ron Holthusen and seconded by Kay Harrison the council unanimously forwarded recommendation for approval to the Policy Committee.

7. Review Draft Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) 2016-2017

Dan Moore gave a brief overview of the work program. He discussed the attachment in the agenda packet that included proposed dues on a per capita rate using the Portland State University (PSU) population data. He added that the TAC recommended approval of dues as proposed and the use of the dues monies.

Brad Inman asked how it compared with the previous dues and Moore responded that the only increase was from the population increase.

On a motion by Brad Inman and seconded by Ron Holthusen the council unanimously forwarded recommendation for approval of MPO dues and the anticipated use of funds (Table 2) to the Policy Committee.

Montero thought it might be helpful to the PAC to get something like an MPO 101 basic training as a future agenda item. There is a lot of discussion about air quality maintenance issues and it might help members understand how current planning elements are applied to projects in the MPO.

Moore continued with a brief outline of the current work tasks and budget. He explained the various work tasks in greater detail and discussed the funding sources for tasks.

On a motion by Ron Holthusen and seconded by Kay Harrison the council unanimously forwarded recommendation for approval of the UPWP and budget.

8. MPO Planning Update

Moore informed members that the Strategic Assessment was completed. Inman asked if the inflation issue got forwarded for change in the Strategic Assessment and Moore responded that he would send out an email with update on the Strategic Assessment inflation computation.

9. Other Business

None received.

10. Public Comment

Louise Shawkat was in attendance and expressed possible interest in becoming a member. She commented that she would like to see transportation treated as a utility and she had interest in climate change and greenhouse gas issues in the valley.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.