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## AGENDA

### Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization Public Advisory Council

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**Date:** *Tuesday, July 18, 2017*

**Time:** *5:30 p.m.*

**Location:** *Jefferson Conference Room  
RVCOG, 155 N. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Central Point  
Transit: served by RVTD Route #40*

**Contact:** *Stephanie Thune, RVCOG: 541-423-1368  
RVMPO website: [www.rvmppo.org](http://www.rvmppo.org)*

<b>1</b>	<b>Call to Order / Introductions / Review Agenda</b>	<b>Mike Montero, Chair</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Review / Approve Minutes</b>	<b>Chair</b>
<i>Attachment</i>	#1   RVMPO PAC Draft Minutes 170523	
<b>3</b>	<b>Public Comment</b> <i>*Three minute limit for each speaker</i>	<b>Chair</b>
<b>Action Items</b>		
<b>4</b>	<b>PAC New Member Application</b>	<b>Ryan MacLaren</b>
<i>Background</i>	Diana Shiplet (Phoenix) has submitted a new member application for the Public Advisory Council.	
<i>Attachment</i>	#2   PAC Membership Chart #3   Application for Diana Shiplet (Phoenix)	
<i>Action Requested</i>	Forward recommendation for approval to the Policy Committee.	

5	CMAQ Redistribution	Chair
Background	Discussion and decision-making related to CMAQ funding issues.	
Attachment	None.	
Action Requested	Forward recommendation(s) to the Policy Committee.	
Discussion Items – None for July 18 Meeting		
Presentations		
6	“GIS at RVCOG”	Nikki Hart-Brinkley
Background	Geographic Information Systems help to inform decision-making. An overview of how GIS is used here at the COG will be given.	
Attachment	#4   GIS Presentation Slides	
Action Requested	None; information only.	
7	“What Are MPOs?”	Karl Welzenbach
Background	Presentation on history of MPOs and what they are.	
Attachments	None.	
Action Requested	Information only.	
8	MPO Planning Update	Karl Welzenbach
9	Other Business	Chair
10	Public Comment	Chair
11	Next Meeting The next PAC meeting is scheduled for September 19, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. in the Jefferson Conference Room at RVCOG.	Chair

<b>12</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>	<b>Chair</b>
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- The next RVMPO PAC meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 19, at 5:30 p.m.** in the Jefferson Conference Room, RVCOG, Central Point.
- The next RVMPO Policy Committee meeting will be **Tuesday, July 25, at 2:00 p.m.** in the Jefferson Conference Room, RVCOG, Central Point.
- The next RVMPO TAC meeting will be **Wednesday, August 9, at 1:30 p.m.** in the Jefferson Conference Room, RVCOG, Central Point.

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, IF YOU NEED SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING, PLEASE CONTACT RVCOG, 541-664-6674. REASONABLE ADVANCE NOTICE OF THE NEED FOR ACCOMMODATION PRIOR TO THE MEETING (48 HOURS ADVANCE NOTICE IS PREFERABLE) WILL ENABLE US TO MAKE REASONABLE ARRANGEMENTS TO ENSURE ACCESSIBILITY TO THIS MEETING.

**Summary Minutes  
Rogue Valley MPO Public Advisory Council  
May 23, 2017**



The following attended:

Involvement Area	Appointee	Phone Number
Ashland	Mary Wooding	482-1066
Jacksonville	Ron Holthusen	944-5040
Medford (East)	Glen Anderson	770-6577
Medford (East)	Mark Earnest	899-8080
Talent	Thad Keays	774-8273
Special Interest	Appointee	Phone Number
Freight Industry	Mike Montero, <b>Chair</b>	779-0771
Mass Transit	Patrick McKechnie	621-2003
Public Health	Michael Polich	608-3802
Staff		
RVCOG	Dan Moore	423-1361
RVCOG	Ryan MacLaren	423-1338
RVCOG	Stephanie Thune	423-1368
Others Present		
Organization	Name	Phone Number
PAC Applicant   Medford (West)	Jim Herndon	840-0741
PAC Applicant   Senior	Robin Lee	773-7185

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

- Chair Montero called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.
- Introductions were made; two PAC applicants were welcomed: James Herndon (West Medford), and Robin Lee (Senior).
- Review of the agenda yielded the following: In Karl Welzenbach's absence, Dan Moore would provide commentary for *Item 5 | CMAQ Funding Update*, while *Item 8 | "What Are MPOs?"* would be postponed to the July 18 meeting.

**2. Review / Approve Minutes**

The Chair asked if there were any additions or corrections to the previous meeting minutes.

**On a motion by Mary Wooding, seconded by Ron Holthusen, the minutes of the March 21, 2017 meeting were approved as presented.**

*The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.*

**3. Public Comment**

None voiced.

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**Action Items:**
**4. PAC New Member Applications**

Ryan MacLaren presented applications from James (Jim) Herndon and Robin Lee, expressing their desire to represent (respectively) West Medford and the Senior special interest group on the RVMPO PAC. Herndon and Lee shared their specific interests and goals in joining the committee.

**On a motion by Glen Anderson, seconded by Michael Polich, the PAC moved to recommend approval to the RVMPO Policy Committee of Robin Lee being appointed to fill the Senior interest group vacancy on the RVMPO PAC.**

*The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.*

**On a motion by Glen Anderson, seconded by Ron Holthusen, the PAC moved to recommend approval to the RVMPO Policy Committee of Jim Herndon being appointed to fill the West Medford vacancy on the RVMPO PAC.**

*The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.*

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**Discussion Items:**
**5. CMAQ Funding Update**

Dan Moore provided a brief background of CMAQ for the prospective committee members, highlighting the following:

- CMAQ funds are federal funds provided for areas that have demonstrated air quality attainment issues; awarded funds are to be used for transportation projects aimed at improving air quality.
- The Rogue Valley MPO has been eligible for CMAQ funds since the early 1990s.
- The Salem and Eugene MPOs have recently become eligible to receive CMAQ funds. Since the federal funding levels for Oregon CMAQ are not being increased, these two MPOs' eligibility will result in a reduction in available CMAQ funds for all Oregon MPOs (now numbering five, instead of three).
- The state is not technically required to distribute CMAQ funds to the MPOs; it can decide to

keep up to 100% of the funds for itself. Historically, however, Oregon has distributed the funds across the existing MPOs.

Moore explained that work group sessions have been taking place over the past several months to design a new CMAQ funding distribution formula that is equitable and agreeable to all five MPOs. Formula design factors include population, severity of air quality issues (degrees of CO and PM<sub>10</sub>), degree of non-attainment, and technical aspects of proving conformity. So far, consensus has not been reached.

Karl Welzenbach and Mike Quilty (RVMPO Policy Committee Chair) have been participating in the work groups and emphasizing the Rogue Valley's uniquely challenging air quality issues and corresponding degree of non-attainment. It is unknown, however, how much impact such information is making as the work group members continue to disagree over formula design. The groups will make one more attempt to reach consensus on June 2; if they are unsuccessful, the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) will render a decision at their June 15 meeting.

One factor in the funding design stalemate is the fact that, as of October 1, 2017, Portland will have achieved CMAQ attainment status. Federal regulations declare that, despite reaching attainment, MPOs do remain eligible to receive CMAQ funds. However, they lose their eligibility to actually *spend* the funds, since CMAQ funds may only be spent on projects to help reach attainment or help maintain air quality in designated maintenance (non-attainment) areas. Despite work group requests, the feds have remained silent regarding the interpretation of the regulations.

## **6. Information Related to Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments**

Ryan MacLaren provided background related to the RTP and TIP documents/requirements for the prospective new members present. He then presented eight proposed amendments to the 2015-2018 TIP; a detailed memo was provided for review. It was noted that a 21-day public comment period – during which time no comments were received – was advertised on May 2 in the Medford Mail Tribune and posted on the RVMPO website.

At their May 10 meeting, the RVMPO TAC voted unanimously to recommend approval of the proposed amendments to the RVMPO Policy Committee. However, shortly before today's RVMPO Policy Committee meeting, ODOT advised MacLaren to strike the proposal for amendment "F: OR62 Corridor Solutions Unit 2 Phase 3 (*Medford*) (KN 21015)," since the start date for that item has been delayed to the 2018-2021 TIP time frame.

Earlier today, the RVMPO Policy Committee approved the RTP/TIP amendments with the removal of *Amendment F*.

As a point of order at the conclusion of the discussion, Mike Montero explained that TIP project proposals come in the form of MPO member jurisdiction applications, which are then evaluated, prioritized, etc. during the funding selection process.

## **7. Critical Urban Freight Corridor (CUFC) Update**

Dan Moore reported that ODOT is updating its freight plan and designations of critical urban freight corridors. Oregon is planning to add 77 new miles to its urban freight system, with those miles being allocated throughout the state on a formula developed with input from Oregon MPOs.

Based on a formula developed with Oregon MPO input, Portland will be receiving 34.6 of the 77 miles, leaving 42.4 for the non-Metro Oregon MPOs. Table 2 in Moore's memo (provided for review) detailed the specific allocations, showing that the RVMPO will receive a 5.2 mile share. With the initial requirement to apply the CUFC miles exclusively to TIP projects, RVCOG staff worked in conjunction with ODOT to identify eligible mileage segments; these segments were then shared with the TAC at their May 10 meeting.

However, subsequent to TAC input (the committee did not agree with the idea of applying for freight funds for projects already fully-funded in the TIP), and a decision by ODOT to expand project selection criteria to RTP projects, a new allocation schedule was created (ref. Table 4, provided), accompanied by a map and project details.

With these new mileage areas from RTP projects designated and Policy Committee approval, which was received today, the RVMPO will proceed to submit the 5.2 miles to compete for project funds (\$80 million available in freight funds through the Fast Act, available in Fall 2017) for the CUFC segments.

#### **8. "What Are MPOs?"**

Presentation postponed to July 18 meeting.

#### **9. MPO Planning Update**

Moore reported that, although both the MRMPO and RVMPO met ODOT's deadline for 2018-2021 TIP approval, ODOT subsequently changed items in its Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). As a result –and since the two documents' projects must match identically – ODOT is requesting that both MPOs re-adopt (not amend) their 2018-2021 TIPs to include the previously omitted STIP projects. The TIP re-adoptions will be taking place next month at the June 15 MRMPO and June 27 RVMPO Policy Committee meetings.

#### **10. Other Business**

Chair Montero shared background information related to the state transportation bill currently being drafted by the Joint Committee. Essentially, the Governor appointed a joint committee of Senators and Representatives to travel through Oregon visiting various groups to conduct a transportation needs assessment. After reporting their findings to the Governor, she divided the committee into four subgroups tasked with jointly developing the state transportation plan, which should be drafted into a bill soon.

#### **11. Public Comment**

None voiced.

#### **12. Next Meeting**

The next PAC meeting is scheduled for July 18, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in the Jefferson Conference Room at RVCOG.

#### **13. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

**Scheduled Meetings:**

RVMPPO TAC | Wednesday, June 14 @ 1:30 p.m.

RVMPPO Policy Committee | Tuesday, June 27 @ 2:00 pm

RVMPPO PAC | Tuesday, July 18 @ 5:30 pm





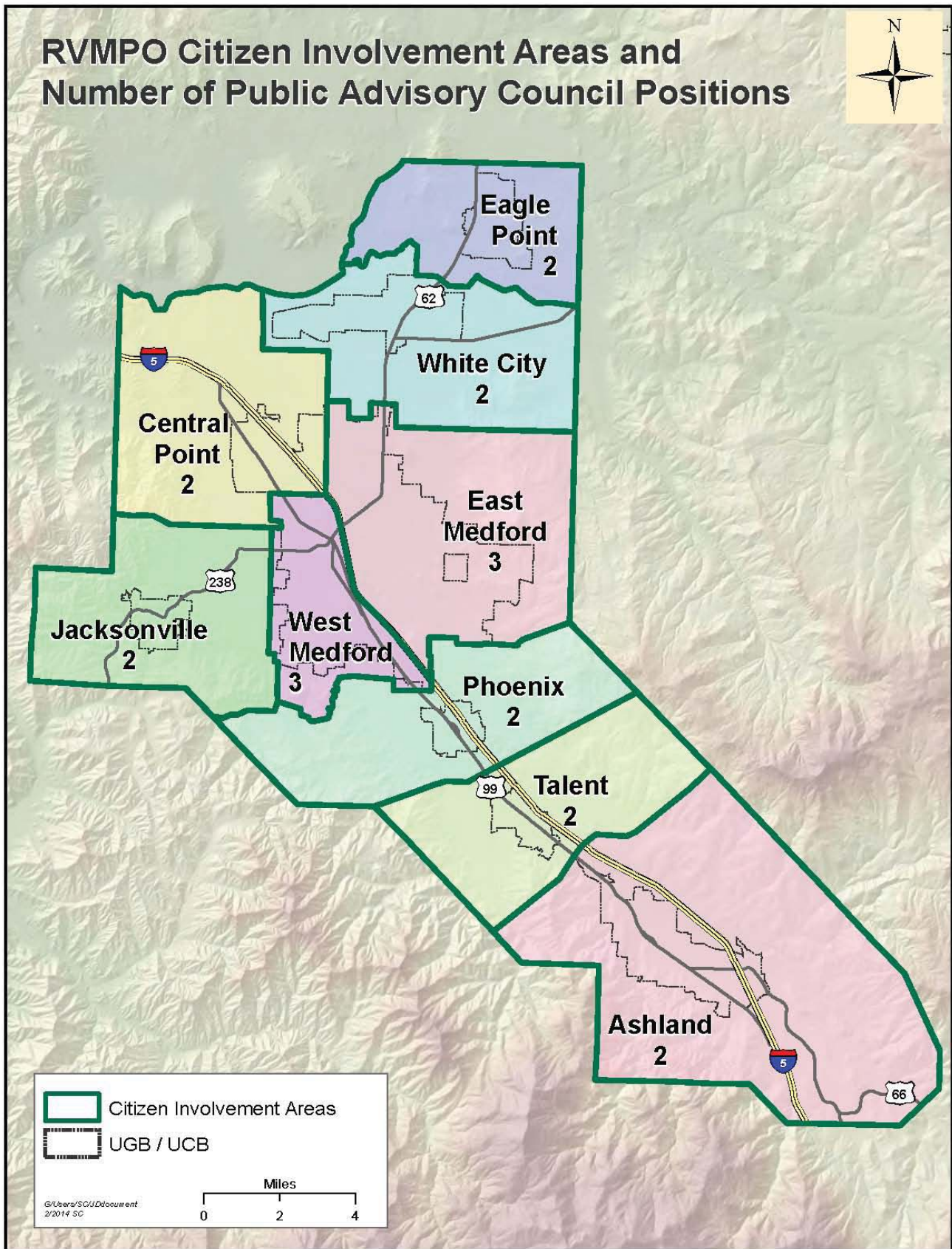
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Metropolitan Planning Organization**  
**Regional Transportation Planning**

Ashland • Central Point • Eagle Point • Jacksonville • Medford • Phoenix • Talent • White City  
Jackson County • Rogue Valley Transportation District • Oregon Department of Transportation

**Public Advisory Council Membership  
July 2017**

Citizen Involvement Area	# PAC Positions	Appointee
Ashland	2	1) Mary Wooding (Jan 2017-Jan 2019) 2) Jason Darrow (March 2016-March 2018)
Central Point	2	1) Larry Martin (March 2017 –March 2019) 2)
Eagle Point	2	1) Aaron Prunty (Jan 2017-Jan 2019) 2) Mike Stanek (Feb 2017-Feb 2019)
Jacksonville	2	1) Ron Holthusen (Jan 2017-Jan 2019) 2)
Medford	6	
East Medford	3	1) Glen Anderson (Feb 2017-Feb 2019) 2) Brad Inman (Dec 2015-Dec 2017) 3) Mark Earnest (Feb 2017-Feb 2019)
West Medford	3	1) Jim Herndon (July 2017 – July 2019) 2) 3)
Phoenix	2	1) <b>Applicant:</b> Diana Shiplet (to be considered at 7/18/17 mtg) 2)
Talent	2	1) Thad Keays (Feb 2017-Feb 2019) 2)
White City	2	1) 2)

Special Interest Positions	# PAC Positions	Appointee
Bicycle / Pedestrian Interest	1	Edgar Hee (Feb 2017-Feb 2019)
Freight Industry	1	Mike Montero (Feb 2017-Feb 2019)
Low Income Community Interest	1	
Mass Transit	1	Patrick McKechnie (June 2016-June 2018)
Minority Community Interest	1	
Public Health	1	Michael Polich (March 2016-March 2018)
Senior	1	Robin Lee (July 2017 – July 2019)



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Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Rec'd: \_\_\_\_\_

Appointed: Yes No

Appointment Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Term Ended Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**ROGUE VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
(RVMPO)**

**Public Advisory Council (PAC)  
Membership Application**

**Return Application to:**

Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Rogue Valley Council of Governments  
P.O Box 3275 Central Point, OR 97502  
541-664-6674 ext 360 | [www.rvmppo.org](http://www.rvmppo.org)

**Email return to:** [sthune@rvcog.org](mailto:sthune@rvcog.org)

*For background about the Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization and the role of the Public Advisory Council go to our website, [www.rvmppo.org](http://www.rvmppo.org)*

**PLEASE PRINT**

**Personal Information:** *Please circle one* (Mr. / Mrs. / **Ms.**)

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Phoenix, OR 97535)

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**About PAC membership...**The Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization Public Advisory Council (PAC) makes recommendations on transportation planning issues to the RVMPO's Policy Committee. PAC members are appointed by the Policy Committee to two-year terms, representing one of the RVMPO's regional areas of interest. The PAC has positions for both geographic and issue-specific interests. Appointments are based on an applicant's ability to represent one of the geographic or issue-specific interests.

- To represent one of the **Geographic Areas** listed below and illustrated on the attached RVMPO map, you must live, own property or operate a business within that area. You do not have to live within city limits. (Please refer to the RVMPO map, or call 664-6674 ext. 360, for clarification.)
- **Issue-Specific Positions** represent the freight industry, mass transit, low-income citizens, minorities, senior citizens, public health, and bicycle/pedestrian. Low-income and minority representatives do not have to be low income, or a racial minority, but would advocate for the concerns of those communities. Special-interest representatives may live, own property, or operate a business anywhere within the RVMPO.

**Please indicate below the Geographic Area, or special interest that you would represent. Select only one from the following list, section (A) or (B) below.**

**A. Geographic Area** (*see Citizen Involvement Area map on the last page*):

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|---|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ashland            | <input type="checkbox"/> Central Point | <input type="checkbox"/> Eagle Point  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jacksonville       | <input type="checkbox"/> East Medford  | <input type="checkbox"/> West Medford |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phoenix | <input type="checkbox"/> Talent        | <input type="checkbox"/> White City   |

- B. Special Interest Area:** ☐ Freight industry    ☐ Mass Transit    ☐ Minority
- ☐ Low Income Citizens    ☐ Senior Citizens    ☐ Bicycle/Pedestrian
- ☐ Public Health

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**1. What experience, interest, knowledge or qualifications would you bring to the Public Advisory Council?**

The bulk of my experience to date has come from working for the City of Ashland for eleven years (and for the City of Santa Rosa, CA for three years prior). During that time I have seen the policy decisions which have been made by RVMPO and other regional boards and their effect on the communities of the Rogue Valley. I appreciate that all these decisions have been hard, particularly with the wide-scope of needs and the even wider-variety of communities which make up our valley, and think that for the most part those decisions have been positive. I hope that my viewpoint, as both a resident of Phoenix and an employee in Ashland, can be a useful perspective for the group.

**2. Why do you want to become a member of the Public Advisory Council?**

My interest in becoming a member is two-fold. First, I would like to represent the citizens of Phoenix, in order to give my community a voice in the transportation-related policies. Secondly, and probably most importantly, I know that there are many issues facing the Rogue valley which can only be solved by those communities working together. These issues range from affordable mass-transit options, seismic resilience of roads and bridges, new technologies/options for vehicles, and how to provide safe, non-vehicle connections (bike/walk paths) between communities. I would like to offer whatever assistance I can in working through these challenges as a member of the PAC.

**Signature:**

Diana R. Shiplet

**Date:**

May 26, 2017

**Thank You!**



## **POLICY STATEMENTS REGARDING CITIZEN APPOINTMENTS**

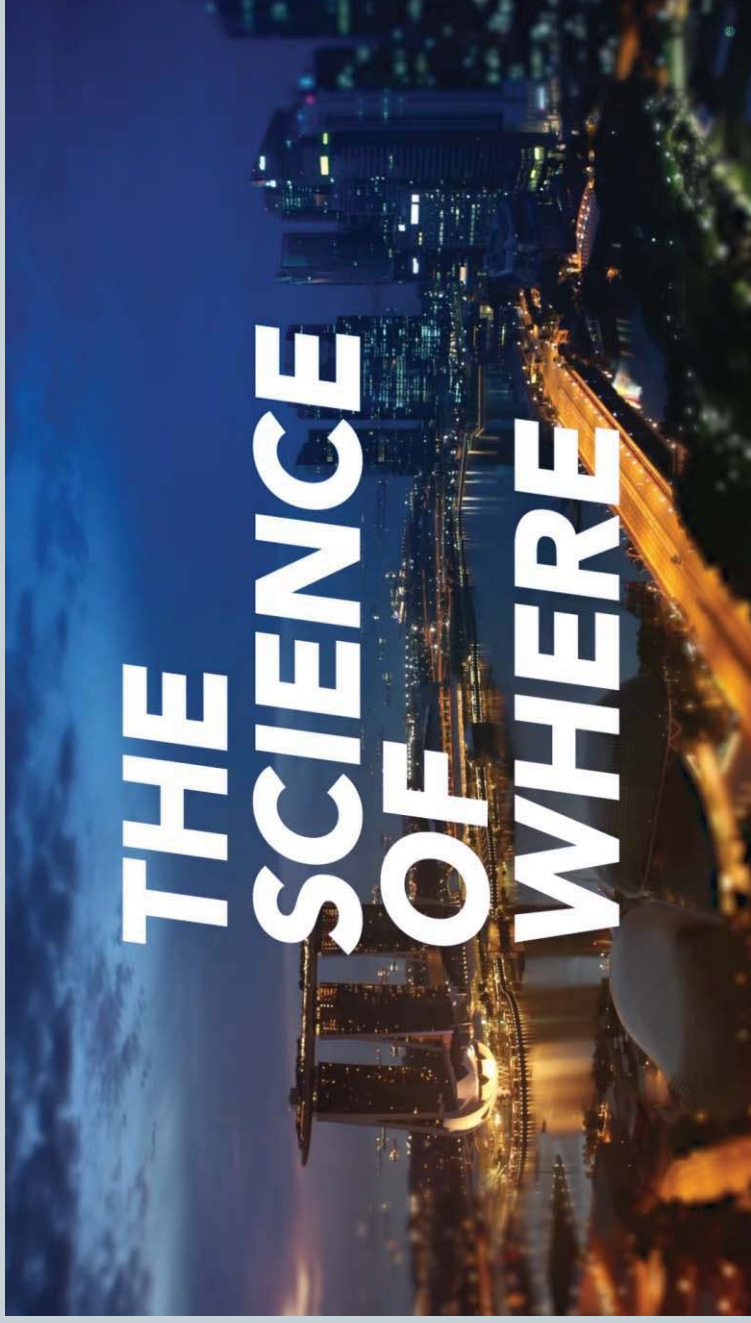
- The council consists of representatives from Citizen Involvement Areas within the RVMPO and special interests. There are nine Citizen Involvement Areas with at least two members possible from each area, representing a population of up to 25,000. An additional position is created when an area exceeds 25,000 in population. The council may have as many as six at-large members, one each representing the following: freight industry, mass transit, minority citizens, low income citizens, senior citizens, public health, and bicycle/pedestrian.
- Members of the council must reside, own property, or operate a business within the Citizen Involvement Area that they represent.
- Public Advisory Council members will be approved by the RVMPO Policy Committee.
- Vacancies on the PAC shall be publicly announced. Potential members shall submit a statement of interest. When more than one person applies for a position, selection shall be based on maintaining a broad cross section of interests on the council. If no one responds to the public announcement, staff and PAC members may solicit to groups or individuals to fill membership vacancies.
- Selection of council members shall be conducted through RVMPO's established application process, meeting the nondiscrimination requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Executive Order 12898.
- The term of office shall begin the day the member is appointed to the council and shall continue for two years, except that such term of office shall terminate immediately upon:
  - a. Relocation outside the RVMPO, or the Citizen Involvement Area that the member represents; and
  - b. Unexcused absence from three regularly scheduled, consecutive meetings.

**Please Note: These policy statements are from Public Advisory Council bylaws.**

**Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization map attached. Boundaries of Citizen Involvement Areas are illustrated. Medford has two Citizen Involvement Areas divided by Interstate 5.**

**For more information call: Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization, Rogue Valley Council of Governments, 514.423.1360**

# GIS: Geographic Information Systems



# What is GIS?



## Mapping and Spatial Analysis Software:

- **Capture**
- **Manage**
- **Analyze**
- **Display**



# How Does GIS Work?

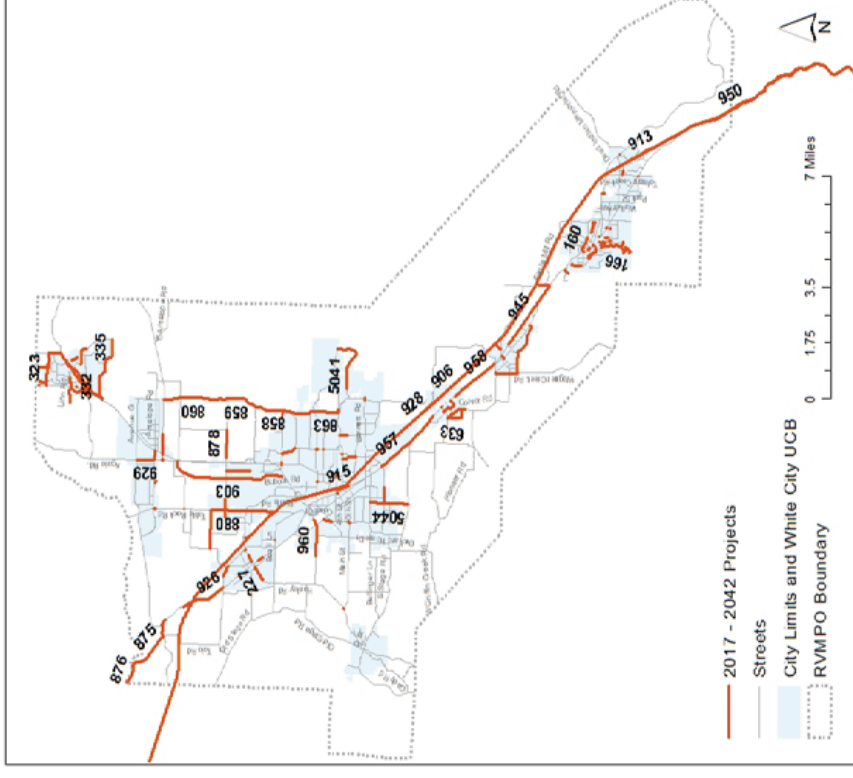
## 5 Steps:

- **Ask**
- **Acquire**
- **Assess**
- **Analyze**
- **Act**



Are currently  
planned road  
projects in the  
RVMPO  
helping to  
address  
future  
roadway  
congestion?

RVMPO Approved RTP Projects 2017 - 2042



## Step 1: Ask



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Is the data already available or do we need to create it?

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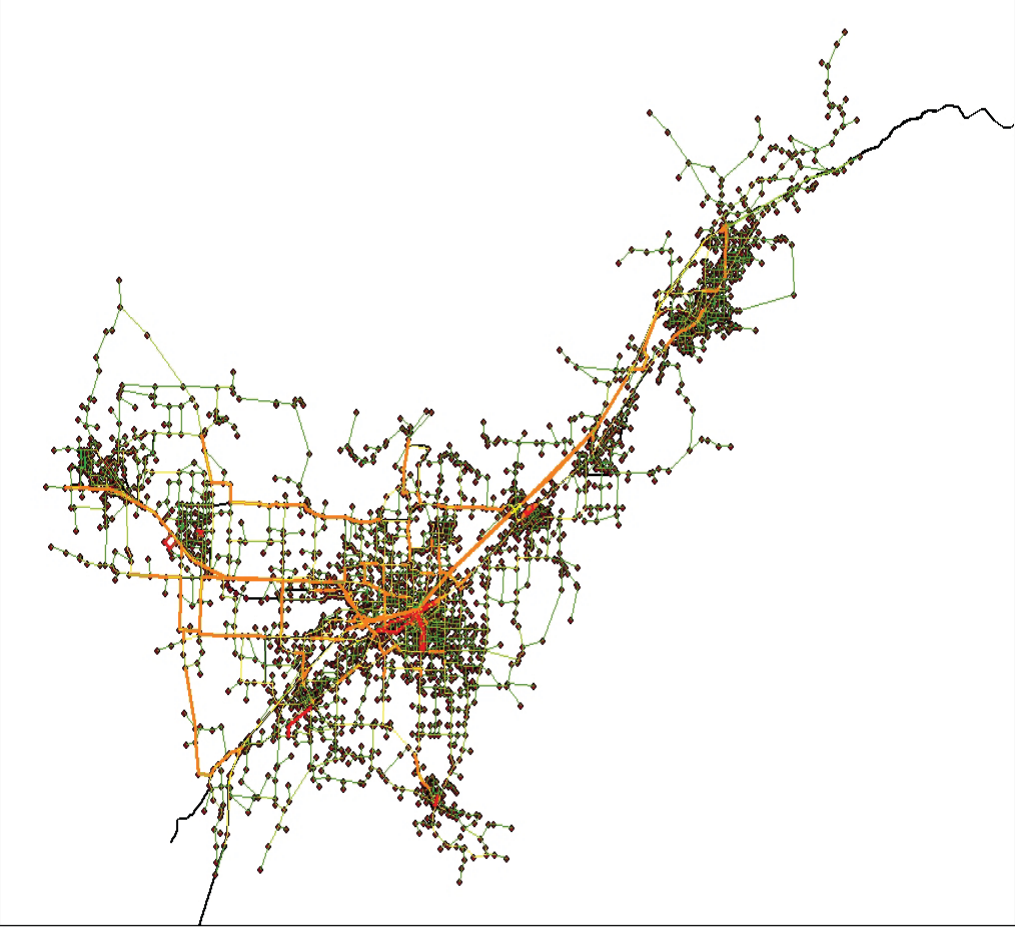
## Step 2: Acquire



Is the data  
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Is the data  
appropriate  
for this use?

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data be  
“cleaned” for  
use?



## Step 3: Assess

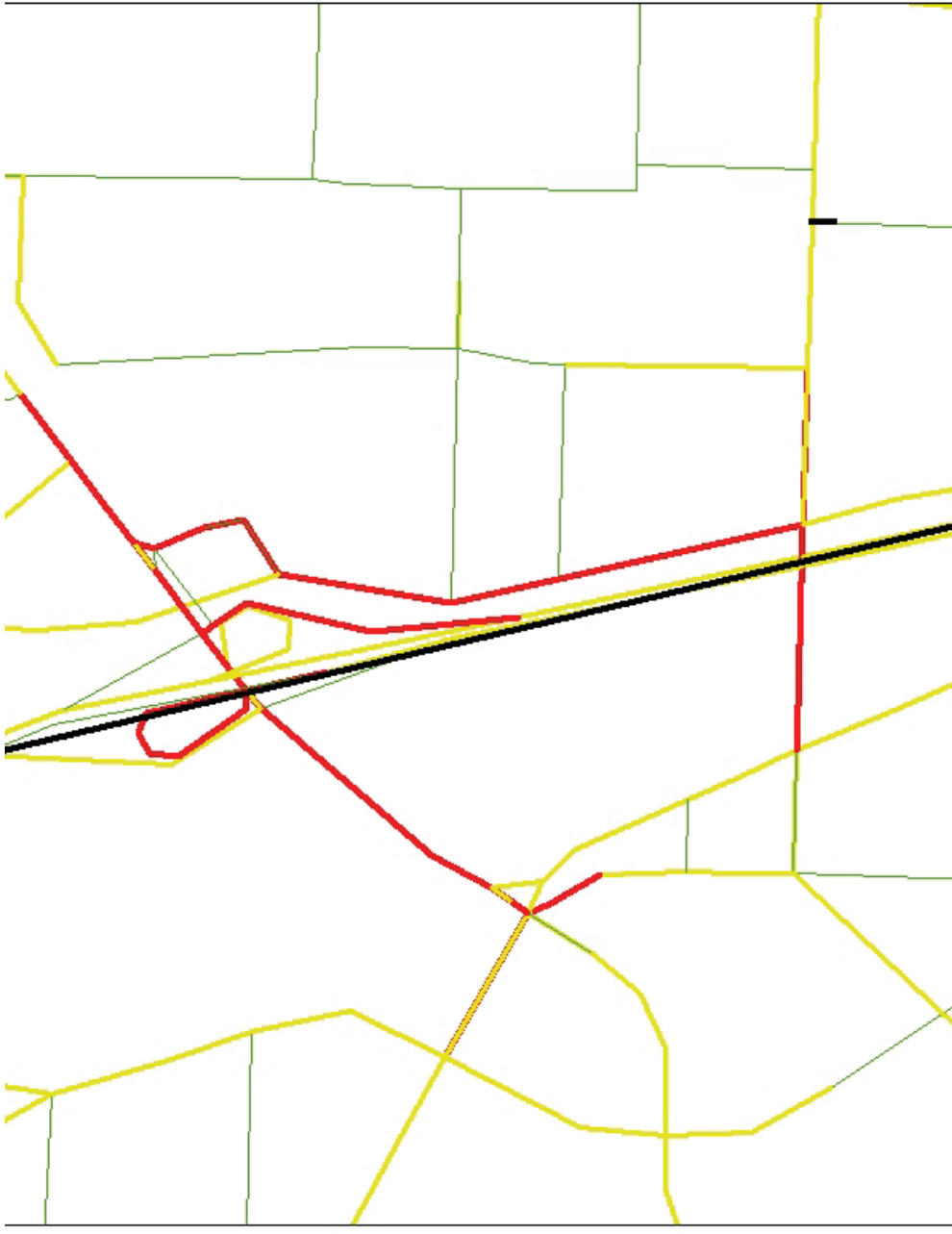


Where are we planning projects?

Where are demand-to-capacity rates problematic now?

Where are demand-to-capacity rates problematic in the future?

Are our projects addressing current and future congestion?



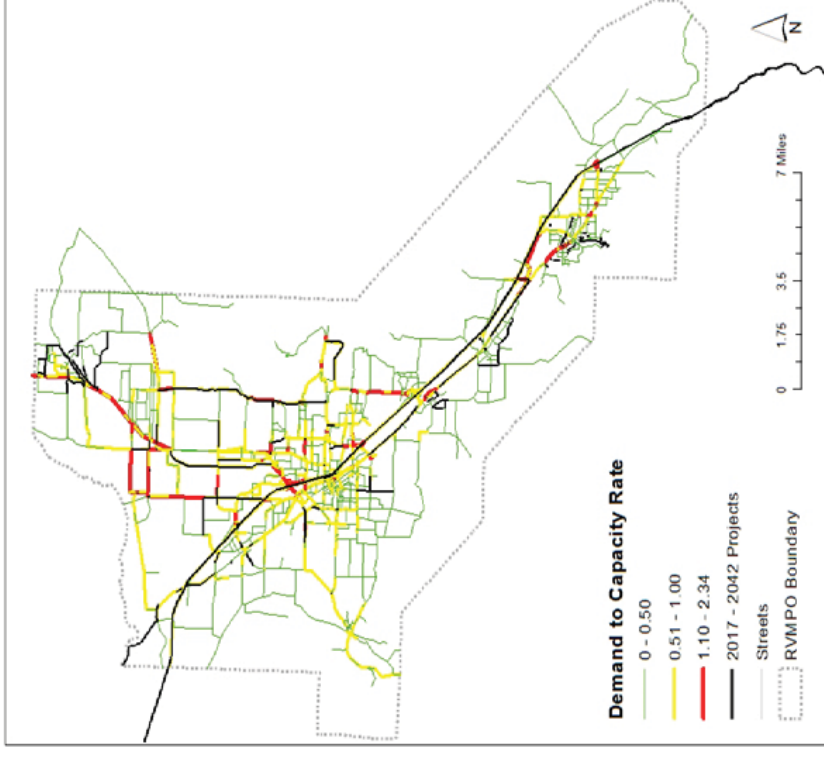
## Step 4: Analyze



How can we best visualize this data for stakeholders?

How can we use this data to inform policy?

**Demand to Capacity: 2042 Build Scenario**



## Step 5: Act