

**Summary Minutes
Rogue Valley MPO Public Advisory Council
March 21, 2017**



The following attended:

RVMPO Public Advisory Council

Edgar Hee	Bike/Ped	734-4872
Mary Wooding	Ashland	482-1066
Mike Montero, Vice Chairman	Freight	779-0771
Michael Polich	Public Health	608-3802
Michael Stanek	Eagle Point	821-1804
Thad Keays	Talent	

Staff

Ryan MacLaren	RVCOG	423-1369
Karl Welzenbach	RVCOG	
Bunny Lincoln	RVCOG	944-2446
Dan Moore	RVCOG	

Others Present

Ray DiPasquale	Phoenix
Larry Martin	Central Point

1. Call to Order/Introductions/Review

Chairman Montero called the meeting to order at 5:37 pm.

2. Review/Approve Minutes

The Chairman asked if there were any changes or additions to the minutes of the previous meeting (1/17/17).

On a motion by Michael Stanek, seconded by Thad Keays, the Council unanimously approved the minutes as edited on a voice vote.

3. Public Comment – None

4. Public Advisory Council New Member Application

The PAC members were presented with the application for a new member:

Agenda Attachment: #2 – Application for Larry Martin – Central Point

Mike Montero offered comment and positive recommendation on Mr. Martin's credentials.

On a motion by Mary Wooding, seconded by Michael Polich, the Council unanimously recommended Larry Martin for PAC appointment (representing Central Point) to the Policy

Committee.

5. Recommend Adoption of 2042 RTP, 2018-21 TIP & Air Quality Conformity

Dan Moore offered an explanation of the three documents being presented, and how they function as part of regional and State Plans. He also spoke of the need to meet air quality conformance standards, as they relate to regional transportation projects. The population threshold for required coordination is 50,000 (as determined by the PSU census.) The MPO Policy Committee, USDOT, ODEQ, EPA and LCDC are all involved in approving the documents.

The RTP functions on a four (4) year cycle, and addresses all modes of transportation. All the projects must be fiscally constrained, meet clean air requirements and be either federally funded or regionally significant.

Mr. Moore gave a Power Point presentation on the three referenced documents. Along with explanatory overviews of each:

2017-42 RTP -

- Chapter 1 – Introduction (Overview, RVMPO, Plan Contents, Plan Consistency)
- Chapter 2 – Goals & Policies (Goals, Policies, Potential Actions, Performance Indicators)
- Chapter 3 – Public Involvement (RTP Planning Process & Public Participation, including a survey rating graph)
- Chapter 4 – Planning Area Characteristics (Demographics, Employment Characteristics with pie charts comparing the RMPO and MRMPO area employment related travel patterns)
- Chapter 5 – Regional Transportation System Management/Options, Air & Rail, Multi-Modal Safety/Security, Land Use Nexus)
- Chapter 6 – Air Quality (Conformity, CO (Medford UGB) & PM10 (Medford-Ashland AQMA))
- Chapter 7 – Environmental Considerations (Considerations in Planning(avoiding/managing negative impacts), Environmental Justice)
- Chapter 8 – Plan Implementation (RTP Projects, Selection Criteria, RTP Project List)
- Chapter 9 – Financial Plan (Required Fiscal Constraints, Funding Availability, Source Identification, Accounting for Inflation, Revenue Sources (Charts provided for Street Systems & Transit)
- Chapter 10 – Future Conditions (Travel Demand Modeling (population/Employment Forecasting, RVMPO Model)

Other Information Covered:

- Mode Share (RVMPO v4.2 Model)
- Future Congestion
- 2017 & 2042 Estimated Congestion Maps (Comparisons of increases to 2042)

Air Quality Conformity Determination –

Demonstrating that RTP implementation will meet State & Federal requirements

- Carbon Monoxide (CO) (EPA approved Limited Maintenance Plan in September, 2016)
- PM10 (Particulates & Transportation Control Measure (TCM – Approved Street Sweeping Program)) The EPA, USDOT, DEQ and ODOT were consulted and agree on conformity for the time being because of the benefit to air quality. Analysis were done with/without transit. (RVTD is forecasting future funding reductions.)

2018-21 Transportation Improvement Program –

- 4- year MPO investment program
- RTP/RTP Consistency
- TIP includes Federally funded and regionally significant projects
- Projects meet Clean Air Act (AQCD)
- TIP approved by Governor & part of Statewide STIP

Attachments: Documents can be viewed online: <https://www.rvmop.org/index.php/ct-menu-item-17>

On a motion by Michael Stanek, seconded by Mary Wooding, the PAC recommended Policy Committee approval of the 2042 RTP, 2018-21 TIP & Air Quality Conformity The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Mike Montero explained why the Policy Committee didn't approve Medford's Foothills project in the TIP Project List, and stressed that the good of the region must be considered when making recommendations to the Policy Committee. He also shared that the role of the PAC was important as part of the public participation component when making future recommendations for Policy Committee consideration.

6. Draft FY 2018 Unified Planning Work Program

Karl Welzenbach explained the Work Program process, and the various Tasks. Mike Montero also added additional facts about the need for meeting approval deadlines on the work program in order to meet federal requirements. If conformity is not met, funding can be lost. He also spoke about how the funding was disbursed between Jackson and Josephine Counties. Dan Moore talked about the MPO's role in RPS, and associated expansions in to Urban Reserve lands. The MPO reviews expansion plans and comments back to the specific jurisdiction involved on transportation plans.

The **Work Program** includes:

- Transportation Planning Funds by Source and Activity
- Work Tasks (Program Management, Short & Long Range Planning, Data Development, and Transit)
- 2016 UPWP Status, 2017-18 Proposed Program Activity

Karl Welzenbach explained staffing, operational expenses and that there were additional funds added to the budget for new administrative staff, and that Long Range Planning had decreased significantly because the RTP is now going into a "maintenance" mode for the next four (4) years. ODOT Region 3 will be adding \$12,000 under Item 3.3 to be used for the Alternative Measures Analysis. The Committee is expected to finalize this matter in April. **The total budget is \$446,446.** The Long Range Planning total is **\$59,822.**

On a motion by Edgar Hee, seconded by Michael, the PAC recommended RVMPO Policy Committee approval of the Draft FY 2018 Unified Planning Work Program

The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

7. MPO Planning Update –

- CMAQ funding is being reduced due to the addition of Eugene and Salem to the group of MPOs eligible for funds. The RVMPO is anticipating a 47% cut in funds. Statewide Advisory Council is reviewing four options to redistribute the funding. Karl Welzenbach is part of the Council, and will report back to the PAC. Existing MPO amounts

will remain the same for a few more years until undistributed funds have been exhausted. The RVMPO and Portland are the only MPOs that are required to do air quality conformity, in maintenance, and having vehicle emission inspections, which may give them a stronger case for receiving funding.

8. Other Business - There was no other business.

9. Public Comment - There were no public comments.

10. Next Meeting

The next PAC meeting is scheduled for **May 16, 2017**, in the RVCOG conference room, at 5:30 PM.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM

Meeting schedule:

RVMPO TAC	Wed., April 12, 2017 @ 1:30 PM
RVMPO Policy	Tues., March 21, 2017 @ 2:00 PM