

**Summary Minutes
Rogue Valley MPO Public Advisory Council
January 17, 2017**



The following attended:

RVMPO Public Advisory Council

Glen Anderson	East Medford	770-6577
Kay Harrison	Central Point	664-1066
Mary Wooding	Ashland	482-1066
Ron Holthusen	Jacksonville	944-5040
Mark Earnest	East Medford	899-8080
Mike Montero, Vice Chairman	Freight	779-0771
Edgar Hee	Bike/Ped	734-4872
Aaron Prunty	Eagle Point	864-9868
Patrick McKechnie	Mass Transit	621-2003

Staff

Ryan MacLaren	RVCOG	423-1338
Karl Welzenbach	RVCOG	
Bunny Lincoln	RVCOG	944-2446

Others Present

Scott Fleury	Ashland
Ray Di Pascale	Phoenix
Paige Townsend	RVTD
Robert Miller	Eagle Point

1. Call to Order/Introductions/Review

The Vice Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

2. Review/Approve Minutes

The Chairman asked if there were any changes or additions to the minutes of the previous meetings (7/19/16 and 9/20/16). The July minutes were edited to reflect the correct spelling of Karl Welzenbach's name.

On a motion by Mary Wooding , seconded by Ron Holthusen, the Council unanimously approved the minutes as edited on a voice vote.

3. Public Comment - None

4. Election of 2017 Chair & Vice Chair

Chairman –

On a motion by Mary Wooding seconded Glen Anderson, the Council unanimously elected Mike Montero as 2017 Chairman. Subsequent to the voice vote, the nominations were closed.

Vice Chairman –

On a motion by Kay Harrison, seconded by Glen Anderson, the Council unanimously elected Edgar Hee as 2017 Vice Chairman. Subsequent to the voice vote, the nominations were closed.

5. Public Advisory Council Member Application

Chairman Montero went over the Council membership list to determine which positions needed to be reappointed.

On a motion by Kay Harrison, seconded by Ron Holthusen, the PAC recommended Policy Committee reappointment of Mary Wooding, Mike Montero, Edgar Hee, Aaron Prunty, Glen Anderson and Ron Holthusen to the PAC. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Staff will contact Mike Stanek, Justin Hurley, Brad Inman and Thad Keays to determine their interest in being reappointed to the Council.

6. Discretionary Funding Project Presentations

Mike Montero pointed out that the various project presentations needed to be considered on a regional level, rather than on the benefits to a Council member's specific jurisdiction.

Karl Welzenbach led a workshop-style session where applicants seeking federal funds had an opportunity to present their projects and answer questions from PAC members. Based on the information provided in both the presentations and the agenda packet (TAC project ranking sheet, project scoring sheet, and funding tables), the PAC made recommendations to the RVMPO Policy Committee on project ranking for the 2019-2021 Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program funds.

Staff's presentation included the evaluation of applications for RVMPO discretionary funds. Staff seeks the PAC's input on the project evaluations, as some criteria are subjective and open to staff interpretation. The goal of this agenda item is to gain general PAC consensus on the project scoring. Results of the staff review and scoring were included in **Agenda Attachment #4 - Table 2**. The projects and the amounts were listed in **Agenda Attachment #4 - Table 1**.

The various projects were presented in Power Point formats by representatives of each agency/jurisdiction. The information shared included maps, photos and narrative overviews (funding sources, match \$, ROW acquisitions, engineering, design, road sharing, environmental constraints, agency/jurisdictional partnerships, transportation options, etc.). The presenters also responded to questions from Council members.

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Presenter</u>	<u>Project</u>
• Eagle Point	Robert Miller	Royal Ave Improvements, Design & ROW
• Ashland	Scott Fleury	Chip Seal
• Phoenix	Ray DiPascale	Phoenix North Couplet Pedestrian Crossing

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| • RVTD | Paige Townsend | RVTD Bus Replacement X3 – Diesel to CNG |
| • RVTD | Paige Townsend | RVTD Trip Reduction Program |
| • Central Point | Karl Welzenbach | W. Pine St. Reconstruction, Glenn Way to Brandon Ave |
| • Jackson County | Karl Welzenbach | Expo Parking Lot Paving |
| • Jackson County | Karl Welzenbach | Foothill Rd. – Delta Waters to Dry Creek |
| • Jackson County | Karl Welzenbach | Bear Creek GW - Hwy 140 Shared -Use Path |
| • Medford* | Karl Welzenbach | Foothill Rd – Cedar Links to Delta Waters |

*(Project has issues because it is not in Medford’s TSP and the RVMPO RTP must be adopted in March)

Applicant Supplied Data

Staff relied on data supplied by each applicant to perform the evaluation. In cases where information was not supplied or was not clear, staff made assumptions based on the project description.

Staff’s presentation documents included a chart of **Evaluation Measures – Goals & Project Funding Criteria** for each category which delineated RVMPO Goals, 2013-34 RTP Goals, MPO Requirements (23 CFR, Part 450.306, Evaluation Criteria and how each Criteria was measured.

CMAQ Qualification included CO (Medford UGB) and PM₁₀ (RVMPO Area). CMAQ Program Priority covered Diesel Retrofit and Congestion Reduction.

The **CMAQ Project Descriptions** included:

Ashland –

Project Name: Chip Seal
Applicant: City of Ashland
Date of Analysis: December 22, 2016

Project Description

The project entails grading, prepping and chip sealing approximately 44,903 square yards of dirt road within the Ashland City limits on a number of sections of various residential roadways. The chip seal project proposed is a double shot chip seal with a fog seal. The base course will be 1/2" and the top course will be 3/8". The project will also involve geotechnical analysis of the road sections to determine if drainage is appropriate. In addition roads that serve truck traffic will include an additional 6" of base material added for structural support. Total project length is 9.04 miles or 47,732 lineal feet.

Central Point –

Project Name: West Pine St. Reconstruction: Glenn Way to Brandon Ave.
Applicant: City of Central Point
Date of Analysis: December 22, 2016

Project Description

West Pine Street is currently a two lane minor arterial with no bike lanes, no sidewalks and steep drainage canals on either side of the street. Existing conditions also reflect a lack of access control and the need for the

construction of a continuous center left turn lane. Proposed improvements include widening West Pine Street between Glenn Way and Brandon Ave to include sidewalks on both sides of the street, curb and gutter on both sides, bike lanes on both sides, two paved travel lanes and one continuous left turn lane. Drainage will also be installed/upgraded

Eagle Point -

Project Name: South Royal Ave Improvements
Applicant: City of Eagle Point
Date of Analysis: December 22, 2016

Project Description

The proposed project would add 6-foot bike lanes and 6-foot sidewalks, pedestrian scale lighting, drainage, and pavement rehabilitation on S. Royal Avenue from Loto Street to Highway 62. Left-turn lanes would be added at key intersections, and parking would be proposed as funding allows. The project would revise the intersection at Old Highway 62 and Royal Avenue. A new drainage system would be provided throughout the project limits, including two box culverts. Landscaping will be added at each block (bulb out sections). The funding year is flexible.

Jackson County -

Project Name: Jackson County Expo Parking Lot Paving
Applicant: Jackson County
Date of Analysis: December 22, 2016

Project Description

The project will pave two existing parking areas at the Jackson County Expo as shown in the attached map. The Event Hall paving will result in approximately 70 spaces and the Amphitheater paving will result in approximately 110 spaces. These spaces are used approximately 90 days per year, with use expected to increase over time. The paving of these parking areas is included in the Jackson County Expo Master Plan and will improve air quality due to reduction in PM₁₀.

Jackson County -

Project Name: Foothill Rd: Delta Waters Rd to Dry Creek Rd
Applicant: Jackson County
Date of Analysis: December 22, 2016

Project Description

Foothill Road within the project limits is a narrow (24') roadway that carries 6,300 vehicles a day with no shoulders, a substandard alignment, a crash history and no bike or pedestrian facilities. The proposed project will add 7' shoulders for bikes and pedestrians and as a recovery area for vehicles running off the road, improve the alignment, and add left turn lanes at Devils Garden Rd, Coker Butte Rd and Dry Creek Rd. This project is included in the RTP, the Jackson County Comp Plan, and the revised Jackson County TSP when adopted this winter.

Jackson County -

Project Name: Bear Creek Greenway Hwy 140 Shared Use Path
Applicant: Jackson County
Date of Analysis: December 22, 2016

Project Description

Jackson County proposes to construct an approximately 1.1-mile paved shared use path that will parallel Highway 140 from Dean Creek Road to the tunnel under Highway 140 at Blackwell Road. The path will be built in conjunction with the ODOT Highway 140 project which will improve the roadway from the 7 Oaks Interchange to Blackwell Road. The 10' wide path will be constructed 10' from the edge of roadway and will provide a family-friendly route for people walking and biking on the Bear Creek Greenway.

Medford -

Project Name: Foothill Rd – Cedar Links to Delta Waters
Applicant: City of Medford
Date of Analysis: December 22, 2016

Project Description

Construct Foothill Road from Cedar Links Drive to Delta Waters Road to City of Medford major arterial standards. The roadway will include two travel lanes for northbound and southbound traffic along with bike lanes, planter strips (where applicable) and sidewalks in each direction. Either a center turn lane or raised median will also be constructed. The project length is approximately 2,400 LF and will provide approximately 4,800 LF of bike lanes and sidewalks.

RVTD -

Project Name: Replace 1998 Diesel Fleet with CNG Vehicles
Applicant: RVTD
Date of Analysis: December 21, 2016

Project Description

RVTD currently operates three (3) 1998 Diesel Gillig Buses in regular service and is applying for funds to replace the buses with three (3) 2018, 2019 or 2020 Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Vehicles. The replacement will provide more reliable transit service, offer fewer mechanical issues and improve air quality.

RVTD -

Project Name: Individualized Marketing Trip Reduction Program
Applicant: RVTD
Date of Analysis: December 22, 2016

Project Description

RVTD houses the region's Transportation Options program providing resources and services to improve mobility and decrease single-occupant vehicle trips (SOV). ODOT's Transportation Options Plan identifies 'Individualized Marketing' programs (IM) as being effective in reducing between 5-15% SOV trips. RVTD has successfully administered an IM at Southern Oregon University and is seeking funds to launch a residential program in FY 2018. The program will be along the Route 10 corridor with the community and neighborhood to be determined.

Projects ranked #1-6 were recommended by the Technical Advisory Committee for funding.

Rank	Jurisdiction/Agency	Project Name
1	Central Point	West Pine
2	JACO	Foothill
3	Phoenix	North Couplet
4	Ashland	Ashland Chip Seal
5	Eagle Point	South Royal
6	JACO	140 Greenway
7	Medford	Foothill
7	RVTD	Busses
7	RVTD	Trip Red. Program
7	JACO	EXPO Parking

All projects are eligible to be reconsidered at a future date. Medford's Foothills project is in the RTP as a three (3) lane project, but the application calls for five (5) lanes, Medford's preferred scenario for acquisition. The Policy Committee will make the ultimate decision on project selection. While the PAC cannot do exactly what they would like to do, they are able make comments at a later date. For reasons of expediency and meeting time constraints, forwarding of the TAC recommendations, as well as those of the PAC was determined to be the appropriate route at this time.

On a motion by Kay Harrison, seconded by Glen Anderson, the PAC conditionally recommended to the Policy Committee that, once the RTP has been properly vetted, the MPO will revisit the selection criteria and process for awarding CMAQ funding to the various projects, and, at a date to be determined, provide an opportunity to apply for additional, CMAQ only, projects . The motion included the PAC's consensus that Medford's Foothills corridor is a regional arterial of vital importance to the future of southern Oregon.

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

On a motion by Mike Montero, seconded by Mary Wooding, the PAC requested the RVMPO Policy Committee write letter on behalf of RVTD in support of RV Transit District participation in the Volkswagen settlement in order to purchase additional busses.

Paige Townsend shared that RVTD would follow up on the specific details of applying for a portion of Oregon's share of the (\$60 million) Volkswagen settlement.

The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

7. MPO Planning Update –

- The state is updating their freight plan with various funding designations, including “Critical Urban Freight Corridors” Staff is submitting a list of COG recommendations for routes to
- Eugene and Salem have been awarded three (3) years of redistributed CMAQ funds, with other jurisdictions being held harmless. After that, a new funding distribution method will be worked out.

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 **March 21, 2017**, in the RVCOG conference room, at 5:30 PM.

11. Adjournment

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Meeting schedule:

RVMPO TAC	Wed., Feb. 8, 2017 @ 1:30 PM
RVMPO Policy	Tues., Jan. 24, 2017 @ 2:00 PM