### AGENDA

# Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization Public Advisory Council



Date: Tuesday, September 18, 2018

*Time:* 5:30 p.m.

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

Contact: Rebecca Swanz, RVCOG: 541-423-1375 RVMPO website: <u>www.rvmpo.org</u>

1	Call to Order / Introductions / Review Agenda	Mike Montero, Chair			
2	<b>Review / Approve Minutes</b>	Chair			
Attachment	#1   <u>RVMPO PAC Draft Minutes 180717</u>				
3	Public Comment       Chair         *Three minute limit for each speaker       Chair				
Presentations					
4	"All Ages and Abilities"	Gary Shaff			
Background	This presentation by Siskiyou Velo board member Gary Shaff and President, Harlan Bittner is a concise overview of the National Association of City Transportation Officials' <u>Designing for All Ages and Abilities</u> . The "all ages and abilities" design shifts the paradigm from the realm of the "strong and fearless" to an everyone–and everyday–mode of travel. The presentation hopes to contribute to existing efforts to make the Rogue Valley's transportation system "safe and convenient" for all modes and all people.				
Attachment	<ul> <li>#2   Change in Demand with Safe and Convenient Bike Facilities</li> <li>#3   Bike Mode Share—Experience from Other Cities</li> <li>#4   AJPH Safer Cycling through Improved Infrastructure</li> <li>#5   Side Streets Bikeways Document</li> </ul>				
Action Requested	None				

Action Items				
5	Public Participation Plan Update	Ryan MacLaren		
Background	The RVMPO Public Involvement Plan was updated and adopted by the Policy Committee in May 2014. Staff reviewed the current plan and made some revisions. Proposed revisions to the attached plan are in track changes.			
Attachments	#6   <u>Revised Public Participation Plan</u>			
Action Requested	Review and discuss the draft revised plan and recommend approval of the revised plan to the Policy Committee.			
6	Information Related to 2017-2042 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment(s)			
Background	The Policy Committee will hold a public hearing at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 25, 2018 to consider adoption of the proposed RTP and TIP amendment(s). The 21-day public comment period and public hearing was advertised on September 2 in the Medford Mail Tribune, and information is currently available on the RVMPO website.			
Attachment	#7   Memo: <u>RTP/TIP Amendments</u>			
Action Requested	Forward recommendation to Policy Committee.			
Regular Upd	lates   Standing Items			
7	MPO Planning Update	Karl Welzenbach		
8	Other Business	Chair		
9	Public Comment Chair			
10	Next Meeting The next PAC meeting is scheduled for November 20, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. in the Jefferson Conference Room at RVCOG.	Chair		
13	Adjournment	Chair		

- The next RVMPO PAC meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday**, **November 20**, at **5:30** p.m. in the Jefferson Conference Room, RVCOG, Central Point.
- The next RVMPO Policy Committee meeting will be **Tuesday**, **September 25**, **at 2:00 p.m.** in the Jefferson Conference Room, RVCOG, Central Point.
- The next RVMPO TAC meeting will be **Wednesday**, **October 10**, **at 1:30 p.m.** in the Jefferson Conference Room, RVCOG, Central Point.

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# Summary Minutes Rogue Valley MPO Public Advisory Council July 17, 2018

The following attended:

Involvement Area	Appointee	Phone Number
Ashland	Mary Wooding	482-1066
Central Point	Jennifer Boardman	630-0387
Central Point	Larry Martin	664-3778
Jacksonville	Ron Holthusen	944-5040
Medford (East)	Brad Inman	734-5409
Medford (East)	Glen Anderson	770-6577
Medford (East)	Mark Earnest	899-8080
Medford (West)	Haley Cox	971-241-3058
Medford (West)	Jim Herndon	840-0741
Phoenix	George "Ike" Eisenhauer	512-1053
Special Interest	Appointee	Phone Number
Freight Industry	Mike Montero, Chair	779-0771
Senior	Robin Lee	773-7185
	Staff	·
RVCOG	Ryan MacLaren	423-1338

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Full meeting recording: 2018-07-17 RVMPO PAC Meeting

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### 1. Call to Order / Introductions/ Review Agenda 00:00 - 03:54

5:35 p.m.

### **2. Review / Approve Minutes 19:52 – 20:15**

\*Discussed and approved after Agenda Item #5 due to initial lack of quorum representation at beginning of the meeting.

**19:55** | Mary Wooding moved to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2018 meeting as presented. Jim Herndon seconded.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

### **3. Public Comment** 20:16 – 20:17

\*Discussed after Agenda Item #5 due to initial lack of quorum representation at beginning of the meeting.

### Action Items

### 4. Public Participation Plan 20:18 - 1:00:17

**22:30** | PAC members various PPP update suggestions that were made.

**41:20** | PAC members moved to defer the approval of Revised Public Participation Plan until the next Public Advisory Council meeting on Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at 5:30pm.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**57:52** | Haley Cox moved to recommend the approval of the New Member Application from Dylan Moncus for the Low Income Community Interest RVMPO PAC Special Interest position. Jennifer Boardman seconded.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

### **Discussion Items**

None scheduled for July 17, 2018.

### Presentations

None scheduled for July 17, 2018.

### **Regular Updates**

### 9. MPO Planning Update 03:54 - 19:51

14:46 | Jim Herndon moved to recommend the RVMPO PAC draft a letter of support for the grant application by the City of Medford for a Build Grant for construction on the Freight Corridor of S Stage RD/Phoenix RD/Foothills RD Freight Corridor that is part of the Oregon Freight Plan. Motion seconded by Robin Lee.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

### 10. Other Business

- 11. Public Comment 01:00:18 01:08:27
- **12. Next Meeting** 01:08:28 01:08:32
- **13.** Adjournment 01:08:33 01:08:36 6:44 p.m.

### **Scheduled Meetings:**

RVMPO TAC | Wednesday, August 8, 2018 @ 1:30 p.m. RVMPO Policy Committee | Tuesday, July 24, 2018 @ 2:00 pm RVMPO PAC | Tuesday, September 18, 2018 @ 5:30 pm

### Change in Demand with Safe and Convenient Bike Facilities

#### (before and after experience)

US Cities are highlighted. It should be noted that there is no indication of the extent of the connecting bike network associated with the protected bike lanes cited below. If they are isolated and do not connect to an "all ages and abilities" network the impact on bike ridership can be diminished. It is like building a freeway without on-ramps. No one can use it.

In 2007, the city of Seville, Spain, rapidly connected a network of protected bike lanes. They grew the bike network from 7.5 miles of protected bike lanes in 2006 to 94 miles in 2013. During the same time period the number of bike trips grew 435 percent from 3 million in 2006 to more than 16 million in 2013. At the same time, the risk of being involved in a crash with a motor vehicle dropped 61 percent. *R. Marqués and V. Hernández-Herrador - <u>On the effect of networks of cycle-tracks on the risk of cycling:</u> <i>The case of Seville* 

38 percent of people biking on Sherbourne Street in Toronto switched to biking for that trip after Sherbourne got a protected bike lane. Of those, 24 percent switched from driving. People taking longer trips and people over age 40 were more likely to make a car-to-bike switch. *Raymond Ziemba, Raktim Mitra, Paul M. Hess* - <u>Mode Substitution Effect of Urban Cycle Tracks: Case</u> Study of a Downtown Street in Toronto, Canada

On Washington DC's first protected bike lanes, bike traffic has been growing seven times faster than the citywide rate.

District Department of Transportation, 2009-2013 - <u>How high can they go? DC bike counts show</u> continuing surge in protected lane use

In Seville, an 80-mile network of protected bike lanes boosted biking from 0.6 percent to 7 percent of trips in six years.

London Cycling Campaign, 2012 - <u>Cycling increased tenfold in Seville after construction of miles of bike</u> <u>tracks.""</u>

In Hangzhou, China, where 84 percent of main and secondary roads separate bikes from cars, 44 percent of middle school parents who own cars (and 62 percent of those who don't) ride a bike at least once a week. Lusk et al, 2014 - <u>Gender and used/preferred differences of bicycle routes, parking, intersection signals, and bicycle type: Professional middle class preferences in Hangzhou, China." Journal of Transport & <u>Health."</u></u>

In the two U.S. cities that first started building modern protected bike lanes, New York and Washington D.C., bike commuting doubled from 2008 to 2013. US Census - NYC and DC, protected lane pioneers, just doubled biking rates in 4 years

The average protected bike lane sees bike counts increase 75 percent in its first year alone. *Monsere, C., et al., 2014 - <u>Lessons from the Green Lanes (National Institute for Transportation and</u> <u>Communities)</u>* 

Intersections in Montreal with protected bike lanes saw 61 percent more bike traffic than comparable intersections with no bike infrastructure.

*The Journal of Transport and Land Use, 2013 - Spatial modeling of bicycling activity at signalized intersections* 

On D.C.'s Pennsylvania Avenue protected bike lane, bicycle volumes increased 200 percent after the facilities were installed.

District Department of Transportation, 2012 - <u>District Department of Transportation Bicycle Facility</u> <u>Evaluation</u>

NYC's Prospect Park West protected bike lane saw a 190 percent increase in weekday ridership. NYC DOT, 2012 - <u>Prospect Park West: Traffic Calming & Bicycle Path</u>

After a protected bike lane was installed on Chicago's Kinzie Street: Bicycle ridership on increased 55 percent, according to morning rush hour counts; Forty-one percent of respondents changed their usual route to take advantage of the new lane; Bicyclists accounted for a majority of all eastbound traffic (53 percent) and more than one third (34 percent) of total street traffic during a CDOT traffic count conducted during morning rush hour in August 2011.

Chicago DOT, 2011 - Initial Findings: Kinzie Street Protected Bike Lane

After buffered bike lanes were installed on Philadelphia's Spruce and Pine streets, bike traffic increased 95 percent and the number of people biking on the sidewalks fell 22 percent. Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia, 2009 - <u>Bicycle usage up 95% on Spruce and Pine bike lanes</u>"

From 2006-2011, bicycling in San Francisco increased 71 percent. From 2010-2011, it increased 7 percent, making up 3.5 percent of all trips in the city. The greatest growth in bicycling came on Market Street, which has protected bike lanes. On Market Street, bicycling increased 115 percent from 2006, and 43 percent from 2010.

San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, 2012 - <u>2011 Bicycle Count Report</u>

After New York City installed a protected bike lane on Columbus Avenue, bicycling increased 56 percent on weekdays, crashes decreased 34 percent, speeding decreased, sidewalk riding decreased, traffic flow remained similar, and commercial loading hours/space increased 475 percent. *New York City Department of Transportation, 2011 - <u>Columbus Avenue parking-protected bicycle path</u> <i>preliminary assessment* 

Source: <u>http://peopleforbikes.org/our-work/statistics/statistics-category/?cat=protected-bike-lane-statistics</u>

### Bike Mode Share with Safe and Convenient Bike Facilities (Agenda Item 4) Experiences from Other Cities

1) "To increase cycling *mode share*, safety and comfort, *the* City *of* Vancouver has been expanding and upgrading cycling routes to be '*All Ages and Abilities*' (AAA). Travel surveys suggest that since 2013 *the* city-wide cycling *mode share* has increased from four to seven per cent *of all* trips." (source:

https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2214140517304838), M. Winters, 2017

2)

In regard to bicycle transportation, the experience of cities around the world demonstrates that a 25% mode split is achievable with high quality bikeways that provide a comfortable and safe experience. Compared to the world's best bicycle transportation cities, Portland's bicycle network is largely substandard and incomplete. Most of that 250% growth in bicycling in Portland since 1994 occurred in the face of bicycle facilities now recognized as inadequate for most people, that fail to match best practices in bikeway design

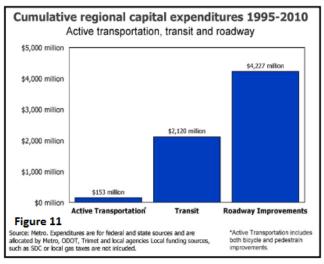
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and that do not directly serve the destinations found on most of Portland's commercially zoned streets<sup>8</sup>. This is why, at 5.5% of trips city-wide, the potential for increases in bicycle transportation is largely untapped.

Will the city achieve 25% of all trips by bicycle by 2035? This paper demonstrates that there is a pathway to that goal and that there are still tremendous gains to be made in bicycle transportation. The juxtaposition of

the potential for bicycle transportation together with the cumulative regional capital expenditures made in the period 1995-2010 (Figure 11) paint a clear picture about the affordability of bicycle transportation and the large return on investment it offers. In the world of nonautomotive travel, bicycling is the low-hanging fruit. In order to achieve our goals for climate change, health, equity, and movement of goods we need to dramatically increase our heretofore limited investments in bicycling and active transportation.



Source:

What Does the Oregon Household Activity Survey Tell Us About the Path Ahead for Active Transportation in the City of Portland? a White Paper by Roger Geller March 2013

https://www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/article/452524

3) The link below is to a listing 700 cities worldwide and their individual low and high bike mode share estimates. The highest mode share cities are in Germany, Netherlands, Denmark, and Sweden. <u>Making Cycling Irresistible</u> notes that cities in Germany, Netherlands and Denmark have designed and built "all ages and abilities" networks. Remarkably, the mode share for these are clustered in the 10 to 50 percent bicycle mode share range. Impressive.

Bike mode share estimates for 700 cities: <u>http://www.cityclock.org/urban-cycling-mode-share/#.Wr8N9n8h2Ip</u>

# AJPH EDITORIALS

# Safer Cycling Through Improved Infrastructure

It is crucial to improve cycling safety in the United States. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's injury statistics Web site (WISQARS) reports that in 2014, there were 902 cyclist fatalities and 35 206 serious cyclist injuries (requiring hospitalization). The United States has much higher fatality and serious injury rates per kilometer cycled than comparable highincome countries. Controlling for exposure levels, cyclist fatalities in 2010 per 100 million kilometers cycled were 4.7 in the United States versus 1.0 in the Netherlands, 1.1 in Denmark, and 1.3 in Germany.<sup>1</sup> Serious injury rates in 2010 were also much higher in the United States: 207 serious injuries per 100 million kilometers cycled versus 44 in Germany.<sup>1</sup>

Clearly, the United States has a long way to go to achieve the Vision Zero goal described by Cushing et al.<sup>2</sup> As emphasized in that article, traffic fatalities and serious injuries are not inevitable, and they can be reduced to low levels by implementing the right policies, especially improved infrastructure and technology. Traffic safety experts now use the term "crashes" instead of "accidents" to emphasize that the design of the transportation system contributes to most traffic fatalities and injuries. Although Cushing et al. focus on Sweden, all Scandinavian countries-as well as the United Kingdom,

the Netherlands, Germany, Switzerland, and Austria—for decades have been implementing the sorts of policies advocated by Vision Zero, which applies to all means of travel. The new perspective of Vision Zero is that traffic fatalities and injuries can and should be reduced far below current levels and should not be accepted as an inevitable risk of travel.

Cushing et al. apply Vision Zero to the case of cycling and pose the question of whether improved cycling infrastructure can make cycling safer in the United States.<sup>2</sup> The article by Pedroso et al. shows that the large growth in bicycle infrastructure in Boston from 2007 to 2014 was associated with a reduction in the cyclist injury rate and a large increase in cycling levels.<sup>3</sup>

Except for some college towns and a few large cities, most roads in the United States have no cycling infrastructure, and what exists is often dangerously designed, poorly maintained, and not connected to form a useful network. Bicycle infrastructure with physical separation from motor vehicles is especially important on high-speed, highvolume arterials with large vehicles such as trucks and buses.<sup>4</sup> In addition, intersections are dangerous for cyclists because of turning motor vehicles. Yet only a few American cities have been redesigning intersections to reduce that danger.

#### LESSONS FROM EUROPE

The Netherlands, Germany, and Denmark offer decades of experience on how to improve the safety, convenience, and comfort of cycling facilities.4-6 Many Dutch, German, and Danish cities have an extensive system of on-road bicycle lanes and off-road bicycle paths, often including priority traffic signals and advance stop lines for cyclists at intersections. Some large cities have recently been building "cycle superhighways," which increase the speed and safety of long-distance bicycle commuting to work. These express routes are usually separate bicycle paths parallel to major roads with minimal road crossings and with a green wave of synchronized traffic signals at intersections timed for faster cycling.

The bicycle networks in Dutch, German, and Danish cities also include special bicycling streets: narrow streets on which cyclists legally have the right of way over motorists for the entire width of the street.<sup>6</sup> Most local neighborhood streets are traffic calmed with speed limits of 30 kilometers per hour (20 mph) or less and with infrastructure modifications that force motor vehicles to slow down: speed humps, raised intersections, chicanes (curves added by design), parked cars on alternating sides, and road narrowing.<sup>6</sup>

Many such neighborhood streets feature dead ends for motor vehicles—via bollards or other barriers—but convenient passageways for cyclists. Providing deliberately circuitous routing for cars and direct routing for cyclists discourages through traffic from using neighborhood streets while encouraging cycling. It also improves cycling safety by reducing both the volume and speed of motor vehicle traffic in residential neighborhoods.

In addition to better infrastructure, many European cities provide mandatory traffic safety education in their schoolsto teach safe walking and cycling skills-and require far stricter motorist training and licensing than those in the United States.<sup>6</sup> Further promoting traffic safety, police enforcement of traffic regulations is much stricter in the Netherlands, Germany, and Denmark, both for motorists and nonmotorists.<sup>6</sup> Confirming the Vision Zero recommendations of Cushing

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Attachment 4 (Agenda Item 4)

et al., improving cyclist safety in Europe has required a multifaceted approach that includes infrastructure, supportive programs, and car-restrictive policies—as is also shown in a recent literature review on this issue.<sup>5</sup>

#### LESSONS FROM THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA

Recent implementation of improved cycling infrastructure in some American and Canadian cities has led to significant improvements in cycling safety. Table 1 summarizes key statistics for 10 American cities that have been especially successful at improving cycling safety and increasing cycling levels by greatly expanding their cycling infrastructure. All 10 cities have reduced the number of cyclist crashes and serious injuries (including fatalities) relative to the total number of bicycle trips, confirming the same relationship as found for Boston, Massachusetts, in the article by Pedroso et al.<sup>3</sup>

It is not simply a matter of expanding bicycle infrastructure, however. The specific type of bicycle infrastructure matters. Several studies show the crucial importance of physical separation of cycling facilities from motor vehicle traffic on heavily traveled roads. A study of different kinds of cycling facilities in Vancouver and Toronto, Canada, found that the safest kind of facility, by

far, were cycle tracks, which are on-street bicycle lanes that are physically separated from motor vehicles by raised curbs, bollards, or concrete barriers. Compared with major streets with parked cars and no bicycle facilities, cycle tracks on roads without parked cars were 89% safer; regular, unprotected bicycle lanes on major roads without parked cars were 53% safer; and lightly trafficked residential streets without any bicycle facilities were 56% safer. Thus, removing car parking and replacing it with cycle tracks is an ideal way to improve cycling safety on major streets. Traffic calming-discouraging through traffic and reducing speed limits-is key to improving safety on local neighborhood streets.

#### TABLE 1—Better Bicycle Infrastructure, Improved Cyclist Safety, and Increased Cycling

City	Years	Growth in Bikeway Network,ª %	Growth in Bicycle Trips, %	Change in Crashes per 100 000 Trips, %	Change in Fatalities and Severe Injuries per 100 000 Trips,%
Portland, OR	2000-2015	53	391	-62	-72
Washington, DC	2000-2015	101	384	-46	-50
New York, NY	2000-2015	381	207	NA	-72
Minneapolis, MN	2000-2015	113	203	-75	-79
San Francisco, CA	2000-2015	172	167	-36	NA
Cambridge, MA	2000-2015	27	134	-57	NA
Chicago, IL	2005-2015	135	167	-54	-60
Seattle, WA	2005-2015	236	123	-25	-53
Los Angeles, CA	2005-2015	130	114	NA	-43
Philadelphia, PA	2008-2015	17	51	NA	-49

*Note*. NA = not available. We extrapolated the numbers of daily bicycle trips following the methodology used by the New York City Department of Transportation. The extrapolation assumes that each daily bicycle commuter makes two trips per day, and that work trips account for one fifth of all urban bicycle trips, roughly corresponding to the 17% of all urban bicycle trips for the commute to work reported by the 2008–2009 National Household Travel Survey. The percentage growth in extrapolated bicycle trips is exactly the same as the percentage growth in daily bicycle commuters, which is the only nationally comparable source of data on cycling levels in individual American cities.

*Source.* Data on bikeway mileage and serious injuries and fatalities were provided by departments of transportation, departments of public health, and metropolitan planning organizations in each of the 10 cities. We obtained the number of daily bicycle commuters in each city from the 2000 US Census and the American Community Survey, 2005 (Chicago, Los Angeles, and Seattle), 2008 (Philadelphia), and 2015 (all cities).

<sup>a</sup>Bikeways included in the statistics for the table comprise on-road bike lanes (including buffered bike lanes and cycle tracks), off-road bike paths, paved multiuse trails such as greenways, and bike boulevards and neighborhood greenways. All 10 of these cities increasingly have been building cycle tracks, buffered bike lanes, and off-road greenways, which provide physical separation from motor vehicles and thus greater safety.

Similarly, a study of cycle tracks in Montreal, Canada—with the most extensive system of cycle tracks in North America—found that cycle tracks had an injury rate 28% lower than that on parallel roads without bicycle facilities and attracted 2.5 times more bicycle trips than did roads without cycle tracks.<sup>8</sup>

### CONCLUSIONS

The answer to the question posed in the article by Cushing et al. is that bicycle infrastructure can indeed help improve cycling safety and increase cycling levels. That is clearly demonstrated by decades of evidence from Europe, by the 10 US cities listed in Table 1, and by the article on Boston by Pedroso et al. However, the type and quality of bicycle infrastructure matter as well. It is crucial to provide physical separation from fast-moving, high-volume motor vehicle traffic and better intersection design to avoid conflicts between cyclists and motor vehicles. More and better bicycle infrastructure and safer cycling would encourage Americans to make more of their daily trips by bicycle and, thus, help raise the currently low physical activity levels of the US population. AJPH

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J. Pucher took the lead in conceptualizing the editorial and writing the text. R. Buehler was responsible for the collection and analysis of the Table 1 data. Both authors were involved in improving successive versions of the text and table.

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approach to mitigating firearm

# A Public Health of Consequence: Review of the December 2016 Issue of *AJPH*

A recent effort by the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH) articulated Public Health 3.0 as an effort that emphasize[s] cross-sectoral environmental, policy, and systems-level actions that directly affect the social determinants of health and advance health equity. This approach correctly notes that where we live remains a more important determinant of our health than do our genes, despite substantially more effort in recent years in understanding the latter rather than the former. As described in AIPH a few months ago, Public Health 3.0 represents a next-phase approach in public health, moving beyond the core functions of disease surveillance and environmental approaches to promote healthier communities, to an effort that incorporates health into all aspects of governance, at multiple jurisdictional levels.1 This approach echoes the "health in all policies" approach that has long been embraced by the American Public Health Association, bringing to this effort the weight of the federal department that ultimately is responsible for promoting the health of Americans. These approaches clearly

aspire to tackle the foundational drivers of population health, the ubiquitous factors that we have urged public health scholarship to grapple with, in these pages, over the past year.

### SCHOLARSHIP TO INFORM PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION

It seems to us that it falls to public health scholarship to provide the data that can inform Public Health 3.0, or a "health in all policies" approach. Several articles in this issue of AJPH do just that, starting with the essay by Ahern,<sup>2</sup> who focuses on the utility of population intervention parameters that can help bridge the gap between research findings and policy. This editorial provides a compelling argument for the provision of measures in our work that are readily interpretable for those who are in a position to shift policy. Ahern suggests that such measures

"would make a substantial contribution to the effort to translate between research and policy."<sup>2(pXX)</sup> We could not agree more and look forward to more articles in *AJPH* that adopt this approach. We would see this as entirely consistent with the agenda we are proposing here, one that engages population health scholarship with the conditions that foundationally make people healthy. While a methodological approach may not, at first blush, seem to portend a substantially new focus for public health scholarship, it may well provide a lens through which we present our findings that makes them more relevant, more immediately accessible, and more forward looking as public health transitions to a new era. Four empiric articles in this issue of AJPH contribute data that can also bolster this approach.

### CREATING BETTER PLACES

Two articles focus directly on the influence of place on the health of populations. Branas et al.<sup>3</sup> wonder if remediation of abandoned buildings and vacant lots can be a cost-beneficial harms in the United States. Informed by broken windows thinking,<sup>4</sup> the authors conducted a quasi-experimental study assessing the link between abandoned building remediation and firearm violence, finding a 40% reduction in the latter while finding no change in nonfirearm violence. The authors speculate that blighted structures may create physical opportunities for violence, and ample work in the field suggests that blighted urban neighborhoods may also result in an erosion of collective efficacy, also contributing to more violence.<sup>4</sup> Importantly, Branas et al. show that taxpayer and societal returns on investment for the prevention of firearm violence were \$5 and \$79 for every dollar spent on abandoned building remediation. Given the scope of the firearm epidemic in the United States today, this seems indeed like money well spent.

Barber et al. tackle the issue of adverse neighborhood conditions and risk of cardiovascular disease among African Americans.<sup>5</sup> The authors show that each standard deviation increase in neighborhood disadvantage was associated with a 25%

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# Side-Street Bikeways Only Pay Off If You Have Protected Bike Lanes Too

By Michael Andersen, PlacesForBikes - Jan 6, 2017



A bike-friendly local street in southeast Copenhagen. Photos: Michael Andersen.

Can we, as a planet, please retire the idea that cities face a choice between putting allages bikeways on low-traffic side streets and putting all-ages bikeways on busy arterials?

The data show exactly the opposite — and also suggest that putting bikeways *only* on side streets might actually be the worst course of action.

Canada's national Globe and Mail newspaper offered the <u>latest installment</u> of this understandable but misguided narrative. It's part of a series about projects "that aren't often talked about because they actually work."

The idea is that the bike boulevards of Vancouver are uncontroversial, and therefore good:

[Protected bike lanes'] most ardent critic, CKNW radio shock jock Bruce Allen, has spent numerous segments railing against the "big ugly cement barriers that turned our streets into eyesores." And yet, he is a fan of the more understated network of traffic-calmed residential streets that allow cyclists to traverse the city in relative safety and peace. ...

Urban-planning and transportation experts have long feted Vancouver's extensive system of bike-friendly side streets as a cheap and uncontroversial way for bike-resistant North American cities to create the infrastructure that gets people out of their cars and onto two wheels.

It's true that Vancouver's bike boulevards are relatively cheap and uncontroversial. It's also true that they're good.

What isn't true is that bike boulevards (also known in various cities as "neighborhood greenways," "neighborhood bikeways" and even "neighborways") function as a good *alternative* to protected bike lanes.

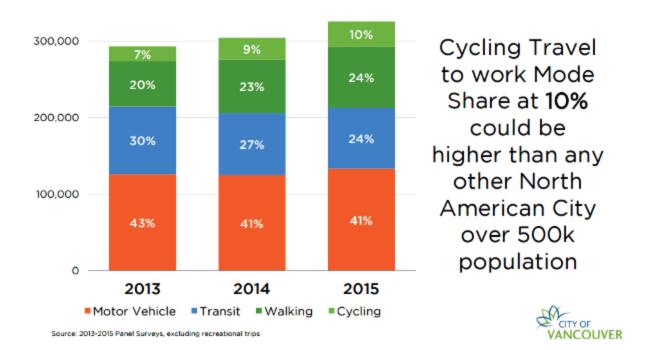


Cyclists ride along the West 10th Avenue bike corridor near Yukon Street in Vancouver on Dec. 24, 2016.

In fact, Vancouver's recent experience tells the opposite story. In the 1990s and 2000s, the city built a network of bike boulevards and biking gradually edged upwards, reaching four percent bike commuting by 2011.

Then the city shifted toward building protected bike lanes to go with them ... and bike commuting <u>more than doubled in four years</u>, rapidly turning Vancouver into the bikingest large city on the continent.

# Work Trips by Mode of Travel



The truth is that protected bike lanes and bike boulevards are *complements*. As <u>the Dutch</u> <u>have been proving for decades</u>, they work far better in combination.

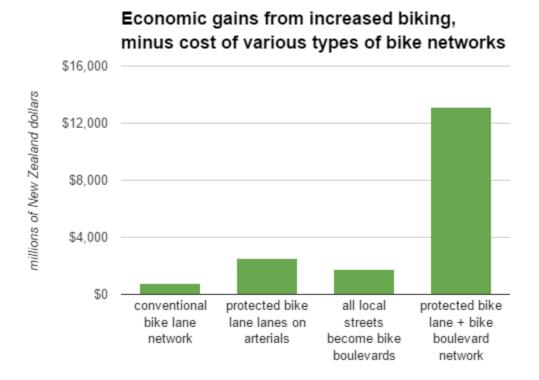
How much better? Let's spin the globe to Auckland, New Zealand, where a 2014 academic study put some numbers on this question. Using available estimates of the ridership changes that result from various types of bikeways, a team of researchers simulated four scenarios for the future of Aukland: one with a network of mostly conventional striped bike lanes; one that put protected bike lanes on arterial streets; one that retrofitted all local streets into "self-explaining roads" (essentially, bike boulevards where bikes and cars can safely share the lane) and one that combined protected bike lanes with bike boulevards.

They concluded that a network entirely of bike boulevards would increase biking — but only to about five percent of trips, about the same as conventional bike lanes.

A network of protected bike lanes would do better, moving biking to something like 20 percent of trips.

But the real payoff, they found, was a network that combined comfortable biking on side streets with comfortable biking on main streets. That combo multiplied the impact of both treatments, leading to a whopping 40 percent of trips by bike.

And when 40 percent of trips in your city happen by bike, you start saving a huge amount of money from reduced fatality rates, hospitalizations, fuel costs and air pollution. (Here's the full list.) Those cost savings more than offset the cost of the infrastructure:



Which means that if you look at the true economics of bikeways, the best option for saving money is to build an all-ages biking network on both small and large streets:

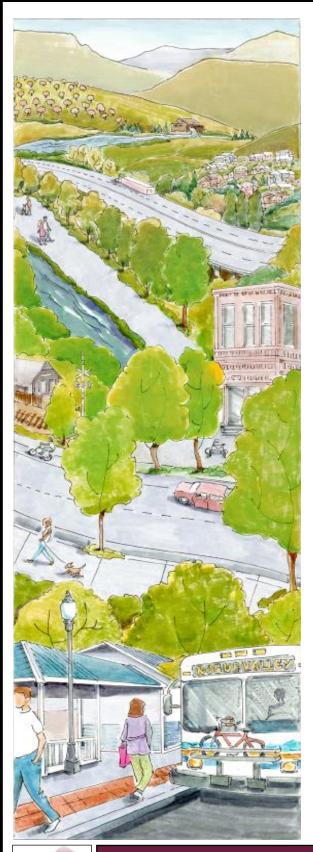
There are a lot of assumptions embedded in these figures, and different researchers would doubtlessly tally things differently. But the fact is that we already know what cities with 40 percent biking look like — and they have protected bike lanes on big streets and traffic calming on side streets.

Do bike boulevards "work," as the Globe and Mail puts it?

Absolutely.

They work to multiply the power of your protected bike lanes.

Michael Andersen blogs for <u>The Green Lane Project</u>, a PeopleForBikes program that helps U.S. cities build better bike lanes to create low-stress streets. You can follow it on <u>LinkedIn</u>, <u>Twitter</u> and <u>Facebook</u> or sign up for its <u>weekly news digest</u> about protected bike lanes.





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# About this Document

This Public Participation Plan update was adopted by the RVMPO Policy Committee after a public hearing on XXXX 2018, to meet requirements of the federal transportation act, Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act.

This Plan has been updated by RVMPO Planning Staff, in consultation with the RVMPO Technical Advisory Committee and RVMPO Public Advisory Council. A 45-day public comment period, beginning on Friday, July 13, 2018, was advertised in the newspaper of record (Medford Tribune) and on the RVMPO website. Special outreach was initiated during the comment period for interested parties including citizens, affected public agencies, representatives of transportation agency employees, freight shippers, providers of freight transportation services, private providers of transportation, representatives of users of public transit, representatives of users of pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities, and representatives of the disabled. This contact list is on file with the RVMPO and is available upon request. All comments received were recorded in the project file and reviewed by the Policy Committee at the public hearing.



### 1. Introduction

It is a goal of the Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (RVMPO), as the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Medford-Ashland metropolitan area, to provide citizens and interested parties with reasonable opportunities to participate in the metropolitan transportation planning process. Beyond efforts to provide information to the public, this goal encompasses a wide range of strategies and activities to enable the public to be involved in a meaningful way in the RVMPO's decision-making process. Ultimately, efforts to bring more voices and wide-ranging interests to the table will yield better planning results.

The purpose of the Public Participation Plan is to provide all interested parties with reasonable opportunities to comment on the RVMPO's plans, programs and projects. The policies and practices described in the Public Participation Plan recognize the need for robust public involvement at all stages of regional planning. This plan is intended to encourage, facilitate and follow through on public comments, concerns and suggestions by establishing procedures for providing full public access to information and decisions, timely public notices, and early and continuing public involvement in plan development.

The Public Participation Plan describes methods, strategies and desired outcomes for public participation, addressing outreach to a broadly defined audience of interested parties. Efforts undertaken outlined in this plan are a facet of the RVMPO's role of providing the region with a continuing, cooperative and collaborative transportation planning process.

### A. Consistency with Federal Requirements

Adopted in January 2007, the RVMPO's previous Public Participation Plan was created to comply with the public involvement requirements outlined in the prior transportation authorization bill, the Moving Ahead for Progress-21 Act:(MAP-21). Today, the current transportation authorization act, Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, signed into law in December of 2015 incorporates performance goals, measures, and targets into the transportation planning process. Just as federal legislation builds on preceding standards, this update incorporates much of the previous plan into a plan for public participation that complies with the continuing public participation provisions of the FAST Act.

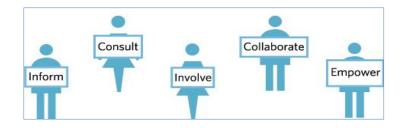
Carried over from MAP-21, the FAST Act continues to require MPOs to develop a participation plan to define a process for providing residents, affected public agencies, representatives of public transportation employees, freight shippers, providers of freight transportation services,

private providers of transportation, representatives of users of public transportation, representatives of pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities, representatives of the disabled, and other interested parties with reasonable opportunities to be involved in the metropolitan transportation planning process. In doing so, MPOs must hold public meetings at convenient and accessible locations and times, and make public information available in electronically accessible formats. The participation plan must support continued consultation by all interested parties in all aspects of the planning process.

In addition to the transportation act, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and a succeeding 1994 Executive Order require federal-aid recipients to consider impacts on minority and lowincome populations and assure those populations are able to participate in planning decisions. Plan goals address these federal requirements, and procedures are consistent with those goals.

### B. Establishment and the Role of the RVMPO

Federal law requires that metropolitan areas of at least 50,000 population form Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) to be responsible for planning regionally significant transportation projects to assure that long-range, multimodal transportation system needs are met. Additionally, MPOs must show that transportation plans meet Clean Air Act requirements. Following the 1980 Census, the greater Medford urbanized area was designated a Metropolitan Statistical Area (an urbanized area with a population exceeding 50,000). To fulfill the federal planning obligation, the governor designated the Rogue Valley Council of Governments (RVCOG) the region's MPO on July 27, 1982. Subsequently, the RVCOG Board of Directors delegated responsibility for RVMPO policy functions to the RVMPO Policy Committee. RVCOG provides staff support for the RVMPO.



### 2. Plan Overview

The Public Participation Plan is an adopted document of the RVMPO. It provides the policy framework for the role of the public in RVMPO decision making and it describes activities through which public concerns and suggestions are solicited, how responses are formulated, and how final work products reflect public sentiments.

The plan recognizes four key aspects of a meaningful public participation program that must be supported:

- **Inform** The public must be provided with ample opportunities to learn about activities, issues and upcoming decision making.
- Understand The public must be given adequate, relevant and understandable information about an issue, including competing values, technical issues, applicable standards and likely decision options. "Plain talk" should be used to be sure information can be easily understood by the general public.
- **Participate** Project scheduling must allow adequate time for the public to learn about an issue and prepare responses that can be incorporated into the decision-making process at a time when such comments can influence outcomes.
- **Response** Subsequent planning steps must clearly demonstrate how public input influenced the final product, or provide some other response to input received.

The plan also recognizes that for any single project or planning activity there are likely to be several points at which the key activities described in this plan will need to be initiated. For example, providing up-to-date information should be ongoing throughout a project and opportunities should be provided to periodically update the public regardless of their level of familiarity with the project.

The goals and policies contained in the plan guide RVMPO activities to provide the public with opportunities to become informed, gain an understanding, and provide comment. The RVMPO intends for the public to have a say at all phases of metropolitan planning – from identifying needs to evaluating and selecting projects. Through the goals, procedures and tools discussed in the plan, the RVMPO intends to foster on-going, two-way communication between decision makers and the public so that decisions reflect and respond to public concerns, needs and values.

The plan section *Public Role in Decision Making* (pg. 13) describes activities the RVMPO undertakes to foster public participation. Some activities are regularly scheduled and others are special events that coincide with particular project milestones. This section also describes the RVMPO's decision-making authority and outlines its processes and procedures, which include a citizen committee: the RVMPO Public Advisory Council (PAC). The organization's consistency with applicable regulations also is described, including its consistency with federal requirements for public participation contained in the FAST Act.

The *Public Participation Tools* section (pg. 19) describes various methods the RVMPO uses to engage the public. Through the course of any single project, it is anticipated that more than one tool or activity will be used.

The *Public Participation Implementation & Documentation* section (pg. 21) outlines how public participation tools and methodologies are used in the context of the RVMPO's key tasks and responsibilities. This section also provides a snapshot of the basic duties of the MPO in fulfilling regional transportation planning obligations.

A list of commonly used transportation terms and acronyms relating to the metropolitan planning process is in *Appendix A*.

This plan is intended to provide the public with basic information about RVMPO operations so that any interested parties can begin to consider how they may participate. Additionally, it is a tool for RVMPO staff and can be a resource for member jurisdictions. It sets basic standards and procedures for the RVMPO to assure that the public is provided with opportunities to participate in metropolitan planning in a meaningful way. The plan describes numerous activities that may be undertaken to identify stakeholders, inform both the general public and targeted audiences, and elicit comments and ideas from the community. It is not anticipated that all strategies would be effective in every situation. Nor is a single activity or strategy likely to foster sufficient public awareness and participation. Instead, this plan provides a menu of activities that can be combined to create a public involvement plan tailored to the scope and expectations of a plan, program or project. It also sets expectations for public participation in key RVMPO activities.



### 3. Goals and Objectives

In an effort to meet federal standards continued under the FAST Act and to continue to improve transportation planning, the RVMPO has set the following goals and policies for public participation.

Goal 1: Opportunities shall be created for all segments of the public to understand and be informed about issues under consideration by the RVMPO. Reasonable access to complete information about transportation planning issues and events will be provided.

<u>Policy 1</u>: An RVMPO website will be maintained containing information on: schedules and agendas for upcoming meetings; various updates and news topics; plan, program, and study documents; project applications and selection processes. Descriptions of programs, contact information and links to other organization's websites will also be available. E-mail will be utilized and encouraged to allow comments on transportation planning related matters, including plan, program, and project development. The RVMPO website address will be included in printed materials.

<u>Policy 2</u>: All RVMPO plans and documents shall be made available for the public to review at the RVCOG office and on the RVMPO website (www.rvmpo.org). Copies of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and other RVMPO Plans may be distributed to all public libraries. Copies of draft documents for public review and comment shall be provided to planning partners to allow public review of those documents at their offices.

<u>Policy 3</u>: A Citizen's Guide to Transportation Planning shall be created and periodically updated as a resource to the public. The Public Participation Plan outlines what strategies will be used by the RVMPO to increase public participation, while the Citizen's Guide provides an overview of the region's transportation policies and strategies for becoming involved in the planning process.

<u>Policy 4</u>: Fact sheets will be created on current transportation topics. These will translate the technical aspects of transportation planning into easily understood language. Fact sheets will be made available on the RVMPO website, and can be included in information packets and placed in public areas.

<u>Policy 5</u>: A public involvement brochure will be designed to introduce the regional transportation planning process and specify how citizens can better participate in

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decision making. It can be sent to interested parties, included in information packets, and placed in public areas. Contact information will be included.

<u>Policy 6</u>: RVMPO will provide regular updates to the RVMPO website to help residents keep current and gain a better understanding of the transportation planning process, and related projects and programs.

<u>Policy 7</u>: RVMPO will provide project specific progress reports on significant MPO projects. Progress reports will aid in keeping those citizens that have shown an interest involved.

<u>Policy 8</u>: RVMPO will share articles on the regional transportation planning process with its transportation planning partners. Planning partners will be encouraged to use these articles in their organizational publications and websites.

<u>Policy 9</u>: RVMPO will provide summaries of several important documents on its website, including the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), and Air Quality Conformity Analysis. These summaries will be short and will be presented in a non-technical way to make them more easily understood by the public.

<u>Policy 10</u>: RVMPO will work with local media on an ongoing basis to ensure proactive coverage of transportation planning activities. Press releases will be issued on current project and programs. Additionally, designated members of the various RVMPO committees will be encouraged to provide public statements on planning activities to increase public awareness.

<u>Policy 11</u>: Whenever possible, RVMPO will go directly to interested groups instead of asking people to come to public offices. Staff shall be available to attend community meetings to discuss current planning initiatives and to provide an overview of the transportation planning process.

<u>Policy 12</u>: The RVMPO will employ visualization techniques to convey plans, issues and concerns. These techniques may include maps, photographs, aerial photography, interactive tools, artist renderings and models to help analyze options, impacts and potential outcomes.

# Goal 2: The public shall be provided timely notice on all transportation issues and processes.

<u>Policy 1</u>: Advance notification will depend on the project and its timeline. The project work plan, with specific dates and timelines, will be published and sent to affected groups and interested citizens. Public notification will continue throughout the process, with emphasis on periods when input can have the greatest impact. The RVMPO will provide adequate time for public review of draft documents prior to opportunities for comment or testimony. The length of comment period and review periods will vary based on the nature of the plan or program, but during the development of major plans or projects such as the RTP, TIP, UPWP, and Air Quality Conformity will have at least a 30-day comment period. Amendments to

existing plans and programs will have at least a 21-day comment period. Development of or major updates to the Public Participation Plan will have at least a 45-day public comment period (refer to Section 5: Public Participation Tools, Comment Periods).

<u>Policy 2</u>: Agendas of all meetings of the RVMPO committees shall be uploaded to the website at least six days before they occur. . Notifications will be easy to understand and provide adequate information or indicate how additional information can be obtained. Information on Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) access and availability of information in other languages will be included.

<u>Policy 3</u>: To the extent possible, notifications of citizen involvement opportunities will contain the following information: the purpose of a meeting or event, location and time, as well as information on public transit and a phone number where additional information can be obtained. The format for citizen involvement and the time line for public comment on the project will also be included.

# Goal 3: Provide the public with opportunities to participate in the transportation planning process.

<u>Policy 1</u>: The RVMPO will provide frequent opportunities for general public, interest groups, providers of transportation and others to participate in the transportation planning process, especially in the early stages of plan and project development, when such comment can have the greatest effect.

<u>Policy 2</u>: The RVMPO shall conduct public hearings prior to the adoption of and/or amendment to each of the transportation plans and programs for which it is responsible, and shall hold public forums and public meetings related to transportation planning initiatives and projects at appropriate times in the planning process. Whenever practicable, the RVMPO will work to improve the format of public meetings and hearings to better facilitate the public involvement process. An agenda item will be included in regularly scheduled RVMPO meetings to allow an opportunity for public testimony.

<u>Policy 3</u>: The RVMPO will schedule meetings to allow the greatest opportunity for attendance by the public and interested groups, including evening, lunch, or weekend meetings when necessary.

<u>Policy 4</u>: Planning initiatives shall be reviewed to determine the appropriate public involvement techniques, outreach activities and communication strategies. These tools will be tailored to the affected groups and interested citizens whenever possible.

<u>Policy 5</u>: Citizens and other interested parties who have expressed interest in a particular topic, such as bicycle and pedestrian issues shall be included in the planning process. Task forces shall be convened at appropriate times in the planning process.

<u>Policy 6</u>: Scientific surveys may be conducted at appropriate times to produce statistically valid results identifying the desires of the region. This will be considered a tool that could be used to determine the preferred outcome of a plan or project, and used accordingly.

<u>Policy 7</u>: To increase the participation of citizens and organizations in the transportation planning process, the RVMPO will maintain a contact spreadsheet that can serve as an email and mailing list for a newsletter and/or other digital and paper mailings. Entries in this spreadsheet will include the names of those requesting copies of draft documents, submitting comments and attending public hearings. Citizens requesting placement on this contact list will also be added. At the conclusion of the review and comment period for a planning project, individuals on this list can review the determination on an action and a summary of all public comments received and staff responses on the RVMPO website. The RVMPO will attempt to verify ongoing interest by allowing participants an opportunity to remove their names from the contact list. The request can be made by mail, telephone, or email.

<u>Policy 8</u>: The RVMPO shall continually work to identify new stakeholders interested in or affected by the transportation planning process. In accordance with the FAST Act, stakeholders shall include, but are not limited to "citizens, affected public agencies, representatives of transportation agency employees, freight shippers, providers of freight transportation services, private providers of transportation, representatives of users of public transit, representatives of users of pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities, representatives of the disabled, and other interested parties".

<u>Policy 9</u>: A Public Advisory Council shall be maintained that reflects the diverse constituencies affected by transportation decisions. This group's function will be to act as community liaisons by assisting in keeping the public informed on regional plans and programs, and provide the citizen perspective on planning issues. The group will advise and recommend appropriate courses of action to the Policy Committee and RVMPO staff on regional transportation issues.

<u>Policy 10</u>: The RVMPO staff and RVMPO committees will consider public input, which may result in revisions to draft plans and programs, as an integral part of the planning process. Every attempt will be made to respond to public comment in a timely manner. Summarized oral comments will be recorded at public meetings. When developing the RTP forms for written comments will be provided at all public meetings along with staff contact information. The public will have an opportunity to comment during public meetings of the Policy Committee before any final action, as well as via email prior to the meeting. A link on the website will be provided for public comments.

# Goal 4: Identify and involve traditionally underserved communities, including communities of minority, low-income or elderly populations, in the transportation planning process.

<u>Policy 1</u>: The RVMPO will work to identify traditionally underserved populations within the region, including minority, low income and senior citizen populations. Outreach activities will be developed to involve stakeholders from these communities in the transportation planning process.

<u>Policy 2</u>: Some meeting sites will be selected which are more easily accessible to traditionally underserved communities. Meeting announcements will be placed in publications serving minority communities to ensure there is notification of upcoming meetings to these populations.

<u>Policy 3</u>: Assistance shall be provided upon request, and with 48-hour notice, to the hearing and visually impaired, those not fluent in English, the transportation disadvantaged or others requiring special assistance at all MPO meetings, hearings and workshops. Public notices of these events shall notify the public of this opportunity. Meetings shall be held in ADA-compliant venues.

<u>Policy 4</u>: Meeting locations served by transit or accessible by means other than the automobile will be chosen whenever possible. Information on any transit routes that serve the meeting location will be included in meeting announcements.

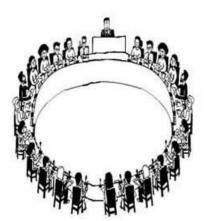
# Goal 5: Public comments and concerns shall be considered as projects and plans are developed.

<u>Policy 1</u>: The RVMPO will gather and record public comment, making comments part of the permanent record for MPO projects and plans.

<u>Policy 2</u>: A summary, analysis or report on comments received and their disposition will be made a part of all Regional Transportation Plans and Transportation Improvement Programs.

<u>Policy 3</u>: In instances when a final version of a Regional Transportation Plan or Transportation Improvement Program differs significantly from the draft version that was subject to public review, another opportunity for public comment will be provided.

<u>Policy 4</u>: Summaries of responses to comments and any changes made as a result will be prepared and distributed at subsequent committee or public meetings and will be available on the MPO website.



### 4. Public Role in Decision Making

#### A. RVMPO Decision-Making Authority

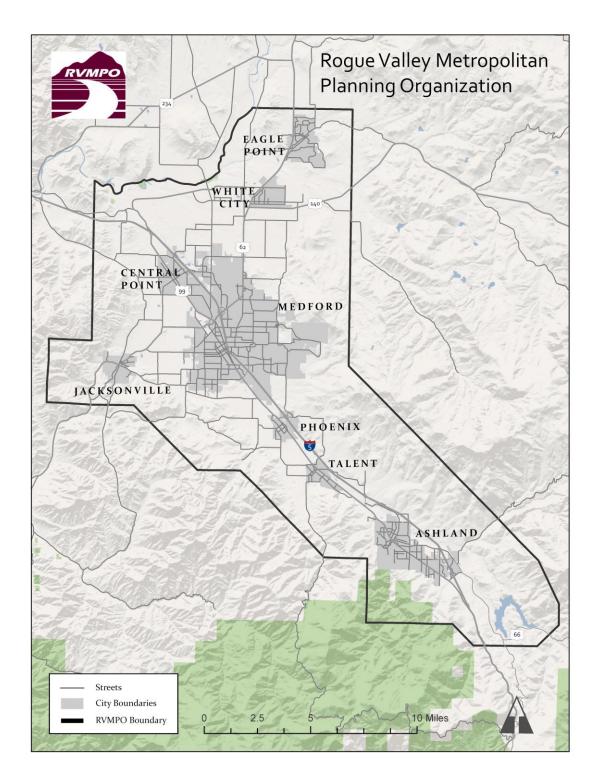
The RVCOG Board of Directors has delegated responsibility for RVMPO policy functions to the Policy Committee, a committee of elected and appointed officials from member jurisdictions – Central Point, Medford, Phoenix, Ashland, Talent, Eagle Point, Jacksonville, Jackson County – as well as the Oregon Department of Transportation and Rogue Valley Transportation District. Map 1 on the following page illustrates the RVMPO boundary.

In addition to the local government members, the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, Oregon Department of Transportation, Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development, Federal Highway Administration, and Federal Transit Administration also participate in the MPO process.

# Federal and state transportation planning responsibilities for the RVMPO can generally be summarized as follows:

- Develop and maintain a RTP and TIP consistent with state and federal planning requirements.
- Perform regional air quality conformity analyses for carbon monoxide (CO), for which the Medford area is a Maintenance Area, and particulate matter (PM<sub>10</sub>) for which an area corresponding roughly to the expanded RVMPO boundary is a Maintenance Area.
- Review specific transportation and development proposals for consistency with the RTP.
- Coordinate transportation decisions among local jurisdictions, state agencies and area transit operators.
- Develop an annual work program.

### Map 1: RVMPO Area Map



RVMPO Public Participation Plan Adopted XXXX, 2018

### **B. RVMPO Structure and Process**

The Policy Committee considers recommendations from the public and from RVMPO sponsored advisory committees as part of its decision-making process. The organization maintains two standing advisory committees that meet regularly to review matters to be decided:

- The Public Advisory Council (PAC), made up of representatives from a broad range of interests and constituencies; and
- The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), made up of jurisdictional public works and planning staff members.

All committees operate under bylaws, which were adopted after public hearing by the Policy Committee.

Additionally, the RVMPO periodically organizes advisory committees and steering committees for specific projects and purposes. These committees often capitalize on particular knowledge or capability in the community. For example, a Freight Advisory Committee consisting largely of local shippers and carriers was organized to provide review and advice for the Rogue Valley Freight Study.

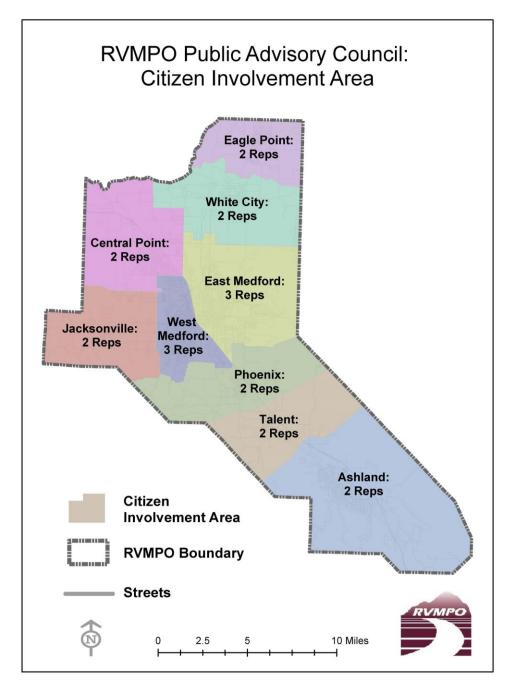
All RVMPO committee meetings are public and are announced by direct notice to stakeholders and website postings. Material for all committee meetings is posted on the web site (www.rvmpo.org) and time for public comment is reserved for all committee meetings.

**The PAC is a key public participation activity for the RVMPO.** It serves as a public sounding board for discussion of regional transportation issues. PAC membership is determined by both geographical and topical areas or categories, as set out in the PAC bylaws. Members must reside, own property or operate a business in the geographical area they represent. To represent one of the six topical interest areas – mass transit, freight, low income families, minority populations, seniors, and public health – members must demonstrate a particular interest or expertise.

#### Figure 1: Public Advisory Council (PAC) Membership Areas and Categories

Membership Areas	Membership Categories
Ashland	Mass Transit
Talent	Freight
Phoenix	Low Income
Medford	Minority
Central Point	Public Health
Jacksonville	Senior
White City	
Eagle Point	





\*This map illustrates the nine citizen involvement areas for the RVMPO Public Advisory Council. The number of areas is determined by population. Each area has at least two (2) PAC seats, except the West and East Medford areas which both have three (3) seats.

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The public is encouraged to participate in RVMPO issues by joining the PAC, or attending its meetings. The PAC meets in the evening to accommodate work schedules. (Both the TAC and the Policy Committee meet during the day.) To become a PAC member, volunteers are asked to fill out an application, which is reviewed by the PAC for a recommendation. The Policy Committee appoints PAC members to two-year terms, which may be renewed. The PAC application form is in Appendix B. The three standing committees maintain a regular meeting schedule, as noted in Table 1 below.

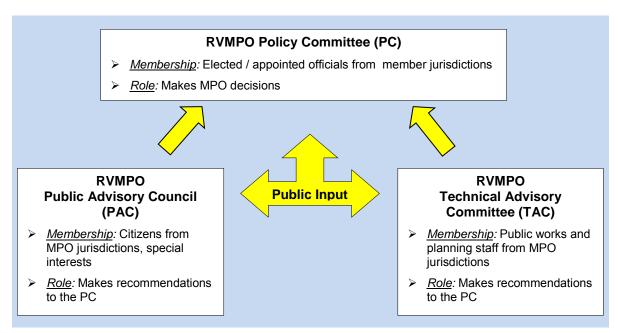
Table 1: RVMPO Meeting Schedule

Policy Committee (PC)	Fourth Tuesday	Monthly
Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)	Second Wednesday	Monthly
Public Advisory Council (PAC)	Third Tuesday	Bi-Monthly

#### C. RVMPO Committees and Committee Relationships

The RVMPO's committee structure and its schedule of regular, public meetings help ensure that decision makers on the Policy Committee routinely hear from a broad base of stakeholders. The public may choose to address only the Policy Committee, or provide input to the advisory committees as well. The RVMPO organizational structure chart, below, illustrates how the public may participate in decision making.

#### Figure 2: RVMPO Organizational Structure



### D. Compliance with Guidelines

The Public Participation Plan and the goals and policies that form its foundation are intended to ensure that the RVMPO provides the public with opportunity to influence Policy Committee decisions. The plan acknowledges that much of the RVMPO's decision making is based on policies and decisions made at the jurisdictional level. Therefore the RVMPO supports local efforts to encourage public participation in local decision making. In some instances, project ranking at the regional level may be based in part on demonstration of local support. Local governments, in their transportation planning activities, are encouraged to be consistent with the RVMPO Public Participation Implementation Guidelines in Section 6.

The procedures outlined in this plan establish minimum standards for public participation. However, failure to exactly comply with the procedures contained in the plan shall not, in and of itself, render invalid any RVMPO decisions or actions. Any dispute arising from this plan will be resolved with a focus on the degree of compliance and the extent to which the RVMPO's actions met the intent of the goals and policies. If it is determined that the spirit of the goals is not met, the RVMPO may conduct additional public involvement to ensure adequate public review.



### 5. Public Participation Tools

Through the course of any single project, it is anticipated that more than one tool or activity will be used.

**Website** The RVMPO website, <u>www.rvmpo.org</u> is the organization's principal means of communicating all of its work to the public. All meeting schedules and materials, including meeting minutes, are posted, as are drafts of all reports, research findings and publications, including the regional plan, TIP and work plan. A tool on the site enables visitors to directly contact staff. Project selections, such as the CMAQ and STBG funding process, are conducted on the web (applications posted for committee review). Staff continues to expand the utility of this site.

**Newsletters** The RVMPO can produce newsletters, seeking to time publications to important events and opportunities for the public to participate in an event or comment on a pending action. Copies may be distributed to libraries and city halls around the region, sent to email addresses on transportation-related lists, and distributed at meetings.

**Fact Sheets, Brochures** These are typically single topic communication pieces that address a subject in depth for deeper public understanding. They are used at open house sessions to provide participants with background for discussion and comment, and available in the public information display in the RVCOG lobby.

**Feedback Forms** Simple, one-page questionnaires can elicit public attitudes about a variety of subjects. These forms should be designed to include guided comments (specific questions to which the RVMPO seeks comments) and open-end questions that encourage respondents to describe their concerns.

**Visualization Techniques** As much as possible the RVMPO should use maps, charts, photographs, aerial photography and interactive tools to engage the public. Visual cues may tell the story more quickly than paragraphs of information, and can be used with written material to give the public a more thorough picture of an issue or debate. Visualization techniques should be incorporated into other tools listed in this section whenever possible, e.g., photographic posters at open houses illustrating smart growth concepts, plan maps printed as fact sheets, and diagrams of possible improvements.

**Open Houses** These informal sessions use visualization techniques to foster discussion and elicit comment from all segments of the community including agency staff, public and elected

officials. Open Houses are held in conjunction with RTP and TIP updates, as well as major planning studies. They are widely advertised.

**Committee Meetings** Efforts are made to schedule meetings of the three standing committees and ad hoc committees at convenient times and locations as determined in consultation with committee members. Public Advisory Council meetings agendas are mailed (paper or electronic) to an interested-parties list, with meeting materials being posted on the website. Oregon Public Meetings Law requires that all meetings of governing bodies be noticed in advance, be open to the public, held in an accessible location, and that a recording and/or minutes be made available for public review.

**Comment Periods, Legal Advertising** Formal public comment periods are initiated for draft UPWP, RTP, TIP and Air Quality Conformity Determination (AQCD), Public Participation Plan and major funding decisions. Comment periods related to the various plans and programs vary. Table 6.1 in section 6. – Public Participation Implementation and Documentation outlines the various timelines Public hearings and initiation of comment periods are advertised in the Legal Notices section of the Mail Tribune (newspaper of record), Medford, OR. Additional advertising may be purchased. All comments received are retained in the project record.

**Public Hearings** The Policy Committee conducts public hearings for plan and program updates and other key funding decisions.

**Press Releases** Project milestones and key opportunities for public input may be described in press releases sent to all news media in the region (print, radio and television).

**Display Advertising** Public Advisory Council meetings and other key events may be promoted in newspaper ads. The RVMPO should attempt to obtain prominent placement in Sunday and other editions.

**Spanish Language Information** The Spanish-speaking population is the region's largest minority. According to 2011-2016 American Community Survey data 2.4% of the RVMPO's population has been identified as having limited English proficiency (LEP). In order to assure that LEP populations are provided meaningful access to MPO activities, the RVMPO will continue to provide Spanish language translation, when requested.

**Social Media** The RVMPO may utilize social media to increase engagement, promote public events and build new relationships.



# 6. Public Participation Implementation & Documentation

The RVMPO is responsible for coordinating a collaborative transportation planning process for the region. All interested parties must be included, including those who are traditionally underserved by the transportation system and services. This section of the plan addresses the core metropolitan planning activities and responsibilities, focusing on how the public participates in their production.

### A. MPO Work Products and Public Participation

There are four core work products that an MPO is responsible for producing and keeping up to date on a regular schedule. Those products and the public participation in each are discussed below.

- 1) Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Produced annually, the UPWP lists all planning tasks and studies the MPO will undertake during the year. All three RVMPO standing committees discuss and propose planning tasks. Public Advisory Council meetings are advertised and materials are posted on the website. Staff conducts additional consultation with agencies and interested parties as necessary. Policy Committee holds a public hearing on the draft UPWP after a 30-day comment period. Fact sheets and other information may be produced by staff as necessary. A record of comments received and responses is kept on file, reported to committees, posted on the website, and may be incorporated into the final plan.
- 2) Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Updated every four years, the RTP is a long-range, 20-year plan that contains the region's goals and policies, projects, funding forecasts, strategies, and projected demands on the transportation system. Advisory committees discuss the plan update over several meetings. The RVMPO hosts two open house sessions, a 30-day comment period and public hearing. Comments received will be responded to and included in the final document. The draft RTP and supporting White Papers and other research as needed are posted on the website and provided to interested parties. Open house meetings are advertised in the newspaper, on the website, and by mailing (paper or electronic) to individuals and organizations on transportation mail/email lists. Staff conducts outreach including community presentations.

- **3) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).** Updated every four years, the TIP is the short-range listing of financially constrained (funded) projects to be undertaken in the coming four years. Projects in the TIP are incorporated into the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Public process for the TIP update is the same as, and conducted concurrently with the RTP update. The TIP and all major amendments are subject to a public comment period (30-day for program adoption, 21-day for major amendments) and a public hearing. (It should be noted that all RVMPO public hearings involving TIP matters meet federal public participation requirements.) A record of comments received is kept on file with responses, reported to committees, posted on the website, and may be incorporated into the final plan.
- 4) Air Quality Conformity Determination (AQCD). The RVMPO is required to show through the AQCD that both the RTP and the TIP conform to federal Clean Air Act standards. The determination process is technical in nature, but the findings are subject to public review during the activities described above for the RTP and TIP. A record of comments received will be kept on file with responses, reported to committees, posted on the website, and may be incorporated into the final plan.

#### **B. RVMPO Public Participation Plan**

The Public Participation Plan is subject to periodic review, evaluation and updating. The plan is maintained to meet federal requirements for public involvement in metropolitan planning and Oregon Public Meetings and Public Records Law. Furthermore, the RVMPO covers a growing region where the public has demonstrated an interest in the state of transportation facilities and services. RVMPO staff should periodically review the Public Participation Plan with an eye toward augmenting tools and procedures.

Evaluation is an integral part of public involvement, and is discussed in the next section *Review*, *Evaluation and Revision of the Public Participation Plan*. Updates that follow an evaluation will be reviewed by the PAC and the TAC, advertised in the newspaper, posted on the website, and publicly discussed to encourage both comments and suggestions. There will be a 45-day comment period prior to public hearing by the Policy Committee. Comments received will be responded to and kept on file with the final document.

#### C. RVMPO Discretionary Funding

The RVMPO coordinates the allocation of funds from two significant federal sources: Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program. Jurisdictions submit applications based on the goals, priorities and projects in their state Transportation System Plans (TSP). All TSPs in the region are periodically updated and those updates include a public participation component, which typically includes a citizen advisory committee. Additionally, RVMPO applications ask jurisdictions to provide information about public participation in the project for which federal funds are sought. Applications are posted on the website for comment, along with guidelines and criteria. Comments received during a 30-day comment period are kept on file with responses, reported to committees and posted on the website.

	Regional Trans	portation Plan					
Activity	Adoption	Amendment					
-	Public input will be sought during development of draft document. Such efforts can include but not be limited to the following: making available fact sheets and brochures, feedback forms, participating in local events, holding public meetings, posting information on the MPO's website.	N/A					
Releasing draft Document or Amendment for public comment and agency review	Notice of formal public comment period that will last a minimum of 30 days and notice of public hearing will advertised in local print media and on MPO website. Comments will also be sought from participating agencies as well as from the MPOs standing and policy committees.	Draft document is made available online at least 21 days prior adoption. Notice of the documents availability shall be advertised in local print media and placed on the MPO's website.					
Adoption of Final Document or Amendment	30 days after the notice of public comment period and upon holding a public hearing during the Policy Committee meeting	21 days after noticing the amendment in the local print media, and after review and recommendation from the MPO's standing committee(s), the Policy Committee shall hold a Public Hearing at its regularly scheduled meeting and then take action on proposed amendment					
	Transportation Improvement Progra	m & Unified Planning Work Program					
Activity	Adoption	Amendment					
Development of Draft Document or amendment	Developed internally	Developed internally					
Document or Amendment for	Notice of formal public comment period that will last a minimum of 30 days and notice of public hearing will advertised in local print media and on MPO website. Comments will also be sought from participating agencies as well as from the MPOs standing and policy committees.	Draft document is made available online at least 21 days prior adoption. Notice of the documents availability shall be advertised in local print media and placed on the MPO's website.					
Adoption of Final Document or Amendment	30 days after the notice of public comment period and upon holding a public hearing during the Policy Committee meeting	21 days after noticing the amendment in the local print media, and after review and recommendation from the MPO's standing committee(s), the Policy Committee shall hold a Public Hearing at its regularly scheduled meeting and then take action on proposed					

## Table 6.1 – Public Participation Process

amendment

Activity	Adoption or Regular Update
Development of Draft Document	Draft Document to be distributed to MPO Standing Committees prior to commencing 45 day public review period
Release draft document for public review	Advertise 45-day public comment period in local print media and place draft document on MPO website
Adoption of Final Document	45 days after the notice of public comment period and upon holding a public hearing during the Policy Committee meeting

## **Public Participation Plan**



## 7. Review, Evaluation, and Revision of the Public Participation Plan

Federal Metropolitan Planning guidelines require a periodic review of the effectiveness of public involvement processes. By evaluating public involvement activities, it is possible to improve or add new activities to the MPO program and to discontinue those that are deemed ineffective. RVMPO staff will review the Public Participation Plan with respect to changes in local, state and federal legislation and in terms of its effectiveness in assuring that the process provides full and open access to the public. If the RVMPO, including both staff and committees, and the public determine that involvement techniques described in the plan are inadequate, additional techniques will be researched for inclusion into the RVMPO public involvement process.

The table in *Appendix C* contains information regarding public outreach efforts used in association with the 2013 Regional Transportation Plan update. This information is used by staff and RVMPO committees as a point-in-time evaluation of public input opportunities provided, public participation methods used, and public input received.

Attachment 6 (Agenda Item 5)

## Appendices

## Appendix A: Glossary, Acronyms and Common Transportation Terms

- AQCD Air Quality Conformity Determination: Finding based on analysis showing that plans, programs and projects comply with Clean Air Act standards. The RVMPO area is regulated for carbon monoxide (Medford) and particulates.
- **CMAQ Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality:** The program is a federally-funded program for surface transportation improvements designed to improve air quality and mitigate congestion.

#### FHWA Federal Highway Administration

- **TSP Transportation System Plan:** A state-required long-range plan for municipal multi-modal transportation networks generally incorporated into comprehensive land use plans; must be consistent with the RTP and TIP.
- **MPO** Metropolitan Planning Organization: Required by federal law in urban areas over 50,000 population, and designated by the governor, MPOs consist of local jurisdictions that collaborate to fulfill federal requirements for long- and short-range, regional, multimodal transportation planning.

#### PPP Public Participation Plan

- **PAC Public Advisory Council:** The RVMPO's citizen sounding board; makes recommendations to the Policy Committee, which makes all MPO decisions.
- **PC Policy Committee:** The RVMPO's decision making body; made up of member jurisdiction representatives.
- **RTP Regional Transportation Plan:** Long range, multimodal plan for regional transportation needs.
- **STBG** Surface Transportation Block Grant Program: Provides flexible funding for surface transportation needs.
- **TAC Technical Advisory Committee:** RVMPO committee of member jurisdictions' planning and public works representatives; makes recommendations to the Policy Committee.
- **TIP Transportation Improvement Program:** Federally required, short-range multi-modal list of the region's projects for the coming four years.
- **UPWP Unified Planning Work Program:** Federally required plan for projects and studies to be undertaken by the MPO for the year.

## **ROGUE VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION** 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 338 www.rvmpo.org

Email return to: <a href="mailto:rmaclaren@rvcog.org">rmaclaren@rvcog.org</a>

For background about the Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization and the role of the Public Advisory Council go to our website, <u>www.rvmpo.org</u>

## PLEASE PRINT

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

Name:\_\_\_\_\_

Home address (include Zip code):\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (home)\_\_\_\_\_ (business)\_\_\_\_\_

Email\_\_\_\_\_

**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, and public health. 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.

## **1.** Please indicate below the geographic area, <u>or</u> 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):

Ashland	Central Point	Eagle Point
Jacksonville	East Medford	West Medford
Phoenix	Talent	White City
<b>B. Special Interest Area:</b>	Freight industry	Mass Transit
	Low Income Citizens	Minority
	Senior Citizens	Public Health

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2. What experience, interest, knowledge or qualifications would you bring to the Public Advisory Council?									
Advisory Council?									
3. Why do you want to become a member of the Public Advisory Council?									
Signature									
Date									
Thank You!									

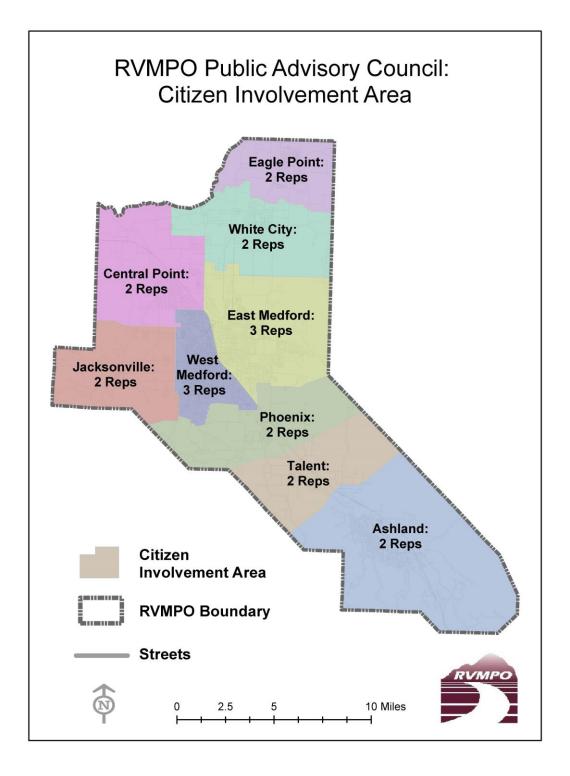
## POLICY STATEMENTS REGARDING CITIZEN APPOINTMENTS

- 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 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, and public health.
- 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, 514.423.1338



## Appendix C: Analysis of Public Outreach Efforts, 2017 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Update

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Activity:	Public Advisory Council (PAC) Meetings w/ RTP Review	Public Workshop	RTP Survey	Public Hearing for RTP Adoption at Policy Committee Meeting	Brochure Distribution	RTP Draft Copy Distribution	Website Email Link (Comment Period)
How Advertised or Distributed to Public: (policy/method)	Website	Newspaper advertisements; Website homepage	Talent Harvest Festival, Medford Pear Blossom Festival, Jackson County Harvest Festival, Website	Newspaper advertisement; Website homepage	Talent Harvest Festival, Medford Pear Blossom Festival, Jackson County Harvest Festival,MPO Meetings, RVCOG Entryway	All Public Libraries w/in RVMPO Area	Website homepage
Activity Dates/Times:	6/21/15, 5:30pm 9/15/15, 5:30pm 11/17/15, 5:30pm 9/20/16, 5:30pm 3/21/17, 5:30pm	Tues, 2/28/17, 2pm	10/03/15, 4/8/16 - 4/9/16, 9/16/16 - 9/18/16, Website (Oct 2015- Dec 2016)	Tues, 3/28/17, 2pm	N/A	Public Comment Period (Feb-March, 2017)	Public Comment Period (Feb-March, 2017)
Public in Attendance: (measure of effectiveness)	0	9	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Public Comments Received: (measure of effectiveness)	PAC, only (no outside public comment)	4	91	None	N/A	N/A	0

2017 RTP UPDATE Review of Effectiveness: Opportunities Created for Public Input and Outreach Methods Used

Note: All PC & TAC meetings containing RTP review are not listed. These meetings are open to the public. During RTP update development, no public comment re: RTP noted during these meetings.



10. Kvivii o i ubie Advisory Coulei

FROM: Ryan MacLaren, Senior Planner

SUBJECT: RTP/TIP Amendments

The PAC is being asked to make recommendations to the Policy Committee on the proposed RTP/TIP amendments described below and on the following pages. The Policy Committee will hold a public hearing at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 25, 2018 to consider adoption of the proposed TIP and RTP amendments. The 21-day public comment period and public hearing will be advertised on or before September 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Medford Tribune, and information is currently available on the RVMPO website. Information on the new project is enumerated, below:

### A. Add New Project to RTP & TIP: *RVTD* – 5339 Bus & Facilities Program (KN 21365)

Description: Replace (7) 35' CNG buses.

ProjectName	Project Description	<b>RTP Project</b>	Air Quality Status	Key#	Federal Fiscal Year	Phase		Federa	al	Fe	ederal Requi	ired Match	Total Fed+Reg Match	Other		Total All Sources	
Floject Name	Project Description	Number		ney#			\$		Source		\$	Source	Total reu+key Match	\$	Source	iotal All Sources	
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					Total FFY18-21		\$ 3,018	750		\$	1,006,250		\$ 4,025,000			\$	4,025,000

### B. Add New Project to RTP & TIP: RVTD – 5339 Transit Signal Priority Technology & Equipment (KN 21366)

Description: Purchase and install Transit Signal Priority System, project management, and configuration.

Project Name	Project Description	<b>RTP Project</b>	Air Quality Status	Key#	Federal Fiscal Year	Phase	Federal			Federal Required Match			Total Fed+Reg Match	Othe	Total All Sources		
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					Total FFY18-21		\$ 1,02	0,014		\$	680,030		\$ 1,700,044			\$	1,700,044

## C. Add New Project to RTP & TIP: *RVTD* – 5339 Transit Signal Priority Implementation Plan (KN 21367)

Description: Transit signal priority implantation plan.

Project Name	Project Description	RTP Project Number	Air Quality Status	Key#	Federal Fiscal Year	Phase	Fede	eral	Federal	l Requir	ed Match	Total Fed+Reg Match	Othe	Total All Sources	
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					Total FFY18-21		\$ 85,000		\$ 9	9,729		\$ 94,729			\$ 94,729

## **D.** Adjust Project in TIP: *I-5 California State Line – Ashland Paving* (KN 18873) Description: Increase construction phase by \$8,992,089.

Project Name	Project Description	<b>RTP Project</b>	Air Quality Status	Key#	Federal Fiscal Year	Phase	F	deral	F	ederal Requi	red Match	Total Fed+Reg Match		Other		Total All Sources	
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I-5 California State				18873	2019	Land Purchase						\$-	\$	5,000	ODOT	\$	5,000
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