

**Summary Minutes
Rogue Valley MPO Public Advisory Council
January 16, 2018**



The following attended:

Involvement Area	Appointee	Phone Number
Ashland	Mary Wooding	482-1066
Central Point	Larry Martin	664-3778
Eagle Point	Aaron Prunty	864-9868
Eagle Point	Mike Stanek	821-1804
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)	Jim Herndon	840-0741
Phoenix	Diana Shiplet	261-5166
Special Interest	Appointee	Phone Number
Bicycle/Pedestrian	Edgar Hee, Vice Chair	734-4872
Freight Industry	Mike Montero, Chair	779-0771
Mass Transit	Patrick McKechnie	621-2003
Public Health	Michael Polich	608-3802
Senior	Robin Lee	773-7185
Staff		
RVCOG	Karl Welzenbach	423-1360
RVCOG	Andrea Napoli	423-1369

RVCOG	Ryan MacLaren	423-1338
RVCOG	Stephanie Thune	423-1368

[RVMPO PAC January 16, 2018 Agenda Packet](#) and [Agenda Supplement](#)

Full meeting recording*: [2018-01-16 RVMPO PAC Meeting Minutes A](#) (Item 1 – Partial Item 5)

[2018-01-16 RVMPO PAC Meeting Minutes B](#) (Partial Item 5 - Adjournment)

*The built-in recording system malfunctioned, requiring a change in recording equipment and the segmenting of the full meeting audio file partway through Item 5.

1. Call to Order / Introductions/ Review Agenda 00:00 – 01:07 (A)

- 5:30 p.m.
- During Item 3, “Public Comment,” MPO information binders will be distributed.
- Action Item 6A, “Election of RVMPO PAC Chair and Vice-Chair,” was added as a supplement to the agenda. The election will take place immediately prior to the “Rogue Bike Share” presentation (Item 4), but will appear in the written minutes in its proper numerical order among the meeting’s other action items.

2. Review / Approve Minutes 01:08 – 01:35 (A)

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

01:24 (A) | Edgar Hee moved to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2017 meeting as presented. Jim Herndon seconded.

There was no further discussion.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

3. Public Comment 01:36 – 03:52 (A)

MPO information binders were distributed.

Presentations

4. Rogue Bike Share 06:47 – 48:45 (A)

Andrea Napoli gave a comprehensive [PowerPoint presentation](#) detailing the Rogue Bike Share’s history, current status and ideas for future development.

Highlights:

- RVCOG took administration of the program over from the United Way in April 2017.
- Pilot program is underway in Ashland (seven stations, with one additional station on Front Street in Medford) and showing good usage results to-date.
- Adjustments to station locations will be made as needed based on data collected; excellent station visibility plays a key role in usage. Placing the station near bike paths, transit stops, etc. is also beneficial.
- Expansion to other communities will ideally take place in the future, but will depend on funding and forecasted benefit/usage to those regions.

PAC members are encouraged to spread word of the program throughout their communities, social networks, etc.

Action Items

5. Information Related to RTP and TIP Amendments 48:46 – 54:16 (A); 00:00 – 10:30 (B)

Ryan MacLaren reported briefly on two state-requested amendments to the 2018-2021 TIP; they are TIP amendments only, not RTP.

- **A** | Speed signs for Siskiyou Pass on I-5 could potentially be installed inside of the RVMPO boundary just south of Ashland. (If, however, no signs are installed inside the boundary, there will be another TIP amendment to remove the project.)
- **B** | Construction phase added for Salt Pilot project. The work being done is the application of epoxy/sealant to the bridge's expansion joints/rebar to determine how effective the sealant is as a protective barrier against salt usage in the winter months.

Both projects are using state (non-MPO) funds. Details of all projects were included in the agenda packet for review and are available online at www.rvmmpo.org.

Comments/inquiries were as follows:

- Concerns remain (reference Item 5 of the [November 21 meeting minutes](#)) on behalf of some PAC members about the lack of clarity regarding how ODOT prioritizes maintenance/safety projects and how, specifically, funds are redirected among those projects when amendments such as those being presented this evening are proposed/approved.
 - Karl Welzenbach explained that ODOT has, essentially, a “pot” of money for maintenance and safety projects listed in the STIP and that, while the *allocation* of that money could shift as needed to accommodate project progress, the total amount of money in the pot would remain unchanged.
 - Nonetheless, PAC members still feel that informed decision-making on their part should include 1) knowledge of the range of projects under consideration for fund allocation and 2) which project(s)/ project segment(s) are *not* getting done when funds originally allocated to them are reassigned to other projects.
- Glen Anderson voiced concern related to Amendment B and the seeming lack of consideration being given to the corrosive effect of salt on roads and motor vehicles and the resultant high cost to the public.

07:21 (B) | Mary Wooding moved that the PAC recommend approval to the Policy Committee of the proposed amendments to the 2018-2021 TIP as presented. Diana Shiplet seconded.

Discussion:

- Glen Anderson expressed unwillingness to support Amendment B unless/until shown evidence of due diligence by ODOT in conducting studies of the effects of salt versus alternative measures such as magnesium chloride on motor vehicles.
 - Welzenbach and Montero stated that ODOT is conducting testing on salt versus synthetic chemical application on roads; results of that testing will be brought to the PAC once known.

The motion carried by a majority voice vote. Glen Anderson opposed.

6. PAC New Member Application 10:31 – 14:49 (B)

Ryan MacLaren presented an application from George “Ike” Eisenhower, expressing his desire to represent Phoenix on the RVMPO PAC.

Eisenhower was not present, but Jim Herndon spoke in favor of the appointment.

11:33 | Jim Herndon moved that the PAC recommend approval to the RVMPO Policy Committee of George “Ike” Eisenhower being appointed to fill the Phoenix vacancy on the RVMPO PAC. Ron Holthusen seconded.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

MacLaren shared copies of two flyers that will be circulated in an attempt to fill remaining vacant positions on the PAC. One effort will be concentrated in White City, which for some time now has lacked PAC representation. Another RVMPO-wide effort will be made to elicit interest for the remaining geographic and special interest area vacancies. A suggestion was made to circulate the flyers at schools/the school district office as well as at LaClinica in White City.

6A. Election of RVMPO PAC Chair and Vice-Chair 03:53 – 06:46 (A)

The RVMPO PAC Bylaws state: *“The officers of the Council shall be a Chair and Vice-Chair to be elected by the Council at the first meeting of the calendar year. The officers shall hold office for a period of one year.”*

The Chair opened the floor to RVMPO PAC Chair nominations.

Ron Holthusen moved to nominate and elect Mike Montero for the position of RVACT Chair for the term of January 2018 – December 2018. Brad Inman seconded.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

The Chair opened the floor to RVMPO PAC Vice-Chair nominations.

- **Ron Holthusen moved to nominate Diana Shiplet for the position of RVACT Vice-Chair for the term of January 2018 – December 2018.**
- **Robin Lee expressed her interest in the position as well; Glen Anderson moved in support of the nomination.**

The Chair called for a vote on the motions with a show of hands in favor of each candidate.

Diana Shiplet was elected as the new RVMPO Vice-Chair by carrying the majority of the vote.

Discussion Items

None scheduled.

Regular Updates

7. MPO Planning Update 14:50 – 21:53 (B)

- The state is reviewing its transportation planning regulations from the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD). The future role of MPOs (if any) in the land use arena is under consideration. If MPOs become involved to any extent, it is likely to be along the lines of coordination rather than responsibility.

8. Other Business 21:54 – 21:56 (B)

9. Public Comment 21:57 – 22:53 (B)

- On Friday, January 19 at 10:00 a.m. at the Ashland Library, Secretary of State Dennis Richardson will be speaking on the future of autonomous and self-driving vehicles in Oregon. The event is free to the public; all are invited to attend.

10. Next Meeting 22:54 – 23:24 (B)

The next PAC meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the Jefferson Conference Room at RVCOG.

11. Adjournment 23:25 – 23:27 (B)

6:52 p.m.

Scheduled Meetings:

RVMPO TAC | Wednesday, February 14 @ 1:30 p.m.

RVMPO Policy Committee | Tuesday, January 23 @ 2:00 pm

RVMPO PAC | Tuesday, March 20 @ 5:30 pm