



SUMMARY MINUTES

*Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization
Technical Advisory Committee*

May 14, 2014

The following people were in attendance:

RVMPO Technical Advisory Committee

Voting Members in Attendance:

Alex Georgevitch	City of Medford
John Adam	City of Medford
Josh LeBombard	DLCD
Kelli Sparkman	ODOT
Kelly Madding	Jackson County
Kevin Caldwell	City of Phoenix
Matt Samitore	City of Central Point
Mike Kuntz, Chairman	Jackson County
Mike Faught	City of Ashland
Paige Townsend	RVTD
Robert Miller	City of Eagle Point
Tom Humphrey, Vice Chairman	City of Central Point
Zac Moody	City of Talent

Others Present:

PAC Members: Mike Montero, Ron Holthusen, Brad Inman, Mike Stitt, Al Willstatter, Mike Quilty and David Chapman
Karen Swirsky, DLCD, Anne Russett, ODOT, Bianca Petrou, Medford

RVCOG Staff

Jonathan David, Dan Moore, Andrea Napoli, Pat Foley

1. Call to Order / Introductions / Review Agenda

Mike Kuntz called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. A quorum was present. Those present introduced themselves. Agenda changes: Delete Item 4 - Transportation Improvement Program & Regional Plan Amendments. Move Item 6 – Strategic Assessment – after Public Comment.

2. Review / Approve Minutes

Kuntz asked committee members if there were any additions or corrections to the April 9, 2014 meeting minutes. John Adams made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Tom Humphrey. Minutes were approved with one abstention.

3. Public Comment (*Items not on agenda*)

No public comment was forthcoming.

4. Strategic Assessment

Jonathan David explained that ODOT and DLCD previously made a presentation to the Policy Committee regarding this Strategic Assessment. The Policy Committee directed us to have a joint TAC/PAC presentation for discussion and then to make a recommendation at the next PAC meeting.

Anne Russett, ODOT Planner (Salem) and Karen Swirsky, DLCD gave a presentation focusing on the Strategic Assessment.

Background: In 2007 the Legislature passed a bill to reduce Greenhouse Gas emissions statewide with a goal to reduce Green House emissions 75% below the 1991 level by 2050. In order to obtain that goal ODOT and DLCD established the Oregon Sustainable Transportation Initiative.

Scenario Planning: Helps to answer – What changes to land use and transportation plans, policies and programs are needed to reduce GHG emission from light vehicle travel in MPOs.

- The Portland Metro Area and the Central Lane MPO are currently engaged in required Scenario Planning efforts. For other areas Scenario Planning is voluntary

Strategic Assessment: Described as one component of Scenario Planning. Strategic Assessments are voluntary. It is a technical process that uses RSPM to evaluate adopted plans.

- Corvallis Area MPO is currently involved in the Strategic Assessment process.

Regional Strategic Planning Model (RSPM): RSPM evaluates a full range of factors that affect household travel and emissions. Specifically designed for regional planning.

- Inputs: Regional Context, Community Design, Marketing & Incentives, Fleet & Technology and Pricing.
- Outputs: Environment, Land Use, Mobility, Equity and Economy.

Project Coordination: How can the Strategic Assessment enhance major projects in region?

- RVMPO RTP Update (April 2017) – some data is interchangeable; RSPM allows testing of some planning scenarios.
- Alternative Measures Analysis (June 2015) – RSPM will provide useful information about how region is currently performing.

ODOT & DLCD Support: ODOT provides technical support and funds to MPO for Strategic Assessment-related work (staff time).

Schedule: Approximately a 6-month process after IGA is signed. Model work could begin this fall.

Next Steps: 1. TAC recommendation to Policy Board, 2. Letter from Policy Board to ODOT expressing support for completing Strategic Assessment and 3. IGA with ODOT.

Per discussion/questions/comments:

1. The TAC is not prepared to make a recommendation today but would like ODOT/DLCD to come back and present the Corvallis results.

ODOT/DLCD will provide:

1. Comment: *To understand how the Strategic Assessment model could take into account the special oddity of the Rogue Valley area especially as it relates to the non-attainment air quality.*
2. Question: *What happens if the Portland Metro does not meet their goals?*
 - a. Do not know the answer. Will get that information to Jonathan David.
3. Question: *What are they measuring for green house gases?*
 - a. There is a definition which will be provided to Jonathan David.
4. Presentation on the Corvallis Strategic Assessment process.
5. Request: Bring a modeler when you come back so that technical questions can be asked.

5. Air Quality Consultation

Dan Moore reported that the MPO has initiated the consultation process for doing an air quality conformity determination for the 2015-2018 STIP and doing updates to the Regional Transportation Plan. Handout “Draft Pre-analysis Consensus Plan for the Conformity Analysis”: This information has been sent to our inter-agency consultation group for review and concurrence (Public Highways, FDA, ODOT, EPA and Oregon Department of Air Quality). The data was reviewed.

Question/Clarification: Does RVMPO Version 3.0 model take into consideration changes that Medford made as a part of their TSP?

6. Medford’s Urban Reserve Transportation/Land-Use Concept Plan

(Handout: Coordination on Medford’s transportation and land-use concept plan for its urban reserve)

John Adams reported that under the Regional Plan cities are required to do conceptual planning of their urban reserves. Medford’s Public Works and Planning Department has done a lot of this work in laying out streets and land uses. John reviewed the work that has been done by the City using an overhead map. Medford is required to collaborate with the MPO. If there is more to be done the City is willing to come back for another presentation.

7. MPO Planning Update

Jonathan David mentioned that there have been discussions regarding the formation of a TAC to serve the RVACT. The assumption is both the RVMPO TAC and the MRMPO TAC would be members of the TAC. RVCOG’s staff is currently working on the MRMPOs RTP and the TIP.

8. Public Comment

Mike Quilty said that when the Policy Committee voted on the UPWP we did it with a twenty minute public hearing. We appreciate the work that the TAC and staff put into this beforehand because it made it very easy to for us to make a decision.

9. Other Business / Local Business

Mike Kuntz said that the county is close to launching their TSP update

Jonathan David, regarding Eagle Point, said that we were able to get the MRMPO to approve new vehicle.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.