



SUMMARY MINUTES

*Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization
Technical Advisory Committee*

January 14, 2015

The following people were in attendance:

RVMPO Technical Advisory Committee

Voting Members in Attendance:

Alex Georgevitch	City of Medford
Ian Foster	City of Jacksonville
Ian Horlacher	ODOT
Jon Sullivan	RVTD
Josh Le Bombard	DLCD
Kelly Madding	Jackson County
Matt Brinkley	City of Phoenix
Mike Kuntz	Jackson County
Paige Townsend	RVTD
Rob Miller	Eagle Point
Tom Humphrey	City of Central Point

Others Present:

Jenna Stanke, Mike Montero, Greg Holmes

RVCOG Staff

Dan Moore, Dick Converse, Sue Casavan

1. Call to Order / Introductions -

Chairman Mike Kuntz called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. Those present introduced themselves.

2. Review / Approve Minutes -

Chairman Kuntz asked committee members if there were any additions or corrections to the November meeting minutes. Tom Humphrey pointed out on the bottom of Page 2: RV should be RVTD and only one "the" in next paragraph.

On a motion by Tom Humphrey and seconded by Kelly Madding, the minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote, as presented.

3. Public Comment

No public comment was forthcoming.

4. Alternative Measures Analysis Report

Dan Moore gave a Power Point presentation on the Alternative Measures.

Comments:

1) Transit and Bicycle/Pedestrian Mode Share

Mode share for 2010 was determined by data output from the RVMPOv3.1 travel demand model. Moore pointed out that VMT increases due to transit not growing from current conditions.

Paige Townsend announced details in RVTD's reduction of service and noted that there will be a five percent service change with the first phase becoming effective March 2.

Tom Humphrey mentioned that the region did show improvement but did not meet the benchmark, perhaps the benchmarks could change. He thought it beneficial to focus on the good things that have happened and keep working to achieve a realistic goal. Alex Georgevitch added that the region could anticipate not meeting the goal again and suggested refining calculations or using RVTD data for ridership. Members agreed that using regional data for trends could be more site-specific and bring real time assessment into the discussion.

Josh LeBombard noted that this could not be compared to the last analysis and he was interested in developing a methodology that could look for trends and follow them over time. Georgevitch indicated that several data points would be needed to look at trends. Some members suggested looking at real passenger trips versus VMT model data. Others suggested using model data but supplementing it with RVTD data. They did not want to rule out the possibility of adjusting the benchmark if needed. Look at transit levels of service and run it through the model to see how the region might meet the goal, what it would take to meet the standard. Georgevitch pointed out that they are benchmarks not requirements. Members asked for definitions of the model data categories.

2) Percent Dwelling Units within ¼ mile Walk to 30-minute Transit Service

Some members asked for more details on how non-vacant housing was determined. Moore will find more information.

3) Percentage of Collectors/Arterials with Bicycle Facilities

Members questioned whether multi-use paths were counted last time. There was a 2% difference between with or without multi-use paths.

4) Percentage of Collectors and Arterials in TOD Areas with Sidewalks

Moore noted that staff had looked at activity centers identified by the jurisdictions and not TODs, with the understanding that TODs would be included in the activity centers. Georgevitch asked staff to double check linear feet on arterials and collectors counted both ways, he thought the number was high. Members agreed there should be discussion about adjusting benchmarks to reflect the new activity centers.

5) Measure 5 and 6 Comments

Percentage of New Dwelling Units in Mixed-Use/Pedestrian-Friendly Areas – Percent of New Employment

Members recommended that the measuring criteria for both 5 and 6 be examined and simplified. Employment – members thought the criteria should be more inclusive and not be limited by design elements.

7) Alternative Transportation Funding

Members discussed funding to RVTD and suggested revising methodology changing to five year increments to more accurately reflect real time and current conditions.

The end product will be a memorandum with recommendations including feedback from the TAC. The TAC will approve changes and will go to the Policy Committee. LeBombard will take recommendations to the commission and discuss next steps for the region.

Townsend suggested looking at what best practices could be used to determine changes and new trends. Kuntz would like further discussion and research to determine if the region is using the best tools available.

5. MPO Planning Update –

Moore informed members that Jonathan David was on medical leave.

6. Public Comments – None.

7. Other Business / Local Business

Tom would like to put Central Point Conceptual Plan for CP-1B on next month's agenda.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.