



SUMMARY MINUTES
Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization
Technical Advisory Committee

May 13, 2015

The following people were in attendance:

RVMPO Technical Advisory Committee

Voting Members in Attendance:

Alex Georgevitch	City of Medford
Ian Horlacher (by phone)	ODOT
John Adam	City of Medford
Jon Sullivan, Vice Chairman	RVTD
Josh LeBombard	DLCD
Kelly Madding	Jackson County
Matt Brinkley	City of Phoenix
Matt Samitore	City of Central Point
Mike Kuntz, Chairman	Jackson County
Mike Upston	City of Eagle Point
Paige Townsend	RVTD
Tom Humphrey	City of Central Point

Others Present:

RVCOG Staff

Dan Moore, Dick Converse, Bunny Lincoln,

1. Call to Order / Introductions

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 1:38 p.m. Those present introduced themselves.

2. Review / Approve Minutes

Chairman Kuntz asked committee members if there were any additions or corrections to the March meeting minutes.

- ❖ Tom Humphrey did not attend the previous meeting.
- ❖ Pg.3 Item #5 final bullet was edited to read "... promote **compact land use**"

On a motion by Mike Upston, seconded by Alex Georgevitch, the minutes were approved, as amended, by voice vote. Paige Townsend abstained.

3. Public Comment

No public comment was forthcoming.

Action Item:

4. Alternative Measures Final Report

Dan Moore summarized the **Alternative Measures Final Report** and requested a TAC recommendation for approval to the Policy Committee. The Executive Summary focuses on the Findings and Recommendations from the 2010 benchmark analysis conducted in 2014. A suggestion was made by Bob Cortright that the Report benchmark conclusions should include an expanded explanation of their various meanings.

The Committee members engaged in a broad discussion on the merits of the modeling data accuracy Vs the results that might have been obtained with the use of observed data to depict more accurate conditions on the actual mode share. The reasons for the share decline are difficult to determine. The mode share decrease shown in the statistics may mean vehicles are a higher percentage of “share” because more people are driving. While transit ridership is actually going up, that might not necessarily mean additional users. There has been a 16% transit use increase over the past three years, although this may be reflective of the same people simply using the system more often. RVTD agreed that the model data results might not have been completely accurate. The census was suggested as a good source for observed data. The COG is applying for a TGM grant, which will help to determine the best data to use in future analysis. Continuity of data remains a concern. TPAU also felt that data might not be totally reliable. The Report is the best look right now.

Tom Humphrey spoke to the mixed use in Measure 6, and getting credits for new employment in activity centers. The definitions for Measures #5 and #6 should be adjusted to account for the expanding home occupation trend as mixed use development increases in activity centers. A paragraph providing meaning for each measure’s data was felt to be warranted. MPO review/input on future site plan proposals, as related to design standards for transit and bike/ped access, was mentioned as being a potential benefit. A natural next step would be to carry the alternative measures concepts over into city codes.

The Report will be reviewed every four years on a macro level. The City codes could be reviewed for consistency with the alternative measure benchmarks, and receiving credits for same.

Mike Kuntz pointed out that page 4, the 3rd paragraph of the Executive Summary should reference that the DLCDC’s comments had been “accepted” Vs “concurred with” by the MPO. Dan Moore will edit that phrase.

On a motion by Upston, seconded by Townsend, the Alternative Measures Final Report was recommended, as revised, to the Policy Committee for approval by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion/Update Item:

5. Regional Problem Solving (RPS) Concept Plan Process

Dick Converse presented a (revised) TAC memo, dated May 6, 2015, on RPS conceptual planning coordination. The Policy Committee is the final voice for the MPO when making the determination that a conceptual plan is in conformance with the Regional Plan’s performance measures. The determination is not a decision, but a collaborative review of a City’s UR Concept Plan. The TAC will review the conceptual plan(s) and prepare a draft letter to the City outlining the results of said review. The letter will then be forwarded to the Policy Committee, accompanied by the TAC report, for final review and signature.

This collaborative process on transportation is a performance measure, not a land use decision. Ultimately, any Policy Committee comments, or those from others, would be addressed by the jurisdiction in UGB expansion findings.

Dick Converse will revise the memo to reflect the fact that the review constitutes compliance with the performance measure 2.7. In the final paragraph of the memo, the reference to alternative measures was found to be redundant, and was removed. Section 2.5, and “transportation connectivity” (as a performance indicator) will be added to the second to the last paragraph on the memo.

The revisions will go to the Policy Committee on May 28th.

6. MPO Planning Update

- Thanks were offered to various jurisdictions for Strategic Assessment survey response
- The survey response period still open
- ODOT will finalize model for creation of final Plan
- What should Strategic Assessment emphasize?
- Associate Planner recruitment is still under way to work on MPO projects, and another position is being considered. The TAC was asked if they had any specific requests for a traffic engineer or other specialized area to assist the member jurisdictions. Paige Townsend suggested a transit planner.

7. Public Comment

8. Other Business / Local Business

- John Adam shared that Medford is meeting tomorrow night to go over UGB expansion alternatives. He asked what to do next with respect Medford’s Urban Reserve concept plan that was presented in April, 2014. After a brief discussion among the membership, Kelly Madding said it was probably a good idea to get some sort of input from the MPO.
- RVTD is implementing its last service cut (Route #10) on June 1st.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.