



SUMMARY MINUTES
Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization
Technical Advisory Committee

September 9, 2015

The following people were in attendance:

RVMPO Technical Advisory Committee

Voting Members in Attendance:

Ian Horlacher	ODOT
John Adam	City of Medford
Jon Sullivan, Vice Chairman	RVTD
Josh LeBombard	DLCD
Kelly Madding	Jackson County
Matt Samitore	Central Point
Matt Brinkley	City of Phoenix
Mike Kuntz, Chairman	Jackson County
Mike Upston	City of Eagle Point
Nick Fortey	FHWA
Paige Townsend	RVTD
Tom Humphrey	City of Central Point

Others Present:

Mike Montero

RVCOG Staff

Dan Moore, Ryan MacLaren, Bunny Lincoln

1. Call to Order / Introductions

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 1:45 PM. Those present introduced themselves.

2. Review / Approve Minutes

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

On a motion by Ian Horlacher, seconded by Mike Upston, the minutes were unanimously approved by voice vote.

3. Public Comment

No public comment was forthcoming.

Action Item:

4. 2013-88 Regional Plan (RTP)/ 2015-18 Transportation Plan (TIP) Amendments

Ryan MacLaren summarized the proposed RTP and TIP amendments.

Southbound Ashland Creek Bridge (downtown) has been rated “Poor” for both the superstructure and substructure. Federal funding = \$592,630. ODOT match = \$67,830. Total project = \$660,460. Sixteen (16) open barrier segments between I-5 MP 30.8 and 153.50 (covering multiple jurisdictions) will be improved with the installation of cable barriers to prevent additional accidents. Federal funding = \$2,305,500. ODOT match = \$194,500. Total project = \$2,500,000.

On a motion by Mike Upston, seconded by Tom Humphrey the Regional Plan/Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment for OR99: Ashland Creek Bridge Rehabilitation was recommended unanimously, by voice vote, to the Policy Committee for approval.

On a motion by Paige Townsend, seconded by Kelly Madding the I-5 Cable Barrier – Southern Oregon was recommended to the Policy Committee for approval by unanimous voice vote.

5. Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Goals & Policies

Dan Moore shared that the RVMPO has begun updating the 2017-2042 Regional Transportation Plan which will be adopted in 2017. One of the first parts of the RTP to be reviewed is the Goals and Policies chapter.

Included are the goals and policies in the current RTP, with the addition of potential actions and performance indicators. The goals and policies component of the RTP consists of 8 goals and 34 policies. The review of the goals will help guide future decision making in developing and implementing the RTP. The component went through a major review and amendment process for the 2013-2038 update. Consequently, with staff review component for the 2017-2042 RTP update, it was concluded the goals and policies to be thorough, complete and consistent with other federal, state and local plans and regulations. The documents describe that there are no changes or additions necessary to update the goals and policies component to keep it and the RTP consistent with related documents. Approval of this component in will be considered in October, 2015.

The examination of the goals and policies included review of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) and the Oregon Transportation Plan. Furthermore, Transportation System Plans for the following jurisdictions were reviewed to determine if updates were needed to reflect current regional values:

Ashland	Central Point
Talent	Eagle Point
Phoenix	Jackson County
Medford	White City
Jacksonville	

While the TSPs contained all concepts, terminology and priority varied as the specific, unique needs for each jurisdiction, it was determined by staff that goals and policies of the RTP were consistent with the local TSPs.

The TAC is being asked to consider the appropriateness of the goals and policies of the current RTP, as well as valid indicators or ways to measure progress in achieving the goal.

After a brief discussion among the TAC members, on a motion by Mike Upston, seconded by John Adam, RVMCOG Staff will make non-substantive refinements to the Goals and Policies, and return them to the TAC in October. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

6. DLCD TAZ Data Request

Dan Moore shared public information that DLCD is requesting population/housing and employment transportation analysis zone (TAZ) data from the RVMPO Travel Demand Model in order to evaluate adopted plans as related to walkable, mixed-use development and transit access.

Josh Le Bombard offered a short, expanded explanation on the TAZ process. The Committee expressed interest in the results of the analysis, as well as having additional information from DLCD at a future meeting. Paige Townsend reminded the TAC that there have been some errors in previous TAZ data that need to be corrected for starting point accuracy. Josh Le Bombard will check with DLCD staff, and report back to the TAC. Dan Moore said that the model runs have been completed, and that DLCD and ODOT will have a preliminary presentation in October.

7. Committee Email Voting Discussion

Mike Kuntz brought up the subject of email votes, and whether such a practice was appropriate outside a public forum. Members wondered if this were a procedural issue or an ethical one. The bylaws require a meeting, but do not mention email voting. Comment was made of the fact that the TAC only makes recommendations which are then passed on to the Policy Committee for action. Phone (special) meetings, including of minutes, were discussed. Consensus was expressed that conference calls could be a viable alternative to this situation in the future.

8. MPO Planning Update

- Strategic Assessment will be on the 14th.
- Staff continues to work on the RTP.

9. Public Comment. None was forthcoming.

10. Other Business / Local Business

RTVD reminded the membership that the Livability Solutions Forum is coming up.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 PM.