



SUMMARY MINUTES
Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization
Technical Advisory Committee

February 11, 2015

The following people were in attendance:

RVMPO Technical Advisory Committee

Voting Members in Attendance:

Alex Georgevitch	City of Medford
Desmond Mc Geough	City of Medford
Ian Foster	City of Jacksonville
Jon Sullivan	RVTD
Josh LeBombard	DLCD
Kelly Madding	Jackson County
Kelli Sparkman	ODOT
Mike Kuntz	Jackson County
Mike Upston	City of Eagle Point
Paige Townsend	RVTD
Tom Humphrey	City of Central Point
Robert Miller	City of Eagle Point

Others Present:

Mike Montero

RVCOG Staff

Dan Moore, Andrea Napoli, Bunny Lincoln

1. Call to Order / Introductions

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

Item #6 (proposed MPO/ODOT/Transit Provider Agreement) was dropped from the agenda.

2. Review / Approve Minutes

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

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

3. Public Comment

No public comment was forthcoming.

4. Elect Chair and Vice Chair

On a motion by Tom Humphrey, seconded by Alex Georgevitch, Mike Kuntz was nominated to serve as TAC Chairman for the coming year. The nomination was unanimously approved by voice vote.

On a motion by Tom Humphrey, seconded Robert Miller, Jon Sullivan was nominated to serve as TAC Vice Chairman for the coming year. The nomination was unanimously approved by voice vote.

5. Proposed MPO Dues/Review Draft Work Plan 2015-16

Dan Moore presented the 2015 Dues Recommendation (February 4, 2015 memo). The calculation remains at the \$.16/capita approved by the Policy Committee for the previous fiscal year, creating a revenue of \$27,532 for FY 2015-16. Illustrative memo tables included:

- #1 - Proposed dues by jurisdiction and estimated population rates
- #2 - Anticipated dues expenditures (Policy Committee dues and travel, plus UPWP work activities support)

White City is an urban renewal district with an allocated population. The dues are paid by Jackson County. The members held a brief discussion on the methodology used to make the calculations, with Alex Georgevitch questioning whether it might be appropriate to increase the dues. The dues are calculated identically for the MRMPO, and were actually raised in 2013. Shortfalls were an expressed concern. Dan Moore shared that there was a \$20,000+ dues carryover from the last fiscal year. The predominance of those funds went toward modeling costs. There is not a carryover for the coming fiscal budget. \$12,500 is budgeted for OMPOC and Staff related travel. Staff is comfortable with the proposed per capita rate. Preplanning for the ensuing fiscal year 2016-17 can be implemented if shortfalls become an issue.

On a motion by Tom Humphrey, seconded by Mike Upston, the dues schedule was unanimously recommended as presented, by voice vote, to the Policy Committee for approval.

Moore next presented UPWP Budget tables #3 and #4 (included in the 2/4/15 memo) representing:

- **#3 - Proposed FY 2016 Budget** - Transportation Planning Funds by Source/Activity (same funding amounts as current FY, but the amount could change, based on upcoming discussions at the State level) Major and subtasks include the next round of the RTP development, 2017-42, and solicitations for STP and CMAQ funded projects.
- **#4 - Proposed Program Activity** - outlining work tasks for program management, short/long range planning, data development/maintenance and transit. The main focus is RTP development. Additional State/federal funding will be sought for the State mandated Alternative Measures. State and federal funding is combined for staffing efficiency. Staffing costs are reflected across the entire budget. It is hoped that additional Staff work may be forthcoming from ODOT Region 3 for some traffic counts and planning projects.

The Regional Plan is the focus for the upcoming year, as well as maintaining the TIP amendments. There will be no Air Quality Conformity.

RVTD questioned how it is working to share the Staff work load with the MRMPO. Dan Moore said that the only additional staffing was to bring Bunny Lincoln on board as a contract Recorder for

the various MPO meetings, thereby freeing Sue Casavan to focus on more important planning and GIS work. Therefore, there has been no issue keeping up with the deadlines and work of both MPOs.

Paige Townsend, RVTVD, also asked about the regional RVITS Plan. Dick Converse is working with ODOT to secure funding to hire a consultant to update the ITS Plan. If a contract consultant cannot be funded by the end of the fiscal year, the work will be carried over into the following fiscal year. Ms. Townsend said that all the jurisdictions have a stake in the project, and that the Plan update, or amendments to the current, ten year old Plan, are vital to RVTVD. Dan Moore will convey these RTVD concerns to Dick Converse.

The UPWP will be brought back to the TAC in April for additional review/approval.

6. Recommend approval of MPO/ODOT/Transit Provider Agreement

This item was deleted from the agenda. No questions were raised by the membership.

7. Central Point Conceptual Land Use & Transportation Plan (CP-1B)

Tom Humphrey gave a Power Point overview, accompanied by display maps, of the Concept Plan for Central Point's CP-1B RPS planning area (Tolo), reiterating that it is simply conceptual at this point, and not a land use plan.

Subjects covered in the presentation included:

- Compliance with RPS conditions and performance indicators for future URA concept planning (land use and transportation)
- Specific Performance Indicators – Plan adoptions, management agreements, density standards, Transportation/Land Use Plans, URA conditions, ag buffering, land preservation strategies, housing strategies, UGB amendment, land division restrictions, Rural Residential Rule, population allocation, RVMPO/RVCOG coordination, Conceptual Transportation Plan, the EXPO, ag taskforce, parkland and buildable lands definition
- Visual overviews of Urban Reserve CP-1B – flood hazard & current/proposed zoning breakdown @ 541 total acres, utilities, irrigated land, existing infrastructure (sewer, water, storm drainage, streets and irrigation district, Concept Plan and use (open space, business park, commercial, light industrial, general industrial)
- CP-1B URA Concept Plan Recommendation – Regional Plan Conditions, Performance Measures, Findings, Recommendation for approval with/without reservations
- Access Management Measures, Local Street Network Enhancements and I-5 Interchange 35 (Seven Oaks) Interchange Area management Plan

Membership comments and discussion covered:

- I-5 interchange proximity and existing traffic
- Transit provision and inherent problems associated with same, and the potential for managements agreements or cooperative efforts with JTC
- Alternative transportation strategies
- Area will be exclusively employment based
- Small commercial component designed to serve only the businesses located in the area
- Accessory commercial uses

- Railroad and trucking opportunities
- Environmental concerns, buffering and open space
- Existing residential uses to be designed as legal non-conformities
- Development potential spanning the Jackson/Josephine County lines

On a motion by Paige Townsend, seconded by Kelli Sparkman, the Committee approved an MPO Letter of Support on behalf of the proposed Central Point (CP-1B) Conceptual Plan, including alternative transportation strategies and accessory commercial uses.

Alex Georgevitch expressed concern that the TAC was becoming involved in land use planning. Mike Kuntz said that the MPO was required to comment on consistency with regional transportation plans.

The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

8. Alternative Measures Analysis Report

Dan Moore presented the revised draft memo for Committee consideration:

- **Measure 1** was revised to make it easier to see the mode share percentages. The mode share table was updated. Definitions were provided for the various sub categories in a new table (Table 1.3). Observations and Recommendations were added. Staff is working with TPAU on this.
- **Measure 2** remained unchanged.
- **Measure 3** remained unchanged.
- **Measure 4** was changed from counting sidewalks in TODs to counting activity centers with sidewalks, thereby creating larger analysis areas. DLCDC will provide recommendations on this method.
- **Measure 5** recommends using activity centers and taking out mixed use designations, and developing a new way to measure densities.
- **Measure 6** proposes a change to use activity centers rather than mixed use areas.
- **Measure 7** was grouped by benchmark time frames. The RVTDC recommendation was used.

The final report will be prepared for the April TAC meeting, and then move on to the PAC, Policy Committee and the State.

The members engaged in a discussion of the benchmarks and how to properly document the increases in transit usage, as well as reduction of VMTs and the relationship to measurements of children being taken to school. Omitting the “Auto” section was mentioned, and the fact that it does not accurately reflect carpools. In general, it was felt that the entire process was extremely complex and confusing. Staff will remove the sub categories. Josh Le Bombard lauded the process so far, adding that it was time to refine the Recommendations section, acknowledging that the modeling data is not a reliable benchmarks indication at this time, and move forward with additional monitoring and analysis follow up. Alex Georgevitch reiterated that he did not feel the benchmarks demonstrating regression in VMT reduction were showing an accurate picture of actual conditions. Paige Townsend said that it shouldn’t be assumed that RVTDC ridership had increased (with new passengers) to an extent that it reduced the auto share, and impacted citizens who could choose to use transit. She did not want to see the process further convoluted by repeatedly reworking the data, feeling that a simpler method of securing accurate information was preferable.

Mike Upston suggested moving forward with this issue by adding recommendation comments that the model and data are confusing, perhaps not accurately reflecting statistics on counting passengers, driving with passengers or pulling out sections that should be placed the Transit column instead.

The Chairman thanked Staff for all the work they had done on the entire Alternative Measures project.

9. MPO Planning Update

- Jonathan David continues to recover from his illness, and is expected to return to work in March.
- Staff is continuing to work on the Alternative Measures.

10. Public Comment

None received.

11. Other Business / Local Business

- Paige Townsend - RVTB has postponed potential service reductions until March 23rd to concur with college class scheduling.
- Tom Humphrey – Central Point is holding an Open House in the Gebhardt Road concept plan.
- Mike Kuntz – Jackson County is working on its TSP update.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.