



SUMMARY MINUTES
Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization
Technical Advisory Committee

October 12, 2016

The following people were in attendance:

RVMPO Technical Advisory Committee

Voting Members in Attendance:

Mike Kuntz, Chairman	Jackson County
Jon Sullivan, Vice Chairman	RVTD
Kelly Madding	Jackson County
Kyle Kearns	Medford
Paige Townsend	RVTD
Tom Humphrey	City of Central Point
Kelli Sparkman	ODOT
Rob Miller	Eagle Point
Ian Horlacher	ODOT
Karl Johnson	Ashland
Matt Brinkley	Phoenix
Josh LeBombard	DLCD

Others

Mike Montero	Montero & Assoc.
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RVCOG Staff

Karl Welzenbach, Dan Moore, Andrea Napoli, Bunny Lincoln, Nikki Hart-Brinkley

1. Call to Order / Introductions

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

2. Review/Approve Minutes

On a motion by Kelli Sparkman seconded by Paige Townsend, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as corrected by unanimous voice vote.

3. Public Comment

No public comment was forthcoming.

Action Items:

4. Regional Plan / Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Dan Moore shared that the TAC is being asked to make recommendations to the Policy Committee on the proposed RTP/TIP amendments. The 21-day public comment period and public hearing will be advertised on or before October 5th in the Medford Tribune, and information is currently available on the RVMPO website.

A. Amendment to RTP & TIP: I-5: Medford Viaduct Protective Right of Way Purchase

Description: This property is currently bare ground. The owner is preparing to construct a large multi-story apartment building off of Almond Street within very close proximity to the existing bridge structure. It is likely that at a minimum, ODOT will widen the structure to add shoulders, although additional widening could also occur. Even the most minimal widening will require acquisition of this property. Early acquisition is desired so the Department will not have to remove a new building and relocate numerous tenants at a substantially increased cost. The Department has already reached out to the developer and city officials.

Project: 920

AQ Status: Exempt (Table 2, Safety)

FFY: 2015-18

Total = \$1,000,000. Land Purchase. Federal funding, with ODOT match.

The members discussed the fact that the market value is less than the amount being requested. The ODOT process is not uncommon, and past practice has been to buy an entire property, and then sell whatever portion is not used in a particular project. RVTD and the MPO submitted letters of support for the proposed housing development.

On a motion by Alex Georgevitch, seconded by Ian Horlacher, the amendment to the RTP & TIP: I-5: Medford Viaduct Protective Right of Way Purchase was unanimously recommended to the Policy Committee for approval. Paige Townsend abstained.

Information Item(s)

5. Scenario Viewer Demonstration

Nikki Hart-Brinkley gave an overview of the Viewer, how it would allow the public to review community design options, and how they would affect the public as it moves in/around the Valley. The Viewer is crafted to Rogue Valley data, although it is available throughout the State, and is designed to cover projects that have already been approved. As different scenarios are studied by the user, all the categories automatically change to reflect the impacts/changes that would occur, if implemented. Comments can be submitted to the RVCOG for consideration. The RTP data will be added to the Viewer before the website goes “live”. The Committee members suggested that the explanatory verbiage for some of the results should be redone to be more relatable/understandable by the general public. The Viewer will be presented to the PAC for their input, and the TAC will then be asked if this reflects the direction that the RTP should go. The timing for going “live” with the site is unknown at this point.

6. Place Type Update

Nikki Hart-Brinkley reminded the TAC that Place Types, originally introduced to the RVMPO during the Strategic Assessment process, are used to quantify neighborhood characteristics by the role that they play in the region, proximity to destinations, and availability of various travel options. Ms. Hart-Brinkley presented Place Type maps, developed by ODOT, of the base (2017) and horizon year (2042) land use assumptions (by TAZ) for the 2042 RTP, and explained some of the details on how the maps are created and utilized. The MPO jurisdictions were encouraged to review their current TAZ, and, as a result, the data is being adjusted to reflect that new input.

DLCD is willing to host an interactive site for people to access the maps.

The following links provide Place Type maps described above:

<http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TD/TP/Pages/ORPlaceTypes.aspx?ptv=RVMPO-2017>

<http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TD/TP/Pages/ORPlaceTypes.aspx?ptv=RVMPO-2042>

The following links provide more information on Place Types.

http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TD/OSTI/Pages/scenario_planning.aspx#s3

http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TD/TP/ORPlaceTypes/PlaceType_Flyer.pdf

7. MPO Planning Update

- The TAZ data is going out for final agency approval, and will be used in the new model. Confidentiality agreements will need to be signed for jurisdictions to review the employment statistics.
- The RVTB Master Plan Scope of Work is being compiled. The Plan is expected to go through in spring, 2018. Members of the RVTB TAC and PAC will be chosen. New modeling tools and will be used in the screening process. The Plan will be adopted by the RVTB Board of Directors. Jurisdictions will be interacting with the District to improve their plans for transit facilities. The Master Plan horizon is being designed to coordinate with the 2042 RTP.
- Dan Moore shared a memo from DLCD on Policy Approaches to Integrating and Improving Metropolitan Planning Requirements in the Transportation Planning Rules (Greenhouse Gas reduction targets). He further explained the ongoing process for setting Greenhouse Gas targets for MPO's statewide.
- Andrea Napoli has begun working on Alternative Measures for the RTP updates.

8. Public Comment

None received.

9. Other Business / Local Business

- Mike Montero shared that the CNG station is open, and State officials were here to tour the facility, as well as talking about other potential locations for additional stations.
- Paige Townsend spoke about the rule making process for two communities to be chosen for a grant to allow an exception to the UGB process.
- Tom Humphrey spoke about upcoming improvements planned for Pine Street.
- The Jackson County RTP is moving ahead again. A round about is now planned for the Hwy. 140, Foothill Road intersection.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Scheduled Meetings:

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| • RVMPO TAC | Wed., Nov. 9, 2016 | 1:30 PM |
| • RVMPO Policy | Tues., Oct. 25, 2016 | 2:00 PM |
| • RVMPO PAC | Tues., Nov. 15, 2016 | 5:30 PM |