

**Summary Minutes  
Rogue Valley MPO Technical Advisory Committee  
April 11, 2018**



The following attended:

<b>Voting Members</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>
Alex Georgevitch	Medford	774-2114
Craig Anderson	Jackson County	774-6907
Dan Roberts	ODOT	774-6383
Ian Horlacher	ODOT	423-1362
Jon Sullivan	RVTD	608-2448
Josh LeBombard	DLCD	414-7932
Karl Johnson	Ashland	488-5587
Mike Kuntz, <b>Chair</b>	Jackson County	774-6228
Mike Upston	Eagle Point	826-4212
Paige West	RVTD	608-2429
Ray DiPasquale	Phoenix	535-2226
Tom Humphrey	Central Point	423-1025
<b>Alternate Voting Members Present</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>
Charles Bennett	Jackson County	774-6115
<b>Staff</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>
Karl Welzenbach	RVCOG	423-1360
Ryan MacLaren	RVCOG	423-1338
Stephanie Thune	RVCOG	423-1368

Interested Parties	Organization	Phone Number
None		

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**1. Call to Order / Introductions / Review Agenda 00:00 – 01:25**

1:32 | *Quorum:* Ashland, Central Point, Eagle Point, Medford, Phoenix, Jackson County, ODOT, RVTD

- Agenda Item 6 will be tabled; no action will be requested today.

**2. Review / Approve Minutes 01:26 – 02:20**

The Chair asked if there were any changes or additions to the minutes of the March 14 meeting.

**01:37 | Alex Georgevitch moved to approve the March 14 RVMPO TAC meeting minutes as presented. Tom Humphrey seconded.**

There was no further discussion.

*The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.*

**3. Public Comment 02:21 – 04:55**

Craig Anderson announced that a “Ride with the Leaders” bicycling event (eight-mile tour of Medford’s bike facilities) sponsored by Jackson County, the City of Medford and RVTD will take place on Friday, May 18 from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. All are invited to attend; bikes will be available. Additional details to follow via email.

**Action Items**

**4. 2017-2042 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment 04:56 – 15:59**

Ryan MacLaren reported that the RVMPO RTP and TIP need to be amended to add Project A below:

- Southern Oregon Seismic Triage (KN 21296)

Description: *“Perform seismic upgrades on 17 bridges and 7 hillside slopes.”*

- The RVMPO has zero bridges and one landslide area included in the seismic triage plan.

- Even though this project will soon be split into two separate projects for bridges and slopes, it is necessary to amend it into the RTP and TIP as is at this time so that it can get started.
- \$35 million was earmarked by HB2017 for the seismic triage work.
  - Clarification is requested regarding whether *all* funds earmarked for the project are available at this point, since **a)** the revenues for earmarked projects will be accumulating over time through gas taxes and **b)** future fund distributions (to be made as projects progress) are not automatic, but are reliant on performance-based criteria being met. It is believed, therefore, that only a portion of the funds are currently available.
  - There is additional confusion regarding how quickly the remainder of funds become available for HB2017 earmarked projects.
    - Welzenbach stated that funding for earmarked projects is available in full over the first four years of the life of HB2017. Paige West clarified that earmarked funds have been allocated to span the ten-year life of HB2017, but with only four years' worth being appropriated up front; additional fund appropriations are dependent on performance-based criteria being met.
    - \* The TAC will recommend approval of the amendment to the Policy Committee with the caveat that clarification of presently available funding (i.e. four years' worth, or the full ten years' worth) be provided by ODOT to the RVMPO Policy Committee prior to their consideration of the amendment.

**14:18 | Alex Georgevitch moved that the TAC Committee recommend approval to the Policy Committee of the proposed amendment to the 2017-2042 RTP and 2018-2021 TIP as presented. Tom Humphrey seconded.**

There was no further discussion.

*The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.*

- NOTE: Per Mike Baker via text at the end of Agenda Item 10, only Preliminary Engineering (PE) funds are available now, or will be at some point over the coming year for the “Southern Oregon Seismic Triage” project; construction funds are not yet available.
  - In light of the above, the TAC believes that only PE funds for the project should be amended into the RTP and TIP at this time, not the full \$35 million.
  - Welzenbach did note that the “Southern Oregon Seismic Triage” amendment appears as 100% funded in the STIP, and STIP projects must be fiscally constrained.

No formal amendment to the above motion was made, but it is the TAC’s opinion that the same financial constraint rules applied to jurisdictions should be applied to ODOT (i.e. only allowing PE funds to be amended into the project at this time, even if that will require a modification to the STIP). The TAC’s request stands that ODOT provide complete information regarding the project’s funding status to the RVMPO Policy Committee prior to their consideration of the amendment.

**5. RVMPO UPWP | FY2018-2019 16:00 – 18:24**

The draft RVMPO UPWP FY2018-2019 has been on the RVMPO website for well over 30 days and was reviewed by the TAC last month; a summary table had previously been provided at the February meeting. No further changes have been made to the document since those noted at the March 14 meeting.

**17:48 | Ian Horlacher moved to recommend approval of the FY2018-2019 RVMPO UPWP to the Policy Committee. Paige West seconded.**

There was no further discussion.

*The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.*

**6. Project Substitution for the Nevada Street Bridge 18:25 – 20:03**

Action on this item is tabled due to ongoing discussion between ODOT and the City of Ashland. ODOT owns the Washington Street segment in the proposed project and has some additional project-related concerns to address with Ashland.

***Discussion Items***

**7. Public Comment 20:04 – 20:13**

None voiced.

***Regular Updates***

**8. Updates on Currently Active Projects 20:14 – 29:29**

The spreadsheet of funded projects was reviewed; all jurisdictions present provided updates, which will be incorporated and made available for May's meeting.

It was decided that this item would be addressed quarterly, rather than monthly, from now on; the TAC will provide project updates at their meetings in the same months that the list is reviewed by the RVMPO Policy Committee (February, May, August and November).

**9. MPO Planning Update 29:30 – 53:49**

- *Transportation Planning Rule (TPR)* | According to the new language in the TPR (and providing it is adopted near its current form), responsibility for TSPs and Alternative Measures will fall to the local jurisdictions and agencies rather than the MPO, although the MPO could act as a coordinator if there were unanimous agreement across the jurisdictions (with the caveat that the MPO would need to pay RVMCOG or some other private company to execute the work).
  - Since the MPO would no longer be required to uphold Alternative Measure 7, a separate, inter-jurisdictional agreement would need to be reached to continue distributing 50% of the MPO's STBG funds to RVTD if that were desired by all parties.
  - Originally, Alternative Measures were put into place by the MPOs to assist them in trying to meet their VMT reduction standards; the RVMPO largely adopted the Measures in use by Lane County, which seemed to be effective. Under proposed revisions to the new TPR, three options related to the adoption of Alternative Measures would be offered: performance-based, VMT reduction or GHG reduction.
  - Jurisdictions/unincorporated county areas with populations of less than 5,000 would be exempt from Alternative Measures. Those with populations of fewer than 10,000 could choose to opt out. Those with populations of 10,000 or greater would be required to choose and participate in one of the three approaches to Alternative Measures noted in the bullet point above.
  - Some confusion surrounds the following two items: 1) whether a mix of jurisdiction-specific and MPO-wide Alternative Measures can be adopted and 2) whether federal funds can be used to execute work related to Alternative Measures.

- Further discussion of this item is tabled pending definitive changes to the TPR. It is possible that Matt Crall, DLCD's TGM Manager, may attend the May TAC meeting and would be able to provide helpful explanations/clarifications.
- *TPAU* | Welzenbach will send an email to gauge TAC interest (both MPOs) in a two-hour discussion/presentation by TPAU in July regarding the new activity-based model for southern Oregon.
- *Obligation Reports* | The 2016 "Annual Listing of Obligated Projects" has been finalized. MacLaren will email the 2017 report out for review, hopefully by this Friday, April 13. Comments should be directed to [rmaclaren@rvkog.org](mailto:rmaclaren@rvkog.org) within one week's time; if no comments are received, the report will be published as presented. Obligation reports do not require adoption by the Policy Committee.

**10. Other Business / Local Business 53:50 – 58:05**

*RVTD / Paige West*

- "Go By Bike Week" will take place in May; [details](#) available on RVTD website.
- Bike swap in Ashland this Saturday, April 14.
- Earth Day events in Ashland on April 21 for Earth Day.

**11. Adjournment 58:06 – 58:11**

2:30 p.m.

*Scheduled Meetings*

RVMPO Policy Committee | April 24, 2018 | 2:00 p.m.

RVMPO TAC | May 9, 2018 | 1:30 p.m.