

**Summary Minutes  
Rogue Valley MPO Policy Committee Meeting  
November 24, 2020**



The following attended:

<b>Voting Members</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>
Art Anderson	ODOT	774-6353
Rick Dyer	Jackson County	774-6118
Eleanor Ponomareff	City of Talent	727-2444
Jim Lewis, <b>Chair</b>	City of Jacksonville	899-7023
Kevin Stine	City of Medford	774-2000
Mike Quilty, <b>Vice Chair</b>	City of Central Point	664-7907
Rich Rosenthal	City of Ashland	941-1494
Ruth Jenks	City of Eagle Point	941-8537
Christ Luz	City of Phoenix	535-1955
Tonia Moro	RVTD	973-2063
<b>Alternate Voting Members Present</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>
Alex Georgevitch	Medford	
John Vial	Jackson County	774-6238
Julie Brown	RVTD	
Mike Baker	ODOT	
<b>Staff</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>
Karl Welzenbach	RVCOG	423-1360
Ryan MacLaren	RVCOG	423-1338
Kelsey Sharp	RVCOG	423-1375
<b>Interested Parties</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>
Paige West	RVTD	On File
Karl McNair		On File

Kelly Madding		On File
Mike Kuntz	FHWA	On File

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Full meeting recording: [2020-11-24 Audio Recording](#)

**1. Call to Order / Introductions / Review Agenda 00:00 – 01:50**

2:00 p.m. | *Quorum: 6 Jurisdictions Represented*

**2. Review / Approve Minutes: 01:50 – 02:49**

**02:22** | *Mike Quilty moved to approve the September 29, 2020 Policy Committee meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Chris Luz.*

*No further discussion.*

*Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.*

**Public Hearing 02:49 – 08:21**

**3. Amendments to the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) 02:49 – 08:21**

*Jim Lewis opened the Public Hearing.*

*No public comments received.*

**07:41** | *Mike Quilty moved to approve the amendments to the 2021-24 TIP. Seconded by Tonia Moro.*

*No further discussion*

*Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.*

*Jim Lewis closed the Public Hearing.*

**Discussion Items**

**4. Alameda Fire Application 17:33 – 01:01:50**

*Presentation provided by Art Anderson.*

*Comment from Tonia Moro: This project may want to go through the usual policy of soliciting funds and come back to the Policy Committee after.*

*Question from Mike Quilty: Recently there has been a change on what the Policy Committee can spend CMAQ funding on, is this project eligible for that funding?*

*CMAQ funding is a smaller part of the funding, there are parts of this project that will be eligible for this funding.*

*Comment from Kevin Stine: Agreeing with Tonia Moro's comment above. There are talks of vacating funds from the City of Medford for now with hopes of picking them back up in the next funding cycle. City of Medford for now is open to this proposal.*

*Question from Chris Luz: What has changed from the previous project due to the fire?*

*There are no physical changes to the design, there is hopes of "generating" a real plan for how this project can help those that have lost their properties with benefits that can help.*

*Comment from Jim Lewis: Any work that gets done will have parallel work that needs to be done with utilities, there should be more talk with those that will do the work, and more talk about how they will get the work done.*

*Comment from Rick Dyer: Raising concerns about how this project will help with rebuilding of the properties lost, and the construction inhibiting the efforts.*

*Comment from John Vial: Clarification that the County thinks this is a good project and raising concerns about delaying other projects already funded that have shown need in the past. Raising concerns about the lack of communication between ODOT and other cities, as well as the amount of funding requested.*

*Calcification from Jenna Marmon: The Safe Routes funding includes both the Safe Routes award and the ODOT match. The project submitted is a smaller project from before the fires for wider and more sidewalks.*

*Question from Ruth Jenks: City of Eagle Point has a Safe Routes to School request pending currently, will the determination of this project effect those requests?*

*This is a competitive program, there is \$26 million to be distributed, so this is being treated as any other project application.*

*Question from Rich Rosenthal: Are there any projects from ODOT that can be postponed to help with the funding of this project?*

*With this kind of project, the funds will more than likely come from this region. There are other possibilities, however it is unlikely they will get approved.*

*Comment from Julie Brown: The OCT was given a briefing on the fires across the state, the OCT is currently looking into ways to help mitigate some of the damages. There have been discussions about this project and help from the local level will help.*

*Comment from Tom Humphrey: There has been discussion with the people effected by the fire about how they want to rebuild, if they want to change or stay how it was before. There has been discussion of changing the plans to help with speeding, safety, etc. There have been other projects proposed from the cities.*

**57:41** | *Proposition from Jim Lewis to start with a scoring from the TAC of the proposal and then come back to the Policy Committee.*

*Question from Art Anderson: Would it be possible to have it scored as well as discuss possible alternatives to funding?*

**59:00** | *Clarification of what is being asked of the TAC: the application will be brought to the RVMPO*

*TAC and have it scored, as well as looking at other possible funding scenarios.*

*Kevin Stine moved to ask the TAC for a score on the Alameda Fire Application, as well as other possible funding scenarios. Seconded by Chris Luz.*

*No further discussion.*

*Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.*

### ***Discussion Items***

#### **5. Public Comment | 01:01:50 – 01:02:29**

*Provided by Michael Montero.*

### ***Regular Updates***

#### **7. RVMPO Planning Update | 01:02:29 – 01:07:20**

*Provided by Karl Welzenbach. Updates on ODOT's financial projections.*

#### **8. Other Business / Local Business 01:07:20 – 01:08:52**

*Rick Dyer bringing up many members are terming out of the Policy Committee during January.*

#### **9. Adjournment**

3:11 p.m.

#### *Scheduled Meetings*

RVMPO Policy Committee | December 22, 2020 | 2:00 p.m.

RVMPO TAC | December 09, 2020 | 1:30 p.m.

RVMPO PAC | January 19, 2020 | 5:30 p.m.