

AGENDA

Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee



Date: Wednesday, March 10, 2021

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Location: Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 818 3243 8169

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Contact: Office Specialist, RVMCOG: 541-423-1375

RVMPO website: www.rvmopo.org

1	Call to Order / Introductions / Review Agenda	Chair
Consent Agenda		
2	Review / Approve Minutes	Chair
<i>Attachment</i>	#1 RVMPO TAC Meeting Draft Minutes 02/10/2021	
Presentations		
3	Active Transportation Plan	Mike Kuntz
<i>Background</i>	With funding provided through the MPO, Jackson County along with ODOT has developed an Active Transportation Plan for the MPO area. This document is being presented for review and comments.	
<i>Attachment</i>	#2 Link to Active Transportation Plan	
Action Items		
4	Air Quality Conformity Determination for BUILD Grant	Karl Welzenbach
<i>Background</i>	The city of Medford was awarded a BUILD grant and wishes to amend the current (2017-42) RTP and 2021-24 TIP to accommodate these funds. In order move forward with these amendments the MPO must first show that these project segments will not exceed our Budgets for PM10 or CO. With the assistance of the MPOs consultant (Trinity Consultants) and the input from our federal and state partners MPO staff has developed this draft AQCD.	

<i>Attachment</i>	#3 Draft AQCD for Amendment to 2017-42 RTP and 2021-24 TIP	
<i>Action Requested</i>	Recommendation to Policy Committee	
5	Proposed Amendment to 2017-2042 RTP and 2021-24 TIP	Karl Welzenbach
<i>Background</i>	With the award of the BUILD grant to the City of Medford and due to the modifications of existing projects and the addition of a new roadway segment the MPO is required to formally amend both its current RTP and TIP.TIP	
<i>Attachment</i>	#4 Proposed TIP/RTP Amendments	
<i>Action Requested</i>	Recommendation to Policy Committee	
6	Public Comment	Chair
Regular Updates		
7	RVMPO Planning Update	Karl Welzenbach
8	Other Business / Local Business Opportunity for RVMPO member jurisdictions to talk about transportation planning projects.	Chair
9	Adjournment	Chair

- The next RVMPO TAC meeting will be **Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.** in the Jefferson Conference Room, RVCOG, Central Point.
- The next RVMPO Policy Committee meeting will be **Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.** in the Jefferson Conference Room, RVCOG, Central Point.
- The next RVMPO PAC meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 16, 2021, at 5:30 p.m.** in the Jefferson Conference Room, RVCOG, Central Point.

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**Summary Minutes
Rogue Valley MPO Technical Advisory Committee
February 10, 2021**



The following attended:

Voting Members	Organization	Phone Number
Karl Johnson	Ashland PW	488-5587
Tom Humphrey, Vice Chair	Central Point PL	423-1025
Mike Upston	Eagle Point PL	826-4212
Matt Brinkley	Medford PL	774-2381
Alex Georgevitch, Chair	Medford PW	774-2114
Charles Bennett	Jackson County PL	774-6115
Mike Kuntz	Jackson County R&P	774-6228
Justin Shoemaker	ODOT	774-6376
Ian Horlacher	ODOT	423-1362
Paige West	RVTD PL	608-2429
Josh LeBombard	DLCD	414-7932
Alternate Voting Members Present	Organization	Phone Number
Staff	Organization	Phone Number
Karl Welzenbach	RVCOG	423-1360
Ryan MacLaren	RVCOG	423-1338
Kelsey Sharp	RVCOG	423-1375
Interested Parties	Organization	Phone Number
Jasmine Harris	FHWA	
Ben Haines	FHWA	

Eleanor Ponomareff	City of Talent	
Mike Montero		

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1. Call to Order / Introductions / Review Agenda 00:00–02:22

1:31 p.m. | *Quorum:* Ashland, Central Point, DLCDD, Eagle Point, Medford, Jackson County, ODOT, RVTD.

2. Review / Approve Minutes 02:22–02:57

02:31 | *Ian Horlacher to approve the January 13, 2021 RVMPO TAC Meeting Minutes with corrections. Seconded by Tom Humphrey.*

No further discussion.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Action Items

3. Election of Officers 02:57 – 10:18

03:35 | *Charles Bennet nominated Alex Georgevitch to continue as the Chair of the RVMPO TAC. Seconded by Mike Upston.*

No other nominations were made.

Nomination passed unanimously by voice vote.

05:00 | *Ian Horlacher nominated Charles Bennet as the Vice-Chair for the RVMPO TAC.*

05:24 | *Tom Humphrey nominated Paige West as the Vice-Chair for the RVMPO TAC.*

No other nominations were made.

The nomination for Paige West was pass with majority vote 10-1.

4. Amendments to the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) 10:18–49:27

11:43 | *Question from Charles Bennett: Does this amendment include the culvert itself? The Coleman Creek culvert is a separate project that will go to bidding this year.*

12:07 | *Question from Tom Humphrey: How will the TGM grant application effect this work? This project was brought up before and it was suspended for the time with the other the Alameda Fire and the TGM grant possibly changing the design.*

ODOT is following the current typical cross section that has been accepted in this area and moving forward with this as a standalone project.

15:02 | *Comment from Tom Humphrey: Between the fire recovery process, the TGM grant, and a larger project that is being worked on between FEMA and the Oregon chapter of the American Planning Association, there will be additional land use efforts that will benefit. If we continue with this amendment there will not be much room for any revision.*

21:11 | *Questions from Paige West: What all does the utility relocate for \$1.5 million involve?*

Charlotte Inn Water District has shown reimbursable. There is a possibility that the utilities are privately owned right-of-way, so they must be cleared and either put back or moved. The relocation is reimbursable.

Is this more than a design project, will it have some construction related element?

There is not a construction component yet, and that may come. But the utility relocation is added for the STIP requirements.

The design for the project being considered is constrained to the right-of-way and the corridor. Will the TGM grant involve the zoning and the land adjacent to the corridor?

The TGM is more extensive and includes many other aspects. The scope of the TGM project is north of Ashland boundary and south of Medford boundary.

27:19 | *Questions from Alex Georgevitch: What is a general time frame for the TGM work?*

Estimates are at least nine months, more likely could be a year. There is a larger process of engaging the community.

The TAC is being asked to recommend approval to add this amendment to the 21-24 STIP, if approved, would that work within the timeline once the TGM work is complete?

ODOT is trying to get ahead of the commercial properties that are applying for building permits. If they get these permits that will be building where they were before the fire damages, and that will be right where ODOT has plans for the corridor. ODOT would then be asking them to tear down what was just built.

29:47 | *Comment from Paige West: It seems that the TAC is being asked to be a mediator between the fire recovery efforts, ODOT, and the private property owners. This is not our place. There is also description of a grant being awarded to the RVTD that has not been awarded yet, it may be premature to be putting that into the STIP.*

31:32 | *Question from Mike Upston: If this project was included in the TIP and funded and approved, would it become a problem for the TGM project? Would it work if the TAC gave recommendation of approval and then have ODOT and the recovery workers talk about timelines?*

The goal is to not get in the way of the recovery efforts. We do not want to accidentally ruin what could be a great plan for recovery with moving pieces of it forward too quickly. TGM is a group including ODOT and DLCD.

34:36 | *Comment from Tom Humphrey: If we approve this, the people who apply build permits for their property are either going to get denied or have them suspended until ODOT's work is underway.*

40:10 | *Comment from Ian Horlacher: The coordination could be improved upon. There is a planning effort with TGM and a design project on ODOT's side.*

42:57 | *Question from Alex Georgevitch: Why does this require an Air Quality Conformance?*

This may be an exempt project, but that would have to be determined by the inter-agency consultation.

44:44 | Tom Humphrey motioned to table the recommendation until the specifics can be reconciled with the TGM grant. Seconded by Ian Horlacher.

No further discussion.

Motion passed 9-1. 1 abstained.

Discussion Items

5. Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for 2021-22 49:27–01:00:20

Discussion of the UPWP ensued.

6. RVMPO Dues for FY 2021-22 01:00:20–01:04:53

Discussion of the dues ensued.

7. Public Comment 01:04:53–01:05:29

No Comments

Regular Updates

8. MPO Planning Update 01:05:29–01:09:02

Provided by Karl Welzenbach regarding the Covid-19 bills passed and the inter-agency consultation meeting coming.

9. Other Business / Local Business 01:09:02–01:12:07

10. Adjournment

2:42 p.m.

Scheduled Meetings

RVMPO TAC | March 2021 | 1:30 p.m.

RVMPO Policy Committee | February 23, 2021 | 2:00 p.m.

RVMPO PAC | March 16, 2021 | 5:30 p.m.



**Rogue Valley
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DATE: March 2, 2021
TO: RVMPO Technical Advisory Committee
FROM: Ryan MacLaren, Senior Planner
SUBJECT: TIP Amendments

The TAC is being asked to make recommendations to the Policy Committee on the proposed TIP amendments described below and on the following pages. The Policy Committee will hold a public hearing at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 23, 2021 to consider adoption of the proposed TIP amendments. A press release for the 21-day public comment period and public hearing was sent on or before March 2nd to the Medford Tribune, and information is currently available on the RVMPO website. Information on the projects is enumerated, below:

A. Amend Project in TIP: Foothill Road: Corridor (KN 19231)

Description: Foothills Corridor is confined to one lane of traffic in each direction and lacks turn lanes to serve many of the Corridor's busiest intersections.

Within the sections below, the project will widen the existing 2-lane roadway to a new fully constructed 5-lane regional arterial standard with two lanes in each direction, center turn-median with left turn pockets at major intersections, designated bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and sidewalks.

- Foothill Road (Hillcrest to McAndrews) - .97 miles
- Foothill Road (McAndrews Road to Cedar Links Drive) - .79 miles
- Foothill Road (Cedar Links Drive to Delta Waters Road) - .38 miles

A new signal and driveway realignment are being proposed at the intersection with Delta Waters. Also, a new combined access is proposed for the houses south of Cedar Links Drive. This proposal would eliminate multiple accesses from Foothill Road and create a new access from Cedar Links.

As a result of proposed growth near Centennial Golf Course, the final component of the project is construction of an additional roadway segment extending west from North Phoenix Road. The new facility will be a 3-lane minor arterial standard with a single lane in each direction, a median, road separated bicycle lanes, sidewalks, and planter strips. This road will not be open to traffic until development occurs.

- South Stage Road Extension - .19 Miles

Project Name	Project Description	RTP Project Number	Air Quality Status	Key #	Federal Fiscal Year	Phase	Federal		Federal Required Match		Total Fed+Req Match	Other		Total All Sources
							\$	Source	\$	Source		\$	Source	
ODOT														
Foothill Road: Corridor	Widen to 5 lanes, curb, gutter, sidewalk and bike lanes - Add Signals	863	Non-Exempt	19231	2015	Design	\$ 1,794,600	STBG	\$ 205,400	Local	\$ 2,000,000			\$ 2,000,000
				19231	2018	Land Purchase					\$ -	\$ 3,500,000	Local	\$ 3,500,000
				19231	2021	Utility Relocate					\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	Local	\$ 1,000,000
				19231	2022	Construction	\$ 1,115,670	STBG	\$ 127,694	Local	\$ 1,243,364			\$ 1,243,364
				19231	2022	Construction	\$ 15,500,000	BUILD	\$ 1,774,044	Local	\$ 17,274,044	\$ 15,242,592	Local	\$ 32,516,636
				19231	2021	Other	\$ 89,730	STBG	\$ 10,270	Local	\$ 100,000			\$ 100,000
						Total FFY21-24		\$ 18,500,000		\$ 2,117,408		\$ 20,617,408	\$ 19,742,592	