

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



The following attended:

| Voting Members | Organization | Phone Number |
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| 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 |
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| 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 | |

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| 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 Matt Brinkley: 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.