

Summary Minutes
Rogue Valley MPO Policy Committee Meeting
March 23, 2021



The following attended:

Voting Members	Organization	Phone Number
Stephen Jensen	City of Ashland	488-6002
Mike Quilty, Vice Chair	City of Central Point	664-7907
Ruth Jenks	City of Eagle Point	941-8537
Jim Lewis, Chair	City of Jacksonville	899-7023
Sarah Spansail	City of Medford	774-2000
Al Muelhoefer	City of Phoenix	707-951-1139
Eleanor Ponomareff	City of Talent	535-1566
John Vial	Jackson County	447-6118
Art Anderson	ODOT	774-6353
Julie Brown	RVTD	973-2063
Alternate Voting Members Present	Organization	Phone Number
Scott Fleury	Ashland	On File
Mike Baker	ODOT	On File
Staff	Organization	Phone Number
Karl Welzenbach	RVCOG	423-1360
Ryan MacLaren	RVCOG	423-1338
Kelsey Sharp	RVCOG	423-1375
Interested Parties	Organization	Phone Number
Paige West	RVTD	
Nick Gross	Kittleson	
Alex Georgevitch	RVMPO	
Mike Kuntz	Jackson County	

Jenna Marmon	ODOT	
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1. Call to Order / Introductions / Review Agenda 00:00 – 02:55

2:01 p.m. | *Quorum: 6 Jurisdictions Represented*

2. Review / Approve Minutes: 02:55 – 04:04

03:20 | *Mike Quilty moved to approve the February 23, 2021 Policy Committee meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Ruth Jenks.*

No further discussion.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Presentations

3. Active Transportation Plan 04:04 – 35:29

29:00 | *Question from Jim Lewis: Are you planning on bringing this back next month for approval?*

Yes, there may be some last-minute comments, and then this will be brought to the TAC and the PAC for recommendations before being brought back to the Policy Committee.

29:32 | *Question from Karl Welzenbach: ODOT does have some comments. Will they be addressed in time?*

It is not certain they will be addressed in time. But the letter will be sent out this week for sure.

29:15 | *Question from Eleanor Ponomareff: Can we go back to the map and talk a little bit more about the Active Transportation Nodes?*

These Nodes were created as “essential destination centers” that have been identified by a data set received by the RVMPO. The ones shown on the map were further refined through the planning process. They were identified as essential destinations. The nodes were the first thing developed for the map, then the routes were created around them.

32:03 | *Question from Eleanor Ponomareff: To help people feel safer, has there been any talk of changing the speed limits?*

There has been no direct discussion of changing the speed limit, however in the detail of level of stress analysis, one of the ways to lower the stress is to lower the speed limit.

Public Hearing 35:29 – 55:10

4. Air Quality Conformity Determination for BUILD Grant

Jim Lewis opened the Public Hearing.

51:00 | *Comment from Mike Montero: He would like to offer support for resolution 2021-01. This area went through a decade long process to develop this emission budget. Complements to all who has worked on it, and he would urge the Policy Committee to adopt it.*

No further discussion or comments.

5. Proposed Amendment to 2017-2024 RTP and 2021-2024 TIP

49:49 | *Question from Jon Vial: Through the analysis, we meet the state and federal requirements, and by adopting this we won't be shooting down other projects in the TIP, correct?
Yes, this is correct.*

No further discussion or comments.

Jim Lewis closed the Public Hearing.

49:49 | *Jon Vial motioned to approve the resolution 2021-01 and the proposed amendments to the 2017-2024 and 2021-2024 TIP. Seconded by Art Anderson.*

No further discussion.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Action Item

6. Renewal of the PAC Memberships 55:10 – 58:13

55:48 | *Mike Quilty motioned to re-appoint the twelve members of the PAC for the next term. Seconded by Stephen Jensen.*

George Eisenhower will be contacted to confirm his willingness to continue to participate.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

7. Modification of PAC Bylaws 58:13 – 01:01:25

01:00:52 | *Ruth Jenks motioned to approve the proposed modifications to the RVMPO PAC Bylaws. Seconded by Julie Brown.*

No further discussion.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

8. Letter of Support for RVTD's Proposed Renewal of 5-year Property Tax Levy 01:01:25 – 01:10:04

01:03:37 | *Question from Stephen Jensen: Has there been any headwinds on this in the past? Would there be any pushback on this?*

When this was passed 5 years ago, it was the first one in many years. This is the renewal that needs to be passed every 5 years. It is hard to tell if there will be push back yet.

01:03:37 | *Comment from Jon Vial: I have been directed to Abstain from this vote due to concerns that this letter was sent out on a Monday and asked to vote on the following day. Most City Councils have not discussed this, and the Board of Commissioners has not discussed this. The short time frame is concerning, and the Board of Commissioners has directed Jackson County to Abstain.*

01:06:00 | *Comment from Art Anderson: I will also be Abstaining, due to the nexus between State employees and any support or non-support of items that should be voted on by the public.*

01:06:20 | *Question from Stephen Jensen: Is there a time restraint on support of this letter? Or can this be postponed to have further discussions.*

There is a time restrain to get this into the voter's pamphlet with a letter from the MPO.

01:08:11 | *Mike Quilty motioned to approve the signing of the letter of support for RVTD's proposed Renewal of 5-year Tax Levy by the Chair. Seconded by Sarah Spansail.*

No further discussion.

Motion carried with 8 approved and 2 abstained.

Discussion Items

9. Public Comment | 01:10:04 – 01:10:16

No Comments

Regular Updates

10. RVMPO Planning Update | 01:10:16 – 01:19:41

Provided by Karl Welzenbach regarding the recent Covid-19 relief funds, the new Transportation Bill, and the changes to the census.

11. Other Business / Local Business 01:19:41 – 01:23:13

Update by Mike Quilty on his leaving the RVACT representative for the RVMPO.

12. Adjournment

3:25 p.m.

Scheduled Meetings

RVMPO Policy Committee | April 27, 2021 | 2:00 p.m.

RVMPO TAC | April 14, 2021 | 1:30 p.m.

RVMPO PAC | April 20, 2021 | 5:30 p.m.