

**Summary Minutes
Rogue Valley MPO Policy Committee Meeting
June 22, 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
Jim Lewis, Chair	City of Jacksonville	899-7023
Kevin Stine	City of Medford	774-2000
Al Muelhoefer	City of Phoenix	707-951-1139
Eleanor Ponomareff	City of Talent	535-1566
Dave Dotterrer	Jackson County	774-6118
Art Anderson	ODOT	774-6353
Alternate Voting Members Present	Organization	Phone Number
Scott Fleury	Ashland	On File
Sarah Spansail	Medford	On File
Alex Georgevitch	Medford	On File
John Vial	Jackson County	On File
Paige West	RVTD	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
Mike Baker	ODOT	
Mike Montero	RVMPO PAC	

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1. Call to Order / Introductions / Review Agenda

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

2. Review / Approve Minutes:

Stephen Jensen moved to approve the April 25, 2021 Policy Committee meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Dave Dotterer.

No further discussion.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Presentations

3. 24-27 STIP Enhance Highway Program 00:00 – 07:14

00:55 | Question from Jim Lewis: *Did the other committees have anything to say?*

The PAC had some concerns about being asked to weigh in on proposed projects they did not have a working knowledge of. The TAC thought the South Stage climbing lane projects were strong candidates due to the large number of vehicles it serves. In the Grants Pass area, they are looking at the South Y and 199.

02:47 | Question from Eleanor Ponomareff: *As far as the definition of congestion, this would not take into account dangerous situations or emergency situations, correct?*

Yes, this would only consider usual or daily congestions. Any other congestion would use different funds. Anything else would use a safety or emergency funding.

03:33 | Question from Eleanor Ponomareff: *Is part of the way these projects are scored include how long the project would be obsolete?*

The projects have to be consistent with plans, these are typically forward-looking projects. Many of them look about 20 years into the future for their lives.

04:39 | Question from Stephen Jensen: *Do we feel this list could use some additions, or is this a solid enough list?*

If there are any other projects that meet all the criteria and are consistent with state and local region plans, it can be added. We will not be putting in applications for every single project presented today.

06:01 | Statement from Mike Quilty: *Going back 15 years, the West Coast Corridor Coalition did a study of freight bottlenecks, the climbing lanes on I-5 were of interest to all the west coast's freight industry. Some of the problems were addressed, but these projects would go a long way to helping with the bottlenecks.*

Public Hearing

4. Amendments to the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) 07:14 – 13:31

Jim Lewis opened the Public Hearing.

No comments were received.

Jim Lewis closed the Public Hearing.

12:12 | *Mike Quilty moved to approve the amendments to the 2021-2024 TIP as presented. Seconded by Dave Dotterer.*

No further discussion.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Action Items

5. Discussion and Approval of OMPOC Policy Paper 13:31 – 27:28

25:39 | *Statemen from Eleanor Ponomareff: It seem like the purpose on #3 is equity, which has been a big focus with the state. However, the wording seems to be a bit tone deaf. Perhaps a wording change could be done to show the purpose is equity, instead of just acknowledging the damages done in the past.*

This document will be sent out, any changes like this are encouraged to be put on the document.

Discussion Items

6. Public Comment | 27:28 – 27:52

No Comments

Regular Updates

7. RVMPO Planning Update | 27:52 – 35:30

Provided by Karl Welzenbach regarding the discussions held for the Covid-19 funding, and possible return to in-person meetings.

8. Other Business / Local Business 35:30 – 48:44

Update by Medford and ODOT.

9. Adjournment

3:55 p.m.

Scheduled Meetings

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

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

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