

Summary Minutes
Rogue Valley MPO Policy Committee Meeting
July 27, 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
Al Muelhoefer	City of Phoenix	707-951-1139
Eleanor Ponomareff	City of Talent	535-1566
Dave Dotterer	Jackson County	774-6118
Art Anderson	ODOT	774-6353
Tonia Moro	RVTD	973-2063
Alternate Voting Members Present	Organization	Phone Number
Alex Georgevitch	Medford	On File
Mike Baker	ODOT	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
Ian Horlacher	ODOT	
Mike Montero	RVMPO PAC	
Darrin Neavoll	ODOT	

RVMPO Policy Committee Meeting Agenda Packet: [July 27, 2021](#)

Full meeting recording: [2021-07-27 Audio Recording](#)

1. Call to Order / Introductions / Review Agenda 00:00 – 2:46

2:02 p.m. | *Quorum: 6 Jurisdictions Represented*

2. Review / Approve Minutes: 02:46 – 03:22

03:05 | *Mike Quilty moved to approve the June 22, 2021 Policy Committee meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Dave Dotterer.*

No further discussion.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Public Hearing

3. Amendments to the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) 03:22 – 13:47

Jim Lewis opened the Public Hearing.

07:40 | *Question from Tonia Moro: Why has there been an increase in construction costs on the OR99 I-5 to Scenic Ave?*

Scoping has been added. That section of the highway has bad spider cracks, so there has been paving added.

09:21 | *Question from Mike Quilty: Does Central Point have any comments?*

No comments were received.

Jim Lewis closed the Public Hearing.

09:57 | *Question from Karl Welzenbach: Between Scenic Ave and I-5, there are drooping lines, possible power lines or communication lines. They are obviously not being used as some are laying on the ground unconnected. They have been this way for many years. Who owns those?*

That would be which ever utility company owns them or owns the land. It would most likely be on ODOT's jurisdiction, but it is unknown right now who owns them. That will be investigated.

12:19 | *Art Anderson moved to approve the amendments to the 2021-2024 TIP as presented. Seconded by Mike Quilty.*

No further discussion.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Action Items

4. Discussion and Approval of OMPOC Policy Paper 13:47 – 38:08

31:21 | *Dave Dotterer moves to approve the removal of the bullet point stating “Maintain CMAQ’s support for attainment area in order to ensure that these areas stay in attainment and do not jeopardize the health of current residents” from the OMPOC 2021 Transportation Priorities paper. Seconded by Mike Quilty.*

Further discussion regarding who is impacted by the Policy Paper.

Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

34:31 | *Eleanor Ponomareff moved to modify page 1 paragraph 3 item 3 as follows; Remove the word “Support” and replace it with the phrase “prioritize diversity, equity, and inclusion by identifying and addressing systemic barriers to ensure.” Seconded by Tonia Moro.*

No further discussion.

Motion passed by rollcall vote with 7 yes and 1 no.

37:48 | *Dave Dotterer moved to approve the rest of the rest of the OMPOC 2021 Transportation Priorities paper as presented. Seconded by Al Muelhoefer.*

No further discussion.

Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Discussion Items

5. Public Comment | 38:08 – 43:01

Mike Quilty in regards to the OFAC meeting.

Regular Updates

6. RVMPO Planning Update | 43:01 – 01:10:32

Provided by Karl Welzenbach regarding the discussions held for the Covid-19 funding, the continued possibility of the Medford-Grants Pass Urbanized Area, changes to fund exchanges

7. Other Business / Local Business 01:10:32 – 01:16:55

Update by ODOT.

8. Adjournment

3:20 p.m.

Scheduled Meetings

RVMPO Policy Committee | August 24, 2021 | 2:00 p.m.

RVMPO TAC | August 11, 2021 | 1:30 p.m.

RVMPO PAC | August 17, 2021 | 5:30 p.m.