

**Summary Minutes
Rogue Valley MPO Policy Committee Meeting
October 26, 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
Kevin Stine	City of Medford	774-2000
Terry Baker	City of Phoenix	973-7220
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
Scott Fleury	City of Ashland	On File
Alex Georgevitch	City of Medford	On File
Mike Kuntz	Jackson County	On File
Paige West	RVTD	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
Jerry Brienza	Aviation	

Mike Montero	RVMPO PAC	
John Vial	City of Medford	

RVMPO Policy Committee Meeting Agenda Packet: [October 26, 2021](#)

Full meeting recording: [2021-10-26 Audio Recording](#)

1. Call to Order / Introductions / Review Agenda 00:00 – 01:23

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

2. Review / Approve Minutes 01:23 – 01:59

1:39 | *Mike Quilty moved to approve the September 28, 2021 Policy Committee meeting minutes with correction. Seconded by Dave Dotterrer.*

No further discussion.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Action Items

3. Letters of Support for ConnectOregon Proposals from the Rogue Valley Airport 01:59 – 16:02

11:35 | *Question from Eleanor Ponomareff: The letter regarding the expansion, right now only one aircraft can fuel the fire retardant, is the widening the only thing stopping more than one aircraft from being able to fuel? Once the expansion is finished, is there any other work that needs to be done?*

Right now, there will not be any more systems added to allow more than one to aircraft to fuel. However, there is a lot of downtime currently with how long it takes to get the aircrafts set up and all the activity that happens after. With this expansion one aircraft can be setting up while one is fueling. Also, when a forestry aircraft is being fueled, no cargo operations can take place, with the expansion that will be allowed.

14:58 | *Mike Quilty moved to approve the signing the two letters of support for ConnectOregon’s proposals. Seconded by Eleanor Ponomareff.*

No further discussion.

Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

4. RVTD 5339 Discretionary Fund Application 16:02 – 20:58

20:05 | *Dave Dotterrer moved to approve the signing the letter of support for RVTD’s 5339 Discretionary Fund Application. Seconded by Eleanor Ponomareff.*

No further discussion.

Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

5. Ashland Chip-Seal Project CMAQ Funding 20:58 – 26:07

24:56 | Tonia Moro moved to approve the TAC recommendation of attributing the CMAQ funding to Central Point's Pine Street project. Seconded by Stephen Jensen.

No further discussion.

Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

6. Covid-19 Discussion 26:07 – 54:03

28:06 | Question from Art Anderson: *Is there any follow-up to make sure this money is being used on transportation?*

The cities are to come back to the committees and show what they money is going to be spent on.

29:34 | Comment from Tonia Moro: *The previous discussion in the Policy Committee about Ashland receiving more funds did not receive any support, and there is such a large opportunity for these funds. There is support with the funds going to the jurisdictions. The TAC should consider leveraging the funds instead of using them in funding shortages.*

31:20 | Comment from Mike Quilty: *There is more support for these jurisdictions getting the funds proposed. There is worry that the TAC is deciding too fast. Instead, the cities should come and show their ideas for spending.*

33:03 | Comment from Kevin Stine: *There was discussion about the federal regulations in regard to getting projects finished, and now if there is a requirement for each city to outline their exactly how they will spend the funds it will only be harder. The cities should not be micro-managed. There is favor of the proposal.*

33:52 | Question from Eleanor Ponomareff: *Ashland receiving funds seem to have a different purpose. Would the Policy Committee be open to separating the intent of resolution? One resolution for the funds to the smaller cities and a separate resolution for the Ashland funds?*

35:34 | Question from Ruth Jenks: *Can the Policy Committee get an explanation on how the TAC came to this motion?*

It is well known the smaller cities struggle to compete for funding and resources. There have never been funds like this before, this seemed like a great opportunity to help those smaller cities. It was agreed the funds should go to transportation related projects, even with the loose definition of what 'transportation' means. It was also felt that, with the funds Ashland could receive, they will be able to deliver about the same as if they had used the CMAQ funds. It has started at One hundred thousand, then with a friendly amendment it was bumped up to one hundred and fifty thousand.

39:58 | Comment from Art Anderson: *ODOT's position was to hope some of these funds could go to funding gaps within already approved projects. The CMAQ funding going to Central Point is from the Ashland Chip Seal Project. It is unclear why Ashland is not receiving as much funding as they have given back.*

39:58 | Comment from Stephen Jensen: *It is important these funds get to a use as quickly and efficiently as possible.*

46:00 | Kevin Stine moved to approve the TAC's recommendation of the Covid-19 Funding. Seconded by Art Anderson.

Further discussion on the funds to be used on the next funding cycle, and the possible benefits of these small cities receiving these funds.

52:17 | Kevin Stine amended the motion to include up to \$75,000 for the NearMap. Seconded by Art Anderson.

Amended passed with 10 yes's and 1 no by voice vote.

Motion passed with 10 yes's and 1 no by voice vote.

Discussion Items

7. Improvement to Project Selection Process 54:03 – 01:07:46

01:01:40 | Mike Quilty moved approve the donation of \$2,500 to the Greenway Foundation. Seconded by Dave Dotterrer.

8. Public Comment | 01:07:46 – 01:07:46

No Comments.

Regular Updates

9. RVMPO Planning Update | 01:07:46 – 01:12:57

Provided by Karl Welzenbach regarding the interactive TIP map.

10. Other Business / Local Business 01:12:57 – 01:15:16

Updates from the AMPO conference, and RFACT.

11. Adjournment

3:23 p.m.

Scheduled Meetings

RVMPO Policy Committee | November 30, 2021 | 2:00 p.m.

RVMPO TAC | November 10, 2021 | 1:30 p.m.

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