

Summary Minutes
Rogue Valley MPO Public Advisory Council
November 21, 2017



The following attended:

Involvement Area	Appointee	Phone Number
Ashland	Mary Wooding	482-1066
Central Point	Larry Martin	664-3778
Eagle Point	Aaron Prunty	864-9868
Eagle Point	Mike Stanek	821-1804
Medford (East)	Glen Anderson	770-6577
Medford (West)	Jim Herndon	840-0741
Phoenix	Diana Shiplet	261-5166
Talent	Thad Keays	774-8273
Special Interest	Appointee	Phone Number
Bicycle/Pedestrian	Edgar Hee	734-4872
Freight Industry	Mike Montero, Chair	779-0771
Mass Transit	Patrick McKechnie	621-2003
Public Health	Michael Polich	608-3802
Senior	Robin Lee	773-7185
Staff		
RVCOG	Karl Welzenbach	423-1360
RVCOG	Ryan MacLaren	423-1338
RVCOG	Stephanie Thune	423-1368

The full recording of this meeting can be accessed here: [171121 RVMPO PAC Meeting Audio](#)

1. Call to Order / Introductions/ Review Agenda 00:00 – 01:03

- Chair Montero called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. and introductions were made.
- There were no changes to the agenda.

2. Review / Approve Minutes 01:04 – 01:29

The Chair asked if there were any additions or corrections to the previous meeting minutes.

Mary Wooding moved that the minutes of the September 19, 2017 meeting be approved as presented. Aaron Prunty seconded.

There was no further discussion.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

3. Public Comment 01:30 – 01:51

Action Items

4. Upcoming Member Renewal 01:52 – 03:23

Karl Welzenbach reported that East Medford representative Brad Inman's membership term was up for renewal for the period of December 2017 – December 2019. Inman's existing application was made available for member review.

02:47 Glen Anderson moved to recommend approval to the RVMPO Policy Committee of Brad Inman's December 2017 – December 2019 membership renewal for the RVMPO PAC. Diana Shiplet seconded.

There was no further discussion.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

5. Information Related to RTP and TIP Amendments 03:24 – 27:21

Regarding the 2018-2021 TIP and 2017-2042 RTP, Ryan MacLaren reported that:

- Five new projects (A-E) were being added to the TIP, with all additions except Project B being due to the passing of HB-2017; and
- Two projects (F-G) were being removed.

Details of all projects were included in the agenda packet for review and are available online at www.rvmpo.org.

MacLaren clarified that:

- Amendment B is the result of an opportunity to make a protective purchase of undeveloped right-of-way land for sale;
- Amendment F is due to the need to shift funds not presently required for the current project; and
- Amendment G is likely to be incorporated into another project in the future.

Comments/inquiries were as follows:

- Initiated by Edgar Hee, consensus interest was expressed in obtaining a copy of ODOT's list of maintenance projects to help guide the PAC's understanding of whether proposed TIP and RTP amendments seem feasible, or if perhaps prioritization concerns should be raised. Welzenbach stated that staff would ask ODOT whether such a list exists/can be made available.
- Michael Polich inquired whether – when funds were pulled from a project – the advisory committees could be informed of where the funds were being redirected. MacLaren responded that this has not typically happened, but that staff could pursue this possibility with ODOT.
- Hee inquired why \$320,000 was allocated to design for Amendment A when the project description indicates only “seal the bridge deck … deck overlay.” Ian Horlacher was unable to provide insight regarding project costs or line items, but MacLaren did note that if ADA modifications were part of the project, that could quickly increase design cost as the average cost of ADA ramps has skyrocketed from \$1,400 to \$4,000 per item.

26:51 Glen Anderson moved that the PAC recommend approval to the Policy Committee of the proposed amendments to the 2018-2021 TIP and 2017-2042 RTP as presented. Jim Herndon seconded.

There was no further discussion.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Discussion Items

6. Performance Measures Discussion/Recommendations 27:22 – 54:10

Welzenbach reviewed the background information provided for the item in the agenda packet, explaining that MPO decisions regarding whether to adopt the state-suggested performance measures or create their own were due six months from the date of the state adopting their measures on the seven specific issues. He noted that, of the seven listed, the MPO will focus on just three: safety, traffic congestion, and on-road mobile source emissions (through CMAQ). The purpose/motive behind all seven measures is to ensure that taxpayer dollars are being well-spent.

SAFETY

Since the state set their safety goals in August 2017, an MPO decision regarding the safety performance measures is now due by February 2018. Once staff receives the necessary information/clarifications for the RVMPO TAC from ODOT – specifically, how the state's published numbers and rates for the statewide safety measures were determined – that information will be sent out to PAC members as well to allow for review prior to the January 16 meeting.

There was confusion regarding ODOT's definition of “serious injuries.” Welzenbach will attempt to ascertain the state's specific meaning of the term. Horlacher mentioned that the state's annual Safety Performance Plan was last published in June 2017; some of the information and explanations it contains may provide insight regarding the state-developed safety performance measure terms, numbers and rates. Horlacher will send Welzenbach a link to the plan so that it can be forwarded to PAC members.

TRAFFIC CONGESTION

Welzenbach reported that the feds have devised a seemingly illogical “reliability” test to inform data/results related to the measure for “Performance of the Interstate System.” Namely, on any given

road segment (“link”), if travel times at morning, midday and evening are the same every day, the link is reliable. If the travel time varies at one or more of those times on any day for any reason – including alleviation of traffic congestion – the link is unreliable. The MPO will bide its time for now as the feds/state consider this conflict of desired outcomes related to the measures.

ON-ROAD MOBILE SOURCE EMISSIONS (through CMAQ)

Welzenbach explained that the performance measures related to this item will not impact the RVMPO until 2021, so will not be addressed in the near future.

GENERAL

- For all seven performance measures, the MPO can choose to adopt the state’s measures, or develop their own. For the four measures not of primary concern to the MPO (reference agenda), Welzenbach explained that it would be best for the MPO to adopt the state’s measures.
- Welzenbach noted that – despite repeated inquiries – the feds have made no indication of consequences for an MPO not meeting the performance measures (either the state’s measures, or the MPO-created measures); desire was voiced by the group for ongoing pursuit of clarity on this issue.

Presentations

7. Role of and Coordination between the ACT and the MPO 54:11 – 01:21:59

Horlacher gave a [PowerPoint presentation](#) highlighting the relationship between these two entities and the ways in which their responsibilities and aims work symbiotically to further healthy transportation planning and management both in the region and statewide. Opportunity was provided for questions and comments.

Regular Updates

8. MPO Planning Update 01:22:00 – 01:23:38

RVTD is seeking interested parties to participate on a Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) “to advise the transit district in the development of future service.” Details are available in [this letter from RVTD](#).

9. Other Business

Item skipped.

10. Public Comment

Item skipped.

11. Next meeting

The next PAC meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the Jefferson Conference Room at RVCOG.

12. Adjournment 01:23:39 – 01:23:45

6:55 p.m.

Scheduled Meetings:

RVMPO TAC | Wednesday, December 13 @ 1:30 p.m.

RVMPO Policy Committee *Special Meeting* | Tuesday, December 14 @ 2:00 pm

RVMPO PAC | Tuesday, January 16 @ 5:30 pm