

RVACT *Rogue Valley Area Commission on Transportation*

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Chairman Stuart E. Foster
Oregon Commission on Transportation
355 Capitol St., NE, Rm. 135
Salem, OR 97301-3871

Re: RVACT/RVMPO Coordination Policy

Dear Chairman Foster,

The Oregon Transportation Commission asked local Area Commissions on Transportation and Metropolitan Planning Organizations to develop and implement a process that would facilitate discussion and agreement when differences in funding priorities arise between the two bodies. I am pleased to inform you that, in response to that request, the Rogue Valley Area Commission on Transportation (RVACT), on January 13, 2004, unanimously passed the attached Resolution establishing a policy for coordination of project funding in agreement with the Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (RVMPO).

Under this policy, if either body foresees the potential for funding alignment problems between the two bodies, either body by majority vote, may call for the formation of a joint subcommittee of the two bodies for the purpose of resolving the anticipated funding alignment problems. The members of that subcommittee shall consist of five total members, two members from the RVMPO, two members from the RVACT and the Oregon Department of Transportation Area Manager. The charge of the subcommittee shall be to attempt to resolve any anticipated funding alignment problems and to forward a recommendation for action by the parent bodies.

The members of the RVACT and the RVMPO feel that this newly adopted policy reflects both the letter and the spirit of Section VII – Coordination of the OTC's Policy of Formation and Operation of Area Commissions on Transportation. Please call me if you have any questions in regard to this action.

Respectfully,

Michael A. Montero, Co-Chair
Rogue Valley Area Commission on Transportation

CC: Dan Moore, RVMPO

Rogue Valley Area Commission on Transportation/ Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization Coordination Policy

Whereas the Rogue Valley Area Commission on Transportation has been vested by the Oregon Transportation Commission with the responsibility for State Transportation Improvement Program project priority recommendations and:

Whereas the Rogue Valley Area Commission on Transportation recognizes the advisability of project funding coordination with the Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization:

Therefore, if the Rogue Valley Area Commission on Transportation (in its prioritization of State Transportation Improvement Program funding) or the Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (in its prioritization of Transportation Improvement Program funding) foresees the potential for funding alignment problems between the two bodies, either body by majority vote, may call for the formation of a joint subcommittee of the two bodies for the purpose of recommending a resolution of the said funding alignment problems. The said subcommittee shall consist of the following:

- 1) The sitting chairperson of the Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee.
- 2) The sitting chairperson of the Rogue Valley Area Commission on Transportation from Jackson County.
- 3) The sitting chairperson of the Rogue Valley Area Commission on Transportation from Josephine County.
- 4) A Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee member selected by the Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee.
- 5) The Oregon Department of Transportation Area Manager.

When the said subcommittee is called for by the majority vote of either body, the subcommittee shall meet within fourteen (14) calendar days to attempt to resolve any anticipated funding alignment problems. The recommendations of the subcommittee shall be forwarded to the Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization and Rogue Valley Area Commission on Transportation for consideration.

This process will be evaluated annually by both the Rogue Valley Area Commission on Transportation and Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization to determine its effectiveness.