

Rogue Valley Transportation District

Community Profile

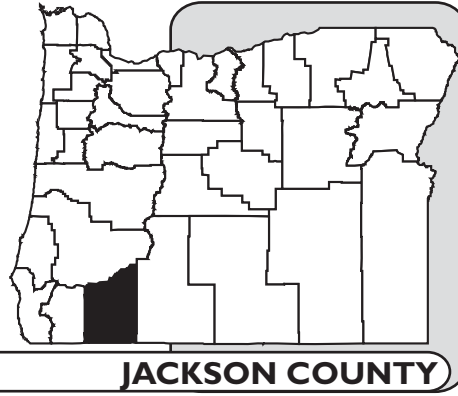
Population 190,000 (Transportation District)

Location Medford

Position Description

Sponsor Rogue Valley
Transportation District

Supervisor Paige Townsend,
Senior Planner



Assignment The RARE participant will work primarily on the passenger information analysis. This will include recommending and implementing research methodology, collecting data about passengers' behavior, and passengers' needs. Rogue Valley Transportation District (RVTD) will use the findings to plan for future transit service. The participant will also be responsible for making presentations of the agency's long range plan to audiences such as Southern Oregon University, Rogue Community College, the regional school districts, and human service agencies. The participant will assist in grant management and implementation of current projects. The participant will also have the opportunity to develop marketing materials for RVTD. Finally, the participant will apply for Oregon Department of Transportation mini-grant funds for RVTD/Safe Kids Coalition collaborative project.

Required Skills The ideal RARE participant will have strong organizational skills, verbal and written communication skills, and basic knowledge of administration and planning. The participant will also need to be able to acquire specific knowledge of project costs and funding availability and should be able to manage projects effectively.

RARE Participant



Jon Sullivan

Jon Sullivan was born in the little town of Oshkosh, NE. Through adventures with his father and the Boy Scouts, he developed a strong interest in the natural world. After graduating from high school, Jon pursued a degree in forestry from the University of Missouri. In the summer of 2001, he lived and worked in Medford as a forestry technician for Oregon State University. Following graduation, he worked as a procurement forester in rural Arkansas. Working on the industrial side of forestry gave him the inspiration to become more active in the conservation of timberlands. After two years in forestry, Jon went to work for a large real estate development company in the Arkansas/Missouri/Oklahoma region. Although his position was mainly in acquisitions, he also learned about the land development process. Working in an area with virtually no zoning restrictions gave him an appreciation for the State of Oregon and its land use laws. Jon is happy to be back in the Rouge Valley and, hopefully, he can help keep it the great place that it is.