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On June 18, 2007 the Yakima Valley MPO/RTPO Executive Committee adopted the Metropolitan and Regional Transportation Plan 2007-2027. The Executive Committee acted upon a recommendation from the Technical Advisory Committee and on input received from reviewing agencies and the public. There was a 30-day comment period on the Draft Plan and comments received were addressed by the Final Plan.

Included on the following page is a copy of the signed resolution acknowledging the Yakima Valley MPO/RTPO Executive Committee's adoption of the final Metropolitan and Regional Transportation Plan 2007-2027.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-6

**ADOPTION OF THE YAKIMA VALLEY METROPOLITAN AND REGIONAL
TRANSPORTATION PLAN FOR 2007-2027**

WHEREAS, the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments (YVCOG) has the responsibility for coordinating the metropolitan and regional transportation planning process as set forth in Title 23 U.S.C. Section 134, and RCW 47.80.030; and

WHEREAS, the YVCOG has been certified by the USDOT and WSDOT as fulfilling the requirements necessary to conduct the regional transportation planning program and serves as the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Yakima Metropolitan Area and the Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) for the Yakima Valley Region encompassing all of Yakima County; and

WHEREAS, an analysis of air quality impacts for both carbon monoxide (CO) and particulate matter 10 microns or less in diameter (PM₁₀) of the planned transportation improvements over the 20-year period has been completed and demonstrates conformity with federal clean air standards; and

WHEREAS, a 30-day public comment period ending on June 14, 2007 was advertised and made available through direct mailing to reviewing agencies, on display at the Yakima Regional Library, Sunnyside Library, and posted on the Yakima Valley Conference of Government's website in order to solicit comments on the draft plan; and

WHEREAS, an open house was held in the City of Yakima on December 12, 2007 and in the City of Sunnyside on December 13, 2007 in order to solicit comments on regional priorities to be included in the draft plan; and

WHEREAS, an environmental checklist was completed and a Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) was issued on May 15, 2007 in accordance with RCW 43.21C, the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), with a comment period ending on June 14, 2007; and

WHEREAS, any comments received on the public review draft and the DNS by June 14, 2007 were incorporated into the recommendations for the MPO/RTPO Executive Committee approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Yakima Valley Metropolitan and Regional Transportation Planning Organization (MPO/RTPO) Executive Committee adopts the *2007-2027 Yakima Valley Metropolitan and Regional Transportation Plan*; and

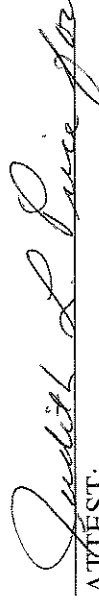
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the approved Yakima Valley Region and Metropolitan Area Transportation Plan for 2007-2027 be transmitted to the appropriate state and federal agencies for review and approval.

Signed this 18th day of June 2007.



Al Hubert, Executive Committee Chair

Yakima Valley Metropolitan and Regional Transportation Planning Organization


ATTEST:

J. Page Scott, Executive Director

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- City of Tieton
- City of Toppenish
- City of Union Gap
- City of Wapato
- Yakama Nation
- City of Yakima
- Yakima Transit
- Yakima County
- City of Zillah

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