

YAKIMA VALLEY TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
September 19, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Hodkinson, Vice Chairman, called the September 19, 2016 meeting of the Transportation Policy Board to order at 1:32 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT
POLICY

It is the policy of the Transportation Policy Board to accept public comment on agenda items at the time the item is being discussed. Public comments regarding items not on the agenda will be heard at the end of the meeting.

ROLL CALL &
INTRODUCTIONS

Members present: John Hodkinson, Mario Martinez, Dan Olson, Janice Gonzales, Maureen Adkison, Mike Leita, and, Todd Trepanier (WSDOT)

Members Absent: *Jim Restucci, *Madelyn Carlson, and Jon Smith.

YVCOG staff present: Larry Mattson, Deb LaCombe, Brian Curtin, Shawn Conrad, and Tami Hayward.

Others present: Arlene Fisher (City of Union Gap, City Manager), Raquel Crowley (Sen. Patty Murray), Elizabeth Tutsch (Northwest Justice Project), and Kaitlin Bain (Yakima Herald-Republic).

**Indicates notice of absence received prior to meeting.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Olson moved to approve the August 15, 2016 Minutes. Ms. Gonzales seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

SFY 2016 UPWP Annual Report

Ms. LaCombe requested the Policy Board's approval the State Fiscal Year 2016 UPWP Annual Report, and authorize transmittal of the Report to WSDOT. The report shows what was estimated last year for each task, and what the actual costs amounted to.

Mr. Olson moved to approve the SFY 2016 UPWP Annual Report and forward it to WSDOT headquarters. Ms. Adkison seconded. The motion carried.

2016 Self-Certification

Mr. Mattson spoke briefly on the purpose of the Self-Certification document. YVCOG's oath to WSDOT that we are delivering the tasks we scoped out under the UPWP. He requested a motion to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign the signature page, and forward to WSDOT headquarters.

Mr. Mattson stated that this document meets with his satisfaction and is fully compliant. YVCOG keeps a copy of all the backup documentation, but the signature page is all that is now required to be submitted to WSDOT.

Mr. Martinez moved to approve and authorize Chair to sign the Self-Certification signature page and forward to WSDOT headquarters. Mr. Olson seconded. The motion carried.

MPA Boundaries – Discussion #2 The MPA boundaries are out of compliance. This map represents the ‘minimal’ MPA option, including the urbanized area, as defined by the census, plus the urban growth areas that the cities within it have identified.

Discussion on whether or not the boundary can be simplified. Ms. LaCombe explained that we are allowed to buffer the boundaries, but that will be a difficult conversation with the County because they will want to know why we are including more of their property than is necessary. Mr. Leita stated that the County is looking at urban growth areas with more intensity and looking to be more compliant with GMA. The County has been a little over-accommodating in the past.

Mr. Mattson stated that this map will be put on next month’s agenda for approval.

Fair Booth Volunteers

Ms. LaCombe circulated the Fair Booth Volunteer sign-up sheet.

NEW BUSINESS

September M/RTIP Amendment

Mr. Curtin presented the M/RTIP amendment for September 2016 as Resolution 2016-15 for Determination of Air Quality and Resolution 2016-16 for Findings. As required by the Clean Air Act Amendment of 1990, and the requirements set forth in WAC 173-420, the Metropolitan/Regional Transportation Improvement Program (M/RTIP) and amendments require a determination that clean air standards will not be violated as a result of transportation improvement projects. Amendment is on behalf of Washington State Department of Transportation-SCR: 509706B39 – US 97/SR 22 Vicinity to W Wapato Rd Vicinity – ADA Compliance. Total project cost: \$252,669.00.

Mr. Leita moved to adopt Resolution 2016-15 for Determination of Air Quality Conformity, and Resolution 2016-16 Findings, and approval of the 2016-2019 M/RTIP September Amendment, and to authorize the Chair to sign the TIP Amendment Checklist. Mr. Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

*Regional Prioritization Summary
– WSDOT Public Transportation
Call for Projects*

People for People has prepared the Human Services Transportation Plan for us in the past, and it has been brought before the Policy Board for approval. It is redone every four years, and is updated every other year with a Call for Projects. It is time for the Call for Projects. The revisions the MPACT group would like to make to the plan are included in the agenda packet. These changes would provide some clarity and consistency in the goal statements on page 50. This will be

posted on our website and sent to WSDOT to be posted with the 2014 HSTP. She explained that the Proposed Project Summary (application) is the form that anyone interested in submitting a project to the WSDOT Consolidated Grants cycle uses to get their project regionally prioritized. The timeline lists what needs to be done, who it should be turned in to, and the date it is due.

This is a two-part process. It must be ranked by us using the YVCOG summary form, and a separate, more extensive application is sent on to WSDOT by each applicant. Applicants cannot bypass our ranking process.

Following approval by the Transportation Policy Board, notifications will go out by email, be posted on our website, and are published in various newspapers in English and Spanish.

Mr. Leita complimented Ms. LaCombe on her efforts in preparing this Call for Projects.

Mr. Leita moved to approve the Amendment to the 2014 Human Services Transportation Plan, YVCOG 2017-2019 summary form, and schedule for regional prioritization. Ms. Adkison seconded. The motion carried.

Chair's Update (Tentative)

Mr. Restucci was unable to attend the meeting, so this item was bypassed.

*Tribal Government Consultation –
Draft Policy*

Mr. Mattson gave some background information on the Tribal Government Consultation draft policy. It will be on next month's agenda for discussion and action.

Our program is audited every other year to ensure Title VI compliance. This was one of the shortcomings of our audit. This draft policy is modeled closely after the Spokane Regional Transportation Council's policy.

Discussion on the level of input the Tribe has regarding this document. Mr. Leita asked that the Tribal Council review the document. He also questioned the statements regarding the IRR (Indian Reservation Roads) miles mentioned in the policy ... does this include federally funded roads. Ms. LaCombe answered that the BIA will only fund those roads included in the inventory, so there are some County roads included in this inventory. Mr. Leita iterated that no revenue is collected from the Nation to help fund maintenance on these roads.

This document does not bind the Tribe. Mr. Mattson will try to get the document placed on the Tribal Council's review schedule.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURN

With no other business, Mr. Hodkinson adjourned the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



James A. Restucci,
Yakima Valley Transportation Policy Board Chair

17 OCT 2016

Date signed

ATTEST:



Tamara Hayward, Policy Board Secretary

10-17-2016

Date signed