

YVCOG TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
February 21, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

Chair James Restucci called the February 21, 2018 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: James Restucci, John Hodkinson, Janice Gonzales, Brad Hill, Randy Giles for Todd Trepanier, Jonathan Smith, Madelyn Carlson

Members Absent: Dan Olson*, Mike Leita*, Bill Moore*

YVCOG staff present: Larry Mattson, Alan Adolf, Mike Shuttleworth and Jodi Smith

Others present: Joan Davenport, Raquel Ferrell Crowley, Kaitlin Bain, Sara Watkins, Rhonda Hauff

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Hodkinson moved to approve the minutes from January 17, 2018. Mr. Smith seconded. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

*State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2019
Unified Planning Work Program
(UPWP) Development**

Mr. Mattson and Mr. Adolf provided information on the SFY 2019 UPWP update status. Please review the report. YVCOG is available to answer any questions. Small and large projects are being accepted. Identified needs can be matched if new funding sources become available. YVCOG can accommodate deadlines for submitting unfunded project requests.

*2018 Title VI Annual Report**

Mr. Mattson presented the report and requested authorization to submit to WSDOT. The motion to authorize and submit the report was made by Mr. Hodkinson, seconded by Ms. Gonzales. Motion carried.

*Human Services Transportation
Plan (HSTP) Monthly Status
Update*

Mr. Shuttleworth gave an update on the status of the 2018 HSTP survey. Surveys have been distributed in English and Spanish. Survey will be open until the end of March. YVCOG would like more responses from targeted groups. The HSTP will work hand-in-hand with the UPWP update. Suggestions for survey distribution included Community and Tech Colleges, Senior Centers, Media Release, CWU and the airport. It was also suggested to send the online link to City representatives and State Legislators.

NEW BUSINESS

*February 2018
Metropolitan/Regional*

Mr. Adolf reported that the public comment period was January 24, 2018 - February 7, 2018 with no comments received. The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recommends adoption. The February STP funds that were

*Transportation Improvement Program (M/RTIP) Amendment**

advanced to the cities of Toppenish, Union Gap and Zillah after Executive Committee approval in January, were submitted to State.

Motion 2a, 2b and 2c: 2a-Adopt Resolution 2018-03 for Determination of Air Quality, 2b-Adopt Resolution 2018-04 for Findings and 2c-Approve 2018-2021 M/RTIP February Amendment and authorize Chair to sign TIP Amendment Checklist made for all 3 motions by Mr. Smith. Seconded by Ms. Gonzales. Motion passed.

*2018 Safety Performance Target Concurrence**

Mr. Adolf provided information on the federally-inspired Map-21 "TARGET ZERO" campaign to lower the statewide accident rate by 2030. Discussions and questions included whether there were strings attached to these goals? These are metrics used in ranking projects. It does not affect the money flow and goals are aspirational. Reviewed annually and targets areas that have high accident rates or fatalities in the metropolitan areas. Although there is no direct penalty for local jurisdictions, the likely impact of for not meeting these goals is the state having to spend all federal transportation funds on "safety projects". WA State as a whole, spends these funds on mitigating known hazards.

Motion to authorize chair to sign confirmation letter and adopt Resolution 2018-05 for the 2018 Safety Performance Measures and Targets made by Ms. Gonzales and seconded by Ms. Carlson. Motion passes.

*Federal Fiscal Year 2017 Metropolitan & Regional Obligation and Closure Report**

Informational. Mr. Adolf presented the Obligation and Closure Report for 2017. The report covers the Yakima County region and shows the amount of federal money obligated, project funds not yet obligated, and what projects have been closed (completed) during the 2017 calendar year. Public comment period runs through March 8, 2018. This report will go to the TAC after the comment period concludes. This report is available on the O: drive for closer reading and will be an action item for approval on the March agenda for the Policy Board.

Traffic Modeling Program Update

Informational. Mr. Adolf updated the Committee on traffic modeling. Update for 2015 update is nearing completion. Models are a decision-making tool using traffic data, infrastructure characteristics, expected population growth, land use, planned [future] projects, and transit usage on future year traffic flows and system impacts. All members can access the model through YVCOG and results should be shared. What is the oversight for using the model? YVCOG will provide the expertise and has paid for the updates and training needed. Mr. Mattson apologized to the City of Yakima for the length of time the update has taken and the impact it has had on their projects and grant requests. He assured all that YVCOG will be ahead of the curve for the next update. Merging of several different data systems has taken longer than anticipated. Mr. Restucci recommended that we utilize the expertise of the TAC.

*Federal Infrastructure Bill Proposal**

Informational. Ms. Crowley gave the Committee information on the White House proposal for infrastructure. Although it has been released, the proposal is changing. A large part of the proposal includes public-private partnerships. Current Federal funds share of 86.5% of projects would drop to 20%. Due to lack of population density, the Western states, and rural areas in general, would be disproportionately disadvantaged. Mr. Restucci asked if last year's funding agreements have been affected? Mr. Giles will follow up. With more

information, Mr. Mattson can find out status of funds. Ms. Crowley stated that DOT has been holding funds at the federal level and is releasing funds upon request. Recommendation is to ask for the money, across the board for all federal agencies and departments.

OTHER BUSINESS

April Meeting Date

Proposal to change the April 2018 meeting date from the 16th to the 23rd had no objections and was so ordered.

Open Public Meetings and Public Records Training

Certification of training record needed.

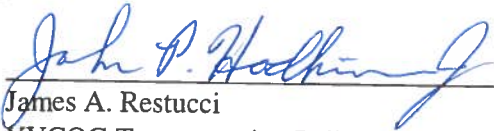
PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURN

With no other business, Mr. Restucci adjourned the meeting at 2:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

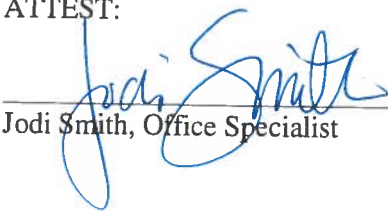


James A. Restucci
YVCOG Transportation Policy Board Chair

3/19/18

Date signed

ATTEST:



Jodi Smith, Office Specialist

3/19/18

Date signed

