

YAKIMA VALLEY TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 16, 2016

CALL TO ORDER Mr. Hodkinson, Vice Chairman, called the May 16, 2016 meeting of the Yakima Valley MPO/RTPO Policy Board to order at 1:32 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT
POLICY It is the policy of the Yakima Valley MPO/RTPO 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, Mike Leita, Mario Martinez, Dan Olson, Janice Gonzales (NCAC), Maureen Adkison, and Jonathan Smith (YCDA), and Brian White (WSDOT); Jim Restucci attended via telephone.
Members Absent: *Madelyn Carlson (PFP)
YVCOG staff present: Larry Mattson, Brian Curtin, and Tami Hayward.
Others present: Raquel Crowley (Sen. Patty Murray's office)

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

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES Mr. Olson moved to approve the April 18, 2016 Minutes. Ms. Adkison seconded the motion. The motion carried.

(Mr. Hodkinson acknowledged Mr. Restucci joining the proceedings telephonically. There were no others with him in attendance during this telephonic conferencing session.)

OLD BUSINESS

SFY 2017 UPWP – Final Version Mr. Mattson provided a brief overview of the tabbed handout. The Anticipated Budget versus Actual Expenditures for SFY 2016 MPO/RTPO Activities and Tasking has been updated to include actual expenditures through April. Page 17 includes March and April adjustments for revenue. Page 18 shows the estimated balance between estimated revenue and planning budget. Page 33 includes the Lower Valley Freight Bypass Loop in the list of SFY 2017 Unfunded Needs.

Mr. Martinez moved to approve the final version of the SFY 2017 UPWP. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

(Ms. Gonzales arrived at the meeting.)

Change Board Name to "Yakima Valley Transportation Policy Board" Mr. Mattson asked for approval of a name change from "Yakima Valley MPO/RTPO Policy Board" to "Yakima Valley Transportation Policy Board."
Ms. Adkison moved to approve the name change to Yakima Valley

Transportation Policy Board. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Director's Update

Visit by Jodie Peterson (Federal Highways) and Oscar Cerda (WSDOT) for Title VI review. They were here for about 5 hours. They will issue their findings and recommendations shortly. No red flags.

All Aboard Washington passenger rail advocacy group met in Toppenish at the Rail Museum. Very well attended meeting. They meet quarterly around the state. Invited by Loren Belton. There is strong interest in returning passenger rail to our area.

May M/RTIP Amendment

Mr. Curtin presented the M/RTIP amendment for May 2016 as Resolution 2016-09 for Determination of Air Quality and Resolution 2016-10 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. Amendments are on behalf of Washington State Department of Transportation-SCR: US 12/Low Road – Intersection Safety Improvements, and US 97/SR 22 to Lateral A – Corridor Intersection Safety.

Mr. Leita moved to adopt Resolution 2016-09 for Determination of Air Quality Conformity, and Resolution 2016-10 Findings, and approval of the 2016-2019 M/RTIP May Amendment, and to authorize the Chair to sign the TIP Amendment Checklist. Mr. Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

TAC Guidelines

Mr. Mattson discussed the main changes in the TAC Guidelines. Main changes are changing from the Executive Committee to the Policy Board as the appointing authority. The Org chart establishes that the TAC is nestled beneath the Policy Board.

Mr. Mattson stated that he would like to change the name of any organization-wide 'bylaws' – other than YVCOG's – to 'guidelines.' Changes to the TAC bylaws would also include changing the name of the document to 'Yakima Valley Transportation Technical Advisory Committee Guidelines.'

Mr. Smith moved to approve the TAC Guidelines, including the various proposed changes. Ms. Adkison seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS


PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURN

With no other business, Mr. Hodkinson adjourned the meeting at 1:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


James A. Restucci,
Yakima Valley Transportation Policy Board Chair

6/20/2016
Date signed

ATTEST:


Tamara Hayward, Policy Board Secretary

6/20/2016
Date signed