

# YVCOG GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - A G E N D A -

**Wednesday, December 13, 2017**

FairBridge Inn  
1507 North 1<sup>st</sup> Street Yakima, WA 98901



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"TOP OF THE YAKIMA VALLEY"



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# - INFORMATION -

## Yakima Valley Conference of Governments Presents 2018 Regional Solutions Summit

Because We Are . . .

# "BETTER TOGETHER"

Sunday, April 15, 2018  
through  
Tuesday, April 17, 2018

### SUNCADIA RESORT

Featured Speakers Include

**Rep. Gina McCabe**

on Sustainable Infrastructure  
AND

**Kim Herman**, Exec. Director  
WA State Housing & Finance Comm.

**Mario Villanueva**, State Director  
USDA Rural Development

#### PLUS:

- Creative Revenue Streams
- Lean Government
- Water
- Utilities
- Other On-Point Topics

Seasoned official or new to office -

### **GREAT IDEAS to benefit your community!**

You will go home with ideas that generate or save \$5,000 OR MORE.

- For Elected Officials and City/Town Administrators Only -



**"Early Bird" Special: Paid registrations by January 31, 2018.**

Option A: 2 representatives for 2 rooms, 2 nights. Meals included. **\$2,700**

Option B: 1 representative for 1 room, 2 nights. Meals included. **\$1,425**

Guests are welcome, but must pay for their own meals. Please inquire about meal costs.

**After 01/31/2018: Option A, \$3,140. Option B, \$1,657.**

Limited Space, only 20 rooms available. Reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis.

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*Yakima Valley Conference of Governments  
December 13, 2017  
General Membership Meeting*

6:30 PM – Social Half-Hour  
7:00 PM – Dinner - **\$20.00**  
8:00 PM – Program

I. CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTIONS / ROLL CALL

II. PUBLIC COMMENT POLICY – *It is the policy of the YVCOG General Membership 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.*

III. WELCOMING REMARKS by \_\_\_\_\_

IV. BUSINESS

- Approval of Minutes – *October 18, 2017*
- Executive Committee Nominating Committee
  - *Action: Approval*
- 2017 YVCOG Budget Amendment
  - *Action: Approval*
- 2017 Outstanding Service Award –  
*James A. Restucci, YVCOG Executive Committee Chair;*

V. PROGRAM

- Annual YVCOG Program Manager Updates
  - Alan Adolf, Transportation Program Manager
  - Mike Shuttleworth, Planning Manager
  - Crystal Testerman, Homeless Program Manager
- Central Washington Passenger Rail Usage Study Results  
*Professor John Bowen and Noah Westbay, Central Washington University*

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

VII. LOCATION OF JANUARY 17, 2018 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
*The City of \_\_\_\_\_ will host the January meeting.  
Suggestions from floor for possible program items.*

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

IX. ADJOURN

YVCOG General Membership Meeting Agenda  
December 13, 2017

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# - 2017 Program Accomplishments -

## TRANSPORTATION: *Alan Adolf*

**January:** Certified City of Selah Transportation Element; Approved STBG Set-Aside Prioritized List for 5 projects totaling \$1,150,000; Approved Transportation Modeling Agreement with ERMSI for a Two-Year/\$50,000 contract

**February:** Approved 2017 Title VI Annual Report; Certified Cities of Granger & Mabton's Transportation Element

**March:** Certified Cities of Union Gap & Zillah's Transportation Element; Approved 2016 Metropolitan & Regional Obligation Closure Report

**April:** Certified Cities of Wapato & Yakima's Transportation Element

**May:** Certified Cities of Moxee & Toppenish's Transportation Element; WSDOT Corridor Sketch Process Begins— review state routes in the region to consider existing & future improvement needs; Mid-Year Amendment to Yakima Valley Regional ITS Architecture Plan – Yakama Nation Transit Closed Circuit bus camera system

**June:** Nearly \$1.5 million in grants for Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) - \$270K to Yakima, \$828K to Union Gap, \$355K to Grandview;; Completed & Adopted SFY 2018 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Document; Certified City of Tieton & Yakima County Transportation Element; Participated in Local Emergency Planning Committee [LEPC]; Participant in Tribal Transportation Planning Organization (TTPO);

**July:** Certified City of Sunnyside's Transportation Element; WSDOT Freight Department

**August:** CTR Board Mtg./Workshop.; YN/Yakima Co./YVCOG SRTS Mtg.— review SRTS options within the Yakama Nation

**September:** All Aboard Washington (Passenger Rail Return to Yakima Valley) Summit; DRYVE / TRANS-Action Highlighting Moxee's "Morrier Lane", Union Gap's "Beltway", & Zillah's "Vintage Valley Parkway" projects.; Awarded \$148,610 in Commute Trip Reduction (CTR) program

**October:** Award \$40,000 in federally funded – WSDOT "Consolidated Grant" funds for the 2017-2019 biennium to development & update of the Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP); Completion & Adoption of 2017 UPWP Annual Report; Completion & Adoption of 2018-2021 M/RTIP; "CMAQ Emissions Performance Measures Workgroup;

**November:** Formally named Brian Galloway as Commute Trip Reduction/Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CTR/CMAQ) Coordinator – Duties include grant writing, SRTS/Complete Streets planning; 2017 Air Quality (AQ) Interagency Team TIP & MTP Review of 2018-2021 M/RTP; Completed Update to Yakima Valley Regional ITS Architecture Plan – To be approved & adopted in December 2017.

## LAND USE/PLANNING: *Mike Shuttleworth*

2017 was the year of updating Comprehensive Plans. All Cities and Yakima County were required to finish the updating of their Comprehensive Plan by June of 2017. Most of the jurisdictions completed this process and YVCOG assisted several municipalities in meeting their requirements and deadlines.

YVCOG Planning is now working on new projects and processes. We are pleased to offer a **GRANT WRITING** service that can assist our members with research and grant writing to fund a new park or other project. Please contact YVCOG for more information.

## HOMELESSNESS: *Crystal Testerman*

- Increased staff from 1 to 3, adding a program coordinator and a finance coordinator, increasing program efficiency.
- Received approval from Commerce that we are **officially** compliant with the requirement to utilize a Coordinated Entry system that prioritizes clients based on a standard assessment at an approved intake facility. Yakima County was found to be in noncompliance for over three years, leading to an internal audit finding and receiving technical assistance grant from the Department of Commerce as corrective action.
- Successfully met all reporting requirements and deadlines for HUD and the Department of Commerce.
- Implemented a competitive RFP process using online grant application software, objective scoring committees, scoring matrixes and project selections approved for recommendation by the Homeless Planning and Policy Council.
- Collaborated with a grant writing consultant to complete and submit a successful Collaborative Application for HUD funding under the WA-507 Yakima City and County Continuum of Care.
- Spent time with local legislators at the National Conference for Ending Homelessness in Washington DC learning best practices with focus on the "Housing First" approach and streamlining administrative processes for better program efficiency.

Began collaboration with several new service providers which has enhanced our ability to serve more people throughout the entire Valley and has resulted in innovative solution-driven approaches.

- Transform Yakima – a faith-based organization contracted to run a 24-hr low barrier shelter.
- Catholic Charities – Developed a new Youth and Young Adult Housing program that will serve 18-24 years old individuals deemed the highest need through Coordinated Entry.
- Entrust Services – A newly funded agency awarded a Community Investment Project grant to work with members of the ALPHA team in a peer-mentor role to assist homeless individuals in receiving employment, housing, and service opportunities with intensive case management.
- Union Gospel Mission and DSHS – Two very important entities that can assist in identifying, locating, and providing services to homeless individuals. These agencies are now active participants in our coordinated entry system and are working with the community to develop a data sharing system to streamline client searches and verifying housing status.
- Blue Mountain Action Services – SVFS Veteran Services participates in the Coordinated Entry System working to identify and align homeless Veterans with available services

Invested in two Capital Investment Projects:

- Transform Yakima Together - \$236,000 to build 22 tiny homes to serve as housing for chronically homeless individuals.
- Yakima Neighborhood Health - \$320,000 to aid in the construction/remodel of a transitional housing unit that will house approximately 40 homeless individuals for a period of up to 24 months. \$200,000 of this was dedicated in 2013 by the Homeless Network when the program was still at Yakima County.

**GOALS FOR 2018** – To align with YVCOG's theme for 2018 "The Year of Clarity", my team is excited to work on new and innovative methods for creating performance based funding decisions and creating a "data dashboard" that educates and provides our members the transparency that we feel has really been missing in this program to date.