



**YAKIMA VALLEY  
TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD  
AGENDA**

Monday, August 20, 2018  
1:30 p.m.

The 300 Building  
311 N. 4<sup>th</sup> St, Ste 204, Yakima, WA

**TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD:**

James Restucci, Council Member, City of Sunnyside, Chair  
John Hodkinson, Council Member, City of Union Gap, Vice Chair  
Janice Gonzales, Council Member, City of Zillah  
Bill Moore, Council Member, City of Grandview  
Brad Hill, Council Member, City of Yakima  
Dan Olson, Member at Large  
Mike Leita, Commissioner, Yakima County  
Todd Trepanier, Region Administrator, WSDOT SCR  
Jon Smith, President/CEO, YCDA  
Madelyn Carlson, CEO, People for People

13<sup>th</sup> District:  
Sen. Judy Warnick  
Rep. Tom Dent  
Rep. Matt Manweller

15th District:  
Senator Jim Honeyford  
Representative David Taylor  
Representative Bruce Chandler

14<sup>th</sup> District:  
Senator Curtis King  
Representative Norm Johnson  
Representative Gina Mosbrucker

**CALL TO ORDER**

The August 20, 2018 meeting of the Transportation Policy Board will come to order at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.

**I. INTRODUCTIONS**

**II. ROLL CALL**

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 16, 2018 pp. 3-4**

**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.*

**IV. OLD BUSINESS**

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

1. August 2018 Metropolitan/Regional Transportation Improvement Program (M/RTIP) Amendment *Table*  
*Alan Adolf, Transportation Program Manager*

- Public comment period from July 25, 2018 – August 8, 2018 no comments received.
- Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recommended on August 9, 2018 provided that no substantive comments are received that would cause process to delay in order to respond.

*Action 2a: Adopt Resolution 2018-16 for Determination of Air Quality and authorize Chair to sign Resolution 2018-16. pp. 5-6*

*Action 2b: Adopt Resolution 2018-17 for Findings and authorize Chair to sign Resolution 2018-17. pp. 7-8*

*Action 2c: Approval of the 2018-2021 M/RTIP August Amendment and authorize Chair to sign TIP Amendment Checklist p. 9*

*“I move to authorize the Chair to sign Resolution 2018-16, 2018-17 and the August TIP Amendment Checklist.”*

2. 2018 Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act (MAP-21) Highway System Performance and National Freight Movement Program Performance Measurement Concurrence Adoption *Table*

*Alan Adolf, Transportation Program Manager*

- YVCOG concurrence with statewide person-mile reliability targets

• YVCOG concurrence with statewide Truck Travel Time Reliability *pp-10-13*  
*Action 3a: Authorize Chair to sign conformation letter and adopt Resolution 2018-18 for 2018 Highway System Performance & National Freight Movement Program Performance Measures*  
*“I move to authorize the Chair to sign Resolution 2018-18, and confirmation letters for the 2018 Highway System Performance & National Freight Movement Program Performance Measures.”*

3. Councilman Jim Restucci Appointed to Washington Transportation Commission Board

*Larry Mattson, Executive Director*

*Action: Information*

4. Washington Transportation Commission “2040 and Beyond” Public Comment / Open House *p.14*

*Alan Adolf, Transportation Program Manager*

- YVCOG hosting WTC’s Transportation Plan Open House (Tuesday, August 28, 2018)

*Action: Information*

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**ADJOURN** at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.

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*If you need special accommodations to participate in this meeting, please call us at 509.574.1550 by 10:00 a.m. three days prior to the meeting. For TDD users, please use the state’s toll-free relay service, 800.833.6388 and ask the operator to dial 509.574.1550.*

YVCOG TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

July 16, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair John Hodkinson called the July 21, 2018 meeting of the Transportation Policy Board to order at 1:31 p.m. A quorum was present.

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, Todd Trepanier, Bill Moore, Mike Leita, Madelyn Carlson, Janice Gonzales, Jonathan Smith

Members present via teleconference: Jim Restucci and Brad Hill.

Members Absent: Dan Olson\*

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

Others present: Sara Watkins, Joan Davenport, Rhonda Hauff, Josh Jackson, Lee Murdock and Andy Ferguson.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*Mike Leita moved to approve the minutes from May 21, 2018. Madelyn Carlson seconded. The minutes were adopted.*

OLD BUSINESS

*Human Services Transportation Plan*

Mike Shuttleworth presented the 2018 Human Services Transportation Plan. Monthly updates have been provided for review and approval. Several changes since 2014. Ms. Carlson spoke and noted the good work in getting out to the community, especially monolingual and special needs populations. One amendment to come early in 2019.

*Action: 2018 Human Services Transportation Plan Final Adoption and Submittal to WSDOT. Madelyn Carlson moved to adopt and submit to WSDOT. Jonathan Smith seconded. Motion adopted.*

NEW BUSINESS

*July 2018 Metropolitan/Regional Transportation Improvement Program (M/RTIP) Amendment\**

Mr. Adolf reported on two Transportation Improvement Program Amendments for July 2018. One project is in Toppenish, and the other is in Sunnyside.

*Action: ML moved to authorize the Chair to sign Resolution 2018-12, 2018-13 and the July TIP Amendment for JR seconded. Motion carried.*

*Federal Functional Classification (FFC) Requests (Cities of Selah and Toppenish)\**

Mr. Adolf presented information on the federal functional classification requests from Selah and Toppenish.

*Action: Motion to approve YVCOG Executive Director to sign FFC Request Concurrence Letter(s) for Selah & Toppenish made by Madlyn Carlson. Seconded by Bill Moore. Motion carried.*

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2018 Moving Ahead for Progress  
in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21)  
Bridge, Pavement, & CMAQ  
Performance Measurement  
Concurrence Adoption\*

Mr. Adolf reported on performance safety measures and air quality performance measures.

Action: Mike Leita moved to authorize the Chair to sign Resolution 2018-14, 2018-15 and confirmation letters for the 2018 Bridge/Pavement and CMAQ performance Measures. Jonathan Smith seconded. Motion carried.

2020-2050 MRTP Kick-off\*

Mr. Adolf reported on the update for the long-range plan for 2020-2050. Document adoption deadline is March 2020. Looking to broaden the areas under the transportation plan.

Action: Information.

2019-2021 WSDOT Consolidated  
Grant Kick-off\*

Mr. Adolf spoke about the Consolidated Grant. This fall, after the grant process has been completed, the Policy Board will be presented for re-prioritization or approval. Projects will be scored and rated early in 2019.

Action: Information.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURN

With no other business, John Hodkinson adjourned the meeting at 2:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

\_\_\_\_\_  
James A. Restucci  
VCOG Transportation Policy Board Chair

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date signed

ATTEST:

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Jodi Smith, Office Specialist

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Date signed

Resolution 2018-16

2018-2021 Yakima Valley Metropolitan and Regional Transportation Improvement Program

AUGUST 20, 2018 AMENDMENT – DETERMINATION OF AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY

A *RESOLUTION* of the Yakima Valley Transportation Policy Board affirming the conformity of the 2018-2021 Yakima Valley Metropolitan and Regional Area Transportation Improvement Program with the Washington State Implementation Plan for Air Quality.

*WHEREAS*, Yakima Valley Conference of Governments (YVCOG) serves as the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization, hereafter referred to as the MPO, for the Yakima Valley Metropolitan area; and

*WHEREAS*, the 2018-2021 Yakima Valley Metropolitan and Regional Transportation Improvement Program, hereafter referred to as the M/RTIP, is the basis for distributing federal transportation funds to the Yakima Valley's metropolitan area; and

*WHEREAS*, the 2016-2040 Yakima Valley Metropolitan Transportation Plan, hereafter referred to as the MTP, was adopted by the Yakima Valley Transportation Policy Board on March 21, 2016 and provides the long-range transportation plan guiding the development of transportation improvements for the metropolitan area of the Yakima Valley; and

*WHEREAS*, it is necessary to amend the 2018-2021 MTIP to add the following projects, modeled when necessary to determine if there are any negative impacts upon air quality in the metropolitan area of the Yakima Valley:

**FORMAL amendments to the 2018-2021 M/RTIP for August 2018 are:**

**Yakima County**

**REVISION – PM 10 Compliant Street Sweeper:** Yakima County will purchase a PM 10 compliant street sweeper to augment its dust abatement program. Funds include 2018 Federal CMAQ Funds (\$245,910), and 2018 Local Funds (\$38,380).

Total Project Cost: **\$284,290**

**City of Yakima**

**RETRACTION – Powerhouse Road Sidewalk:** The City of Yakima is deleting this project from its 2018 STIP. The Powerhouse Road Sidewalk project was to widen the westbound lane to provide a shared bike lane and construct curb, gutter and sidewalk on the north side of Powerhouse Road. 2018 Federal Funds TAP(US) (\$245,000). \$30,000 was previously obligated for design. The City has paid back the funds it received for the design of this project.

**RETRACTION – Northside Alley Paver:** The City of Yakima is deleting this project from its 2018 STIP. The Northside Alley Paver was to pave the east/west gravel alleys between Folsom Avenue and Fruitvale Avenue from 16th Avenue to 6th Avenue. 2018 Federal (CMAQ) Funds (\$387,680); Local Funds (\$55,350). \$33,300 was previously obligated for design. The City has paid back the funds it received for the design of this project.

*WHEREAS*, the Federal Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 and the Rule on Air Quality for Transportation Plans, Programs, and Projects, the Federal Highway Administration, and the Federal Transit Administration all require the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments as MPO to determine that the 2016-2040 MTP and any amendments to the 2018-2021 MTIP conform to the Washington State Implementation Plan for Air Quality, hereafter referred to as the SIP, and support the intent of the SIP to achieve and maintain National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS); and

*WHEREAS*, the Federal Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 and the Rule on Air Quality also require that the goals, policies, programs and projects embodied in the 2018-2021 M/RTIP not contradict or adversely impact implementation of transportation control measures for PM<sub>10</sub> as identified in the SIP for the Yakima Valley PM<sub>10</sub> maintenance area; and

*WHEREAS*, the Yakima Valley metropolitan area is in conformity for CO as of December 31, 2002, and has further determined that the levels set for CO will not be exceeded by these amended projects; and,

*WHEREAS*, YVCOG, in amending this project from the 2018-2021 M/RTIP has assessed PM<sub>10</sub> mobile source emissions in full compliance with current federal statutes and regulations; and,

*WHEREAS*, in preparing the assessment for this amendment, YVCOG used the most recent estimates of existing and future population, employment, travel demand characteristics, system capacities on the modeled transportation system, as well as mobile source emission factors provided by the Washington State Department of Ecology; and,

*WHEREAS*, this Determination of Conformity demonstrates the following regarding the amended 2018-2021 M/RTIP:

1. The addition of this project into the 2018-2021 M/RTIP is neutral to the reduction of particulate matter (PM<sub>10</sub>) in the Yakima Valley PM<sub>10</sub> Maintenance Area; and,
2. The 2018-2021 M/RTIP need not implement transportation control measures for PM<sub>10</sub> as none are currently identified in the approved 2004 Limited Maintenance Plan for Yakima Valley; and,
3. The 2018-2021 M/RTIP as amended by the addition of this project continues to conform to the current Washington SIP and to the 2001 Yakima Valley Area Limited Maintenance Plan for CO.

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*, the Yakima Valley Transportation Policy Board, finding the quantitative analysis of transportation-related PM<sub>10</sub> emissions for the 2018-2021 Metropolitan and Regional Transportation Improvement Programs (M/RTIP) modeled scenarios for the amended 2018-2021 MTIP yield far less PM<sub>10</sub> than the 1994 budget of 927 tons, declares that the 2018-2021 MTIP, as amended, meets the requirements of both state and federal air quality conformity rules (**WAC 173-420** and **40 USC Part 51** respectively) for PM<sub>10</sub>, and is in conformity with the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, Interim Phase II -- Conformity Guidelines for PM<sub>10</sub>, and **40 CFR Part 41**.

Adopted by the Yakima Valley Transportation Policy Board this 20th day of August 2018.

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James A. Restucci, Chair  
Yakima Valley Transportation Policy Board

ATTEST

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Lauris (Larry) C. Mattson, Executive Director  
Yakima Valley Conference of Governments

Resolution 2018-17

2018-2021 Yakima Valley Metropolitan and Regional Transportation Improvement Program  
August 20, 2018 AMENDMENT – FINDINGS

A *RESOLUTION* of the Yakima Valley Transportation Policy Board affirming the findings of the August 2018 Amendment to the 2018-2021 Yakima Valley Metropolitan and Regional Transportation Improvement Program (hereafter to be known as the M/RTIP).

*WHEREAS*, the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments (YVCOG), as the federal-designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Yakima Valley has the responsibility for annually developing and adopting a Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program, hereafter to be referred to as the M/RTIP; and,

*WHEREAS*, the following jurisdictions have submitted the following projects for inclusion into the 2018-2021 M/RTIP –

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*WHEREAS*, the projects are based on reasonably available financial resources; and,

*WHEREAS*, transportation improvement projects within the Yakima Metropolitan Area must be included in the 2018-2021 M/RTIP to be eligible for federal assistance under Federal Transit Administration and Federal Highway Administration funding programs; and,

*WHEREAS*, the Yakima Valley Transportation Policy Board, in its review of this amendment to the 2018-2021 MTIP, formally adopted on August 20, 2018:

1. Finds the amended projects contained in this formal amendment to the 2018-2021 M/RTIP to be a realistic program of projects to be implemented by local jurisdictions as secured; and,

2. Finds the projects contained in the 2018-2021 M/RTIP to be consistent with regional goals, objectives, and policies; and,
3. Finds that the projects listed in this formal amendment to the 2018-2021 M/RTIP be financially feasible and,
4. Based on these findings, approves the projects submitted by Yakima Transit to be amended into the 2018-2021 M/RTIP and STIP as Secured.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Yakima Valley Transportation Policy Board adopts the August 2018 amendment to the 2018-2021 Metropolitan and Regional Transportation Improvement Program; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the amended projects listed in this resolution be added to the 2018-2021 Metropolitan and Regional Transportation Improvement Program, and transmitted to the appropriate state and federal agencies for review, approval, and inclusion in the 2018-2021 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

Adopted by the Yakima Valley Transportation Policy Board this 20th day of August 2018.

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James A. Restucci, Chair  
Yakima Valley Transportation Policy Board

ATTEST

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Lauris (Larry) C. Mattson, Executive Director  
Yakima Valley Conference of Governments

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Date

# TIP Amendment Checklist

## Insert MPO Name

2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program

## Insert Month/Year of Amendment

August 20, 2018

**TIME FRAME - 23 CFR 450.324(a)**

The TIP covers a period of no less than four years.

**PROJECTS INCLUDED - 23 CFR 450.324(c) and (d)**

The TIP or TIP amendment includes capital and non-capital surface transportation projects (or phases of projects) within the boundaries of the metropolitan planning area proposed for funding under 23 U.S.C. and 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53 and regionally significant projects requiring action by the FHWA or the FTA (see attached project list).

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - 23 CFR 450.324(b)**

All interested parties had reasonable opportunity to comment on the proposed TIP or TIP amendment as required by §450.316(a)

**PRIORITY OF PROJECTS - 23 CFR 450.324(l)(1)** The projects in the TIP and TIP amendments are prioritized.

**FINANCIAL PLAN - 23 CFR 450.324(h)**

The TIP and TIP amendments include a financial plan that demonstrates how the approved TIP can be implemented.

**CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROCESS - 23 CFR 450.320**

The MPO is a TMA and addresses congestion with an adopted Congestion Management Process.

Yes  No

**AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY - 40 CFR Part 93**

The MPO is in a non-attainment or maintenance area for Clean Air Act criteria pollutants. Air Quality (AQ) Conformity is demonstrated in the TIP and received final approval by FHWA and FTA.

Yes  No

**METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN CONSISTENCY - 23 CFR 450.324(g)**

Each project and/or project phase included in the TIP and TIP amendments is consistent with the approved metropolitan transportation plan.

MPO Signature

Title

Date August 20, 2018

Reviewed By:

WSDOT Signature

Title

Date



# YAKIMA VALLEY CONFERENCE OF GOVERNMENTS

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August 20, 2018

Matt Kunic  
 Manager, Tribal & Regional Coordination Office  
 Washington State Department of Transportation  
 Multi-modal Planning Division, Room 3D20  
 310 Maple Park Ave, SE  
 Olympia, WA 98504-7370

Dear Mr. Kunic

On July 16, 2018, the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments (YVCOG) adopted targets relating to the final National Performance Measurement (TPM) Measures Rulemaking on National Highway System Performance and Freight Movement on Interstate System. YVCOG is designated by the Governor as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Yakima County Region. Our Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) includes the Cities of Moxee, Naches, Selah, Union Gap, and Yakima, and urban areas of Yakima County.

YVCOG, as the MPO, has agreed to support the relevant Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) performance measures for Freight Management-Congestion (Interstate & Non-Interstate reliability) and National Freight Movement (Truck Travel Time Reliability, or TTTR) as discussed and agreed upon through a collaborative effort between WSDOT and Washington MPOs. These targets pertain to the National Highway System for the National Highway Performance Program Rule that “address requirements established by the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act (MAP-21) and reflects passage of the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act.”

In addition, YVCOG adopted a resolution stating that they would work with WSDOT to measure progress towards achieving these performance targets using the following performance measures:

1. % of person-miles on the Interstate System that are reliable.
2. % of person-miles on the Non-Interstate System that are reliable.
3. Truck Travel Time Reliability (TTTR) Index

The following are the current state targets that YVCOG has agreed to support, as developed by Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT). In adhering to MAP-21 and the FAST Act, YVCOG will continue to coordinate with WSDOT as targets are updated as necessary for future years.

<b>MAP-21 Performance Measures by Program Area</b>	Current Data	2-year Target	4-Year Target
Combined Rule [PM3] 23CFR Part 490 IN No. 2125-AF54			
<b>National Highway System Performance</b>			
% of person-miles traveled on the Interstate System that are reliable	73 %	70%	68%
% of person-miles traveled on the Non-Interstate System that are reliable	77%	N/A	61%
<b>Freight Movement on Interstate System</b>			
Truck Travel Time Reliability (TTTR) Index	1.63	1.70	1.75

## MEMBER JURISDICTIONS

Grandview • Granger • Harrah • Mabton • Moxee • Naches • Selah  
 Sunnyside • Tieton • Toppenish • Union Gap • Wapato • Yakima • Yakima County • Zillah

YVCOG would like to thank WSDOT for assisting YVCOG throughout the process of reviewing and analyzing data related to the system performance, freight, and CMAQ performance measures and associated targets. Your help has been much appreciated.

Sincerely

James A. Restucci  
Policy Board Chair  
Yakima Valley Conference of Governments

Attachment

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Resolution 2018 -18

Yakima Valley  
Metropolitan and Regional Planning Organizations

2018 National Highway System Performance & National Freight Movement Program  
Performance Measures and Targets

WHEREAS, the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments (YVCOG) is the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization, (MPO), for the Yakima Valley region, as well as the state-designated Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) as required in accordance with the following authorities --

1. 23 CFR Section 450,
2. 23 USC Section 134 and 49 USC Section 5303
3. RCW 47.80,
4. WAC 486; and,

WHEREAS, the YVCOG is therefore responsible for budgeting state and federal funds to fulfill transportation planning tasks according to and guided by these cited authorities; and

WHEREAS, as the MPO and RTPO, the YVCOG has specific responsibilities under federal and state laws, including the federal Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the YVCOG Policy Board hereby adopts the following performance measures for National Highway System Performance (Interstate & Non-Interstate reliability) and Freight Movement (Truck Travel Time Reliability, or TTTR) as discussed and agreed upon through a collaborative effort between WSDOT and Washington MPOs, as recommended by the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT): that "address requirements established by the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act (MAP-21) and reflects passage of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act."; and

THAT the YVCOG will measure progress towards achieving the National System Performance and Freight performance targets using the following performance measures for the Yakima Valley Metropolitan and Regional Transportation Planning Organizations and WSDOT:

1. % of person-miles traveled on the Interstate System that are reliable,
2. % of person-miles traveled on the Non-Interstate System that are reliable
3. Truck Travel Time Reliability (TTTR) Index

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<b>Freight Movement on Interstate System</b>			
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# The State Needs Your Help in Shaping Washington State's Transportation System

## Give input at open house on the state's draft 20-year transportation plan

The Yakima Valley Conference of Governments will host an open house for community members to learn about and give input on the draft *Washington Transportation Plan – 2040 and Beyond*, released by the Washington State Transportation Commission and available now for public comment. The public's input on the plan is critical to the plan's development as it sets the path forward for how our state's leaders will develop and advance our transportation system statewide, from city streets and sidewalks to air, rail, and water transportation.

The open house is on Tuesday, August 28 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the YVCOG offices. YVCOG is located at 311 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street in Yakima. For questions about the open house, please call YVCOG's Alan Adolf at 509.759.7981.

Transportation Commission Chair Jerry Litt said a regular refresh of the state's long-term transportation plan is a chance to take stock of what has changed since it was last updated in 2015 and what new needs have emerged. "The pace of change, especially in transportation technologies, is picking up. It's important to regularly look at emerging issues to be sure we're on the right track." Litt added "It is also important that our transportation plan is responsive to the needs of communities statewide. One size doesn't fit all, and an effective plan must recognize this fact and set forth a plan for how we will address the unique challenges across the state. The public's input will help us better understand the local and regional challenges and thus plan for them."

Emerging technology is one of three big uncertainties the commission highlights in the draft *WTP 2040 and Beyond*. The other two are: system resiliency in light of extreme weather events and natural disasters like earthquakes and fires, and how to pay for transportation system long-term. "We're dealing with some big issues that are going to affect all of us in some way," Litt added. "Transportation impacts every aspect of our daily lives. There are some hard choices in front of us. We need to make smart, informed decisions and the public needs to play an active part in that."

Meetings are being held around the state to discuss the *WTP 2040 and Beyond* draft plan. The Yakima meeting is a chance to talk with commissioners and staff, and YVCOG staff about transportation issues highlighted in the plan and recommendations under consideration, particularly those with relevance to residents and businesses in this region. The Commission must adopt an updated plan and present it to the State Legislature and Governor Inslee by January 2019.

If you are unable to attend the open house, the draft plan is available online at: [WTP2040andBeyond.com](http://WTP2040andBeyond.com). If you'd like a hardcopy of the draft plan you can request it by calling 360.705.7070. Comments, due by September 20, 2018, can be submitted on the website or by email to: [Comments@WTP2040andBeyond.com](mailto:Comments@WTP2040andBeyond.com) or mailed to the Transportation Commission at PO Box 47308, Olympia, WA, 98502-7308.