

YAKIMA VALLEY TRANSPORTATION
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes of June 9, 2016

Present: Santos Trevino (Vice Chair), City of Grandview; Mike Meskimen, Gray & Osborne; Mike Battle, HLA; Lance Hoyt, City of Toppenish; Dennis Henne, City of Union Gap; Menglou Wang, City of Wapato; Roger Arms, WSDOT Local Programs; Alan Adolf, Yakima County; Brett Sheffield, City of Yakima; Kevin Futrell, Yakima Transit; Ardele Steele, City of Zillah; YVCOG Staff: Deb LaCombe, MPO/RTPO Manager; Brian Curtin, CTR Program Coordinator; Shawn Conrad, Planner; Joseph Calhoun, Planner; and Tami Hayward, Office Specialist.

Call to Order and Introductions Vice Chairman, Santos Trevino, called the June 9, 2016, Yakima Valley Transportation TAC meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. at the YVCOG Offices (311 N. 4th Street, Yakima, WA 98901)

Approval of Minutes Mr. Adolf moved to approve the updated minutes of the May 12, 2016 meeting. Ms. Steele seconded. The motion passed.

Old Business

Director's Update – Ms. LaCombe presented Mr. Mattson's update:

Working with WSDOT headquarters to identify the Critical Urban and Rural Freight Corridors for the State Freight Plan. We have turned in our third round of edits. Original statewide target was 81.6 miles of urban freight corridor, and 163 miles of rural freight corridor. We and BFCOG were too high for our populations, so we each trimmed about 4 miles off of our 2nd drafts. We originally had requested 17 miles in the urban corridor and are now down to about 6.8 miles.

Ongoing Efforts – Ms. Conrad provided updates on the progress of GMA Updates (transportation elements). YVCOG is doing traffic counts in connection with the updates. The Grandview transportation chapter is complete; working on Mabton, then Naches, Granger and Selah. Will then possibly be assisting Union Gap, Wapato, and Tieton.

Mr. Calhoun updated TAC members on the availability of YVCOG traffic counters and encouraged using the calendar he has made available, which assists him in scheduling traffic counts in their areas. Working out well to have the counters booked in advance so that when he picks them up, he can download all the information, on-site, and then re-set them in a new location the same day.

(Kevin Futrell joined the meeting)

Ms. LaCombe mentioned that it is very helpful if the cities can provide some safety assistance when setting traffic counters on busy streets.

STP Progress Report – Mr. Curtin asked TAC members to review the STP Progress Report. There are a couple of changes included for the City of Yakima, Town of Harrah, and one for Selah.

New Business

Performance Measures Group – Ms. LaCombe announced that she has been invited to go to Seattle on June 14th. Feds are releasing state safety performance target information. WSDOT, NHTSA, FHWA, Cambridge Systematics, and a lot of the MPOs and DOTs will be talking about the first performance measures. WSDOT and MPOs are working together – WSDOT has 18 months to set something into place, and we have 6 months to adopt the state targets or set our own. If we go along with WSDOT, we can use their data. Mr. Arms recommended that we follow WSDOT's performance measures because it will be very expensive to develop our own.

Last meeting for our local performance measures subcommittee was in July of last year.

Ms. LaCombe will send out a doodle poll after the meeting to see who would like to be involved. We will slowly be writing things up to include in the next long-range plan.

The MPO/RTPO final rule came out as well in the Federal Register. Ms. LaCombe will forward a copy to anyone who requests it.

*WSDOT Call for
Projects – Innovative
Safety –*

Innovative Safety Program –

Mr. Arms reported that \$25 million has been set aside statewide for 4 specific counter measures:

- High friction surface treatments
- Intersection conflict warning systems
- Projects to increase traffic signal operations and visibility
- Compact roundabouts

Explanation of what those things are is on the WSDOT website. Safety funding. Applications due by July 1st.

*Reimbursement
Certifications –*

Mr. Arms informed the TAC that WSDOT received a findings by the State Auditor relating federal grant requirements. WSDOT needs to incorporate something into their process for billing and/or grants which includes certification of the billing signed by an official who is authorized to legally bind a non-federal entity. The people signing and approving the bills will now be liable.

*Local Freight Project
Selection –*

Ms. LaCombe reviewed the letter received from WSDOT regarding the 2016 Call for Regional, Tribal, and Port Freight Projects (Attachment IV.d). The deadline for submitting projects will be August 31st and she will show everyone what they submitted last time so it can be altered for the new Call for Projects.

*Transportation Element
Certification*

Ms. Conrad presented the completed Transportation Element Certification for the City of Grandview and requested that the TAC recommend the Certification to the Policy Board for approval.

Mr. Hoyt moved to approve recommending the City of Grandview's Transportation Element Certification to the Yakima Valley Transportation Policy Board for approval and signature. Mr. Adolf seconded the motion. The motion carried.

*June M/RTIP
Amendment*

Mr. Curtin reviewed the June M/RTIP Amendment. The public comment period for the June amendment was completed yesterday, without receiving any comments. The amendment adds one project for the City of Yakima, in the amount of \$200,000 – the Cowiche Canyon Trail. This is a Connecting Washington project (determined to be regionally significant by the Legislature) and the money will fund the PE phase.

Mr. Adolf moved to approve recommending the June M/RTIP Amendment to the Policy Board for approval. Mr. Hoyt seconded. The motion carried.

Project deadline for July TIP amendment is June 17th. Will also be starting work on the 2017-2020 M/RTIP in July – we need your projects in July in order to do our part.

*WSDOT State and
Regional Updates*

Mr. Arms stated that these updates were covered earlier.

*Member Jurisdiction
Updates*

Mr. Trevino congratulated Toppenish and Wapato on the receipt of energy efficiency funding.

Jurisdictions provided updates on their various projects.

*July 14, 2016
TAC Meeting Location*

YVCOG Offices – 311 North 4th Street, Yakima, Washington.

Adjourn

Vice Chairman Trevino adjourned the meeting at 11:11 a.m.

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Respectfully submitted,



Gary Ekstedt, Chairman

Date signed: 7/14/16

Attest:



Deborah LaCombe, MPO/RTPO Manager

Date signed: 7/14/16