



**YAKIMA VALLEY
TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
AGENDA**

Monday, June 17, 2019
1:30 p.m.

The 300 Building
311 N. 4th St, Ste 204, Yakima, WA

TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD:

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

13th District:
Sen. Judy Warnick
Rep. Tom Dent
Rep. Alex Ybarra

15th District:
Senator Jim Honeyford
Representative Bruce Chandler
Representative Jeremie Dufault

14th District:
Senator Curtis King
Representative Chris Corry
Representative Gina Mosbrucker

CALL TO ORDER

The June 17, 2019 meeting of the Transportation Policy Board will come to order at ____ p.m.

- I. INTRODUCTIONS
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 20, 2019 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

- 1. Correspondence p.5
Larry Mattson, Executive Director
 - Yakama Nation Participation letter
Action: Information, discussion and authorize Chair to sign the letter
- 2. SFY 2020 UPWP Approval Table
Larry Mattson, Executive Director.
 - State Fiscal Year 2019 Unified Planning Work Program - Final Adoption and submittal to WSDOT
Action: Adopt Resolution 2019-12 for the State Fiscal Year Unified Planning Work Plan and authorized Chair to sign Resolution 2019-12 for submittal of the UPWP to WSDOT
- 3. 2019 Public Participation Plan Approval Table
Larry Mattson, Executive Director
 - YVCOG 2019 Public Participation Plan Update adoption and submittal to WSDOT
Action: Adopt the 2019 YVCOG Public Participation Plan and submit to WSDOT
- 4. National Park Service [Technical] Assistance Planning Grant pp. 6-7
Larry Mattson, Executive Director.
 - Support Letter “Yakima/Yakama Heritage Trail” - Yakama Nation-led technical assistance planning grant for proposed trail between Union Gap and Parker, WA vicinity.
Action: Authorize Executive Director to sign letter of support for Yakama Nation-led National Park Service Community [Technical] Assistance Planning Grant for the “Yakima/Yakama Heritage Trail Project Phase I (Union Gap to Parker, WA vicinity)”.

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. June 2019 M/RTIP Amendment *Table*
Brian Galloway, Transportation Planner
 - Metropolitan/Regional Transportation Improvement Program June 2019 Amendment - Public comment period from May 29, 2019 – June 12, 2019. No comments received.
 - Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recommended authorization on June 13, 2019 provided that no substantive comments are received that would delay the process.

Action 2a: Adopt Resolution 2019-10 for Determination of Air Quality and authorize Chair to sign Resolution 2019-10.

Action 2b: Adopt Resolution 2019-11 for Findings and authorize Chair to sign Resolution 2019-11.

Action 2c: Approval of the 2019-2022 M/RTIP June Amendment and authorize Chair to sign TIP Amendment

“I move to authorize the Chair to sign Resolution 2019-10, 2019-11 and the June TIP Amendment.”

2. Funding Re-distribution: 2017-2019 RTPO *pp 8-9*
Larry Mattson, Executive Director
 - YVCOG received proportional share of Regional Transportation Planning Organization funds not spent by other RTPOs, in the amount of \$543.00.
 - To be used by June 30, 2019 on existing tasks within our approved UPWP.

Action: Approve redistributed funding.

“I move to approve the redistributed RTPO funding of \$543.00 to be used by June 30, 2019.”

3. Quarterly Meeting Proposal *p.10*
Larry Mattson, Executive Director & Jonathan Smith, Policy Board and DRYVE/TRANS-Action Member
 - Discuss proposed quarterly joint meeting of YVCOG’s Transportation Policy Board / DRYVE & TRANS-Action committees

Action: Information/Discussion

VI. WSDOT STATE & REGIONAL UPDATE
Todd Trepanier, WSDOT South Central Regional Administrator
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

May 20, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair John Hodkinson called the May 20, 2019 meeting of the Transportation Policy Board to order at 1:30 p.m. A quorum was present.

PUBLIC COMMENT POLICY

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ROLL CALL & INTRODUCTIONS

Members present: John Hodkinson, Bill Moore, Jonathan Smith, Madelyn Carlson, Todd Trepanier, Mike Leita

Members present via teleconference: Jim Restucci, Janice Gonzales

Members Absent: Sherry Raymond* and Brad Hill*

YVCOG staff present Larry Mattson, Alan Adolf, Jodi Smith

Others present: Cliff Moore

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES*

Mike Leita moved to approve the minutes from April 15, 2019. Madelyn Carlson seconded. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

*Correspondence**

Larry Mattson, Executive Director, presented information on the following:

- HB 1584, Tribal Participation in Regional Transportation Planning Organizations, was passed and signed. YVCOG has already met and extended invitations to the Yakama Nation to participate as a voting member.
- Communication with WSDOT Headquarters Local Programs Office on billing and indirect cost rates.

Action: Information.

*2019 – 2021 Consolidated Grant Program Awards**

Alan Adolf, Transportation Program Manager, presented information.

- 6 projects were submitted. All projects funded for 2019-21 biennium.
- Three of the awards are tentatively awarded funds for an additional two years (pending funding in 21-23 biennium) YVCOG has received a \$50,000 grant for a Regional Transit Feasibility study within Yakima County. Target starting date for the study is January 1, 2020.

Action: Information

2019 YVCOG Public Participation Plan Update

Alan Adolf gave an update.

There is a 45-day comment period for the PPP. 3 of 6 public meetings have been conducted, including a meeting with the NW Community Action Center (NCAC) in Toppenish. Spoke to 40-50 social service agency workers. Outreach efforts include meeting opportunities with limited English proficiency residents.

Action: Information

2020 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Update

Alan Adolf updated the Board. There is a meeting on May 30th with WSDOT, Federal Highways, and Federal Transit Administrations to review the annual UPWP. New funded task in the UPWP will be the Regional Transit Feasibility Study. **Action: Information**

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NEW BUSINESS
House Bill 1160*

Larry Mattson presented information on Engrossed Substitute HB 1160 - Central Washington Passenger Rail Feasibility Study. Funding for study provided for passenger rail through Ellensburg, Yakima, Toppenish. Looking at adding this to Human Services Transportation Plan. Not a YVCOG task but will look to participate. Due June 2020, by Legislature.

Action: Information

*National Park Service Program**

Alan Adolf presented information on the Rivers, Trails and Conservation Program. Working with Yakama Nation and Yakima County Planning Staffs, on community technical assistance grant from the National Park Service. Developing trails with pedestrian safety. First phase is to develop trail through the south of Union Gap. A significant priority for the Tribe. Meeting at Yakima Health District for co-applicants. Connecting trails to the southern valley. Application due at end of June.

Action: Information

*May 2019 Wheel Options**

Alan Adolf gave information on the "Craft Your Commute" Commute Trip Reduction participation event for May 2019.

Action: Information

WSDOT STATE & REGIONAL UPDATE

Todd Trepanier provided a regional transportation update on Transportation Demand Management. Current road system so large that it cannot be maintained at current funding levels. Ultimately, gas tax going to pay off bonds for previous projects. Can we create a regional approach with regional focus? Can our Policy Board contribute to this approach? Coordinate with DRYVE & TRANS-Action. One thought is that Policy Board get into the decision-making process.

Action: Information

OTHER BUSINESS

Alan Adolf presented information on commercial transit services. Greyhound/DOT transit partner. Yakima to Centralia route is a possibility. Financially feasible. Or, Yakima to Biggs on I-84 corridor.

Action: Information

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURN

With no other business, John Hodkinson adjourned the meeting at 2:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Restucci
YVCOG Transportation Policy Board Chair

Date signed

ATTEST:

Jodi Smith, Office Specialist
Transportation Policy Board Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2019

Date signed

A recording of this meeting is available.

** Indicates documents included and available for meeting.*



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June 6, 2019

Honorable JoDe Goudy, Chair
Yakama Nation Tribal Council
Honorable Delano Saluskin, Chair
Yakama Nation Tribal Council Legislative Committee

- D R A F T -

Dear Chairmen Goudy and Saluskin:

The Yakima Valley Conference of Governments (YVCOG) Executive Committee respectfully invites the Yakama Nation Tribal Council, or its authorized representative(s), to accept a permanent seat on the YVCOG Transportation Policy Board.

The Yakama Nation and YVCOG have had a robust staff-level relationship for many years in the areas of transportation and transportation planning. Yakama Nation representatives have positively worked with the Transportation Program's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Special Needs Coalition/Mobilizing Public Access to Countywide Transportation (MPACT) Committee meetings, as well as a long collaborative relationship on the Driving Rural Yakima Valley's Economy (DRYVE) Committee since 2006.

The need for close coordination and communication on transportation issues has never been more important. Fundamental shifts in both transportation funding and technology will affect how federal, tribal, state, local governments and agencies address future transportation challenges in the greater Central Washington region.

The process of adding a Yakama Nation Tribal Council representative to our existing 10-member Transportation Policy Board can begin as soon as the Yakama Nation Tribal Council deems appropriate.

YVCOG's Executive Director, Larry Mattson, and I are available to meet with you to further discuss this opportunity to advance our mutual transportation goals. We also look forward to greater strategy discussions with the Nation to consider full Nation membership in the Conference of Government's Executive Committee, with access to all YVCOG services available to full members. Larry can be contacted at (509) 574-1550 or via email at Larry.Mattson@yvcog.org.

Sincerely,

James Restucci
YVCOG Executive Committee Chair

Cc: George Selam, Chair, Roads Irrigation & Lands Committee
Karen Cunningham, Director, Yakama Nation Economic Development Dept
Phil Rigdon, Superintendent, Yakama Nation Dep't of Natural Resources
Richard Dills, Yakama Nation Engineering Program Manager

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June 17, 2019

Yakama Nation Tribal Council
Chairman JoDe Goudy
P.O. Box 151
Toppenish, WA
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Subject: Yakama Nation's National Park Service (NPS) Community Assistance Grant for the Yakama/Yakima Heritage Trail Project

Dear Tribal Council Chairman,

The Yakima Valley Conference of Governments (YVCOG) is pleased to support of the Yakama Nation's Technical Assistance Grant application with the NPS.

As the Metropolitan (MPO) and Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) for the Greater Yakima Metropolitan Area and Yakima County, YVCOG ***ensures compliance with state and federal transportation planning requirements to remain eligible for federal transportation project funding; and provides a forum for local, regional and state transportation agencies and other interested parties to participate in discussions of regional transportation issues.***

These services will be made available to the Yakama Nation and it's partnering jurisdictions and agencies during the [technical assistance] planning process and subsequent grant funding and planning activities as the Heritage Trail expands throughout the Yakima Valley.

The Heritage Trail Project is a proposed connective system of trails providing a safe route to travel for pedestrians/cyclists throughout the Yakima Valley Region. Opportunities for park and rides, transit stop(s), historical information sites, and cultural awareness opportunities in addition to increased opportunity for economic development are key components of the project's vision. This Yakama Nation-led project is a collaboration of local and state organizations including the Cities of Yakima and Union Gap, Yakima County, WSDOT, The Yakima Greenway Foundation, Yakima (County) Health District, and YVCOG.

The project is consistent with goals and efforts stated in the 2016-2040 Yakima Valley Metropolitan and Regional Transportation Plan, Yakima County's "Plan 2040" Comprehensive Plan and 2019 Trails and Pedestrian Plan (currently in development) and is a priority a for regional transportation advocacy committee, *Driving Rural Yakima Valley's Economy (DRYVE)*, supporting multimodal connectivity between the valley's rural communities.

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The YVCOG Transportation Policy Board supports the Yakama Nation application and respectfully recommends that the National Park Service award the technical assistance grant to the Yakama/Yakima Heritage Trail Project.

Respectfully

Lauris Mattson
Executive Director

Cc: George Selam, Chair, Roads Irrigation & Lands Committee
Karen Cunningham, Director, YN Economic Development Dept.
Phil Rigdon, YN DNR Superintendent
Richard Dills, YN Engineering Program Manager



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May 31, 2019

Mr. Larry Mattson, Executive Director
Yakima Valley Conference of Governments
311 North 4th Street, Suite 202
Yakima, WA 98901

RE: Authorization of MPO/RTPO Funding State Fiscal Years (SFY) 2018-2019 (July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2019)

Dear Mr. Mattson:

The purpose of this letter is to authorize funding for SFY 2018-2019 (July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019) for your organization. These funds are tied to activities in the approved Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), which is the scope of work for Agreement GCB 2566. GCB 2566 is the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) agreement with the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the Yakima Valley Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO).

The following chart lists all available funds to date for your MPO/RTPO for SFYs 2018 and 2019 **New funding included is the FFY2019 FTA allocation of \$55,676:**

Yakima Valley Conference of Governments				
State Fiscal Years 2018 – 2019 Funding Status				
Federal Fiscal Year	Time Period Covered	SFY 2018/2019 Allocation	Expenditures through 4/2019	BALANCE
FHWA 2019	October 1, 2018 - September 2019	\$242,022.00	\$0.00	\$242,022.00
FHWA 2018	October 1, 2017 - September 2018	\$240,036.00	\$228,324.69	\$11,711.31
FHWA 2017	July 1 - Sept 30, 2017	\$59,152.00	\$59,152.00	\$0.00
FHWA 2017	Carry Forward from Prior Biennium	\$125,898.99	\$125,898.99	\$0.00
FHWA TOTALS		\$667,108.99	\$413,375.68	\$253,733.31

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Federal Fiscal Year	Time Period Covered	SFY 2018/2019 Allocation	Expenditures through 4/2019	BALANCE
FTA 2019	October 1, 2018 - September 2019	\$55,676.00	\$0.00	\$55,676.00
FTA 2018	March 31 - Sept 30, 2018	\$24,473.73	\$19,699.93	\$4,773.80
FTA 2018	October 1, 2017 - March 30, 2018	\$30,856.00	\$29,192.51	\$1,663.49
FTA 2017	April 29 - Sept 30, 2017	\$18,629.65	\$18,629.65	\$0.00
FTA 2017	Carry Forward from Prior Biennium	\$58,948.64	\$58,948.64	\$0.00
FTA TOTALS		\$188,584.02	\$126,470.73	\$62,113.29
-	Apr 16, 2018 - June 30, 2019	\$25,283.00	\$19,019.98	\$6,263.02
-	July 2017 - June 2019	\$192,707.00	\$192,707.00	\$0.00
RTPO TOTALS		\$217,990.00	\$211,726.98	\$6,263.02

If you have any fiscal questions, please call Gail Renschler at (360)705-7964.
 If you have any MPO/RTPO planning questions, please call Cliff Hall at (360) 705-7993.

Sincerely,



Gabe Philips, Manager
 Tribal and Regional Planning Office

GP:gr

cc: Alan Adolf, Yakima Valley Conference of Governments
 Chris Wickenhagen, Yakima Valley Conference of Governments
 Tamara Hayward, Yakima Valley Conference of Governments
 Paul Gonseth, South Central Region Planning Office
 Cliff Hall, Tribal and Regional Planning Office
 Gail Renschler, Tribal and Regional Planning Office

Alan Adolf

From: Jodi Smith
Sent: Monday, June 3, 2019 8:15 AM
To: Alan Adolf
Cc: Larry Mattson
Subject: FW: Next YVCOG Transportation Meeting

Alan,
FYI from Jonathan Smith for next Policy Board meeting on June 17th.

From: Jonathan Smith <Jon@ycda.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 2, 2019 1:16 PM
To: Larry Mattson <larry.mattson@yvcog.org>
Cc: Jodi Smith <jodi.smith@YVCOG.org>
Subject: Next YVCOG Transportation Meeting

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Hi Larry,

I'll be in Wenatchee, or on my way back the afternoon of June 17 when we have the Transportation Policy Board Meeting. If I am in cell range, I will call in. Please send me the number.

If I can not call in, please share that I propose our policy committee discuss and consider having the Transaction and DRYVE groups join us once a quarter for our meetings. At those meetings, the Policy Board would do its regular business as usual, and then we could take an hour or more to discuss transportation strategy with the larger groups of Transaction and DRYVE. This would broaden the discussion since it would include lots of individuals who are not the policy board.

I think this would be beneficial for both groups. The Policy Board would still retain its authority with the MPO but would have the added benefit of more minds in the rooms once a quarter to offer suggestions, feedback, ideas, and brainstorming. Transaction and DRYVE would still be able to perform their lobbying functions but would have the added benefit of being able to formally communicate their work regularly to the Policy Board of the MPO.

Thanks!

Jonathan Smith, CEcD
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