

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	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, 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 <i>*Indicates notice of absence received prior to meeting.</i>
APPROVAL OF MINUTES*	<i>Mike Leita moved to approve the minutes from April 15, 2019. Madelyn Carlson seconded. The motion carried.</i>
OLD BUSINESS <i>Correspondence*</i>	Larry Mattson, Executive Director, presented information on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.
<i>2019 – 2021 Consolidated Grant Program Awards*</i>	Alan Adolf, Transportation Program Manager, presented information. <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 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 30 th 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

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

6/17/19
Date signed

ATTEST:


Jodi Smith, Office Specialist

6/17/19
Date signed