

Mobilizing Public Access to County-Wide Transportation – MPACT
A YVCOG Transportation Policy Board Standing Committee
DRAFT Minutes of May 30, 2018

Present: Jan Ollivier – People For People, Tom Gaulke - EnTrust, Linda Howell – WSDOT, Laura Vazquez – City of Mabton, Alan Adolf – YVCOG, Mike Shuttleworth - YVCOG, Brian Galloway – YVCOG.

Call to Order and Introductions/Welcomes Ms. Jan Ollivier, MPACT Chair, called the May 30, 2018, MPACT meeting to order at 2:34 p.m. in the YVCOG Law Library (311 North 4th Street, Yakima, WA 98901)

Approval of December 07, 2017 minutes Motion made by Mr. Tom Gaulke to approve March 28, 2018 minutes. Seconded by Ms. Laura Vazquez. Motion passed.

Call for Projects – Regional Mobility Grant Program 2019-2021

Alan Adolf presented the Regional Mobility Grant Program update:

- Applications are available June 1, 2018, with training sessions possible during June.
- Applications are due July 13, 2018.
- Award letters expected between March and June of 2019.

2018 Consolidated Grant Update

Mr. Adolf presented the 2018 Consolidated Grant Update. Highlights include:

- Grant application period opens July 9, 2018.
- There will be a training session in Pasco on July 19 and another session in Ellensburg on July 26.
- One on one sessions will be held at the Transportation Conference in Kennewick August 20-21.
- Applications are due to WSDOT September 14, 2018.
- WSDOT will review applications October – December.
- Applications may be revised as needed around mid-October.
- MPACT will prioritize for Policy Board (late Oct/mid Nov).
- Prioritized list is due by December 31, 2018.
- Revised applications are due December 7, 2018.

Human Services Transportation Plan Update

Mike Shuttleworth presented the following highlights of the HSTP update:

- Public transit ridership is in decline. Survey results show that people in the Yakima Valley prefer to use private vehicles or walk than ride the bus.
- People want earlier and later transit options during the day than are currently offered (probably due to their work schedules).
- Shuttle/bus service to destinations outside Yakima County for military veterans is being cut back.
- More attention could be focused on travel across county boundaries (i.e. Seattle or the Tri Cities).

Upcoming Events

- The 2018 Public Transportation Conference will be held August 20-21 in Kennewick.
- July 2018, YVCOG will begin updating the 2020-2050 Regional Comprehensive Transportation Plan, to be approved by March 2020. It may include information from the HSTP update.
- Camp Hope (homeless encampment) will be moving to a location behind KMART in Yakima, with room for more than 50 occupants. People For People expects to provide daily transit service to/from the camp.
- A 35-unit “tiny house” village for the homeless is proposed just west of Milroy Park in Yakima, near 16th and Lincoln. It will have full infrastructure, modeled after a similar village in Eugene, OR.

- WSDOT’s Intercity Bus Program has distributed a transit needs survey to assess possible new bus routes connecting communities throughout Washington. YVCOG will share the survey with MPACT and TAC members for their input.

Next Meeting Location The next MPACT meeting will take place on June 27, 2018 from 2:30 to 3:30 pm at the YVCOG Offices – 311 North 4th Street, Yakima, Washington.

Adjourn Ms. Ollivier adjourned the meeting at 3:26 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Ollivier, Chair

Date signed: _____

Attest:

Alan Adolf, Attending and Attesting Member

Date signed: _____