



**YAKIMA VALLEY
TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
AGENDA**

Monday, September 16, 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 Hodkinson, 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 September 16, 2019 meeting of the Transportation Policy Board will come to order at ____ p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 19, 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. US Senator Patty Murray Lead Policy Advisor Local Visit (August 26th)

Chris Wickenhagen, Executive Director

- Event Debriefing

Action: Information

2. House Bill 1584 “Tribal Participation in RTPO’s Update pp. 5-6

Alan Adolf, Transportation Program Manager

- Proposed procedures for monitoring compliance with RCW 47.80.050

Action: Information

3. 2020-2045 Long Range Plan Update p.7

Alan Adolf, Transportation Program Manager

- Status Update of Regional Long-Range Plan

Action: Information

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. 2019 YVCOG UPWP Annual Report

Alan Adolf, Transportation Program Manager

- Reports YVCOG Actions & Activities during SFY 2019 (July 2018 – June 2019)

Action: Authorize Executive Director to Submit Annual Report to WSDOT-HQ

2. 2019 Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Self Certification

Alan Adolf, Transportation Program Manager

- Annual YVCOG certification of metropolitan planning process

Action: Authorize YVCOG Chair to sign Self-Certification and authorization to submit to WSDOT-HQ

3. 2020-2023 Metropolitan & Regional Transportation Improvement Program
Alan Adolf, Transportation Program Manager
 - Jurisdictional Request / Comment Period – October Approval Date*Action: Information*

4. 2020 Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Annual Plan Update
Alan Adolf, Transportation Program Manager
 - Jurisdictional Request / Comment Period – November Approval Date*Action: Information*

5. Joint Transportation Committee (JTC) Studies *pp 8-9*
Alan Adolf, Transportation Program Manager
 - Needs Assessment – Initial Consideration for next State Transportation Bill (Maintenance/Preservation/Construction)
 - East-West Intercity Passenger Rail Feasibility*Action: Information*

6. October Wheel Options
Mike Shuttleworth, Program Manager
 - Announcing Fall Event*Action: Information*

7. Upcoming Transportation Issues
Alan Adolf, Transportation Program Manager
 - New Washington Legislature House Speaker
 - STB Funding Obligation – Failure to Obligate Update Future Funds
 - Statewide Discussion on “Collective Data” Purchases
 - Intercity Bus Program
 - Future State RTPO Funding Distribution*Action: Information*

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

OTHER BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURN at _____ p.m.

YVCOG ensures full compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 by prohibiting discrimination against any person on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the provision of benefits and services resulting from its federally assisted programs and activities. For questions regarding YVCOG's Title VI Program, you may contact the Title VI Coordinator at 509.574.1550.

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
August 19, 2019

- CALL TO ORDER** Vice Chair John Hodkinson called the August 19, 2019 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, Bill Moore, Sherry Raymond, Brian White, Jonathan Smith.
Members present via teleconference: Brad Hill
Members Absent: Jim Restucci*, Madelyn Carlson*, Mike Leita
YVCOG staff present: Chris Wickenhagen, Mike Shuttleworth, Jodi Smith
Others present: None.
**Indicates notice of absence received prior to meeting.*
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES*** *Jonathan Smith moved to approve the minutes from July 15, 2019. Bill Moore seconded. The motion carried.*
- OLD BUSINESS**
None.
- NEW BUSINESS**
US Senator Patty Murray Lead Policy Advisor Local Visit Jodi Smith provided information to the Policy Board.
 - Senator Murray’s Lead Policy Advisor, Zach Mallove, and Raquel Ferrell Crowley meeting and discussion regarding local economic issues
 - Monday, September 26, 2019, 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. at Greater Yakima Chamber of Commerce.
 - Elected officials, City Manager, Public Works Directors as well as Port Districts, NW Horticulture, Growers and Agricultural representatives, Chambers of Commerce, Transportation and transportation non-profits have responded their intent to attend.**Action: Information**
- FTA Fiscal Year 2019 Certifications & Assurances** Chris Wickenhagen asked for approval to certify YVCOG compliance for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for 2019 funding.
Action: Authorize YVCOG Executive Director and YVCOG Policy Board Chair to sign FTA Federal Fiscal Year 2019 Certifications & Assurances Motion made by Jonathan Smith and second by Sherry Raymond. Motion carried.
- NPRA Funding and Technical Assistance Planning Grant** Chris Wickenhagen presented information and asked for approval to sign a letter of support to the National Park and Recreation Association (NPRA). The letter supports the Yakama Nation’s application for a grant that complements the Technical Assistance grant for the Yakama Nation-led Heritage Trail project.
Action: Authorize Executive Director to sign letter of support for Yakama Nation-led National Parks and Recreation Association “10-Minute Walk”

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Program Funding & Technical Assistance Grant for the Yakama Nation-led "Heritage Trail" project. Motion was made by Jonathan Smith and seconded by Bill Moore. Motion carried.

WSDOT STATE & REGIONAL UPDATE

Brian White provided a regional update. There is a meeting on Thursday, August 22 regarding Practical Solutions Roundtable.

Action: Information

OTHER BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURN

With no other business, John Hodkinson adjourned the meeting at 1:42p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Restucci
YVCOG Transportation Policy Board Chair

Date signed

ATTEST:

Jodi Smith, Office Specialist

Date signed

Proposed Procedures for Monitoring Compliance with RCW 47.80.050

Introduction

On April 24, 2019 Governor Jay Inslee signed House Bill 1584 into law. This bill added the following section to RCW 47.80.050:

In order for a regional transportation planning organization to be eligible to receive state funds that are appropriated for regional transportation planning organizations, a regional transportation planning organization must provide a reasonable opportunity for voting membership to federally recognized tribes that hold reservation or trust lands within the planning area of the regional transportation planning organization. Any federally recognized tribe that holds reservation or trust land within the planning area of a regional transportation planning organization and does not have voting membership in the regional transportation planning organization must be offered voting membership in the regional transportation planning organization every two years or when the composition of the board of the regional transportation planning organization is modified in an interlocal agreement (RCW 47.80.050 (2)).

This document identifies the procedures WSDOT will use to implement the changes to RCW 47.80.050

New RTPO Requirements

Engrossed House Bill 1584 requires that, beginning August 1, 2019, in order for a regional transportation planning organization (RTPO) to be eligible to receive state funds that are appropriated for RTPOs, it must:

- Offer voting membership on the RTPO Transportation Policy Board (or equivalent) to federally recognized tribes that hold reservation or trust lands within the RTPO planning area and do not already have voting membership
 - every two years, and/or
 - when composition of the RTPO is modified in the interlocal agreement.

How will WSDOT Implement the New Requirements?

As the steward of state RTPO funds, WSDOT is responsible for ensuring compliance with RCW 47.80.050. The following procedures outline how WSDOT will implement this law:

Timeline

Since the timeline associated with this law closely mirrors the biennial budget timeline, WSDOT will tie its oversight to the biennial budgeting process. Therefore, RTPOs must demonstrate compliance with this law to WSDOT by June 30, 2019 and every two years thereafter. WSDOT will review each RTPO's governance structure and documentation of compliance with RCW 47.80.050 during the unified planning work program review process.

Documentation

Appropriate documentation of compliance with RCW 47.80.050 may include, but is not limited to:

- **Current Interfocal Agreements and/or bylaws which identify the RTPO's participating tribes and voting member status, or**
- **Copies of formal letters offering voting membership to eligible tribes and the tribal responses, or**
- **A Policy Board resolution(s) providing voting membership to eligible tribes within the RTPO planning area, or**
- **Biennial letters of offer to tribes that haven't yet accepted membership**

Please transmit documentation of compliance to WSDOT's Tribal and Regional Planning Office.

Failure to comply with the provisions above will result in RTPO funds being withheld from the RTPO.

Timeline

WSDOT is presenting these procedures for discussion with the MPO/RTPO/WSDOT Coordinating Committee on August 27, 2019. WSDOT is presenting these procedures for discussion with the Tribal Transportation Planning Organization on September 3, 2019. WSDOT is presenting these procedures for discussion with the Washington Indian Transportation Policy Advisory Committee on September 11, 2019. From these conversations we will formulate a final set of procedures WSDOT will use to ensure compliance with RCW 47.80.050 that will be distributed to Tribes and RTPOs in Washington.

Name/Organization:	Likelihood of Future Jurisdictional Interest				
MID / LONG-Range TRANSPORTATION EFFORTS	Very Likely	Likely	IF Opportunity Permits	Unlikely	Very Unlikely
Automated Vehicle Technology (Autonomous Freight)					
Bicycle/Scooter Rental Programs					
Electrical Vehicle Charging Stations					
Improved Modal Accessibility for All (Inter-connectivity)					
Industrial /Commercial Development Complementing Regional AG Industry					
Intercity Bus Line Expansion (via White or Satus Pass)					
Public Transportation Benefit Area (Expanded County Transit Services)					
New "MEGA" \$\$\$ Projects					
Passenger Aviation (New Terminal)					
Passenger Aviation (Passenger Charter Services)					
Passenger Rail Service to Kittitas/Yakima Co					
Regional Trail Systems (Moxee / Heritage Systems)					
WTP - Environmental & Health (Promoting "Green")					
WTP - Economic Vitality (Promote/Develop Systems)					
WTP - Improve Mobility and Movement of Goods					
WTP - Improve Safety & Security					
WTP - Maintenance / Preservation of Road System					
WTP - Stewardship (System Quality, Effectiveness)					
Other:					
PLANNING / COORDINATION ISSUES	Very Likely	Likely	IF Opportunity Permits	Unlikely	Very Unlikely
Federal Performance Measures Compliance					
Emergency Management Integration Improvements					
Increasing Direct Local Funding / Maintain Transportation Benefit Districts					
Diverse Population /Needs (Title VI)					
Regional Planning / "Blue Zones" (Infrastructure/Services/Etc.)					
Corridor Sketches/Economic Vitality Workshops					
Other:					

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Active Studies

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East - West Intercity Passenger Rail Feasibility

ESHB 1160, Sec, 204(3) directs the Joint Transportation Committee to study the feasibility of an east-west intercity passenger rail system for Washington State. The study will look specifically at the Stampede Pass corridor and service to Auburn, Cle-Elum, Yakima, Ellensburg, Tri-Cities, Toppenish and Spokane. The study must include the following elements:

- Projections of potential ridership
- Review of relevant planning studies
- Assessment of current infrastructure conditions, including station stop locations
- Identification of equipment needs
- Identification of operator options

An advisory group will help guide the study. Membership will include representatives from the JTC, House and Senate Transportation Committee staff, WSDOT, BNSF Rail, All Aboard Washington and others as deemed appropriate.

Budget: \$250,000
JTC Staff: Dave Catterson, David Ward
STC & HTC Staff: Daniel Masterson; Jennifer Harris
Report due date: June 30, 2020

Statewide Transportation Needs Assessment

ESHB 1160, Sec, 204(1) directs the Joint Transportation Committee to conduct a comprehensive assessment of statewide transportation needs and priorities, and existing and potential transportation funding mechanisms to address those needs and priorities. This study includes two phases. Phase I is to be completed by June 30, 2020 and will include:

- Recommendations on the critical state and local transportation projects, programs, and services needed to achieve an efficient, effective, statewide transportation system over the next ten years;
- A comprehensive menu of funding options for the legislature to consider to address the identified transportation system investments; and
- An analysis of the economic impacts of a range of future transportation investments.

For Phase II a JTC-appointed commission or panel shall review the assessment from Phase I and make final recommendations to the legislature for consideration during the 2021 legislative session on a realistic, achievable plan for funding transportation programs, projects, and services over the next ten years including a timeline for legislative action on funding the identified transportation system needs shortfall. Phase II is to be completed by December 31, 2020.

Budget: \$450,000
JTC Staff: David Ward, Dave Catterson
STC & HTC Staff: Hayley Gamble; Amy Skei
Report due date: Phase I - June 30, 2020
Phase II - December 31, 2020

Electrification of Public Vehicle Fleets

ESHB 1160, Sec, 204(2) directs the Joint Transportation Committee to conduct an analysis of the electrification of public fleets in Washington State. The study will look specifically at the vehicle fleets owned by the State of Washington, cities, counties and transit agencies. Elements of the study will include:

- An inventory of existing fleets that includes fuel, engine and vehicle type
- A review of currently available electric vehicle alternatives for vehicle types most commonly used in the public fleets
- The projected costs of achieving substantial conversion to battery and/or fuel cell electric vehicles by 2025, 2030 and 2035
- Identification and analysis of financing mechanisms that could be used to finance the transition of publicly owned vehicles to battery and fuel cell electric vehicles
- The predicted number and location profile of electric vehicle fueling stations needed statewide to provide fueling for the public fleets.

An advisory group will help guide the study. Membership will include representatives from the JTC, House and Senate Transportation Committee staff, the Department of Enterprise Services, Washington State Department of Transportation, the Department of Licensing, the Department of Commerce, the Washington State Association of Counties, the Association of Washington Cities, the Washington State Transit Association, transit agencies, and others as deemed appropriate.

Budget: \$450,000
JTC Staff: Dave Catterson, Paul Neal
STC & HTC Staff: Kim Johnson; Dave Munnecke
Report due date: September 30, 2020

Vehicle Sub-Agents

ESHB 1160, Sec, 204(4) directs the Joint Transportation Committee to conduct a study of vehicle subagents in Washington State. The study must consider and include recommendations, as necessary, on the following:

- The current process of selecting and authorizing a vehicle subagent, including the change of ownership process and the identification of any barriers to entry into the vehicle subagent market;
- The annual business expenditures borne by each of the vehicle subagent businesses since fiscal year 2010 and identification of any materials, including office equipment and supplies, provided by the department of licensing to each vehicle subagent since fiscal year 2010;
- The oversight provided by the county auditors and/or the Department of Licensing over the vehicle subagent businesses;
- The history of service fees, how increases to the service fee rate are made, and how the requested fee increase is determined;
- The online vehicle registration renewal process and any potential improvements to the online process;
- The Department of Licensing's ability to provide more vehicle licensing services directly, particularly taking into account the increase in online vehicle renewal transactions;
- The potential expansion of services that can be performed by vehicle subagents; and
- The process by which the geographic locations of vehicle subagents are determined

An advisory group will help guide the study. Membership will include representatives from the JTC, House and Senate Transportation Committee staff, the Department of Licensing, county auditors, vehicle subagents and others as deemed appropriate.

Budget: \$275,000
JTC Staff: Paul Neal, David Ward
STC & HTC Staff: Bryon Moore; Beth Redfield
Report due date: September 30, 2020