

YVCOG TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
September 16, 2019

- CALL TO ORDER** Vice Chair John Hodkinson called the September 16, 2019 meeting of the Transportation Policy Board to order at 1:32 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, Mike Leita, Troy Suing
Members present via teleconference: Janice Gonzales, Brad Hill
Members Absent: Jim Restucci*, Sherry Raymond*
YVCOG staff present: Chris Wickenhagen, Alan Adolf, Mike Shuttleworth, Jodi Smith
Others present: Matt Pietrusiewicz
**Indicates notice of absence received prior to meeting.*
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES*** *Bill Moore moved to approve the minutes from August 19, 2019. Madelyn Carlson seconded. The motion carried.*
- OLD BUSINESS**
U.S. Senator Patty Murray Lead Policy Advisor Local Visit (August 26th). Chris Wickenhagen reported on the meeting with Senator Murray's Lead Economic Policy Advisor, Zach Mallove. Please keep talking and letting them know what issues you are facing. They are open to hear new ways to get things done.
Action: Information
- House Bill 1584 "Tribal Participation in RTPPO's Update" Alan Adolf – The Legislature introduced procedures for Tribal participation. DOT is coordinating. Invitation letter for Yakama Nation participation was sent. YVCOG sending follow-up letter.
Action: Information
- 2020-2045 Long Range Plan Update Alan Adolf – 2020-2045 Long Range Plan due to State and Federal entities March 30th. There is a survey sent to TAC and Policy Board members. What do we see as priorities? DOT aviation? Regional airport hubs with electric hybrid charter flights? Passenger rail to Central Washington? Feedback from Policy Board and TAC will be included in Long Range Plan. Electronic copy will be emailed. Long Range Plan needs to be approved at the March 2020 Policy Board meeting.
Action: Information
- NEW BUSINESS**
2019 YVCOG UPWP Annual Report Alan Adolf – Annual report shows compliance with 2019 Unified Planning Work Plan. Shows what was accomplished between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019.
Action: Motion to authorize Executive Director to submit Annual Report to WSDOT HQ made by Jonathan Smith. Seconded by Bill Moore. Motion carried.

<i>2019 Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Self Certification</i>	Alan Adolf - Action: Motion to authorize YVCOG Chair to sign Self-Certification and authorization to submit to WSDOT-HQ made by ML. Seconded by BM. Motion carried.
<i>2020-2023 Metropolitan & Regional Transportation Improvement Program</i>	Alan Adolf – Public comment is open until October 9 th . TIP has been revised and rewritten. Online document is searchable. TIP does not include Yakima County. Also does not include Yakima Transit. They will submit Amendments in January. Action: Information
<i>2020 Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Annual Plan Update</i>	Alan Adolf – ITS example includes camera and traffic webpages, electronic reader boards, GPS on transit. Update form to go out October 1 st with final document changes approved by policy board in November or December. Action: Information
<i>Joint Transportation Committee (JTC) Studies</i>	Alan Adolf – Active studies of interest include East West Passenger Rail Study, Stampede pass corridor, Auburn, Ellensburg, Yakima, Toppenish, Pasco, and Spokane. Possible presentation to Policy Board by JTC’s staff. Statewide transportation needs assessment for future statewide transportation bill to be considered. Action: Information
<i>October Wheel Options</i>	Mike Shuttleworth – Commuter Trip Reduction, Wheel Options theme this October is “Be a Superhero”. Looking to fill Statewide CTR Technical Board position formerly held by Larry Mattson. Larry nominated YVCOG Transportation Program manager, Alan Adolf, to fill his seat. Decision by the board will be made this fall. Action: Information
<i>Upcoming Transportation Issues</i>	Alan Adolf <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Washington Legislature House Speaker – Lori Jenkins, Tacoma. Replaces Frank Chopp • STP Funding Obligation – Failure to obligate future STP funds in obligation year could now result in permanent loss of funds. DOT cannot commit to obligate unused funds due to lack of large dollar federally funding projects on their project lists. • Statewide Discussion on “Collective Data” Purchases – cost prohibitive to individually contract for subscription services such as traffic modeling and data sharing. Looking at collectively purchasing. • Intercity Bus Program – funding for one additional WSDOT programmed route. “Yakima to Centralia” route did not make the final review. Yakima/Toppenish to Biggs for transfer to Portland, ranked top 3 and is being considered. • Future State RTPO Funding Distribution – Funding has not increased since 1994. Difficult for RTPOs to continue to provide planning services with less money. Approach Legislature for increased funding statewide. Letter from Policy Board may be requested. Action: Information
WSDOT STATE & REGIONAL UPDATE	Troy Suing provided a Regional Update. JTC needs assessment will provide data for the next revenue package. State of good repair is a big issue and will

be emphasized in the needs assessment. Will not be repaving interchange ramps, or 40 MPH or less. Basic maintenance only. Statewide consistency on maintenance and strategic preservation. Initiative is being watched closely. Statewide meeting in Yakima last month. Discussed practical solutions. S Union Gap project is progressing. Off ramp heading eastbound will be completed next spring.

Action: Information

OTHER BUSINESS

Madelyn Carlson shared community transportation association services between Grandview, Sunnyside and Mabton.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURN

With no other business, John Hodkinson adjourned the meeting at 2:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



James A. Restucci
YVCOG Transportation Policy Board Chair

10/21/19

Date signed

ATTEST:



Jodi Smith, Office Specialist

10/21/19

Date signed