

YVCOG  
Transportation Technical Advisory Committee Meeting  
311 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street Conference Room, Yakima, WA 98901

MEETING MINUTES  
July 11, 2019

**Present:**

*Lance Hoyt, City of Toppenish (Chair)*  
*Dennis Henne, City of Union Gap (Co-Chair)*  
*Ardele Steele, City of Zillah*  
*Joe Henne, City of Selah*  
*Rocky Wallace, City of Toppenish*  
*Cus Arteaga, City of Grandview*  
*Bill Preston, WSDOT*  
*Matt Pietrusiewicz, Yakima County*  
*Paul Gonseth, WSDOT*

*Stephanie Ray, HLA Engineering*  
*Tanner Cline, HLA Engineering*  
*Bob Desgrossellier, City of Yakima*  
*John Simmons, City of Zillah*

**YVCOG Staff:**

*Larry Mattson, Executive Director*  
*Alan Adolf, Transportation Manager*  
*Jodi Smith, Communication Specialist*

**Call to Order and  
Introduction**

Chairman Lance Hoyt called the July 11, 2019, YVCOG Transportation TAC meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

*June 13, 2019 meeting minutes*

Joe Henne made a motion to approve the minutes from the June meeting. Rocky Wallace seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Old Business:**

*2019-2022 M/RTIP Amendment  
Schedule*

Alan Adolf presented an update of upcoming M/RTIP amendment deadlines. August amendment deadline: July 19, 2019. If we do not receive an amendment request, the TAC Subcommittee may meet during TAC's time on August 8.

*Action: Information & discussion*

*STB-G / CMAQ / TA Long  
Range Update*

- Mr. Adolf presented information on new funds for 2019 Highway Improvement Program. HIP funds distributed to Washington State will be provided to the TMAs (Populations over 200,000) and not distributed to remaining RTPOs. Spreadsheet will be updated.
- \$228,000 in 2018 HIP funds still to be obligated for project overrun or other STP eligible projects. Committee discussed option that jurisdictions may request up to \$75,000 additional HIP funds for existing STP projects should bid results exceed current award levels.
- \$250,000 - 270,000 in federal Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funds are available to call for projects. Subcommittee (Lance, Dennis, Cus, Paul & Alan) will meet to recommend a call for projects or carry over funds until new TAP funding is reauthorized.
- Mr. Hoyt reported on obligating funds for Lincoln/Dayton/Beech project. Received an administrative extension for 2019.

*Action: Information & discussion.*

**Action: Motion to recommend Policy Board approval of Toppenish to advance obligation of construction funds to 2019 made by Joe Henne and seconded by Ardele Steele. Motion carried.**

**2020 – 2023 M/TRIP Update**

Mr. Adolf reported on the status of TIP submissions. Review has begun. There will be a 30-day public comment period. Yakima County will reach out to Wapato to assist in TIP amendments.  
**Action: Information**

**Commute Trip Reduction Program Update**

Mr. Adolf reported that Mike Shuttleworth is the new program representative.  
**Action: Information**

**Heritage Connectivity Trail Application Update**

Mr. Adolf reported on the Technical Assistance grant application. Submitted by Yakama Nation on June 30<sup>th</sup> with support from YVCOG, Yakima County, Union Gap, Toppenish, Health District, and WSDOT. Path and sidewalk trails from Union Gap to Toppenish as hub with trails to White Swan, Harrah and Mabton. Greenway and Cowiche Canyon Conservancy are partners.  
**Action: Information**

**New Business:**

**July 2019 M/RTIP Amendment**

Mr. Adolf reported on two WSDOT July TIP amendments, No public comments received. Obligation advancement for Toppenish’s project will be added as an administrative amendment.  
**Action: Motion to recommend Policy Board approval of the July 2019-2022 M/RTIP Amendment made by Paul Gonseth. Secoded by Rocky Wallace. The motion carried.**

**Federal Functional Class (FFC) Request**

Mr. Adolf gave information on Yakima County’s request to reclassify South Naches Road to return it to a Rural Connector from Urban.  
**Action: Motion to recommend Policy Board approval for Executive Director sign letter of concurrence to WSDOT for FFC request was made by Rocky Wallace. Secoded by Joe Henne. Motion carried.**

**Executive Director Update**

None.

**Transportation Program Manager Update**

- Mr. Adolf reported that there will be no July DRYVE/TRANS-Action meeting in July. The next meeting will be in September.
- Reported that quarterly meeting of Policy Board and DRYVE/TRANS-Action will not be pursued.
- Preservation Subcommittee: Alan Adolf, Dennis Henne, Paul Gonseth, Matt Pietrusiewicz and Lance Hoyt. Tentative meeting set for August 8 TAC meeting.
- Yakama Nation invitation to participate as a full member of RTPO / Policy Board approved by Policy Board in June. Letter sent.
- Seeking transit or airport long range plans information. Due in March.

**WSDOT State & Regional Update**

Paul Gonseth: Preservation and state of good repair.  
Bill Preston: Upcoming DBE and FSBE training set

**Member Updates**

Grandview, Zillah, Yakima, Yakima County, Toppenish, Selah and Union G reported.

**Next TAC Meeting:** August 8<sup>th</sup> set for TAC or subcommittee meeting.

**Other Business** None.

**Public Comment** None.

**Adjourn** Mr. Hoyt adjourned the meeting at 11:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*FOR* Demetrius vice chair Date signed: Sept. 12, 2019  
Mr. Lance Hoyt, Chair

Attest:

Alan Adolf  
Alan Adolf, Transportation Manager

Date signed: 9/12/2019