

YVCOG TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
October 21, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair John Hodkinson called the October 21, 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, Troy Suing

Members present via teleconference: Brad Hill

Members Absent: Mike Leita*, Jim Restucci*, Janice Gonzales

YVCOG staff present: Chris Wickenhagen, Mike Shuttleworth, Jodi Smith

Others present: None

**Indicates notice of absence received prior to meeting.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES*

Bill Moore moved to approve the minutes from September 16, 2019. Jonathan Smith seconded. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

ITS Annual Plan Update

Chris Wickenhagen, Executive Director reported on the Yakima Valley Intelligent Transportation Systems Architecture plan update. The comment period is open until October 25, 2019. YVCOG will bring it back in November for approval. No updates received to date. **Action: Information**

*JTC Passenger Rail Feasibility
Studies*

Chris Wickenhagen – Joint Transportation Committee selected a consultant for East-West intercity passenger rail feasibility. Special meeting on November 20, 2019. Alan Adolf reached out to the JTC to have local input included in the process. Ellensburg and Tri-Cities will also be included. TAC (Transportation Advisory Committee), DRYVE, TRANS-Action. Meeting will be at YVCOG, 9:00 a.m. **Action: Information**

Wheel Options Update

Mike Shuttleworth - October is Wheel Options month. Will be announcing prize winners soon. Posters were made available in English and Spanish. CTR (Commute Trip Reduction) Conference in Spokane had many ideas and options for expanding. YVCOG will be looking at some new opportunities for ride sharing and trip reductions applied to Yakima. **Action: Information**

NEW BUSINESS

*2020-2023 M/RTIP**

Chris Wickenhagen. No public comment received on the 2020-2023 M/RTIP (Metropolitan and Regional Transportation Improvement Programs). TAC recommends approval.

Action 2a: Adopt Resolution 2019-15 for Determination of Air Quality Conformity and authorize Chair to sign Resolution 2019-15 made by Jonathan Smith. Seconded by Bill Moore. Motion carried.

Action 2b: Adopt Resolution 2019-16 for Adoption of 2020-2023 Yakima Valley M/RTIP and authorize Chair to sign Resolution 2019-16 made by Jonathan Smith. Seconded by Bill Moore. Motion carried.

TDM Implementation Agreement (PTD0115*

Chris Wickenhagen presented. TDM (Transportation Demand Management) Agreement: Two Biennium (2019-2021 and 2021-2023) Funding Agreement funding CTR/TDM from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2023.

Action: Policy Board approval and authorization for chairman to sign and forward to WSDOT.

Motion made by Jonathan Smith. Seconded by Sherry Raymond. Motion carried.

I-976 Impact to Local Jurisdictions*

Cus Arteaga, City Administrator, City of Grandview. Asks for jurisdictional assistance in possible passage of I-976 repealing transportation benefit districts (TBD). Mr. Arteaga provided a history of TBDs. Initiative 976 will force cities into not being able to fund and complete current projects. Infrastructure will fail due to lack of maintenance. Rep. Dufault has publicly stated that the State has plenty of funds available to backfill this loss of revenue.

Action: Discuss and authorize Policy Board Chair to sign letter to Representative Dufault and other representatives. Motion by Jonathan Smith. Seconded by Madelyn Carlson. Motion carries with abstention by WSDOT.

WSDOT STATE & REGIONAL UPDATE

Troy Suing provided a Regional Update. South Union Gap has taken longer than anticipated. May be both ramps not open until next year. Changes in traffic control and construction. Bridges in Mabton: planned for add next fall 2020. Everything as planned to replace one bridge and reconstruct river bridge. Terrace Heights in preliminary design. **Action: Information**

OTHER BUSINESS

Chris Wickenhagen reported on request from DRYVE/TRANS-action. Trent Marquis, Lance Hoyt and Mike Battle asked if YVCOG facilitate DRYVE/Trans-Act. YVCOG is on a reimbursement basis for work. Questions/Issues include use of Intake STP (Surface Transportation Program) funds for facilitation of meetings. Bill Preston at WSDOT has been facilitating. More discussion regarding Executive Committee of DRYVE, lobbying, funding etc. needed. **Action: Discussion and information**

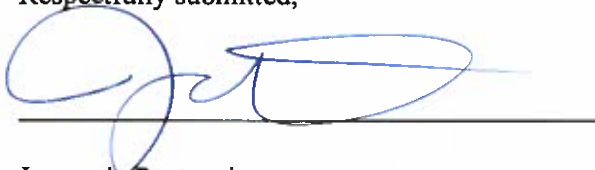
PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURN

With no other business, John Hodkinson adjourned the meeting at 2:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



James A. Restucci
YVCOG Transportation Policy Board Chair

16 Oct 2019

Date signed

ATTEST:



Jodi Smith, Office Specialist

12/16/19

Date signed