

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

MEETING MINUTES
November 14, 2019

PRESENT:

Bob Desgrosellier, City of Yakima
Dennis Henne, City of Union Gap
Lance Hoyt, City of Toppenish
Matt Pietrusiewicz, Yakima County
John Simmons, City of Zillah
Ardele Steele, City of Zillah
Jase Testerman, Yakima County
Rocky Wallace, City of Toppenish
Paul Gonseth, WSDOT
Bill Preston, WSDOT

Ben Annen, HLA

YVCOG Staff:

Alan Adolf
Mike Shuttleworth
Jodi Smith
Chris Wickenhagen

**CALL TO ORDER AND
INTRODUCTIONS**

TAC Chair Lance Hoyt called the November 14, 2019, meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*October 2019 meeting minutes**

Rocky Wallace made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 16, 2019 meeting. Ardele Steele seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

*Commute Trip Reduction Program
Update**

Mike Shuttleworth presented. Changes to CTR being considered include increasing flexibility, including other organizations and businesses. Revising the survey with alternatives that work for our area. For example, there is no countywide bus service. State is trying to make changes that will benefit the Yakima valley residents. No news on Wheel Option prizes.

Action: Information

*2020 – 2023 M/RTIP Amendment
Schedule**

Alan Adolf presented. Amendments due Friday, December 20th. Please let Alan know as soon as possible if jurisdictions have any changes to submit. Federal Air Quality Review has been postponed to next Wednesday.

Action: Information

*FFY 2019 Local Obligation
Authority Delivery**

Alan Adolf and Bill Preston presented. Discussions included results of I-976. Impacts of \$1.7 billion statewide still being examined. Obligation authority and sanctioning may occur to M/RTPOs that have not met their annual obligation targets. Not as much state project funds state to cover obligation shortfalls. Different scenarios outlined. As of August 1st YVCOG was \$3.0 million under target. Potential candidate for sanctions due to 8/1/19 target date not met. Intended carryover may be denied. Discussion includes: Counties included in numbers. State MPOs have requested Counties be taken out of MPO calculations. Meeting on November 26th to discuss and report on issues and impacts. Last project submitted may take a hit. **Action: Information**

*Joint Transportation Committee
(JTC) Studies**

Alan Adolf - special Policy Board meeting on Wednesday, 11/20/19 on passenger rail feasibility.

Action: Information

*2020 Intelligent Transportation
Systems (ITS) Annual Plan Update*

Alan Adolf – received no request for updates. Revised some dates.

Action: Motion for TAC recommendation to Transportation Policy Board for approval made by Yakima, Ardele Steele. Seconded by Jase Testerman. Motion carried.

2020-2045 Long Range Plan Update*

Alan Adolf. Public involvement meetings in to start in December. One at YVCOG, one at the Greenway. Looking for at least one more location and meeting in English and Spanish. (send Ardele dates).
Action: Information

NEW BUSINESS:
USGS Volcanic Ash Assessment Updates*

Alan Adolf - 1980 eruption changes emergency response around the world. Has not been updated since 1995.
Action: Information

STB-G Grant Letter of Intent*

Alan Adolf - letters of intent for potential funding of \$250,000 one-time. Deadline is 12/6/19 for intent to apply in February 2020.
Action: Information

Executive Director Update

Chris Wickenhagen –

- YVCOG is in process of hiring an Associate planner for Transportation feasibility and land use.
- Connection between land use and transportation.
- In 2020, YVCOG can save you money. For example, pooling our resources for modeling scenarios with consultant, traffic counts at no cost. If we could do some things regionally, we can save money.

Transportation Program Manager Update

Alan Adolf will retire from Treasurer role on DRYVE and TRANS-Action Executive Board, effective the end of the year. Both position will be up for nomination and vote at November 20th Annual Meetings.
Action: Information

WSDOT State & Regional Update

- I-976 impacts. As much flexibility as possible. King County court case that initiative is not valid. Legislature convenes in January. Wait and see.
- Phil Nugent is new Brian Hunter at WSDOT H&LP office.
- 2020 Safety call for projects due March 6th. Needs local road safety plan.

Action: Information

Member Updates

Several jurisdictions shared updates.
Action: Information

Next TAC Meeting:

December 12, 2019, next TAC meeting.

Other Business

Public Comment

Adjourn

Chairman Lance Hoyt adjourned the meeting at 11:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mr. Lance Hoyt, Chair

Date signed: 12/12/2019

Attest:



Alan Adolf, Transportation Manager

Date signed: 12/12/2019