

Mobilizing Public Access to County-Wide Transportation – MPACT
A YVCOG Transportation Policy Board Standing Committee
Minutes of September 25, 2019

Present:

Madelyn Carlson, People for People
Stacy Kellogg, People for People
Janna Lewis-Clark, Yakama Nation
Jan Ollivier, People for People

Gracie Sexton, People for People
Greg Story, Yakima Transit
Jase Testerman, Yakima County
YVCOG Staff: Alan Adolf, Mike Shuttleworth, Jodi Smith

- Call to Order and Introductions/Welcomes* Ms. Jan Ollivier, MPACT Chair, called the September 25, 2019, MPACT meeting to order at 10:34 a.m.
- February 22, 2019 Meeting Minutes* Gracie Sexton moved to approve the minutes. Greg Story seconded. The February minutes were approved.
- May 30th Meeting Minutes* Since there was not a quorum at the May meeting, the minutes are not official.
- 2020-2045 Yakima Valley Metropolitan & Regional Long-Range Plan Update* Alan Adolf presented information on the long-range transportation plan for Yakima Valley. It is being rewritten to be more user-friendly and federally compliant. He will ask for more MPACT input before the March 2020 due date.
Comments/notes include:
 - Selah transit has its own entity.
 - New pfp route
 - Passenger rail.
 - New technology and transportation options.
 - Yakima Transit looking at new facility 5 years, and alternative fuel busses. Grid is not sufficient to support electric busses. Hydrogen is possibility.
 - Local cities face different issues with alternative technologies, plus need maintenance and support personnel
 - Pahto: new building for transit. Yakama Power vision of electric bus, not possible in winter/cold temperatures.
 - Hot temps can also effect alternative fuels.
 - School districts and their busses should be included in public transportation conversations.
 - Light rail and trail feasibility. Impact on Greenway.
 - Transfer station in Toppenish/new Yakama nation office. Passenger rail needs to be able to connect at transfer stations.
- New PFP's "VALLEY SHUTTLE" Update* October 1st, Valley Shuttle service starts October 1st. Will do a follow-up survey and obtain ridership feedback after it starts. Seeking additional grant and funding opportunities.
- YVCOG Yakima Valley Transit Feasibility Study Preparation* Yakima to Biggs Greyhound route made the top 3 options currently being evaluated. Talk to Pahto runs routes from Toppenish to Goldendale. Multimodal service points throughout the valley. Park and ride lot at edge of Greenway. PTBA? Public transportation benefit authority. Feasibility study will start on January 1. Service and transit providers need to be included.
- New WSDOT Grant Opportunities* 2 grants, gpac. First/last mile grant. 1 M. green transportation grant. Please forward email from Linda to the MPACT group.
- October Wheel Options Event* State and local prizes. Posters and fliers av available.
- Upcoming Events/Roundtable* MPACT members share various information and current issues. Comments open for MRTIP until October. 9.
- Next Meeting Location* The next MPACT meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 30th at YVCOG.
- Adjourn* Ms. Ollivier adjourned the meeting at 12:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Ollivier, Chair

Date signed: _____

Attest:

Alan Adolf, Attending and Attesting Member

Date signed: _____

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