

YVCOG TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
December 16, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair John Hodkinson called the December 16, 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, Mike Leita, Bill Moore, Sherry Raymond, Jim Restucci, Jonathan Smith, and Madelyn Carlson

Members present via teleconference: Janice Gonzales

Members Absent: Todd Trepanier

YVCOG staff present: Chris Wickenhagen, Mike Shuttleworth, Tami Hayward

Others present: Brian White, for Todd Trepanier (WSDOT)

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES*

John Hodkinson moved to approve the minutes from October 21, 2019 and November 20, 2019. Jonathan Smith seconded. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

*AGREEMENT RELATING TO
MUTUAL RESPONSIBILITIES
IN CARRYING OUT
METROPOLITAN
TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING PROCESS IN
YVCOG PLANNING AREA
(REVISION)*

Chris Wickenhagen, Executive Director, presented the revised "314 Agreement" between YVCOG, WSDOT, and the City of Yakima (Transit).

Action: Authorize Executive Director to sign "314" Planning Agreement between YVCOG, City of Yakima and WSDOT, relating to mutual responsibilities in carrying out metropolitan transit transportation planning process within YVCOG's Metropolitan Planning Area was made by Jonathan Smith. Seconded by Madelyn Carlson. Motion carried.

*2020-2045 LONG RANGE
PLAN UPDATE*

Chris Wickenhagen – updated the Policy Board on the Long-Range Plan

- Survey is online in English and Spanish
- Public input meetings start in January, throughout our region
- SEPA Public Comment period begins February 2nd

Action: Information

NEW BUSINESS

*FFY 2019 & BEYOND LOCAL
STP OBLIGATION
AUTHORITY DELIVERY
POLICY CHANGES*

Chris Wickenhagen provided an update on the November 25th WSDOT/MPO Policy Meeting on sanctioning of Federal Surface Transportation (STP) Program funds when a region under obligates its annual allocation. \$3.6 million could have been sanctioned. There will be no sanctions this year, because the policy is very unclear and is being re-worked. The Policy Board will need to design a policy regarding obligating funds and prioritizing projects. Funds must be obligated by the end of the federal fiscal year. The Policy Board will set internal deadlines to ensure our compliance with federal deadlines.

Action: Information

**SFY 2020 UPWP
AMENDMENT 2020-1**

Chris Wickenhagen presented Resolution 2019-17, amending the work plan and funding revisions for the remainder of the SFY 2020 work year. Enabling us to use these funds for planning, and we will also be offering members scenario modeling and annual traffic counts, at no charge. YVCOG will also use part of these funds for administrative expenses, which has not been done in the past.

Action: Bill Moore moved to adopt Resolution 2019-17 for the State Fiscal Year 2020 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment 2020-1 and authorizing the chair to sign Resolution 2019-17 for submittal of the amended 2020 UPWP to WSDOT. Seconded by Madelyn Carlson. Motion carried.

**2020 YVCOG ON-CALL
MODELING ASSISTANCE
CONTRACT**

Ms. Wickenhagen reviewed the ERMSI On-Call Modeling Assistance Contract. There are no significant changes to the contract. This is an annual contract.

Action: John Hodkinson moved to approve the chair to sign the 2020 On-Call Modeling Assistance Contract after received from ERMSI. Jon Smith seconded. The motion carried.

**2019-2021 CONSOLIDATED
GRANT PROGRAM –
PLANNING GRANT
AGREEMENT**

Ms. Wickenhagen introduced the Yakima County Regional Transit Feasibility Study planning grant agreement with WSDOT, effective July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2021.

The amount of the agreement is \$50,000 (plus matching funds). DRYVE and TRANS-Action will assist with match funds.

The study will begin in January 2020.

Action: Jon Smith moved to approve the chair to sign the 2019-2021 Consolidated Grant Program – Planning Grant Agreement with WSDOT for the Yakima County Regional Transit Feasibility Study.

**2020 INTELLIGENT
TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS
ANNUAL PLAN UPDATE**

Chris Wickenhagen advised the Policy Board that there are no changes in the ITS Plan from last year.

Action: John Hodkinson moved to adopt the 2020 ITS Annual Plan Document. Seconded by Madelyn Carlson. The motion carried.

**WSDOT STATE & REGIONAL
UPDATE**

Brian White provided a Regional Update.

Released all consultant staff, approximately 30 people, due to passage of I-976.

Quite a few projects are on hold – if it continues, our local agency may need to look for other regions for local staff members to work.

There has not been much of a local impact on projects at this point.

Action: Information

OTHER BUSINESS

Mike Leita informed the Policy Board that Commissioner Norm Childress will be taking his place on the Board, beginning in January.

Ms. Wickenhagen provided information on the recent telephone conference with Senator Patty Murray. Those who participated were Jim Restucci, Cus Arteaga, Madelyn Carlson, and Chris Wickenhagen.

The state Transportation budget lost \$455 million out of \$800 million gross. This has a huge impact on Yakima County, and especially our smaller cities, because they don't have a large enough tax base to make up for the loss of these funds, which are often used for match money on other projects. Without match money, they will be unable to obligate and move forward on projects. The City of Yakima lost \$24 million.

Madelyn Carlson reported that the Governor wants to make sure that the vulnerable populations are not impacted in the current contracts. There will be an impact within the next year.

Senator Murray is doing a lot of fact-finding right now. Smaller cities are requested to let us know how they see this impacting their cities and let YVCOG know, so we can forward this information on to Senator Murray.


PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURN

With no other business, Jim Restucci adjourned the meeting at 1:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



James A. Restucci
YVCOG Transportation Policy Board Chair

1/15/2020

Date signed

ATTEST:



Tamara Hayward, Financial Specialist

1/15/2020

Date signed