

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

MEETING MINUTES
December 12, 2019

PRESENT:

Bob Desgrosellier, City of Yakima
Paul Gonseth, WSDOT
Stephen Hazzard, HLA
Dennis Henne, City of Union Gap
Joe Henne, City of Selah
Lance Hoyt, City of Toppenish
Matt Pietrusiewicz, Yakima County
Bill Preston, WSDOT
Jeff Ranger, Town of Naches
John Simmons, City of Zillah

Mike Meskimen, Gray & Osborne
Rocky Wallace, City of Toppenish

YVCOG Staff:

Alan Adolf
Mike Shuttleworth
Tami Hayward
Chris Wickenhagen

**CALL TO ORDER AND
INTRODUCTIONS**

TAC Chair Lance Hoyt called the December 12, 2019, meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*October 2019 meeting minutes**

Paul Gonseth made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 14, 2019 meeting. Rocky Wallace seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

*Commute Trip Reduction Program
Update**

Mike Shuttleworth presented. We held our Wheel Options prize drawing last night at the YVCOG General Membership meeting, so we will be notifying the prize winners this week.

The state continues to look at how we can expand the CTR program so that more businesses are participating voluntarily, instead of just those who are required by law to participate.

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.

Action: Information

*FFY 2019 Local Obligation
Authority Delivery**

Alan Adolf and Bill Preston presented. MPOs met with Stephanie Tax on November 25th, regarding sanctioning STP funds for under obligation. YVCOG was \$3 million under target, as of August 1st. PSRC was over-obligated, so the state, as a whole, met its obligation, and sanctions will not be imposed in 2020. After late obligations by Toppenish (\$1.7 million) and Moxee (\$988,000), we are still about \$500,000 under for 2019. There will no longer be carry over – we need to obligate, or over-obligate, every year, from this point on.

August 1st is the deadline for having money obligated. If it isn't obligated next year, sanctions will be imposed. Any amount that has not been obligated, as of August 1st, will be sanctioned.

Chris Wickenhagen stated the importance of developing an obligation policy in order to prevent losing funding.

Action: Information

*Joint Transportation Committee
(JTC) Studies**

Alan Adolf - Special Policy Board meeting was held on November 20th, regarding passenger rail feasibility. While JTC and Contract will only center on the existing Stampede Pass Rail Line, the meeting discussion by the attendees spent significant time on upgrading existing rail lines vs. building high-speed rail lines (maintenance/preservation/construction). Need to consider transportation needs 50 years from now. People want economy, speed and convenience ... they won't use rail if they can get somewhere faster and easier by car. Commuters would need high speed. We gave the JTC a lot of information.

Action: Information

*Agreement Relating to Mutual
Responsibilities in Carrying Out
Metropolitan Transportation
Planning Process in YVCOG
Planning Area*

Alan Adolf - this agreement ("314" Agreement) was presented to TAC 14 months ago. It agreement is a federal requirement between YVCOG, Yakima Transit, and WSDOT. If approved, it will be presented to Policy Board, for approval, on Monday. This agreement will remain in effect until there is a change in federal language and it is required to be rewritten.

Action: Rocky Wallace moved for TAC recommendation to Transportation Policy Board for approval of the "314" Agreement between YVCOG, WSDOT, and the City of Yakima. Seconded by Bob Desgrosellier. The motion carried.

*2020-2045 Long Range Plan
Update**

Alan Adolf - the Multimodal / Issue online survey should be out by Christmas. Survey will be sent out to each of the jurisdictions, and will run until around January 31st. Please post it on your web page, and feel free to forward it on to others.

Public input meetings in January. One at YVCOG, one at the Greenway on January 27th. Open to other meeting locations ... if you would like to host, afternoons or evenings, please let us know.

Public comment period will begin February 3rd, through the end of the month. Will be posting the final version format onto the O drive where you will be able to review it.

Action: Information

NEW BUSINESS:

*SFY 2020 UPWP Amendment 2020-
1 Document*

Chris Wickenhagen - the amendment concerns STP funds. YVCOG will begin using part of the funds to pay administration costs, and some of the funds will be used to pay for services the jurisdictions have been paying for, such as traffic counts and scenario modeling services. Will be putting out an RFQ for traffic counts. Asked for input on how many counts jurisdictions predict they will need, and that the TAC figure out a way to make it fair so that all jurisdictions can partake in these services.

This is in-line with what other MPOs around the state are doing.

Action: Jeff Ranger moved for TAC recommendation to Transportation Policy Board for approval of SFY 2020 UPWP Amendment Document (2020-1). Seconded by Dennis Henne. The motion carried.

*STB-G Grant Letter of Intent**

Alan Adolf - Thanked everyone who submitted. Received 8 letters of intent for potential funding of \$250,000. We will need to put together a subcommittee to look at, and update 2016 application, and score and rank, the 2020 applications.

Action: Information

Executive Director Update

Chris Wickenhagen - updated the TAC on the conversation with Senator Patty Murray's office regarding the impacts of I-976 on our region. Raquel Crowley asks that each jurisdiction share how I-976 is impacting our special needs people, and also

the regional significance of how our jurisdictions are being impacted. Hitting small cities really hard – this funding is what smaller cities have relied on for their matching funds. Yakima has lot \$24 million.

Action: Information

**Transportation Program
Manager Update**

Alan Adolf - will be out of the office from December 24th through the 31st.

Action: Information

**WSDOT State & Regional
Update**

Bill Preston spoke on I-976 impacts. Projects on 48th & Washington, and 76th & Washington have been placed on hold.

Action: Information

Member Updates

Several jurisdictions shared updates.

Action: Information

Next TAC Meeting:

January 9, 2020, next TAC meeting.

Other Business

None.

Public Comment

None.

Adjourn

Chairman Lance Hoyt adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

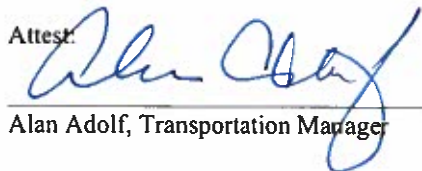
Respectfully submitted,



Mr. Lance Hoyt, Chair

Date signed: 1/9/2020

Attest:



Alan Adolf, Transportation Manager

Date signed: 1/9/2020