

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

MEETING MINUTES
January 9, 2020

PRESENT:

Bob Desgrosellier, City of Yakima
David Dominguez, City of Union Gap
Todd Dorsett, City of Grandview
Shane Fisher, City of Sunnyside
Stephen Hazzard, HLA
Dennis Henne, City of Union Gap
Joe Henne, City of Selah
Lance Hoyt, City of Toppenish
Janna Lewis-Clark, UN – Pahto Public Passage
Mike Meskimen, Gray & Osborne
Phil Nugent, WSDOT Local Programs
Matt Pietrusiewicz, Yakima County

Bill Preston, WSDOT
Jase Testerman, Yakima County
Rocky Wallace, City of Toppenish

YVCOG Staff:
Alan Adolf, Transportation Planner
Mike Shuttleworth, Planner
Tami Hayward, Financial Specialist
Chris Wickenhagen, Executive Director

**CALL TO ORDER AND
INTRODUCTIONS**

TAC Chair Lance Hoyt called the January 9, 2020, meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*December 2019 meeting minutes**

Rocky Wallace made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 12, 2019 meeting. Bill Preston seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

*Commute Trip Reduction Program
Update**

Mike Shuttleworth presented.

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, January 24th. Please let Alan know as soon as possible if jurisdictions have any changes to submit.

Action: Information

*STP / T-A / CMAQ Long Range
Funding Update*

Alan Adolf provided information on FY 2020 funding levels. Currently working on TIP amendment expending remainder of STP funds.

In the future, we will always need to over-obligate STP funds in order to prevent sanctions.

We are in a good position right now. Jurisdictions further down the priority list should always be prepared to jump in and obligate, so we don't lose funds. Bill Preston suggested having NEPA done, if possible to reduce lag time, etc.

May be doing a CMAQ or TAP call for projects this fall or winter.

*YVCOG On-Call Modeling
Assistance Program*

Alan Adolf – YVCOG is preparing to offer modeling assistance to jurisdictions. He requested that jurisdiction provide us with a prioritized list. So far only Selah has done so.

Taking requests for traffic modeling.

Regional Traffic Count Program

Alan Adolf asked for projected traffic count needs. He is putting together a list of businesses who do counts. We won't be required to do an RFQ.

Action: Information

2020-2045 Long Range Plan Update

Alan Adolf informed the TAC that we have already received 160 responses to our multimodal online survey.

There are five (5) input meetings planned – Grandview on 1/22, Greenway on 1/27, YVCOG on 1/28, YVCC on 1/29, and Zillah on 1/30.

Review by DOT and the feds will occur in early February.

February 2nd begins the official Public Comment period and SEPA.

The Long-Range Plan enables us to receive federal funding for the next four (4) years.

NEW BUSINESS:

January 2020-2023 M/RTIP Amendment

There will be a TIP amendment in January. Public Comment Period started December 25th and ended January 1st.

Yakima County submitted their annual projects. Union Gap had monetary changes.

We received a few comments, three of them addressing the Ahtanum Road project. Also a comment regarding the bicycle/pedestrian design of the Main Street project. The comments were responded to and forwarded to appropriate jurisdictions.

Action: Motion by Rocky Wallace and seconded by Bill Preston for TAC Recommendation to Policy Board for Approval of 2020-2023 M/RTIP Document. The motion carried.

2020 Safety Performance Measure Target Concurrence

Mr. Adolf reviewed the Safety Performance Measures Goals process. Criteria remain the same. Last year WSDOT decided to go with a 5-year average, instead of a flat formula-based target. We are YVCOG will continue to concur to using the state performance goals in meeting our safety targets.

Action: Motion by Bob Desgrossellier and seconded by Rocky Wallace for TAC Recommendation to Policy Board to authorize Director to sign confirmation letter and adopt Resolution 2020-03 for 2020 Safety Performance Measures and Targets. The motion carried.

2020 Governor Transportation Proposed Budget & Project List

Mr. Adolf discussed the projects that are being paused because of the passage of I-976. At this point, even though SCR was slammed, it still appears that Yakima County will not feel a large impact.

Action: Information

Executive Director Update

(Tabled for January)

Action: n/a

**Transportation Program
Manager Update**

Alan Adolf – as of January 2nd, Jan Ollivier is taking over his DRYVE and TRANS-Action responsibilities, and will be formally turned over on January 30th.

Comments due on the 2019 Washington State Rail Plan by February 18th. It does address the Passenger Rail Feasibility Study that is underway, but hits primarily on freight rail and some other issues.

We are now kicking off our UPWP update. A list of Unfunded Needs is included, and several of those projects were discussed. Please inform Mr. Adolf of any studies or significant unfunded projects that should be identified as an unfunded need in the 2020 UPWP.

Action: Information

**WSDOT State & Regional
Update**

Bill Preston –
WSDOT will be starting the integrated scoping process for Highway 24. Introduced Phil Nugent, who is taking Brian Hunter's position. Based on the pause list – WSDOT is making internal adjustments within the region. Consultants will no longer be with them by the end of January. Contact people may change.

Action: Information

Member Updates

Union Gap, City of Yakima, Yakima County, Toppenish, Selah, and Yakama Nation, presented project updates.

Action: Information

Next TAC Meeting:

February 13, 2020, next TAC meeting.

Other Business

None.

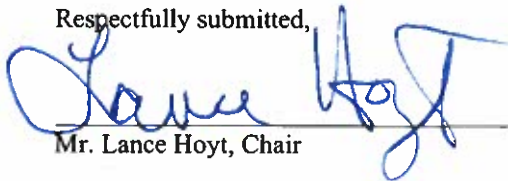
Public Comment

None.

Adjourn

Chairman Lance Hoyt adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Mr. Lance Hoyt, Chair

Date signed:

2/13/2020

Attest:


Alan Adolf, Transportation Manager

Date signed:

2/13/2020