

YVCOG TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
May 18, 2020

- CALL TO ORDER** Vice Chair John Hodkinson called the May 18, 2020 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.
Members present via teleconference: Jim Restucci, Janice Gonzales, Bill Moore, Norm Childress, Sherry Raymond, Jon Smith, Madelyn Carlson, and Troy Suing (for Todd Trepanier).
Members Absent: Brad Hill.
YVCOG staff present: Alan Adolf, Chris Wickenhagen, Mike Shuttleworth, Jodi Smith, Shane Andreas, and Tami Hayward
Others present: Raquel Farrell Crowley (Sen. Patty Murray's office).
**Indicates notice of absence received prior to meeting.*
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES*** Janice Gonzales moved to approve the minutes from March 16, 2020. Jim Restucci seconded. The motion carried.
- PUBLIC COMMENT** None.
- OLD BUSINESS**
- 2020 STB-G /TAP Grant Program Call for Projects* Alan Adolf presented.
The Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant call for projects' deadline has been extended from April 24th to May 22nd to ensure that all jurisdictions have an opportunity to get council/commission approval on their projects.
Action: Information / Discussion
- SFY 2021 Unified Planning Work Program* Christina Wickenhagen presented the SFY 2021 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The UPWP breaks down tasks and priorities for the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2021 (July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021) 2020/2021. It has been reviewed by the State and Feds and will be forwarded to WSDOT upon adoption by the Policy Board.
Action: Jim Restucci moved to authorize the Chair to sign Resolution 2020-15, adopting the State Fiscal Year 2021 Unified Planning Work Program and submit the SFY 2021 UPWP to WSDOT. Troy Suing seconded the motion. The motion carried.

*MPO's / WSDOT Federal
Funding Obligation Authority
Discussion and Internal Policy
Update (9:33)*

Alan Adolf updated the Policy Board on ongoing WSDOT and statewide MPOs obligation authority discussions at last week's quarterly meeting.

The question on everyone's mind is the effects of COVID-19. As of last week, no delays or waivers are expected for the remainder of the federal fiscal year.

Statewide, federal Obligation Authority (OA) for the 2020 FFY is only about 38% about the same levels as last fiscal year YVCOG Region has obligated about \$1.76 million over our 2020 FFY target (mainly STP money for and Zillah's Vintage Valley Parkway project). Toppenish (TAP) and Yakima (CMAQ) will be obligating funds soon. We are in a pretty good position right now.

WSDOT has reported, For every month ~~the state~~ transportation and gas purchasing are curtailed due to COVID-19, \$100 million in gas tax revenue is being lost. WSDOT and other gas tax beneficiaries are looking at a \$1Billion (15%) in budget cuts

Action: Information

NEW BUSINESS

*May 2020 Metropolitan /
Regional Transportation
Improvement Program
Amendment (M/RTIP)*

Alan Adolf presented the May M/RTIP Amendment. There was no TIP amendment in April. The TAC recommended Policy Board approval of the May amendment at their May 14th meeting.

The public comment period ran from April 29 – May 13, 2020. No public comments were received.

There were two amendments for May – The 1st was an addition by Union Gap for the S. 10th Avenue bridge replacement - PE, right-of-way, and construction, were all secured through federal bridge funds. Just under \$1.3 million project. The 2nd was a revision by WSDOT for SR97 / SR22 intersection signal and illumination upgrades. Overall cost of the project is \$950,840.00.

Action: Janice Gonzales moved to authorize the Chair to sign Resolutions 2020-13, 2020-14, and the May 2020 TIP Amendment Checklist. Madelyn Carlson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

*2020 Federal Transit
Administration (FTA)
Certifications and Assurances
Agreement*

Mr. Adolf introduced the FTA Certifications and Assurances Agreement, which documents YVCOG's annual consistency and compliance with federal FTA funding guidelines.

Action: Madelyn Carlson moved to authorize the Chair to sign the 2020 5333(b) Labor Letter and FTA's Fiscal Year 2020 Certifications and Assurances Forms. Jim Restucci seconded the motion. The motion carried.

*Commute Trip Reduction
(CTR) Program Update*

Mike Shuttleworth presented.

The 2020 Bi-Annual CTR survey is normally done in May, but this year it isn't really feasible to do that. According to WSDOT, the University of

Washington is doing a state-wide COVID-19 mobility survey. The survey is site-specific. Will provide good information for the jurisdictions.

You may access the survey at: <https://catalyst.uw.edu/webq/survey/moudon/389848>

Action: Information

2020 Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ) Grant Call for Projects

Mr. Adolf announced that there are \$684,487 in CMAQ funds available for a for Call for Projects.

The maximum award amount is \$500,000. Unlike TAP, there is a \$13.5% match for CMAQ.

Eligible projects must be within the CO and PM10 boundaries – basically City of Selah, most of the City of Yakima, most of the City of Union Gap and certain unincorporated areas of Yakima County. Moxee and Naches are outside of the PM10 boundary.

May 29 – Initial deadline to submit a description of project.

June 24 – Formal applications are due at NOON.

Action: Information

WSDOT STATE & REGIONAL UPDATE

Troy Suing provided additional information on the revenue shortfall due to the shortage of gas tax revenue. This shortage doesn't only affect local agencies, it also will be affecting other agencies, such as the State Patrol, Department of Licensing, etc.

June 17th is the date scheduled for the revenue forecast.

WSDOT is getting some projects up and running. It is difficult for contractors to comply with Phase I restrictions, so a lot of them are waiting for Phase II restrictions to go into effect.

Action: Information

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURN

With no other business, Vice Chair Hodgkinson adjourned the meeting at 2:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Restucci
YVCOG Transportation Policy Board Chair

15 June 2020

Date signed

ATTEST:

Tamara Hayward, Financial Specialist

Date signed