

YVCOG TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
March 13, 2020

CALL TO ORDER Vice Chair John Hodkinson called the February 20, 2020 meeting of the Transportation Policy Board to order at 1:40 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 and Jonathan Smith.
Members present via teleconference: James Restucci, Brad Hill, and Bill Moore.
Members Absent: Madelyn Carlson, Norm Childress, Janice Gonzales, Sherry Raymond, and Todd Trepanier.
YVCOG staff present: Alan Adolf, Chris Wickenhagen, Mike Shuttleworth, Lynn Deitrick, Shane Andreas, and Tami Hayward
Others present: **Indicates notice of absence received prior to meeting.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES* (Minutes were missed, but signed)

PUBLIC COMMENT None.

OLD BUSINESS

MPO'S / WSDOT FEDERAL FUNDING OBLIGATION AUTHORITY DISCUSSION AND INTERNAL POLICY UPDATE Ms. Wickenhagen provided an update on the ongoing WSDOT and statewide MPOs obligation authority discussions.

She has approached TAC regarding creating an obligation policy to prevent our region from losing any federal funding.

We are asking our members who are planning to obligate, to actually be ready to obligate in April. If they are unable to do so in April, they can ask the Policy Board for an extension to obligate in July. If they are unable to obligate in July, we are considering having another list of projects that could move forward, so we won't lose those federal funds the following year.

The TAC is reviewing the policy right now, and we should bring it before the Policy Board next month.

NEW BUSINESS

MARCH 2020 METROPOLITAN / REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT (M/RTIP) Alan Adolf presented the March M/RTIP Amendment. The TAC recommended Policy Board approval at their March 12th meeting.

Two projects: Union Gap revision to the beltway project. Using the funding to build a section to the northwest and shrinking down the missing link. This scope [strategy] change to the TIP corresponds with a change in total project cost that will increase the cost of the project from \$20.2 million to \$22.2 million.

primarily within the tribal boundaries. Working with National Parks Service and others, to develop trails, beginning with cities such as Toppenish and Wapato and the irrigation district. Working with the irrigation district to cover canals and build walking trails on top. The trail system will reach out to other communities from there – trails to White Swan, Mabton, and Zillah. The Nation has a TA grant with National Parks service to get the program going and this will be an ongoing effort with the support of Tribal Council and the jurisdictions. YVCOG will assist with planning and grant-writing assistance upon request.

WSDOT STATE & REGIONAL No update.
UPDATE

OTHER BUSINESS None.

PUBLIC COMMENT None.

ADJOURN With no other business, Vice Chair Hodkinson adjourned the meeting at 1:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


James A. Restucci
YVCOG Transportation Policy Board Chair

5/18/2020
Date signed

ATTEST:


Tamara Hayward, Financial Specialist

5/20/2020
Date signed