

YVCOG TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
June 11, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Chair James Restucci called the June 15, 2020 meeting of the Transportation Policy Board to order at 1:35 p.m. A quorum was present.

ROLL CALL &
INTRODUCTIONS

- Members present via teleconference: James Restucci, John Hodkinson, Bill Moore, Norm Childress, Jon Smith, Madelyn Carlson, and Troy Suing (for Todd Trepanier).
- Members Absent: Janice Gonzales, Brad Hill, Sherry Raymond, Jon Smith
- YVCOG staff present: Alan Adolf, Chris Wickenhagen, Lynn Deitrick, Tami Hayward, Shane Andreas, Jodi Smith
- Others present: Lance Hoyt (City of Toppenish)

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

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES*

Union Gap moved to approve the minutes from May 18, 2020. Grandview seconded. The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*2020 STB-G /TAP Grant
Program Call for Projects*

Alan Adolf, Transportation Program Manager (3:08)

- Presented the results of the 2020 STB-G/TAP Grant Call for Projects.
- 8 applications submitted for review. 4 (subcommittee jurisdictions) were unable to score their own applications. ~~to be scored.~~
- Reviewed by scoring sub-committee (Lance Hoyt - chair, Toppenish; Cus Arteaga and Todd Dorsett, Grandview; David Dominguez, Union Gap; Jase Testerman, Yakima County; Bob Desgrosellier, Yakima - whose points were unable to be included; and, Paul Gonseth, WSDOT.) Two formats were introduced: 1) Average of Total Points scored, and 2) High and low scores thrown out.
- Fully-funded projects:
 - 1st - Moxee - SR-24 Pathway Project (\$242,719.00)
 - 2nd - Toppenish – Train Depot Roof Rehabilitation (\$307,075.00)
 - 3rd - Selah – Fremont Avenue Sidewalk Improvements (\$286,021.00)
- Carry over amount of \$31,226.00.
- Letters of Support will go out following Policy Board meeting.

Action: YCDA moved to Adopt 2020 STB-G / TAP Grant Prioritization List and authorize executive director to sign and distribute award letters. People for People seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

Alan Adolf, Transportation Program Manager (12:20)

- CMAQ Call for Projects was announced last month.
- \$684,454 available – a 13.5% match required.

- Yakima (alley paving) and Union Gap (street sweeper) have submitted preliminary applications for air quality modeling
- Deadline to turn in final applications is June 24, 2020

Regional Traffic Count Program Requests for Quotes (RFQ) Alan Adolf, Transportation Program Manager (14:35)

- Will be announcing the RFQ to 6 different traffic counting agencies, following today's Policy Board meeting
- 11 jurisdictions participating
- 227 locations
- Intend to make this a permanent programmatic activity
- Great opportunity to collect data on impacts of COVID-19 on traffic patterns; a snapshot in time
- Proposals are due to YVCOG by 4 p.m. on June 26th
- Subcommittee will rank proposals and present to Policy Board in July
- Counts will begin in August and run through October
- Next counts will probably begin late March 2021

Action: Information

Commute Trip Reduction (CTR) Program Update

Alan Adolf, Transportation Program Manager (24:24)

- Required surveys have been delayed throughout most of the state because of COVID-19 – surveys normally start in April
- Considering doing surveys in August, September, and October
- Mike Shuttleworth, who formerly headed the CTR program, has taken a new position. We will be moving someone else into his position.
- [Multimodal Travel Change Dashboard](https://www.wsdot.wa.gov/about/covid-19-transportation-report/)
<https://www.wsdot.wa.gov/about/covid-19-transportation-report/> The Dashboard will be a useful tool for decision makers -it will help to show impacts of COVID-19

Action: Information

MPO/RTPO's Federal Funding Obligation Authority Update Alan Adolf, Transportation Program Manager (28:48)

- We have exceeded our obligation target for this year and are in no danger of sanctions for this year.
- Zillah and Union Gap will both be returning some of the money that was obligated by them due to bids coming in lower than their estimates.
- Next year's obligation target may be as low as \$2.5 million to as much as \$3 to \$3.5 million, plus any increases we would normally get for a particular year. Need to make sure jurisdictions are moving their projects forward. There are concerns about projects being ready to go.
- Will be looking at who can move projects as early as late summer to fall.
- City of Yakima is submitting paperwork for their 2016 CMAQ grant award of just under \$450,000 and waiting to hear from DOT on approval of Toppenish's First Street sidewalk project (\$155,000), which will both credit to 2021 obligation requirements. Also, if we can get the CMAQ

and TAP grants, it will give us the potential for another \$500,000 of allocation we can get off the 2021 books.

- Jurisdictions are beginning to turn in their next 6-year TIPS; they must be turned in by the end of July. Yakima Transit has a little longer.
- The M/RTIP document will come to you at the end of October and we will be starting on it soon.

Action: Information

NEW BUSINESS

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

Alan Adolf, Transportation Program Manager (36:40)

- WSDOT has turned in 3 relatively small projects.
- Two of them are roadside hardware preservation projects
- SR 823/I-82 to Selah - \$45,544; and
- I-82/SR 821 to US 97 - \$279,780.
- The third project will update breakaway cable terminals on guardrail runs in the South Central Region – \$68,868.
- No comments were received.
- TAC recommends approval of these projects by the Policy Board.

Action: Grandview moved to adopt Resolution 2020-16, 2020-17, and the June 2020 TIP Amendment Checklist. Union Gap seconded. The motion carried.

*Miscellaneous Transportation
Issues*

Alan Adolf, Transportation Program Manager (40:30)

- DOT projects \$100 million per month in lost gas tax revenue. This will have a trickle-down effect.
- TIB workshops were held last Monday. Their former statewide budget was \$105 million per year. This year their statewide budget is approximately \$70 million. \$60 million to urban projects, \$10 million to small cities, and nothing to sidewalk or complete streets programs. No site visits – probably virtual tours.
- Expected emphasis will be narrower-lane (2 or 3 lane) projects. Will be looking more closely at estimates.
- TIB's South Eastern Region is expecting \$5.7 million available in the urban program. Most likely, the smaller your project is, the more likely it will be funded.
- TIB applications are due August 14th.
- Awards should be announced between Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving.

Action: Information

***WSDOT STATE & REGIONAL
UPDATE***

Troy Suing, WSDOT South Central Assistant Regional Administrator (44:13)

- Exercise of 15% reduction in the coming year. Quite a hit – about \$1 billion out of this coming fiscal year. Will be a reduction of several

hundred FTE's – a big cut in capital and operations. Just an OFM scenario right now.

- Revenue forecast comes out Wednesday and it will give a real sense on what the next year's revenue will be.
- Watching for some sort of federal relief, basically backfill for lost revenue, across the country. Not sure if it will happen or not.
- Kind of on hold right now looking for budget impacts.
- Most of our construction projects are starting back up.

Action: Information

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURN

With no other business, Chairman Restucci adjourned the meeting at 2:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Restucci
YVCOG Transportation Policy Board Chair

July 21, 2020

Date signed

ATTEST:

Tamara Hayward, Financial Specialist

July 22, 2020

Date signed