

YVCOG TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
July 9, 2020

- CALL TO ORDER Chair James Restucci called the July 9, 2020 meeting of the Transportation Policy Board to order at 1:36 p.m. A quorum was present.
- ROLL CALL & INTRODUCTIONS
- Members present via teleconference: James Restucci, John Hodkinson, Janice Gonzales, Brad Hill, Bill Moore, Norm Childress, Madelyn Carlson, Brian White, and Sherry Raymond
 - Members Absent: Jon Smith
 - YVCOG staff present: Alan Adolf, Chris Wickenhagen, Lynn Deitrick, Tami Hayward, Shane Andreas, and Jodi Smith
 - Others present: None
- * 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* Grandview moved to approve the minutes from June 11, 2020. People for People seconded. The motion carried.
- UNFINISHED BUSINESS
- 2020 CMAQ Grant Program Call for Projects* Alan Adolf, Transportation Program Manager (2:00)
- Presented the results of the 2020 CMAQ Grant Call for Projects (Prioritization List).
 - \$684,000 were available. Cap of \$500,00 per project.
 - 2 applications submitted for review.
 - City of Yakima was fully funded with \$500,000 (alley paving).
 - Union Gap came in second, but there are not enough remaining funds to fully fund their project (street sweeper). Short by \$113, 971.
 - The TAC recommended three different options:
 - that Union Gap be given the option of accepting the \$184,000 and coming up with the balance, or
 - that Union Gap refuse the money and put it back into the pot for a future call for projects, or
 - tentatively award Union Gap the \$184,000 that we do have, and wait to see if there is new CMAQ money in 2022.
- Action: John Hodkinson moved to Adopt 2020 CMAQ Grant Prioritization List and authorize executive director to sign and distribute award letters. Bill Moore seconded the motion. John Hodkinson moved to amend the motion to postpone issuing Union Gap's award letter. Seconded by Bill Moore. Both motions carried.**

*Regional Traffic Count
Program Requests for
Quotes (RFQ)*

Alan Adolf, Transportation Program Manager (15:30)

- 7-member subcommittee reviewed and scored the 4 submittals.
- IDAX, out of Renton, received the highest scores.
- John Rohrbaugh, YVCOG, verified references.
- We have prepared a contract, NTE \$78,955.00, which will run from July 10th through November 20, 2020.
- 228 locations to be counted during this 10-week period.
- Counts should be finished towards the end of October.
- Traffic counts will be paid with STP funds, once our new contract is signed.
- Will send contract out to IDAX later today, if approved by the Policy Board.

Action: Madelyn Carlson moved to authorize adoption of TAC recommendation of selected traffic counting vendor and authorize executive director and Board Chairman to enter into agreement for services with successful vendor. Bill Moore seconded. The motion carried.

*MPO/RTPO's Federal
Funding Obligation
Authority Update / 2021-
2024 MRTIP Deadline*

Alan Adolf, Transportation Program Manager (21:30)

- Met our federal obligations for this year – about \$2 million over our target.
- TAC is concerned over meeting obligations next year – anticipated target of \$3.5 million next year, compared to \$4.5 that we exceeded this year.
- Concerns over being ready to move forward on Union Gap's Ahtanum Road project and Selah's Goodlander project – due to COVID and I-976 impacts.
- Which projects could fill the void? Moxee expects to obligate in October.
- July 31st is the deadline to submit Transportation Improvement Plans to YVCOG. Most jurisdictions have turned in their state-required TIPs. Alan is available to help jurisdictions, if needed.
- M/RTIP should be approved by the Board in October.
- Visited the Vintage Valley Parkway project in Zillah. Also wrapping up their Park and Ride location.

Action: Information and Discussion

NEW BUSINESS

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

Alan Adolf, Transportation Program Manager (32:10)

- Three amendments were submitted.
- Toppenish Train Depot roof rehabilitation - \$355,000 project, funded with TAP funds and \$51,100 in PE funds. \$297,900 are covering construction. Hoping to complete before snowfall. Depending on when they are able to obligate, we could receive additional credit for 2020 obligation targets, or could be first funding towards meeting 2021 target.

- DOT ADA compliance project – US 12/W Naches vicinity to Old Naches Highway - updating and installing new curbing to meet ADA standards. \$42,955 in NHPP funds.
- The third project is YVCOG's FY '21 UPWP planning program funding for planning purposes. This will cover our FY '21 planning year. \$229,567 in STP funds and \$46,753 in local funds.
- No comments were received.
- TAC recommends approval of these projects by the Policy Board.

Action: *Bill Moore moved to adopt Resolution 2020-18, 2020-19, and the July 2020 TIP Amendment Checklist. Janice Gonzales seconded. The motion carried.*

Miscellaneous Transportation Issues

Alan Adolf, Transportation Program Manager (36:00)

- East/West Passenger Rail Report – July 11th was the All Aboard Washington Virtual Conference. Regional conference, including multiple states. Discussed status of passenger rail and the Stampede Pass feasibility study. There will be significant cost to start passenger rail – around \$300 million. Includes new terminals in Auburn, Ellensburg, Yakima, Wapato, and Toppenish. Money would need to be spent on sidings – doable, but expensive. Travel time between Yakima and Toppenish would be very comparable to car or bus. A lot of support for passenger rail being brought back to Yakima. Looking to develop a 750-mile route to attract federal funding. Video is available at: <https://www.aawa.us/east-west/>
- 2020 MAP-21 Transportation Performance Measures – Mid-Term Status – will maintain our existing 2018 targets. Yakima Transit is required, this year, to have their Transit Safety Plan in place. It will be part of the ongoing rotation of Performance Measures.

Action: *Information*

WSDOT STATE & REGIONAL UPDATE

Brian White, WSDOT South Central Assistant Regional Administrator (54:20)

- All teleworking from home.
- Maintenance activities have resumed, along with some construction activities.
- Still working through COVID issues. Have had a few people test positive.
- Delivered some good-sized projects this summer, despite COVID – thanks to ZOOM and Microsoft Teams, etc.
- Challenges in moving into uncharted water with revenue - dealing with funding uncertainties due to COVID and I-976 impacts.
- Phase III of I-90 goes out for ad next spring.
- Hard decisions on how to keep our pass systems open, etc.
- Our transportation system is falling apart, and we are trying to find the revenue to keep it up and running.
- Hoping to be back in the office by 2021.

- Status on South Union Gap interchange – rolling along and should be completed by the end of August.

Action: Information

OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Restucci shared that the Transportation Commission has broken up their meetings this month ... full day last Wednesday and another full day tomorrow ... broadcast statewide via TVW and the internet.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURN

With no other business, Chairman Restucci adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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James A. Restucci
YVCOG Transportation Policy Board Chair

September 22, 2020

Date signed

ATTEST:



Tamara Hayward, Financial Specialist

9/23/2020

Date signed