



MPO/RTPO TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

VIDEO CONFERENCE

MEETING MINUTES

December 10, 2020

PRESENT:

Mike Battle – HLA
Joseph Calhoun – City of Yakima
Madelyn Carlson - PFP
Bob Desgrosellier – City of Yakima
Todd Dorsett - City of Grandview
Paul Gonseth – WSDOT
Dennis Henne - City of Union Gap
Lance Hoyt - City of Toppenish
Janna Lewis-Clark - PAHTO
Larry Mattson – Jacob Engineering
Mike Meskimen - Gray & Osborne
Matt Pietrusiewicz - Yakima County
Bill Preston - WSDOT

Jeff Ranger - Naches
Ardele Steele - City of Zillah
Greg Story – Yakima Transit
Jase Testerman - Yakima County
Rocky Wallace - City of Toppenish

YVCOG Staff:
Alan Adolf, Transportation Manager
Shane Andreas, Financial Specialist
Lynn Deitrick, Planning Manager
Tami Hayward, Financial Specialist
Jeff Watson, Senior Planner
Chris Wickenhagen, Executive Director

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

TAC Chair, Lance Hoyt, called the December 10, 2020, meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 8, 2020 Meeting Minutes

City of Zillah made a motion to approve the MINUTES for October 8, 2020 meeting. Yakima Transit seconded the motion. The motion carried.

TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM CORRESPONDENCE

Alan Adolf, Transportation Program Manager

Mr. Adolf reviewed the 2021 MRTIP Amendment Process and Schedule. He also provided information on his serving on the WSDOT Investment Strategies Committee (made up of representatives from all of the Washington MPOs and RTPOs, along with the six WSDOT regional administrators and high-level WSDOT folks) – they have been looking at what has been happening in transportation funding over the last 20 years. WSDOT is transitioning into funding fewer new construction projects and putting more funding into maintenance and preservation. Safety is high priority. The committee discussed how to address decreases in funding.

Madelyn Carlson, People for People, went over the MPACT 2021-2023 Consolidated Grant Prioritization List, and explained the method of ranking. Four projects were formally reviewed. WSDOT requested an additional project (Medstar) be added to the list.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

2021-2024 M/RTIP Revisions

Lance Hoyt, TAC Chairman

Mr. Hoyt reviewed the recommended changes and revisions from State/Federal Air Quality Conformity Review.

In February, YVCOG submitted a letter to Governor Inslee, requesting that the MPA boundary extend beyond the current MPO boundary and cover the entire county. The Governor approved that request in September.

We received, this week, the DOT approval of the M/RTIP (as approved last month). DOT did request some minor changes that did not require a formal revision of the M/RTIP, but staff determined it was better to make the changes, namely the updating of

the MPA language and removal of the DOE (Department of Ecology) acronym, because it could possibly be confused with Department of Environment. There were a few other minor adjustments made.

Even though the changes are minor, YVCOG chose to go through a formal review period, which ended December 9th. No comments were received. Will present to the Policy Board, for adoption of the revisions, on December 21st.

Action: City of Toppenish moved to recommend Policy Board adopt revisions to 2021-24 M/RTIP. Yakima County seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2021 Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Annual Plan Update

Lance Hoyt, TAC Chairman

- The [ITS Annual Plan](#) is updated annually and stays within the confines of YVCOG.
- Minor revision from the 2019 document.
- State of Good Repair language was added on pages 13 and 14.

Action: City of Yakima moved to recommend to Policy Board to adopt the 2020 ITS Plan update. Yakima County seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2021 Traffic Count Request for Quotes Process

Lance Hoyt, TAC Chairman / Alan Adolf, Transportation Program Manager

- 2020 Individual jurisdiction data links are now available.
- The 2021 Traffic Count RFQ will go out December 23rd.
- Proposals are due to YVCOG in mid-January.
- A scoring committee will be organized, in late January/early February, to score the proposal.
- Recommendations will be presented to the TAC February 11th, and then to Policy Board to approve and sign the contract.
- Hope to begin conducting traffic counts in April.
- YVCOG is in the process of developing RFQ language regarding bike-ped counts on the Greenway.
- YVCOG is considering doing some counts in various locations around the County to support work on our Kresge grant, and to assist in updating the model. If the locations fall within your jurisdiction, we will make that data available to you.

Action: Information

NEW BUSINESS:

**SFY 2022 Unified Planning & Work Program (UPWP)
(43:30)**

Lance Hoyt / Alan Adolf / Paul Gonseth, WSDOT

- Beginning the process of preparing the 2022 UPWP
- Considering returning to a 2-year UPWP, covering July 2021 through June 2023
- Affords an opportunity to consider how we would like to spend money for the next 30 months.
- What you see on the list now comes from [Unfunded Planning Activities](#) – everything from O&D study, purchasing a street light, Lower Valley Trail Feasibility Study, etc.
- Yakima County GIS is going out for Aerial photos this summer – will be a 6-year contract (over flights in 2021, 2023, and 2025). Funded mainly by the Auditor's office.
- COG may contribute around \$20,000 (STP funds) a year toward the aerial photos, to gain ownership of the photos. A minimal price for a significant benefit.
- Powerhouse Corridor is limping along and has been placed on hold. What can we do in the interim to prevent serious crashes in the area? Requesting \$100,000 STP planning funds for this project, split between this year and next year UPWP to spend on a SR 12 / Ackley Road Feasibility Study.

Action: WSDOT moved that the TAC recommend to Policy Board to consider using STP money to fund a WSDOT SR 12/Ackley Feasibility Study. Yakima County seconded. The motion carried.

2021 Transit Safety Performance Measures – Yakima Transit (1:13)

Greg Story, Yakima Transit / Alan Adolf, Transportation Program Manager

- Federal Transit asked Yakima Transit to come up with this plan – gave no direction. Federal Transit will review the plans in 3 years and come up with a more formal set of parameters.
- Medstar is under Yakima Transit's plan.
- Yakima Transit's Public Transit Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) was adopted September 28, 2020.
- This is the latest in a series of federal performance measures – comes from Federal Transit Administration (FTA).
- At this point the plan is basically broad safety guidelines.
- YVCOG MPO has 6 months from the Yakima Transit Safety Plan adoption date to include in our Performance Measures and Targets.
- Will be regularly updated in accordance with federal requirements.

Action: City of Toppenish moved to recommend Policy Board authorize Director to sign confirmation letter and adopt Resolution 2020-26 for 2021 Transit Safety Performance Measures and Targets. Yakima Transit seconded. The motion carried.

2021 Safety Performance Measures (MPO) (1:21)

Alan Adolf, Transportation Manager / Lance Hoyt, TAC Chairman

- Safety Performance Measures are updated annually, usually in January or February.
- The DOT is now using a 5-year trend analysis to address their goals.
- Looking for ways to lower injuries and fatalities.

Action: City of Yakima moved to recommend Policy Board authorize Director to sign confirmation letter and adopt Resolution 2020-27 for 2021 Safety Performance Measures. Yakima County seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Executive Director Update

YVCOG Executive Director, Chris Wickenhagen, thanked all those who served on our scoring committees this year, and wished everyone a Merry Christmas!

WSDOT State & Regional Update

Bill Preston reported that he is leaving WSDOT and taking an engineering position with the City of Yakima. Will be starting December 17th.

Paul Gonseth reported that the Strategic Investment Plan is a big project right now. Another project is the draft Active Transportation Plan will be released – 150 pages.

Action: Information

Member Updates

The following jurisdictions provided updates:

- Grandview
- HLA
- Pahto Transit
- Toppenish
- Union Gap
- Yakima - Bob Desgrosellier, Joseph Calhoun
- Zillah

Action: Information

Next TAC Meeting: January 14, 2021, next TAC meeting.
Other Business None.
Public Comment None.
Adjourn Chairman Lance Hoyt adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Mr. Lance Hoyt, Chair

Date signed: January 14, 2021 ✓

Attest:


Alan Adolf, Transportation Manager

Date signed: January 14, 2021