

YVCOG TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
October 19, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair John Hodkinson called the October 19, 2020 meeting of the Transportation Policy Board to order at 1:31 p.m. A quorum was present. Chairman Restucci entered the meeting at 1:33 p.m.

**ROLL CALL &
INTRODUCTIONS**

- Members present via Zoom teleconference: James Restucci, John Hodkinson, Bill Moore, Ron Anderson, Sherry Raymond, Brian White, and Madelyn Carlson
- Members Absent: Brad Hill*, Janice Gonzales*, and Jon Smith
- YVCOG staff present: Alan Adolf, Chris Wickenhagen, Lynn Deitrick, Jeff Watson, Tami Hayward, Shane Andreas, and Jodi Smith
- Others present: Lance Hoyt – City of Toppenish; Dennis Henne – City of Union Gap

**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*

The City of Union Gap moved to approve the minutes from September 21, 2020. City of Selah seconded. The motion carried.

**TRANSPORTATION
PROGRAM
CORRESPONDENCE**

Alan Adolf, Transportation Program Manager

- Information was provided on the [Aviation Commission Virtual Meeting \(October 21st\)](#)
- YVCOG received the [Governor's MPA Approval Letter](#) – expanding MPA boundary to cover the entire county. This boundary adjustment may result in modest planning funding increases for YVCOG.
- MPACT - Consolidated Grant Prioritization Meeting will be held December 2nd. Due to a lack of agenda items in November, there will probably be no TAC or Policy Board meeting until December. This project list will be on the December Policy Board agenda for approval to be recommended to the State for final awarding in the beginning of 2021.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Transportation Issues

Alan Adolf, Transportation Program Manager

2021 Traffic Counter Program Update –

- We are currently in the 2020 traffic-count program period.
- 227 site locations scheduled throughout the county.
- 2021 season will begin in late March or early April.
- This year we have averaged about 20 stations per jurisdiction.

2021 Intelligent Transportation Systems Plan Update –

- This plan includes technical, computer-based and other type of supporting structure for transportation systems, such as miracle message boards, video cameras, etc.
- Last significant update was in 2018 when the Yakama Nation added closed-caption cameras to their transit busses.
- To qualify for ITS or other grant money that would go towards non-traditional road improvements, you want to be sure to include it in your ITS plan.
- We go through this process every fall and are currently out for requests from jurisdictions and service agencies for any changes to be made.
- The ITS Plan Update will probably be included on the December Policy Board agenda. This document stays in our office and will not be forwarded to DOT.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Alan Adolf, Transportation Program Manager

- Public comment period: September 23, 2020 – October 7, 2020
- Only one project included in the October amendment:

[City of Yakima] REVISION – Northside Alley Paving. Pave the east/west gravel alleyways between Summitview Avenue and Fruitvale Boulevard and 6th to 16th Avenue. Change project from “planned” to “secured.” \$50,000 in Federal CMAQ funds and \$7,800 in Local funds for PE and \$450,000 in Federal CMAQ funds and \$70,200 in Local funds for CN. Total Project Cost: \$578,000.

- The amendment was recommended by the TAC at their October 8, 2020 meeting.

Action: People for People moved to authorize the Chair to sign [Resolution 2020-22](#) for Findings, [Resolution 2020-23](#) for Determination of Air Quality, and the [TIP Amendment Checklist](#). City of Grandview seconded the motion. The motion carried.

[2021-2024 Metropolitan & Regional Transportation Improvement Plan](#)

Lance Hoyt, TAC Chairman

- Comment Period ended October 7, 2020, with no comments received.
- Update includes 42 regionally- and federally-significant projects, totalling approximately \$155 million.
- No entries for Yakima County or Yakima Transit, but Yakima County will probably be included in the January amendment.
- We should have around 55 projects and a total of around \$185 million for the January amendment.
- The TAC recommended adoption on October 8, 2020.

Action: City of Union Gap moved to authorize the Chair to sign [Resolution 2020-24](#) for Determination of Air Quality Conformity, and [Resolution 2020-25](#) for Adoption of 2021-2024 Yakima Valley M/RTIP, and to forward the

2021-2024 Yakima Valley M/RTI)P to WSDOT. Yakima County seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2020 Title VI Report

Christina Wickenhagen, Executive Director

- The Title VI Report list the actions and activities of FFY 2020 (Oct 1, 2019 – Sept 30, 2020).
- WSDOT requested that the dates of the report be aligned with the federal calendar.
- There are no changes from the way it was previously approved by the Policy Board.
- This report will now come before the Policy Board in October of each year.

Action: People for People moved to authorize the Executive Director to sign the Title VI Policy Statement and that the Policy Board adopt the October 2019 – September 2020 Title VI Annual Report for submittal to WSDOT. City of Grandview seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Surface Transportation Program (STP) Award Revision

Lance Hoyt, TAC Chairman

- Union Gap has requested to amend their Goodman Road to 15th Avenue project to ‘1st Street to 15th Avenue, and from a full-depth grind and overlay to a 2” grind and overlay.
- The project will require the same amount of funding.
- The City will obligate funds by fall of 2021 and submit an amended scope of work.
- Union Gap is aware of the 13.5% match requirement, and that they will be required to update the STIP.

Action: Yakima County moved to authorize the Executive Director to sign and distribute a revised STP funding award letter to City of Union Gap for the Ahtanum Road Project. People for People seconded. The motion carried.

Highway Improvement Program (HIP) Funding Award Letter

Lance Hoyt, TAC Chairman

City of Mabton – Main Street Reconstruction –

- There are \$65,898 in HIP funds remaining.
- The city of Mabton is the only qualified applicant (rural).
- These funds will be used to fund the Main Street Reconstruction project and must be obligated by 9/30/2021.
- Mabton will be required to pay a 13.5% local match and update their local TIP and STIP.

Action: City of Grandview moved to authorize the Executive Director to sign and distribute HIP funding award letter to the City of Mabton for the Main Street Reconstruction Project. Yakima County seconded. The motion carried.

WSDOT STATE & REGIONAL UPDATE Brian White, WSDOT South Central Assistant Regional Administrator

- Winding down construction season and trying to get projects wrapped up.
- Halted blasting on Snoqualmie Pass for the year.
- Gearing up for winter maintenance.
- Big new last week was the Supreme Court striking down I-976, but the legislature could still adopt it.

Action: Information

OTHER BUSINESS No Policy Board meeting in November. Next meeting will be held December 21, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT None.

ADJOURN With no other business, Chairman Restucci adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Digitally signed by Hon. James A. Restucci
Reason: I attest to the accuracy and integrity of this document
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James A. Restucci
YVCOG Transportation Policy Board Chair

7 January 2021

Date signed

ATTEST:

Tamara Hayward, Financial Specialist

January 11, 2021

Date signed