

YVCOG TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
December 21, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jim Restucci called the December 2021, 2020 meeting of the Transportation Policy Board to order at 1:30 p.m. A quorum was present.

ROLL CALL &
INTRODUCTIONS

- Members present via Zoom teleconference: James Restucci, John Hodkinson, Janice Gonzales, Bill Moore, Ron Anderson, Sherry Raymond, Brian White, Jon Smith, and Madelyn Carlson
 - Members Absent: Brad Hill*
 - 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
**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*

John Hodkinson moved to approve the [minutes from October 19, 2020](#). Madelyn Carlson seconded. The motion carried.

TRANSPORTATION
PROGRAM
CORRESPONDENCE

Alan Adolf, Transportation Program Manager

Information was provided on the following:

- Proposed “Powerhouse Road-SR 12 Feasibility Study” requested by WSDOT/Yakima County/City of Yakima. This request will be part of the 2021 UPWP January amendment.
- Bill Preston, WSDOT Planning Engineer for the last 4 years, has accepted a new engineering position at the City of Yakima. He will continue to participate on the Technical Advisory Committee, and with Policy Board when needed.
- [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) – addressing concerns over future decreases in funding. WSDOT is transitioning into funding fewer new construction projects and putting more funding into maintenance and preservation. Safety is high priority. May establish a regional funding pot for future funding. Jurisdictions would still be able to seek funding for projects, and we would attempt to expand existing projects.
- Received email regarding Governor Inslee’s proposed budget. Pertains to issues regarding transit and CTR TDM activities. Proposals assume monies held out from 976 will be factored in the transportation bill. Funds will be awarded to bike/ped safety/Safe Routes to Schools/regional mobility grants, electric vehicles, outreach and education to low-income residents, high-speed rail and fleet investment, and also state ferries. According to information Senator King shared with Chairman Restucci, there will also probably be some of the governor’s “green tax” proposals will be applied to the transportation bill.

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 have received the DOT approval of the M/RTIP. 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 U.S. Department of Energy. 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. The TAC, at their December 10th meeting, recommended forwarding to the Policy Board for adoption.

Action: *Madelyn Carlson moved to adopt the 2021-24 M/RTIP revisions. Jon Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

2020 Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Annual Plan Update (22:34)

Lance Hoyt, TAC Chairman

The ITS Annual Plan is updated annually and stays within the confines of YVCOG.

- Minor revisions from the 2019 document.
- State of Good Repair language was added on pages 13 and 14.
- TAC concurred on December 10th.

Action: *Janice Gonzalez moved to adopt the 2020 ITS Plan Update. Sherry Raymond seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

2021 Traffic Count Request for Quotes (RFQ Process) (25:45)

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

- The 2021 Traffic Count Request for Quotes will be released on December 23rd.
- RFQ proposals are due to YVCOG by January 15, 2021.
- Projecting 300+/- counts in 2021 (227 conducted in 2020).
- Scoring Committee will present the ranked RFQs to the TAC and Policy Board in February.
- Work will begin no later than April 1st.
- Links to the 2020 Individual Jurisdiction Data are now available.

Action: *John Hodkinson moved to authorize the Executive Director to Release the 2021 Traffic Count Request for Quotes. Madelyn Carlson seconded. The motion carried.*

NEW BUSINESS

2021-2023 WSDOT Public
Transportation
Consolidated Grant
Prioritization

Madelyn Carlson, People for People

- Ms. Carlson reviewed the 2021-2023 Prioritized List
- Explanation of the project ranking process.
- 5 Projects were submitted; 4 were formally ranked. The final project was Medstar Transportation, which is not currently eligible, but WSDOT requested be included.
- After being ranked by the MPACT committee on December 2nd, the projects will be ranked at the state level.
- Requested 2021-23 Biennium Funding and Forecasting of 2023-25 Biennium

Action: *John Hodgkinson* move to approve 2021-2023 Consolidated Grant Call for Projects Regional Ranking list and authorize Executive Director to Submit to WSDOT. *Jon Smith* seconded the motion. **The motion carried.**
(Madelyn Carlson abstained from the vote)

2021 Transit Safety
Performance Measures –
Yakima Transit
(41:32)

Alan Adolf, Transportation Program Manager

- Yakima Transit's Public Transit Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) was adopted by City Council on September 28, 2020.
- MPO has 180 days to incorporate and adopt Yakima Transit's plan, and to forward to the state and the feds.
- Cover letter states that we concur with their plan, including their safety goals for van pool and commuter service, paratransit and fixed route services.

Action: *Jon Smith* moved to authorize the Chair and the Executive Director to sign confirmation letter and adopt Resolution 2020-26 for 2021 Transit Safety Performance Measures and Targets. *Janice Gonzalez* seconded. **The motion carried.**

2021 Safety Performance
Measures – Metropolitan
Planning Organization (MPO)
(45:53)

Alan Adolf, Transportation Program Manager

Annual MPO safety performances measures – 5-year trend analysis – receive the goals from the DOT.

The original goals used the "Target Zero" process, but was not realistic. There must be a safety component in each new project, that can contribute to lower fatalities, to receive federal funding for that project.

Action: *Ron Anderson* moved to authorize the Chair and the Executive Director to sign confirmation letter and adopt Resolution 2020-27 for 2021 Safety Performance Measures and Targets. *Madelyn Carlson* seconded. **The motion carried.**

WSDOT STATE & REGIONAL
UPDATE

Troy Suing, WSDOT South Central Assistant Regional Administrator

- Mentioned the Governor's/DOT budget. Assumes funding from 976 will be used for transportation.
- The budget also shows priorities increasing for preservation and fish, and at this point utilizes existing revenue, so there will probably be some shifting around and delaying projects.
- Looking forward to late March/early April to see what the 2021-23 budget will look like.

Action: Information

OTHER BUSINESS Next Policy Board meeting will be held January 20, 2021

PUBLIC COMMENT None.

ADJOURN With no other business, Chairman Restucci adjourned the meeting at 2:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



 James A. Restucci
 YVCOG Transportation Policy Board Chair

1/20/2021

 Date signed

ATTEST:



 Tamara Hayward, Financial Specialist

1/26/2021

 Date signed