

YVCOG TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
February 17, 2021

CALL TO ORDER	Vice Chairman, John Hodkinson, called the February 17, 2021 meeting of the Transportation Policy Board to order at 1:31 p.m. A quorum was present.
ROLL CALL & INTRODUCTIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Members present via Zoom teleconference: James Restucci, John Hodkinson, Bill Moore, Janice Gonzales, Ron Anderson, Sherry Raymond, Todd Trepanier, and Madelyn Carlson</li><li>• Members Absent: Brad Hill, and Jon Smith*</li><li>• YVCOG staff present: Alan Adolf, Chris Wickenhagen, Lynn Deitrick, Jeff Watson, Jodi Smith, Tami Hayward, and Shane Andreas</li></ul> Others present: Lance Hoyt – City of Toppenish; Francisco Guerrero – City of Sunnyside; Raquel Crowley – Sen. Patty Murray’s Office <i>*Indicates notice of absence received prior to meeting.</i>
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 <a href="#">January 20, 2021 Meeting</a> . Ron Anderson seconded. The motion carried.
TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM CORRESPONDENCE	<p><i>Alan Adolf, Transportation Program Manager</i></p> <p>Information was provided on the following:</p> <p><a href="#">Rethinking Transit &amp; Mobility</a> (<i>Adapting to the COVID Crisis While Responding to the Climate Crisis</i>)</p> <p>CTR and TDM efforts are focusing on adapting to COVID crisis – trying to stay relevant in a post-COVID world. Transit agencies are also looking at addressing issues such as climate change, etc. Will result in policy changes and new Best Practices in the coming years.</p> <p>YVCOG office is downsizing – surplus equipment (including traffic count equipment) will be available.</p> <p><b>Action: Information</b></p>
UNFINISHED BUSINESS	<p><i>Lance Hoyt, Chair Transportation Technical Advisory Committee</i></p> <p><b>2021 Traffic Counter Program</b></p> <p><a href="#">Request for Quotes (RFQ) – Selection Results</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• RFQ went out on December 23<sup>rd</sup> and closed in January.</li><li>• RFQ Prioritization Sub-Committee met on February 9<sup>th</sup> to review the 4 applications that were received.</li><li>• 308 total counts requested for 2021.</li><li>• TAC approved recommending to Policy Board on February 11<sup>th</sup>.</li></ul>

***Action: Janice Gonzales 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. Ron Anderson seconded. The motion carried.***

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **FEBRUARY 2021 M/RTIP AMENDMENT**

*Alan Adolf, Transportation Program Manager*

- There were no formal MRTIP amendments for February 2021.
- There was an Administrative Amendment, requested by WSDOT, for redistribution of funds within their US 97/Lateral A Road intersection project.

***Action: Information***

### **SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (STP) / TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES (T.A.) & CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) FY 2021 [Funding Levels Update](#)**

*Lance Hoyt, Chair Transportation Technical Advisory Committee*

- Final Regional Allocations for YVCOG Region for FY 2021 have come in pretty much equal to what we received last year.
- All projects funded in the past are proceeding as normal.

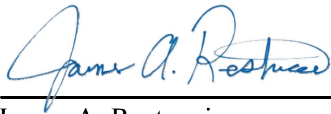
### **WSDOT STATE & REGIONAL UPDATE** *Todd Trepanier, WSDOT South Central Assistant Regional Administrator*

- Snoqualmie Pass has received over 3 feet of snow in the last few days. The pass had to be closed for a number of hours for avalanche concerns. People are asking why the pass would be closed for avalanche control after all the money spent on the shoot going underneath the road. What they don't understand is that, in that area, the pass had to be closed dozens of times every winter ... almost 70% of the time ... and that doesn't happen anymore. But we *still* have spots on the west side that, when we have extreme snow events, need to be closed for avalanche control.
- Mr. Trepanier went through a power point presentation he will be giving this evening at a Good Roads meeting in the Tri Cities/Walla Walla area. The presentation addresses underfunding of preservation and maintenance of our transportation system. At this point, our roads are practically being held together with duct tape and super glue.
- He also addressed Mr. Restucci's questions regarding the damage studded tires do to our roadways each year, and the estimated cost to repair that damage. Our region doesn't receive as much as damage as other areas in our state, such as Spokane.

***Action: Information***

OTHER BUSINESS	Next Policy Board meeting will be held March 17, 2021.
PUBLIC COMMENT	None.
ADJOURN	With no other business, Chairman Restucci adjourned the meeting at 1:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



James A. Restucci  
YVCOG Transportation Policy Board Chair

18 March 2021

Date signed

ATTEST:

Tamara Hayward, Financial Specialist

March 19, 2021

Date signed