



## MPO/RTPO TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

VIDEO CONFERENCE

MEETING MINUTES

February 11, 2021

### PRESENT:

Mike Battle – HLA  
Todd Dorsett – City of Grandview  
Dennis Henne - City of Union Gap  
Lance Hoyt - City of Toppenish  
Ty Jones – City of Selah  
Larry Mattson – Jacobs Engineering  
Mike Meskimen - Gray & Osborne  
Matt Pietrusiewicz - Yakima County  
Bill Preston – City of Yakima

Ardele Steele - City of Zillah  
Jase Testerman - Yakima County  
Rocky Wallace - City of Toppenish  
Gary Wirt – All Aboard Washington

YVCOG Staff:  
Alan Adolf, Transportation Manager  
Tami Hayward, Financial Specialist  
Jodi Smith, Communications Specialist  
Jeff Watson, Senior Planner  
Chris Wickenhagen, Executive Director

### CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

TAC Chair, Lance Hoyt, called the February 11, 2021, meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.  
A quorum was present.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### *January 14, 2021 Meeting Minutes*

Rocky Wallace made a motion to approve the [MINUTES for January 14, 2021](#) meeting. Dennis Henne seconded the motion. The motion carried.

*Alan Adolf, Transportation Program Manager*

### TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM CORRESPONDENCE

- The [2021-24 MRTIP Amendment Calendar](#) was reviewed. March 3, 2021 TIP Amendment deadline is February 19th.
- [MUTCD Comment Period Extended](#) – you are able to go online and make comments through May 14<sup>th</sup>.
- [Rethinking Transit & Mobility](#)  
Adapting to COVID Crisis While Responding to Climate Change (review of white paper)  
There has been a lot of discussion of what is going to happen with transit service throughout the state, as affected by COVID and climate change. Passenger rail and transit was down as much as 95% last summer – is starting to pick up a little bit.
- YVCOG Office is downsizing – surplus equipment, including traffic counters. Staff has been working from home for the last 11 months, and will be downsizing to 5 offices.

*Action: Information*

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

**Member Updates**

The following jurisdictions provided updates:

- Union Gap
- Yakima
- All Aboard Washington
- HLA (STP projects)

**Action: Information**

**Next TAC Meeting:**

March 11, 2021, next TAC meeting.

**Other Business**

Mr. Adolf shared an email from Paul Gonseth re Powerhouse/Hwy 12 feasibility study M3 kick off meeting – in March. Watch your email.

NARC meeting – morning session had to do with lobbying the legislature and COVID – seems to be more availability amongst legislative aides because of virtual meetings. May have a good chance of meeting with DC folks virtually.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Adjourn**

Chairman Lance Hoyt adjourned the meeting at 10:39 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Mr. Lance Hoyt, Chair

Date signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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Attest:

  
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Alan Adolf, Transportation Manager

Date signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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