

YVCOG TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
January 20, 2021

CALL TO ORDER	Vice Chairman, John Hodkinson, called the January 20, 2021 meeting of the Transportation Policy Board to order at 1:30 p.m. A quorum was present.
ROLL CALL & INTRODUCTIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Members present via Zoom teleconference: John Hodkinson, Bill Moore, Ron Anderson, Sherry Raymond, Todd Trepanier, Jon Smith, and Madelyn Carlson</li><li>• Members Absent: James Restucci*, Janice Gonzales, Brad Hill*</li><li>• YVCOG staff present: Alan Adolf, Chris Wickenhagen, Lynn Deitrick, Jeff Watson, Tami Hayward, and Shane Andreas</li></ul> Others present: Lance Hoyt – City of Toppenish; Francisco Guerrero <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*	Ron Anderson moved to approve the <a href="#">December 21, 2020 Meeting</a> . Sherry Raymond 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. <a href="#">WSDOT Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Statewide Technical Committee Member</a> - Alan is one of the eastern Washington representatives for the MPOs on the CTR/Transportation Demand Management, reporting directly to the CTR Exec Board who then reports to the legislature.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• First meeting yesterday. Telework was one of the topics – possible B&amp;O telework tax credit for businesses, to incentivize continuing telework. Looking at telework assistance programs to provide HR materials, etc. – using King County Metro’s Work Smart model as a way of making that possible around the rest of the state. Tax credit is usually limited to \$2.75 million – hoping to expand that amount.</li><li>• Last Mile First Mile connections grants.</li><li>• Transportation Budget – about \$10.5 billion (\$7.4 billion to DOT, \$1 billion to the ferries, and the remaining \$2 billion to transportation related funding programs).</li><li>• Goal of the legislature is to reduce emissions by 25% by 2035 – will start noticing some transportation bills and proposals from the governor for more green-type programs. One of those is electrifying the ferry system. Hoping to purchase the first electric ferry. High-speed rail. Governors priorities: clean green transportation, fish passage barrier replacement (\$725 million in 2021-2023 to address fish passage concerns), preservation, safety, and transportation equity.</li><li>• Representative Dent (13<sup>th</sup> District) is our only transportation committee representative in the House, and Senator King (14<sup>th</sup>) is our only representative in the Senate. An \$0.18 gas tax increase is one of several funding considerations being proposed this year.</li></ul>

- B. Yakima Greenway Master Plan Survey
  - Currently updating the master plan – quite a while since last update. With the Labor Day fires and destruction of their offices, there will be an opportunity to ‘reinvent’ themselves. Prioritizing what the Greenway will be over the next 20 years. Working on a series of surveys (paper and electronic) that will go out to jurisdictions and general public (regarding operations, land use, public involvement, being a resource to the community, etc.).
- C. 2021 Traffic Count Request for Quotes Update
  - Completed RFQ request process on Friday.
  - Four applications/proposals were received from vendors.
  - Putting together a subcommittee, from TAC, to score and prioritize the applications.
  - Prioritized list will be presented to Policy Board in February.

**Action: Information**

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No Unfinished Business Items for January.

## NEW BUSINESS

### JANUARY 2021 M/RTIP AMENDMENT OF THE 2021-2024 DOCUMENT

*Lance Hoyt, Chair Transportation Technical Advisory Committee*

- January 2021 Metropolitan and Regional Transportation Improvement Program (M/RTIP) Amendment.
- 8 projects (1 administrative revision / 7 projects).
- Public comment period from December 30, 2020 – January 13, 2021.
- Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recommended on January 14, 2021, following review and discussion of public comments.

- [Resolution 2021-1](#) for Determination of Air Quality
- [Resolution 2021-2](#) for Findings
- [TIP Amendment Checklist](#)

**Action: Madelyn Carlson moved to authorize the Chair to sign Resolutions 2021-1), 2021-2), and the January 2021 TIP Amendment Checklist. Sherry Raymond seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### SFY 2021 Unified Planning & Work Program Amendment #2021-1

*Lance Hoyt, Chair Transportation Technical Advisory Committee*

First UPWP amendment of 2021 SFY.  
 Adding Powerhouse Road / SR12 Feasibility Study to “Program Administration” Activity (pgs. 18-19).  
 No changes to budget.  
 TAC recommended amendment adoption – January 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Action: Jon Smith moved to adopt Resolution 2021-3 for the State Fiscal Year 2021 Unified Planning Work Program amendment #2021-1 and authorize the**

*chair to sign [Resolution 2021-3](#) for submittal of the amended SFY 2021 UPWP to WSDOT. Brad Hill seconded. The motion carried.*

**2021 YVCOG On-Call  
[Modeling Assistance  
Contract](#)**

*Chris Wickenhagen, YVCOG Executive Director*

Standard modeling contract that we have with Bob Shull at eRMSI  
Online modeling for our jurisdictions.

*Sherry Raymond moved to approve the chair to sign the 2021 On-Call Modeling Assistance Contract after received from eRMSI. Ron Anderson seconded. The motion carried.*

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

- WSDOT staff, basically statewide, is still working from home. The only employees that leave their homes are construction and out-in-the field workers. No change in the foreseeable future.
- The passes have received above-average snowfall.
- Having a real issue with people entering areas that are closed to the public, such as the area past the barriers on Chinook Pass. People are looking for things to do. Parking irresponsibly on ramps, etc., and sledding in areas not intended for sledding, etc.
- Budget – WSDOT budget is still in horrible shape. The budget WSDOT proposed to the legislature stresses holding true to the priorities of the last couple of years – funding fish barrier removal projects, and funding preservation and maintenance activities. The state is attempting to fund those projects by taking away from project builds that were on the list for Connecting Washington -not canceling those projects, just deferring them.
- Representative Fey (House Transportation Committee Chair) is suggesting new revenues to fund these activities.
- Looking for projects of statewide significance. (Rehab the I5 Vancouver/ Portland bridge, complete the 4-lanes on Highway 18, projects helping to complete the 405 plan, etc.) Considering the idea of each planning organization submitting 1 project it felt was of statewide significance, and then a committee would score and rank them. Maybe it wouldn't be in our region, but would be a gateway project. Asked everyone to think about that.
- I-976 is intended as a transportation revenue source, but the legislature has the final say on how the money is used ... it can be used by the General Fund.
- Bill Preston accepted a job with the City of Yakima. Randy Giles will be taking Bill's place as WSDOT Local Programs Engineer.

***Action: Information***

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Next Policy Board meeting will be held February 17, 2021.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**ADJOURN**

With no other business, Chairman Restucci adjourned the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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James A. Restucci  
YVCOG Transportation Policy Board Chair

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Date signed

ATTEST:

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Tamara Hayward, Financial Specialist

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Date signed