



MPO/RTPO TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

VIDEO CONFERENCE

MEETING MINUTES

April 8, 2021

PRESENT:

David Dominguez – City of Union Gap
Steve Dunk – Dept of Commerce
Randy Giles – WSDOT
Paul Gonseth – WSDOT
Dennis Henne - City of Union Gap
Lance Hoyt - City of Toppenish
Ty Jones – City of Selah
Deb LaCombe - HLA
Janna Lewis-Clark – Pahto
Larry Mattson – Jacobs Engineering
Mike Meskimen - Gray & Osborne
Matt Pietrusiewicz - Yakima County

Bill Preston – City of Yakima
Ardele Steele - City of Zillah
Greg Story – Yakima Transit
Jase Testerman - Yakima County
Rocky Wallace – City of Toppenish
Gary Wirt – All Aboard Washington

YVCOG Staff:
Alan Adolf, Transportation Manager
Tami Hayward, Financial Specialist
Jeff Watson, Senior Planner

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

TAC Chair, Lance Hoyt, called the April 8, 2021, meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 11, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Jase Testerman made a motion to approve the MINUTES for March 11, 2021 meeting. Ardele Steele seconded the motion. The motion carried.

COMMUTE TRIP REDUCTION / TRAFFIC DEMAND MANAGEMENT (CTR/TDM) UPDATE

Jeff Watson, Senior Planner

CTR Draft Survey – the proposed survey is out.

- Quite brief, simple, and self-explanatory.
• 3 mandatory questions.
• Planning to conduct ours between August and October 2021.

Action: Information

TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM CORRESPONDENCE

Alan Adolf, Transportation Program Manager

The 2021-24 MRTIP Amendment Calendar was reviewed.

- There will be a May TIP Amendment.
• Submittal deadline is 4/16 (next Friday)

Regional Rail Commissions (RRCs)

- Potential multi-state commission, providing a means of seeking funding and planning capabilities on a regional basis with regards to passenger rail or freight. The Policy Board and Executive Committee sent out a letter of support last month. Our opportunity to sit at the table of a commission who will seek to improve our region’s capabilities in terms of freight rail and provide better usage of the Stampede Pass line.
• Lance Hoyt took the lead on getting a DRYVE and TRANS-Action support letter.
• The letters were addressed to Senator Maria Cantwell and Representative Marylyn Strickland, and a copy was sent to Representative Dan Newhouse.
• Gary Wirt explained some of the benefits of a regional rail commission.

Rep. Newhouse Requests for “Community Project Funding” – this is the House’s version of Senator Murray’s effort.
If anyone is submitting and would like a COG support letter, please let Alan know.

- [Information](#)
- [Rep. Newhouse Guidance on Community Project Funding](#)

Project Requests submitted here:

<https://newhouse.house.gov/communityprojectfunding>

Yakima County Virtual [Open House - Shoreline Master Program](#) – this open house will be held on Monday, April 12th.

Action: Information

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

2021 Traffic Count Program Update

Alan Adolf, Transportation Program

- Surplus Supplies - YVCOG is downsizing and will be selling all of their Traffic Count counters and supplies. So far no one has expressed interest in them.
- [2021 Traffic Counter Schedule](#) – counts will start next week, kicking off with Grandview and Granger.
- Opportunity, through Turnstone, to have earlier traffic counts archived. Information will be available later today. You will be the only one who can access your own data (other than YVCOG).

Action: Information / Discussion

2021 WSDOT Freight & Goods Transportation System (FGTS)

Alan Adolf, Transportation Program (19:40)

- [WSDOT FGTS Data Update Request](#)
- [City & Port Data Submission Form \(Excel\)](#)
- [First-Last Mile Connector Submission Form \(Excel\)](#) - new to the update process this year.

YVCOG will be sending our jurisdiction specific spreadsheets in upcoming weeks to update own corridor data. Two or three months until due.

Action: Information

West Powerhouse Road Study Update

Paul Gonseth (WSDOT), and Alan Adolf, Transportation Program Manager

Paul Gonseth:

- Project got stalled a little bit, but now picking it up and moving forward.

Alan Adolf:

- Moving forward with getting ready for traffic counts and the model, along with efforts to acquire the streetlight subscription. With the streetlight subscription, we should be collecting better data for the study.

Action: Information

NEW BUSINESS:

April 2021-2024 M/RTIP Amendment

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

[April 2021-2024 M/RTIP Amendment](#)

- The Public Comment Period closed on 4/7/2021
- No public comments were received.

- There are four amendments – Mabton, Moxee, Yakima, and YVCOG.

Action: Rocky Wallace moved for the TAC recommendation to Policy Board for approval of April Amendment of 2021-2024 M/RTIP. Jase Testerman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Certifications and Assurances Agreements

Alan Adolf, Transportation Program Manager

- This report is performed annually.
- Will be presented to Policy Board on the 19th.
- Similar to the Certifications and Assurances we do for STP funds in the fall.
- DOT will forward the documents to Federal Transit.
- Related to transit in the region – our agreement that we will comply with all certifications and assurances required to utilize Federal Transit Administration funds.

Documents compliance with federal FTA funding guidelines -

- [Department of Labor Letter](#)
- [FTA Assistance Form](#)
- [WSDOT Labor Information Form](#)
- [FY21 Certifications and Assurances YVCOG](#)

Action: Jase Testerman moved that TAC recommend Policy Board approve 2021 FTA Certifications and Assurances Agreements. Bill Preston seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Executive Director Update

No update this month.

WSDOT State & Regional Update

Paul Gonseth:

- Busy submitting federal grant applications.
- Please cc WSDOT on any grants turned in to Newhouse’s office, that will affect a DOT facility, so they are aware of what you are submitting for.

Randy Giles:

- Processing a lot of agreements and trying to get those projects out.
- Please let him know if you aren’t going to be able to obligate funds on schedule (funds that WSDOT manages).
- 12 agencies have turned in their annual Title VI information – will be reaching out to those who haven’t turned it in yet.

Alan Adolf:

- Will begin reaching out to jurisdictions with projects on the STP project list, to verify project status.
- Mabton has zeroed us out on the HIP money.
- Knocking out a few TAP projects has put us in a good position there.

Action: Information

Member Updates

The following jurisdictions/agencies provided updates:

- City of Yakima
- City of Union Gap
- Yakima County
- City of Toppenish
- HLA
- Pahto

Action: Information

Next TAC Meeting: May 13, 2021, next TAC meeting.
Other Business None.
Public Comment None.
Adjourn Chairman Lance Hoyt adjourned the meeting at 10:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mr. Lance Hoyt, Chair

Date signed: May 13, 2021

Attest:



Alan Adolf, Transportation Manager

May 13, 2021
Date signed: _____