

YVCOG TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

April 19, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman, James Restucci, called the April 19, 2021 meeting of the Transportation Policy Board to order at 1:31 p.m. A quorum was present.

ROLL CALL & INTRODUCTIONS

- Members present via Zoom teleconference: James Restucci, John Hodgkinson, Bill Moore, Ron Anderson, Troy Suing, and Madelyn Carlson
 - Members Absent: Janice Gonzales, Brad Hill, Sherry Raymond, and Jon Smith.
 - YVCOG staff present: Chris Wickenhagen, Lynn Deitrick, Vicki Baker, Jodi Smith, Tami Hayward, and Shane Andreas
- Others present: Lance Hoyt – City of Toppenish

Vicki Baker was introduced as YVCOG's new Regional Program Manager, currently focusing on the Kresge Grant.

**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*

Ron Anderson moved to approve the [March 15, 2021 Meeting](#). John Hodgkinson seconded. The motion carried.

TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM CORRESPONDENCE

Chris Wickenhagen, Executive Director

[2021 WSDOT Freight & Goods Transportation Systems \(FGTS\) Update](#)

- This update is done every couple of years.
- Has a huge impact on how freight moves through our region, on its' way to area ports and freight centers.

'Community Project Funding' – Representative Newhouse / Senator Murray

- As we are receiving funding information, we are pushing that out to our members, hoping they will apply for funding for their currently unfunded projects.

Draft UPWP has been sent into WSDOT and the feds.

- Will be federal/state agency review meeting later this week for their blessing and will bring it back to the Policy Board for approval.
- The main change is that we are moving from a one-year plan to a two-year plan. This will enable us to tap into federal funds during the months YVCOG's calendar and the federal calendar don't line up – July through the end of September.

Action: Information

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

[APRIL 2021 M/RTIP AMENDMENT OF THE 2021- 2024 DOCUMENT](#)

Lance Hoyt, Chair Transportation Technical Advisory Committee

- There are 4 amendments this month – Mabton (addition), Moxee (correction), Yakima (revision), and YVCOG (revision).
- Public Comment period ended April 7, 2021.
- The TAC has recommended forwarding to the Policy Board for adoption.

Action: *John Hodgkinson moved to authorize the Chair to sign Resolutions [2021-06](#), [2021-07](#), and the [April 2021 TIP Amendment Checklist](#). Bill Moore seconded. The motion carried.*

2021 FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES AGREEMENTS

Lance Hoyt, Chair Transportation Technical Advisory Committee

The following documents (reporting period: January 1 through December 31, 2020) were presented to the Technical Advisory Committee on April 8th, and were recommended for approval by the Policy Board:

- [Agreement](#) and [Summary of Changes](#)
- [Labor Information Form](#)
- [2021 Labor Letter](#)
- [FTA Certifications and Assurances Form](#)

Action: *Bill Moore moved to authorize the Chair to sign the 2020 5333(b) Labor Letter and for the YVCOG Executive Director to sign FTA's Fiscal Year 2021 Certifications and Assurances Forms for submittal to WSDOT. Madelyn Carlson seconded. The motion carried.*

WSDOT STATE & REGIONAL UPDATE

Troy Suing, WSDOT South Central Region

Mr. Suing provided an update on the next biennium's budget and the current transportation budget legislation happenings in the House and Senate.

Chairman Restucci informed the Policy Board that the Washington State Transportation Commission will be meeting tomorrow to conduct a toll study to help determine how we will deal with our tolling facilities in Washington state, due to COVID decreasing toll revenue. Also meeting virtually with Lakewood officials to hear their issues and concerns regarding transportation.

Action: *Information*

OTHER BUSINESS

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURN

With no other business, Chairman Restucci adjourned the meeting at 1:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Restucci
YVCOG Transportation Policy Board Chair

Date signed

ATTEST:

Tamara Hayward, Financial Specialist

Date signed