



MPO/RTPO TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
VIDEO CONFERENCE  
MEETING MINUTES  
May 13, 2021

**PRESENT:**

Mike Battle – HLA  
Martin Casey – City of Sunnyside  
David Dominguez – City of Union Gap  
Todd Dorsett – City of Grandview  
Randy Giles – WSDOT  
Paul Gonseth – WSDOT  
Cliff Hall - WSDOT  
Dennis Henne - City of Union Gap  
Joe Henne – City of Selah  
Lance Hoyt - City of Toppenish  
Janna Lewis-Clark – Pahto  
Larry Mattson – Jacobs Engineering  
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  
Michael Woodkey – Gray & Osborne

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

**CALL TO ORDER AND  
INTRODUCTIONS**

TAC Chair, Lance Hoyt, called the May 13, 2021, meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. A quorum was present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*April 8, 2021 Meeting Minutes*

Jase Testerman made a motion to approve the [MINUTES for April 8, 2021](#) meeting. Rocky Wallace seconded the motion. The motion carried.

*Alan Adolf, Transportation Program Manager*

**TRANSPORTATION  
PROGRAM  
CORRESPONDENCE**

The [2021-24 MRTIP Amendment Calendar](#) was reviewed.

- Preparing for June amendment
- May 21<sup>st</sup> is deadline for submittal

STIP Update Training (State Transportation Improvement Program) – trainings were held in late winter, but if there is a need for an additional class, YVCOG will coordinate a Zoom session for the training.

WSDOT Public Transportation [Statewide Intercity Bus Network](#) update – presently 4 Greyhound lines funded by a agreement between Greyhound and DOT. A 5<sup>th</sup> route had been under consideration, but received news that those efforts are on indefinite hold. This project would be a good effort for DRYVE and TRANS-Action to support.

[2021 Traffic Count Program Update](#) – We have gotten through Grandview, Granger, Harrah, Sunnyside, Yakima, and the Greenway. Will be on hiatus through June and July, starting in again with Tieton and Wapato in mid-August. We are in the process of archiving completed counts through Tumstone. Reminder: IDAX can also input data gathered by agencies other than YVCOG.

[Freight] Truck parking is the new big transportation issue. Series of weekly workshops coming up beginning June 2<sup>nd</sup> and each Wednesday following, through June 23<sup>rd</sup> (1:30 to 3:00 p.m.) There will be 4 workshops, put on by WSDOT and FHWA. Focusing on issues such as loading and unloading, locations where freight truck drivers can pull over to rest, etc.

MATCH (Mentoring Assistance Training and Communication Help) free program offering technical assistance for local and tribal agencies facing roadway safety challenges. Looking for mentor and also for those who need this assistance.

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

*Alan Adolf, Transportation Program Manager*

SFY 2022 / 2023 Unified Planning Work Program Update

- The Federal/State review was completed on April 22<sup>nd</sup>
- We are returning to a 2-year UPWP, to be in line with the state biennium (7/1/21 to 6/30/23), and to lessen the planning load.
- One big change is that we are now an MPA instead of MPO.
- Tasks are basically the same as before.

*Decision: Rocky Wallace moved to recommend the SFY 2022/2023 UPWP to Policy Board for adoption and submittal to WSDOT. Jase Testerman seconded. The motion carried.*

**2021 WSDOT Freight & Goods Transportation System**

*Alan Adolf, Transportation Program Manager*

2021 WSDOT Freight & Goods Transportation System – time to begin updates for corridor data. Alan will be forwarding the FGTS Update Response Forms to jurisdictions (instructions below), which will need to be completed if you have comments to submit. Individual jurisdiction updates to be sent out soon with return to YVCOG by June 18. Due back to DOT at the end of June.

- Part 1 – [2021 FGTS City & Port Data Submission Instructions](#)
- Part 2 – [First/Last Mile Connector Submission Instructions](#)

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**W. Powerhouse Road / SR 12 Transportation Study Update**

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

Paul Gonseth provided a brief update on the W. Powerhouse Road / SR 12 Transportation Study

- [Survey Announcement](#) Poster and Mailer will be available soon.

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**Commute Trip Reduction / Traffic Demand Management Update**

*Jeff Watson, Senior Planner*

Commute Trip Reduction / Traffic Demand Management (CTR/TDM) Update

- Pretty much running at idle.
- Attending quarterly meetings.
- Expect to do surveys in July/August or September/October range. May be a little later.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

**May 2021-2024 M/RTIP Amendment**

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

- The [May 2021-2024 M/RTIP Amendment](#) Public Comment Period closed on 5/12/2021
- No public comments were received.
- WSDOT submitted two administrative amendments, and 3 additions (SR 24/Bell Road Intersection – intersection safety; US 12/Gordon Road Bridge WB – deck

rehabilitation; and US 12/Gordon Road Bridge EB – deck rehabilitation) for a total of \$4,653,305.00.

*Decision: Paul Gonseth moved for the TAC recommendation to Policy Board for approval of May Amendment of 2021-2024 M/RTIP. Dennis Henne seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

**TAP Augmentation Request**

*Lance Hoyt / Rocky Wallace, City of Toppenish / Alan Adolf*

The City of Toppenish has requested 2016 Transportation Alternatives Program funds to augment their West 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue Sidewalk Project, in the amount of \$27,339.75.

In 2017, this project had originally been ranked in first place for the STBG Set-Aside projects to be constructed, but Toppenish stepped into third place to allow Sunnyside and Naches to proceed. Construction costs have increased since that time, creating the shortfall.

Mr. Adolf has confirmed with Nancy Huntley that there are TAP funds available.

*Decision: Paul Gonseth moved that TAC recommend the Policy Board authorize Executive Director to sign TAP funding augmentation letter for Toppenish's West 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue Sidewalk Project. Jase Testerman seconded. The motion carried.*

**Executive Director Update**

No update this month.

**WSDOT State & Regional Update**

n/a

**Member Updates**

The following jurisdictions/agencies provided updates:

- City of Union Gap
- City of Selah
- City of Yakima
- City of Toppenish
- Yakima County
- City of Grandview

**Action: Information**

**Next TAC Meeting:**

June 10, 2021, next TAC meeting.

**Other Business**

None.

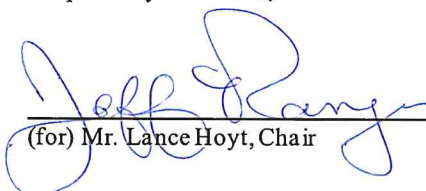
**Public Comment**

None.

**Adjourn**

Chairman Lance Hoyt adjourned the meeting at 10:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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(for) Mr. Lance Hoyt, Chair

Date signed: 6/10/21

Attest:

  
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Alan Adolf, Transportation Manager

Date signed: June 10, 2021