

YVCOG TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
June 21, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman, James Restucci, called the June 21, 2021 meeting of the Transportation Policy Board to order at 1:32 p.m. A quorum was present.

**ROLL CALL &
INTRODUCTIONS**

- Members present via Zoom teleconference: James Restucci, John Hodgkinson, Madelyn Carlson, Janice Gonzales, Bill Moore, Sherry Raymond, Jon Smith, and Brian White.
 - Members Absent: Ron Anderson and Brad Hill.
 - YVCOG staff present: Chris Wickenhagen, Alan Adolf, Marcus Richards, Jeff Watson, Jodi Smith, Tami Hayward, and Shane Andreas
- Others present: n/a

**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*

Bill Moore moved to approve the [May 17, 2021 Meeting](#). Janice Gonzalez seconded. The motion carried.

**TRANSPORTATION
PROGRAM
CORRESPONDENCE**

Alan Adolf, Transportation Program Manager

- Introduction of Marcus Richards, YVCOG's new Associate Transportation Planner. Marcus will be assisting Alan on regularly scheduled activities and new projects.
- Congratulations to [Mabton](#) and [Naches](#) on receiving 2021-2023 Regional Mobility Grant funds for their Park and Ride projects. Mabton (\$193,000) will be paving part of their Presidential Park, and Naches (\$552,000) will be redesigning and paving part of Cleman's View Park.
- YVCOG has received a \$40,000 Consolidated Public Transit [HSTP award letter](#) to update the current Human Services Transportation Plan. Staff will begin working on the update this fall. Funding is also used for MPACT committee, etc.

Information

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business for June.

NEW BUSINESS

JUNE 2021 M/RTIP
AMENDMENT

Alan Adolf, Transportation Program Manager

- There is 1 amendment in June – WSDOT (addition) - SR 22 Et Al/ Yakima & Kittitas County – Bridge Deck Repairs (\$1,541,712)
- Public Comment period ended June 9, 2021.
- On June 10th, the TAC recommended forwarding to the Policy Board for adoption.

Decision: Janice Gonzalez moved to authorize the Chair to sign [Resolution 2021-11 for Findings](#), [Resolution 2021-12 for Air Quality](#), and the [June 2021 TIP Amendment Checklist](#). Bill Moore seconded. The motion carried.

2021-2023
METROPOLITAN/REGIONAL
TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING ORGANIZATION
AGREEMENT (#GCB 3510)

Chris Wickenhagen, Executive Director

- YVCOG has received our July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2023 Biennial Funding Agreement from WSDOT.
- This is our standard Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) consolidated grant agreement for regional planning services – FHWA, FTA, MPO/RTPO and STP funding.

Decision: John Hodkinson moved to authorize the Chair to sign WSDOT-YVCOG Agreement #GCB 3510. Janice Gonzalez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

*WSDOT STATE &
REGIONAL UPDATE*

Brian White, WSDOT South Central Region

Mr. White provided an update on current happenings in the South Central Region –

- Entering into the busiest part of construction season.
- WSDOT staff will be switching from mandatory teleworking to voluntary teleworking on August 16th. There will probably be about 40% of the staff permanently teleworking.
- Hiring contractors to come in and do some quick fixes to bridge decks.

Information

*WASHINGTON
TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION UPDATE*

James Restucci, WTC Member and YVCOG Chairman

Chairman Restucci asked the Board if they would be in support of an initiative to ‘rename’ Highway 97 as ‘WWII Veteran’s Memorial Highway’ – would like it to be renamed throughout Washington, it and has already been renamed in Kittitas County and through Oregon. The Board was in support of the name change. The highway would still retain its’ designation as Highway 97.

Information and Discussion

OTHER BUSINESS

Next Policy Board meeting will be held July 19, 2021.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURN

With no other business, Chairman Restucci adjourned the meeting at 1:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Restucci
YVCOG Transportation Policy Board Chair

Date signed

ATTEST:

Tamara Hayward, Financial Specialist

Date signed