

YVCOG TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
August 16, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman, James Restucci, called the August 16, 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 Hodkinson, Madelyn Carlson, Janice Gonzales, Bill Moore, Sherry Raymond, Jon Smith, and Brian White.
 - Members Absent: Ron Anderson and *Brad Hill.
 - YVCOG staff present: Alan Adolf, Shane Andreas, Tami Hayward, Marcus Richards, Jodi Smith, Jeff Watson, and Chris Wickenhagen
- Others present: Raquel Crowley

**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*

Madelyn Carlson moved to approve the [June 21, 2021 Meeting](#). Bill Moore seconded. The motion carried.

TRANSPORTATION
PROGRAM
CORRESPONDENCE

Alan Adolf, Transportation Program Manager

Congratulation Letters -

- YVCOG congratulates the cities of Union Gap and Yakima on the award of [NHS funds Asset Management funds](#) ; both cities also received [Safe Routes to School funds](#)!
- Congratulations also to Yakima County who has been awarded over \$3,000,000 in [Federal Bridge funding](#) for repairs on the North Fork bridges, and \$1,385,600 for repairs to the South Naches Road bridge!!

2021-2025 Coordinated Public Transit – [Human Services Transportation Planning Award](#)

- YVCOG has received our 2021-2025 Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Planning award letter from WSDOT, in the amount of \$40,000. This will help cover the cost of our HSTP plan, which was last updated in March 2019. This plan lays out needs throughout the valley that agencies and jurisdictions can then apply for public transportation consolidated grant funds. We will be doing a Call for Projects next summer. Will also use that information in support of the Transit Feasibility Study.

Information

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2022-2025 M-RTIP
Development

Alan Adolf, Transportation Program Manager

- We are well into the process of updating our M/RTIP. This document consolidates all of the TIPs turned in by our individual jurisdictions – this report goes to the state and the feds, specifically to document secure federally-funded and regionally-significant projects over the next 4 years.
- We have received updates from almost all of the jurisdictions that we expected. Yakima County is not yet included in this list and is not required to turn theirs in until November.
- Public comment will begin September 14th.
- Will be presented to Policy Board for approval and adoption in mid-October, and then we enter the period where jurisdictions can make corrections and updates to their projects if they received delayed funding.
- Approximately 50 projects this year – a few more than usual.

NEW BUSINESS

AUGUST 2021 M/RTIP
AMENDMENT

Alan Adolf, Transportation Program Manager

- There are 6 amendments for August (and 1 administrative amendment) –
 - Toppenish – Jackson Street Extension - \$1,750,416
 - Union Gap – Main Street Pedestrian Crossing Improvements - \$393,009
 - Union Gap – Valley Mall Blvd. (S. 10th Ave to W. Washington Ave. - \$1,233,000
 - Yakima – North 1st Street Revitalization (MLK Blvd. to “J” Street - \$11,080,000
 - Yakima – Summitview Ave. Resurfacing (N. 40th Ave to N. 72nd Ave. – excluding 48th to 56th) - \$2,315,440
 - Yakima Transit – Fixed Route Bus Improvement - \$268,242
- Public Comment period ended August 11, 2021.
- On August 12, the TAC recommended forwarding to the Policy Board for adoption.

Decision: *John Hodkinson moved to authorize the Chair to sign [Resolution 2021-14 for Findings](#), [Resolution 2021-13 for Air Quality](#), and the [August 2021 TIP Amendment Checklist](#). Janice Gonzales seconded. The motion carried.*

**YAKAMA NATION (YN)
HERITAGE CONNECTIVITY
TRAIL CONCEPT PLAN**

Alan Adolf, Transportation Planning Manager

- The [Concept Plan](#) was adopted by Tribal Council on July 8th;
- The goal is to decrease bicycle and pedestrian fatalities and injuries within the boundaries of the Yakama Nation. The concept plan looks at the ability to create pathways and bikeways with the goal of improving accessibility and linking to communities outside the Nation, including

Union Gap (Greenway), and also to Zillah, Granger, and Mabton through a variety of potential trails

- The [2021-2022 Work Plan](#) outlines efforts over the next 12 months.

Information

WSDOT STATE & REGIONAL UPDATE

Troy Suing, WSDOT South Central Region

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

- Watching the federal infrastructure package
- DOT is working through the vaccination mandate passed down by the governor. Affects employees and any contractor, vendor, etc., who comes onto the site. October 18th is deadline to be fully vaccinated and including 2-week waiting period.
- Working on bridge decks (patching) all over Yakima County. Will be replacing the bridge decks over Gordon Road in a couple of years (double bridges west of Yakima)

Information

WASHINGTON TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION UPDATE

James Restucci, WTC Member and YVCOG Chairman

- Commission will be meeting remotely until 2022.
- The Commission will be visiting Yakima Valley in April or June of 2022
- Chairman Restucci asked Mr. Adolf to elaborate on the MSA decision – every MPO that is formed thins out the available funds for the existing MPOs. The idea of doing this comes mainly from the metropolises, who want fewer MPOs in order to hold on to more money. Yakima could have lost its MPO status if they changed the threshold from 50,000 to 100,000. Depending on growth rates and census results, we could see another MPO in Yakima County, consisting of Prosser, Sunnyside, Grandview, Mabton, and Granger.

Information and Discussion

OTHER BUSINESS

Next Policy Board meeting will be held September 20, 2021.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Raquel Crowley gave a brief update on happenings regarding the infrastructure bill.

ADJOURN

With no other business, Chairman Restucci adjourned the meeting at 2:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Restucci
YVCOG Transportation Policy Board Chair

Date signed

ATTEST:

Tamara Hayward, Financial Specialist

Date signed