

YVCOG TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
January 19, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman, John Hodkinson, called the January 19, 2022, meeting of the Transportation Policy Board to order at 1:30 p.m. A quorum was present.

ROLL CALL &  
INTRODUCTIONS

- Members present via Zoom teleconference: John Hodkinson, Janice Gonzales, Ron Anderson, Bill Moore, Sherry Raymond, Patricia Byers, Troy Suing, and Madelyn Carlson.
- Members Absent: James Restucci, and \*Jon Smith.
- YVCOG staff present: Alan Adolf, Shane Andreas, Vicki Baker, Lynn Deitrick, Tami Hayward, Jodi Smith, Jeff Watson, and Chris Wickenhagen
- Others present: Lance Hoyt, Mitch Nickolds, Rocky Wallace

*\*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 [December 20, 2021](#). Janice Gonzales seconded. The motion carried.

TRANSPORTATION  
PROGRAM  
CORRESPONDENCE

*Alan Adolf, Transportation Program Manager*

**2022 Supplemental Transportation Budget Highlights –**

- [Legislation Tracker](#) - a little light reading sent out by WSTC. Some items of interest you may want to look at.
- [Governor's 2022 Budget Proposal](#) – the totals do include figures based on the federal transportation bill that was passed.
- The House is going completely remote, and the Senate is headed in that direction.
- The 2022 transportation bill will probably not include a gas tax; legislature might add funding into the infrastructure package.
- Received estimated planning money estimates from DOT. RTPPO funding will decrease by \$2,000, but we have received an additional \$400,000 this year in STP construction, and CMAQ and Transportation Alternatives should increase by about 10%. Will be doing a call for projects.

**2022 National Highway Freight Program –**

- Alan is part of a statewide committee tasked with the review of state and federal highway freight program.
- Revised the whole process and a call went out today allowing us to apply for up to \$50 million between FY 22 and FY 25 – statewide, first-mile last-mile.
- 300% increase in funding level for trans-modal (converting rail to truck or vice versa).
- Will be putting together a list of priority projects – we won't prioritize them but will vet them to ensure importance to our region.
- Deadline is March 16<sup>th</sup>.

**WSDOT Human Services Transportation Plan –**

Currently available for public comment – you can view the [full draft plan](#) online. The [HSTP Virtual Open House](#) is scheduled for January 6 – March 7. Please feel free to [Comment on the Plan](#).

**FHWA / FTA PEA –**

We have received a Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration [Letter](#).

[Planning Emphasis Area Update](#). A variety of planning areas will be of greater importance (climate crisis, equity and justice in transportation planning, complete streets, public involvement, federal lands management coordination, environment, transportation planning, etc.). Streetlight update, traffic count services, etc., are examples of how we're trying to increase our data library to jurisdictions.

**2022-2023 TAC Committee Chair / Vice-Chair Elections –**

Lance Hoyt will remain in the position as TAC Chair, and Dennis Henne will continue in the position of TAC Vice Chair.

***Information***

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

***TRANSIT FEASIBILITY STUDY RFP SCORING RESULTS*** *Rocky Wallace, Transit Feasibility Study RFP Scoring Subcommittee Chair*

- Subcommittee met on January 5<sup>th</sup>.
- There were 3 applications to score. All 3 applicants were qualified and the applications were well written. All references were checked.
- High and low scores were removed.
- TRANSPO Group was ranked #1; Walker Consultants #2; and People for People #3
- Appeals deadline is February 7<sup>th</sup>.

***Information***

***APRIL 2022 WSTC IN YAKIMA VALLEY*** *Alan Adolf*

The WSTC will be holding their first in-person meeting since the beginning of COVID 19, in April. It will be a hybrid meeting and portions will be online. The decision will be made in February as to whether or not the meeting will have to convert back to virtual.

The Planning Subcommittee met on January 13<sup>th</sup>.

An initial agenda is put in place.

Planning to do a bus tour on the morning of the first day. Tieton and Naches to Zillah. We will use People for People busses.

***Information***

***W. POWERHOUSE ROAD / SR 12 TRANSPORTATION STUDY UPDATE*** *Alan Adolf*

We have reached an agreement to increase/extend the contract with costs being shared by WSDOT and YVCOG. Projected completion is later this spring.

The cost was quite a lot more than anticipated and requires additional funding to complete.

Once this project was started WSDOT wanted to be sure the end product took a full look at all the issues and potential solutions in that area. All of those have been analyzed.

First time we've done a collaborative study and we now have a much better idea of the cost of these types of studies.

This study will be a huge benefit for our region.

**Decision:** *Janice Gonzales moved to authorize Chair to sign [Agreement GCB3454, Amendment #1](#), between the Washington State Department of Transportation and the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments upon return from WSDOT. Ron Anderson seconded. The motion carried.*

## NEW BUSINESS

### JANUARY 2022-2025 M/RTIP AMENDMENT

Alan Adolf

We have one formal amendment in January.

Mabton Main Street Reconstruction Project is moving from planned phase to secured.

Public Comment period ran from December 29, 2021 to January 12, 2022.

No comments were received.

**Decision:** *Bill Moore moved to adopt and authorize the Chair to sign [Resolution 2022-1 \(Findings\)](#), [Resolution 2022-2 \(Determination of Air Quality\)](#), and the [TIP Amendment Checklist](#). Janice Gonzales seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

### 2022-2023 UPWP UPDATES

Alan Adolf

[UPWP Amendment #2022-1](#) covers YVCOG's website update and hiring a consultant to perform the Transit Feasibility Study.

We are in the process of updating our second year UPWP and may have an opportunity for additional traffic studies, depending on how our budget works out.

**Decision:** *Janice Gonzales moved to adopt [Resolution 2022-3](#) for the State Fiscal Year 2022 Unified Planning Work Program amendment #2022-1 and authorize the chair to sign Resolution 2022-3 for submittal of the amended SFY 2022 UPWP to WSDOT. Sherry Raymond seconded. The motion carried.*

### FEDERAL FUNDING PROGRAMS AWARD LETTERS, 2022 FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR

Lance Hoyt, TAC Chair

Two funding letters for the Union Gap streetsweeper project and the Sunnyside street improvement project.

[Union Gap Streetsweeper \(CMAQ\) Award Letter](#)  
[Sunnyside – 6<sup>th</sup> Street Improvements \(STP\) Award Letter](#)

**Decision:** *Sherry Raymond moved to authorize Chair to sign award letters to the City of Union Gap for their Streetsweeper project and the City of Sunnyside for the 6<sup>th</sup> Street Improvements Project. Bill Moore seconded. The motion carried.*

*YVCOG / eRMSi 2022 On-Call  
Model Assistance Contract*

*Alan Adolf*

Mr. Adolf presented the eRMSi 2022 On-Call Modeling Assistance Contract with Bob Shull for transportation modeling services. This contract is a one-year contract, ending on December 31, 2022.

***Decision: Sherry Raymond moved to authorize the Chair to sign the 2022 On-Call Modeling Assistance Contract after received from eRMSi. Bill Moore seconded the motion. The motion carried.***

*WSDOT STATE & REGIONAL  
UPDATE*

*Troy Suing, WSDOT South Central Region*

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

Snoqualmie Pass was closed for several days with more snowfall than we've had in 20 years but is looking good now. Getting it cleaned up and preparing for next storm.

Construction: looking forward to summer. A lot of work on I-90 from North Bend to Ellensburg. Not only a lot going on this summer but tackling the deck on the Vantage bridge next summer – that will cause significant traffic impacts.

Two bridges – Gordon Road (US12/I-82 interchange) will be building a 2-lane detour bridge in the summer of 2023. Will be setting the stage before long.

***Information***

*Washington Transportation  
Commission Updated*

*Troy Suing*

Mr. Suing gave an overview of the Secretary's presentation. The idea is to move to a more resilient transportation system.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Next Policy Board meeting will be held February 16, 2022.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**ADJOURN**

With no other business, Vice Chairman Hodkinson adjourned the meeting at 2:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
James A. Restucci  
YVCOG Transportation Policy Board Chair

2/22/2022  
Date signed

**ATTEST:**

  
Tamara Hayward, Financial Specialist

2/23/22  
Date signed