



MPO/RTPO TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

VIDEO CONFERENCE

MEETING MINUTES

February 10, 2022

PRESENT:

Ben Annen - HLA
Shaun Burgess – City of Toppenish
Todd Dorsett - Grandview
Randy Giles – WSDOT
Paul Gonseth – WSDOT
Stephen Hazzard – HLA
Dennis Henne – Union Gap
Lance Hoyt – City of Toppenish
Mike Meskimen – Gray & Osborne
Matt Pietrusiewicz – Yakima County
Bill Preston – City of Yakima

Ardele Steele - City of Zillah
Greg Story – Yakima Transit
Jase Testerman – Yakima County
Rocky Wallace – City of Selah
Robert Washabaugh – City of Yakima
Gary Wirt – All Aboard Washington

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

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman, Lance Hoyt, called the February 10, 2022, meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 13, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Dennis Henne made a motion to approve the [MINUTES for January 13, 2022](#) meeting, as corrected. Jase Testerman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM CORRESPONDENCE AND UPDATES

Alan Adolf, Transportation Program Manager

Mr. Adolf announced that YVCOG's Senior Planner, Jeff Watson, will be filling the Transportation Planner position. He will be working on TIP updates, HSTP, and the Transit Feasibility Study, among other things. When you submit items, begin cc'ing Jeff on your emails.

Byron Gumz was introduced as YVCOG's new Land Use Planning Manager, filling the opening created by Lynn Deitrick's retirement 4/1/22.

Review of the [2022 Amendment Schedule](#). No amendments received as of today. The deadline for March TIP amendment submittals is 2/18/2022.

The [2022 Active Transportation Funding Announcement](#) has gone out. WSDOT has provided a presentation for your viewing, if desired.

Safe Routes to Schools applications are due June 6th.

The Pedestrian Bike Program application is due May 30th. Review the application – there have been some revisions made.

Regional Mobility Program announcement went out this week.

YVCOG is willing to provide Letters of Support for your grant applications.

Information

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

Alan Adolf / Paul Gonseth, WSDOT

Mr. Adolf announced that the Policy Board agreed at the January meeting to split the increased costs of the study with WSDOT in order to be able to complete the study – approximately \$25,000 contributed by each (total of \$50,000). Re-engaging in study activities.

Mr. Gonseth explained the expected activity timeline. Hoping for final review and approval by involved agencies by late April or early May.

Information

***2022 HSTP Update / Transit
Feasibility Study / RFP Update***

Jeff Watson, YVCOG Senior Planner

Attended TTPO meeting yesterday. Charlotte Claybrook presented information on the SRTS Ped Bike program – looking at equity emphasis areas. Yakima County is one of those areas. \$18.3 million available for the Bike Ped program and \$19 million for the Safe Routes to School. May not be requiring a match.

Transit Feasibility Study – TRANSPO Group was awarded the contract. Met with them last week to discuss the Scope of Work. Hoping to present the contract to PB next week. Contract begins March 1st.

HSTP – doing research and evaluation of the program. Will run pretty parallel with Transit Feasibility. Would like to have a document approved by PB no later than June. Public Transportation Consolidated Grant, and Regional Mobility, applicants will be able to refer to the document in their grant application process.

MPACT meeting February 23rd.

Information

***2022 Regional Traffic Count
Process Update***

Alan Adolf, Transportation Program Manager

Mr. Adolf expressed thanks to the jurisdictions for getting their requests turned in. All jurisdictions made submissions.

Currently working on developing the Master List, including some locations that YVCOG would like to get in order to benefit traffic modeling and some pedestrian counts.

Should have a season calendar at the March meeting.

Information

***STP / T-A / CMAQ Long Range
Funding Status***

Alan Adolf / Randy Giles, WSDOT

“IJJA” is now being referred to as the “Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill.”

[FY 2022 Projected Planning Funds](#) - we have received our pretty-much final estimate amounts from DOT. They did increase our allocations about 10% - this number is used to forecast the next 4 or 5 years. We are in a good position.

Toppenish’s obligation of right of way has been finalized. We anticipate needing at least one more project this year – maybe Mabton.

Still in good position to meet T-A (Transportation Alternatives) targets.

CMAQ funding increased about \$25,000 per year. Discussion on whether CMAQ could be extended to the entire county, but it has been determined that through 2022/2023 the projects will need to be within the historical MPO boundaries, corresponding with the end of carbon monoxide attainment guidelines we have to meet (ending 12/31/22). PM¹⁰ runs through March of 2025.

These are estimates for upcoming years, still working to determine actual funding for 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026.

WSDOT Policy for Use of Toll Credits – Randy Giles (WSDOT) provided an explanation of how toll credits can be used to reduce project costs by using these credits as match on federal projects (mainly STP/CMAQ or TA-funded projects). Most of the tolls are from ferries. There is quite a large surplus of credits right now. Can be used on WSDOT-managed programs such as safety or bridge programs. MPOs will be responsible for tracking the use of toll credits.

Statewide Federal Managed Projects – are obligation years still current and valid? If not, should some of the funds be returned to Stephanie? Are MPOs being given some authority over these funds – policy change?

OA Target Delivery Allocations

STP target is \$3.56 million, not including the \$3 million that was just approved for Sunnyside to do their project, which brings us to about \$500,000 we still need to obligate by early July. Options may be Mabton and Selah projects. We will have the benefit of the Union Gap street sweeper being included this year. In a good position. Our goal is to obligate as early as possible in the year and not be a concern to Stephanie.

Information and Discussion

April 2022 WSTC Union Gap Meeting Update

Alan Adolf

Review of draft agenda for April 19-20th WA State Transportation Commission meeting for Yakima Valley region:

We have begun our subcommittee meetings.

Final decision of whether or not the event will be in person should be made within the next 10 days. The goal is to have in-person presentations as much as possible, but the meeting will be available to watch on TVW, and maybe YPAC and MBTV.

Still planning a bus tour on Tuesday – Naches/Tieton, East/West Corridor, Moxee, Zillah Village Valley Parkway, and Union Gap interchange.

Invitations have been sent out to most of you. Still awaiting some confirmations. Presentations could be vocal or with powerpoint.

Information

2022-2023 UPWP Updates, SFY 2023

We have requested that the TAC and MPACT committees make comments or recommendations for this year's revisions.

We are doing a 2-year UPWP but are only looking at making minor budgetary changes for now.

YVCOG is looking forward to doing a corridor study running through Naches – something similar to what Union Gap has been working on ... putting sidewalks and bike lanes along the roadway. This study was proposed by DOT a few years ago and Naches feels they are about ready to begin moving forward.

We will be submitting the UPWP to DOT headquarters in March, and will be reviewed by the feds in April. And we will be doing Amendment #2 in May. The UPWP should be adopted in May or June, as normal.

The Toppenish freight express route that has been in the unfunded section of the document may be moved into an active study in 2022/23.

If you have suggestions or additions, please submit to Alan by the end of February.

2021 Regional Traffic Model Update

Jeff Watson

Bob Schull has been working on the traffic model periodic update. Our recent acquisition of Streetlight has given him the opportunity to make a more accurate assessment of traffic flows and counts. He has come up with an algorithm that compares all of the TAZs with the data he got out of Streetlight to the data in his system. Able to do a deeper dive.

The GEH numbers are encouraging.

Looking at future (2025 and 2045) land use projections – would like to incorporate into the model. We want 2025 to be as accurate as possible.

Information and discussion

2022 NHFP Request for Regional Priorities

Alan Adolf

If you were unable to participate in the January 19th webinar, there is a recorded version.

This year's process is a little different – starting out with project specific applications and then will look at corridor projects later on.

COG's responsibility in this process is to collect and submit applications. DOT will prioritize projects. DOT deadline is March 16th. ([Submittal Review Schedule](#)), but YVCOG submittal deadline will be Friday, February 25th.

The [Regional Priorities Project Cover Sheet](#) short form only has space for 10 submittals. We have received one project application so far.

Funding can go to projects within 10 miles of the corridor, you just receive fewer points the farther you location is from the corridor.

A subcommittee will review applications. Requested 4 or 5 volunteers. Rocky Wallace, Shaun Burgess, and Todd Dorsett volunteered as subcommittee members. Yakima County and Union Gap offered to check with staff members and find a volunteer.

Discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

February 2022-2025 M/RTIP Amendment

Alan Adolf, Transportation Program Manager

There are four (4) formal amendments for our February M/RTIP amendment.

- Grandview (addition) – Old Inland Empire Highway - \$2,475,753 total
- Union Gap (addition) – Street Sweeper Purchase - \$375,000 total

- WSDOT (addition) – SR 410 / Miner Creek to 1 mile east of Hells Crossing – Stormwater Retrofit - \$253,626 total; and
- Yakima County (addition/revision) – N. Fork Bridge #105 - \$1,498,600 total

Decision: Rocky Wallace moved for TAC recommendation to Policy Board for approval of February Amendment of 2022-2025 M/RTIP. Bill Preston seconded the motion. The motion carried.

WSDOT State & Regional Update Paul Gonseth and Randy Giles, WSDOT

They are working on the funding package for this legislation. Yakima Transit would be getting a line item to run service out to Terrace Heights.

East/West Corridor is also in line for some Bike Ped money.

Information

Member Updates

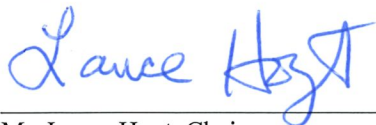
The following jurisdictions/agencies provided updates:

All Aboard Washington
 Grandview
 HLA – Moxee and Zillah
 Selah
 Toppenish
 Union Gap
 Yakima
 Yakima County

Information

Next TAC Meeting: March 10, 2022, next TAC meeting
Other Business None.
Public Comment None.
Adjourn Mr. Hoyt adjourned the meeting at 11:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mr. Lance Hoyt, Chair

Date signed: 3/10/2022

Attest:



Alan Adolf, Transportation Manager

Date signed: March 10, 2022