



## MPO/RTPO TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

VIDEO CONFERENCE

MEETING MINUTES

December 9, 2021

### PRESENT:

Elizabeth Alba – City of Sunnyside  
Sean Burgess – City of Toppenish  
Todd Dorsett – City of Grandview  
Shane Fisher – City of Sunnyside  
Randy Giles – WSDOT  
Paul Gonseth – WSDOT  
Dennis Henne – City of Union Gap  
Lance Hoyt – City of Toppenish  
Janna Lewis-Clark – PAHTO Public Passage  
Matt Pietrusiewicz – Yakima County  
Bill Preston – City of Yakima  
Stephanie Ray - HLA

Robert Shull - eRMSi  
Ardele Steele - City of Zillah  
Greg Story – Yakima Transit  
Rocky Wallace – City of Selah  
Gary Wirt – All Aboard Washington

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

### CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman, Lance Hoyt, called the December 9, 2021, meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. A quorum was present.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*October 14, 2021 Meeting Minutes*

Rocky Wallace made a motion to approve the [MINUTES for October 14, 2021](#) meeting. Dennis Henne seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM CORRESPONDENCE AND UPDATES

*Alan Adolf, Transportation Program Manager*

Introduction of Maria Lopez, YVCOG's new Community Outreach Coordinator. Maria will be working with all YVCOG programs, including transportation.

The All Aboard Washington [Year-End Summit](#) will be held December 11<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 1 p.m. and will probably last about 2 hours. We will have opportunity to comment. Mr. Wirt provided additional information. Routes over 750 miles long are federally funded. This is the main reason we would like to restore the Hiawatha route. Millions of dollars are available. To attend, go to [AAWA.us](#) to register.

2022-25 MRTIP Federal/State Air Quality Conformity Review. Performed November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved with a minor correction to the financial feasibility table.

Heads up - National Highway Freight Program (NHFP) Program – Pending Project Call in January 2022. Will be looking at some small changes being made to plan – there may be a modest increase in the state or corridor miles – we can probably expect a couple miles being added to freight corridor. Also may change eligibility criteria. One change in criteria is that projects that are adjacent to the corridor projects could be eligible.

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### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

*2021 Regional Traffic Model Update*

*Alan Adolf / Bob Shull (eRMSi)*

- Information was provided on the revised strategy to review jurisdictional land use updates in model.
- Thank you to all who submitted their input and updates.
- Mr. Shull provided a review of the initial usage of StreetLight data in YVCOG planning activities. StreetLight lets us look at daily trips, etc., and assists in land use planning.
- We may be able to use StreetLight for projects that aren't transportation-specific, as we learn more about it.

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

*Paul Gonseth (WSDOT)*

Mr. Gonseth addressed the TAC meeting, requesting consideration to amend the YVCOG/WSDOT Contract. Staffing issues have caused delays and increased costs. Will need another \$50,000 to finish the traffic study.

*Decision: Lack of motion.*

*2022 HSTP Update / Transit Feasibility Study RFP Update*

*Alan Adolf, Transportation Program Manager*

**MPACT Meeting**

- MPACT (HSTP committee) meeting scheduled for December 15<sup>th</sup>.
- We will be election the MPACT Executive Board – the term of office will begin January 2022 and run through December of 2023 (2 years). Accepting nominations for Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary. Anyone interested, please contact Alan.

**Transit Feasibility RFP**

- Submittal deadline was December 8<sup>th</sup>
- Three submittals
- Will begin the review process shortly.
- Looking for subcommittee participants to review and prioritize proposals.
- The review should take a couple of hours and be conducted by January 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Prioritization needs to be in place by January 7<sup>th</sup>.

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*2022 Regional Traffic Count Process Update*

*Alan Adolf, Transportation Program Manager*

- Thank you to all who submitted your needs assessments.
- Finalizing minor updates to the request form.
- Everyone expected to stay the same or a slight increase to what you were allotted last year.
- January 31<sup>st</sup> is the deadline to submit requests.
- Three options – tube-counts, turning movements, motion capture (bike and pedestrian). Will be approaching the jurisdictions about strategic locations for video capture.
- Still looking at April 1<sup>st</sup> kickoff date but may start earlier if the weather is mild.
- Will be sending the form out next week, and you will have about 6 weeks to put together your project lists.

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*STP / T-A / CMAQ Long Range Funding (Status as of December 2021)*

*Alan Adolf / Jurisdictional Representatives*

- [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Washington](#) – umbrella USDOT document showing what money should be coming to Washington state.
- Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) – [Bill Summary](#) – put together by DOT – 5-year document.
- [FY 21 Local Delivery Summary](#) – YVCOG will be receiving redistributed (bonus) funds. \$333,559.00 of FY 21 funds will be added to our FY 22 funding pot. This is because Washington state met our funding obligations and some other states didn't. Doesn't affect our target or take away from our 2023-2024 allocations.
- [Jurisdictional Project Phase Updates](#) – jurisdictions provided updates on their obligation status.

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

*Jeff Watson, Senior Planner*

[CTR Law Change considerations](#) for state legislature

Continuing with our update and reporting obligations with the state. Following along with the reinvention/restructure of CTR/TDM. The state is re-evaluating their areas of focus. Culturally and geographically, our challenges are different that the West side of the state. Trying to connect digitally with ETC's was not very fruitful, so the current strategy is going out in person. Reactions have ranged from a deer in headlights, to those who aren't familiar with the program, to those who say 'do we really have to do that again?' and those who are happy the program is getting back off the ground. Surveys are still on schedule for early spring. Changes wouldn't take effect until 2023-2025.

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*April 2022 WA State Transportation Commission (WSTC) Meeting – Union Gap*

*Alan Adolf*

It was made official at the November meeting that Union Gap will be hosting the first in-person Transportation Commission meeting in 2 years. It will be a hybrid meeting, taking place in mid-April.

Will be an opportunity for a morning tour on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

[Brief review of Review of 2018 Presentation](#) and [November 2021 Agenda sample](#)

Looking at creating a subcommittee to organize the meeting. Dennis Henne has volunteered. Contact Alan or Maria if you are interested in participating on the subcommittee.

Maria will be the COG's facilitating lead with this and Alan will oversee the meeting format, etc.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

*January 2021-2024 M/RTIP Amendment*

*Alan Adolf, Transportation Program Manager*

- Mr. Adolf provided updates on the January amendment – this is the first update opportunity of the year.
- Because of the Christmas holiday, January Amendment submittals are due by Wednesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

- TAC meeting will be held January 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Public comment period will begin on the 28<sup>th</sup>.
- [2022 Amendment Schedule](#)

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2021 Intelligent Transportation Systems Annual Plan (ITS)

Alan Adolf

We didn't receive any amendments or comments from jurisdictions or TAC members. Made a few administrative adjustments. This is an internal plan that doesn't go to DOT or feds, but jurisdictions can use it to apply for IT-related grants.

*Decision: Dennis Henne moved to recommend the Policy Board adopt 2021 ITS Plan Update. Rocky Wallace seconded. The motion carried.*

2021 Safety Performance Measures Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA)

Alan Adolf

This is the first of the 2022 federal performance measures categories. Annual

Since we converted to a county-wide MPA the data, as part of our performance measures, would increase. That is because in 2020 DOT started calculating on a county-wide basis – it doesn't mean that we've gotten worse. Just a different way of calculating.

The goal is still to reduce fatalities and accidents.

This is a concurrence [cover letter](#) and [resolution \(2021-19\)](#), stating that we agree with the state's numbers.

*Decision: Rocky Wallace moved to recommend the Policy Board authorize Director to sign confirmation letter and adopt Resolution 2021-19 for 2022 Safety Performance Measures and Targets. Bill Preston seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

City of Yakima Federal Functional Classification (FFC) Requests

Bill Preston, City of Yakima

Mr. Preston gave an explanation of the reasons for classifying Bravo Company Boulevard to a Minor Arterial, and changing 88<sup>th</sup> Avenue to a Major Collector. Requesting a support letter from YVCOG for City of Yakima's submittal to WSDOT.

*Decision: Dennis Henne moved to recommend to Policy Board for YVCOG Executive Director to sign Concurrence letter to WSDOT for Federal Functional Classification Requests. Janna Lewis-Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

Transportation Technical Advisory Committee Elections

Lance Hoyt, Chair

Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair for the 2022-2023 calendar year term will open December 31, 2021, and elections will be held at the January 13, 2022 TAC meeting.

The time commitment is normally about ½ hour each month.

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Executive Director Update

No report this month.

WSDOT State & Regional Update

Randy Giles, WSDOT

If you are the recipient of a WSDOT-managed bridge or safety program award, WSDOT is still offering the 100% ratio funding. No match if obligated during this fiscal year.

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**Member Updates**

The following jurisdictions/agencies provided updates:

- Yakama Nation
- City of Grandview
- City of Selah
- City of Sunnyside
- City of Toppenish
- City of Union Gap
- City of Yakima
- All Aboard Washington – April meeting
- PAHTO Public Passage
- Mr. Adolf provided updates for Granger (\$936,000 for Main Street Phase I - small city arterial project) and Mabton (\$400,000 city preservation funds for S. Main Street overlay) TIB awards.

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**Next TAC Meeting:** January 13, 2022, next TAC meeting  
**Other Business** None.  
**Public Comment** None.  
**Adjourn** Mr. Hoyt adjourned the meeting at 11:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Mr. Lance Hoyt, Chair

Date signed: 1/13/2022

Attest:

  
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Alan Adolf, Transportation Manager

Date signed: 1/13/2022