

YVCOG TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
February 16, 2022

CALL TO ORDER	Vice Chair John Hodkinson called the February 16, 2022, meeting of the Transportation Policy Board to order at 1:30 p.m. A quorum was present.
ROLL CALL & INTRODUCTIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Members present via Zoom teleconference: James Restucci, John Hodkinson, Janice Gonzales, Bill Moore, Sherry Raymond, Patricia Byers, Troy Suing, and Madelyn Carlson.</li><li>• Members Absent: Ron Anderson, and *Jon Smith.</li><li>• YVCOG staff present: Alan Adolf, Shane Andreas, Vicki Baker, Lynn Deitrick, Byron Gumz, Tami Hayward, Jodi Smith, Jeff Watson, and Chris Wickenhagen</li></ul> <p>Others present: Lance Hoyt and Mitch Nickolds (Toppenish); Raquel Crowley and Emily Shay (Sen. Patty Murray's office).</p> <p><i>*Indicates notice of absence received prior to meeting.</i></p>
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 <a href="#">January 19, 2022 minutes</a> . Janice Gonzales seconded. The motion carried.
TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM CORRESPONDENCE	<p><i>Alan Adolf, Transportation Planning Manager</i></p> <p>Announced a series of grant applications coming out:</p> <p><a href="#">2022 Active Transportation Funding Announcement</a> These are the DOT grants Pedestrian Bike Program and the Safe Routes to Schools applications. Announced last week. Ped/Bike applications are due May 30<sup>th</sup> and SRTS applications are due June 6<sup>th</sup>. Great opportunities: funding for sidewalks and trails, access to schools, etc. Public agencies and tribes are eligible. Funding for upcoming biennium \$18 million plus. Funding requested is usually 3 or 4 to 1 versus what is available. The Secretary of Transportation desires more opportunities to fund non-motorized transportation and hope these funding sources help accomplish that goal.</p> <p><a href="#">2023-25 Public Transportation Funding Announcement</a> Regional Mobility Program concept (idea of project – submitted to DOT) is due March 3<sup>rd</sup>, with the application being due June 28<sup>th</sup>. This has been a successful source of funding. Mabton and Naches both received Park and Ride funding last year.</p> <p><a href="#">2022 NHFP Request for Regional Priorities</a> Reviewed the National Highway Freight Program Submittal Review Schedule. Federal funding addressing freight routes through our region.</p>

Main corridors have been addressed first in the past, then to more project-specific requests.

This go-around we will be starting with project-specific requests. First mile, last mile.

Webinar January 19<sup>th</sup> announced the program and parameters.

Due date is March 16<sup>th</sup>, before the next Policy Board meeting. It will be shared with TAC in March. We have informed DOT that we will send the list in before it is accepted by the Policy Board, and will be presented to Policy Board for approval on March 21<sup>st</sup>.

YVCOG will collect and review for primary eligibility (whether they can be completed 2022-2025) and submit a short list to WSDOT. We will not be prioritizing the projects. The projects need to be regionally beneficial.

### ***Information***

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### ***TRANSPO GROUP CONTRACT Alan Adolf (11:55)*** ***– JANUARY 2022***

We have our [Transit Feasibility Study Consultant Contract](#) ready with Transpo Group. Our attorney has reviewed and approved the agreement. We have coordinated with them to refine our scope, making it a little more specific to our needs and line up with future transportation analysis efforts.

The Transit Feasibility Study will last about 6 months and will concentrate on what are our existing resources: vehicles, infrastructure, existing and projected revenues and expenses.

The contract would start March 1<sup>st</sup> and run through December 31<sup>st</sup>.

***Decision:*** Janice Gonzales moved to Authorize Chair to sign YVCOG/Transpo Group Transit Feasibility Study Consultant Contract. Bill Moore seconded. The motion carried.

### ***APRIL 2022 WSTC IN YAKIMA Alan Adolf*** ***VALLEY - Update***

The event will be hosted by the City of Union Gap. Two of the seven commission members are concerned about meeting in person. They will go ahead with the in-person event, beginning with the Tuesday morning bus tour. The proposed tour will begin in Naches/Tieton, viewing the rail to trail project, both sides of the East West Corridor, Morrier Lane project in Moxee, and Zillah's Vintage Valley Parkway project, and will then return through the South Union Gap interchange.

Will be looking at economic development opportunities on the second day.

Importance of building new network systems, etc.

Will have an event coordinating meeting tomorrow.

In-person speakers will probably be the only ones in the city hall meeting room.

The event will be covered by TVW, YPAK, and MBTV.

Making arrangements to turn it back into an online meeting if there is a spike in Covid cases.

### ***Information***

## NEW BUSINESS

### FEBRUARY 2022-2025 M/RTIP AMENDMENT

*Lance Hoyt, TAC Chair*

We have four (4) formal amendments in February:

- Grandview – Old Inland Empire Highway - \$2,475,753 total
- Union Gap – Street Sweeper Purchase - \$375,000.00 total
- WSDOT – SR 410 Miner Creek to Hells Crossing - \$253,626.00 total
- Yakima County – North Fork Bridge #105 - \$1,498,600.00 total

The public comment period ended on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, and no comments were received. Projects are financially feasible.

**Decision:** *Janice Gonzales moved to adopt and authorize the Chair to sign [Resolution 2022-04 \(Determination of Air Quality\)](#), [Resolution 2022-05 \(Findings\)](#), and the [TIP Amendment Checklist](#). Sherry Raymond seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

### *STP, TA AND CMAQ FUNDING PROJECTIONS*

*Alan Adolf*

- We have received our ‘most-likely official’ funding amounts for this fiscal year. ([FY 2022 Regional Allocation Forecast Update](#)) STP funds increased by about 10% (from \$4.2 million to \$4.65 million), offsetting a small decrease in 2020. IJJA is now called “BILL” (Bipartisan Infrastructure). Transportation Alternatives funding has increased by about \$10,000 and we are now in a position to do a Call for Projects later this spring, as well as CMAQ – we still monitor both carbon monoxide (CO) and PM<sup>10</sup>, and have been doing so for 20 years. We will be ending the CO emissions requirement at the end of 2022. PM<sup>10</sup> continues through March of 2025. Jurisdictions may still receive CMAQ funding and may be able to spread throughout our region.

For the last several T-A federally funded calls for projects, we have had a 13.5% local match. The state has decided that due to an overabundance of toll credits (through state route tolls and ferry fees), we will be able to use those toll credits to cover the 13.5% match on eligible projects. ([WSDOT Policy on Use of Toll Credits](#))

Troy Suing gave additional explanation on the use of toll credits. The credits are not money, they are just used to in place of the local match. It lessens the burden on the local agency, but it decreases the overall pot of federal money.

### ***Information***

### **WSDOT STATE & REGIONAL UPDATE** *Troy Suing, WSDOT South Central Region*

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

Move Ahead Washington – a new bipartisan revenue package providing additional revenue to DOT and local agencies. Has passed the state

Transportation Committee. Focused on preservation and maintenance. Watching it closely.

Active transportation is shifting away from a lot of the larger, more vehicle-related transportation projects and focusing on transit and multi-modal.

Construction will be starting soon. Large projects on I-90 and a lot of smaller ones too – there will be traffic impacts.

### ***Information***

#### **WASHINGTON TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION UPDATE**

None.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Next Policy Board meeting will be held March 21, 2022.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Raquel Crowley mentioned that she has sent information to YVCOG on the infrastructure jobs act and webinar – lots of information coming out.

#### **ADJOURN**

With no other business, Vice Chairman Hodkinson adjourned the meeting at 2:10p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

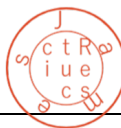
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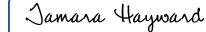
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