

**YVCOG TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
March 21, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER	Vice Chair John Hodkinson called the March 21, 2022, meeting of the Transportation Policy Board to order at 1:31 p.m. A quorum was present.
ROLL CALL & INTRODUCTIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Members present via Zoom teleconference: James Restucci, John Hodkinson, Janice Gonzales, Jose Trevino, Sherry Raymond, Patricia Byers, Ron Anderson, Jon Smith, Troy Suing, and Madelyn Carlson.• Members Absent: *Sherry Raymond.• YVCOG staff present: Alan Adolf, Shane Andreas, Vicki Baker, Lynn Deitrick, Tami Hayward, Jodi Smith, Jeff Watson, and Chris Wickenhagen• Others present: Dennis Henne, TAC Chair <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*	John Hodkinson moved to approve the February 16, 2022 Minutes . Patricia Byers seconded. The motion carried.
TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM CORRESPONDENCE	<p><i>Alan Adolf, Transportation Planning Manager</i></p> <p>2022 Legislative Session Update – Review of email from Secretary of Transportation, Roger Millar. Two primary transportation bills: 2022 Supplemental Transportation Budget and the new Move Ahead Washington Transportation Package. Some of the areas that affect our region are: Safe Routes to School, Bike/Ped and other school-based bike programs, highway preservation, and transit funding. \$50 million for Connecting Communities – walking and biking infrastructure Both of these bills will be going to the governor for signature soon.</p> <p><u>TAC Chair</u> – After many years of great service to the TAC and to YVCOG, Toppenish City Administrator, Lance Hoyt, has retired. Mr. Hoyt was the current TAC Chair, with Dennis Henne of Union Gap serving as TAC Vice Chair. Mr. Henne will be assuming the role of TAC Chair and the TAC will be beginning the process of filling the position of Vice Chair.</p> <p><i>Information</i></p>
UNFINISHED BUSINESS	
2022-2023 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP UPDATE, SFY 2023)	<p><i>Alan Adolf</i></p> <p>Mr. Adolf reviewed YVCOG proposed changes to UPWP, SY 2023 – Amendment #2</p> <p>This is part of the annual review and update of UPWP. The first amendment to the UPWP was done in December. Amendment #2 will be presented in May.</p>

Two main update items –

- Proposed traffic study in Naches – bicycle/pedestrian facilities on SR 12 between eastern and western city limits. Similar to project on Valley Mall Boulevard bicycle lanes, etc. Approximately \$100,000.00.
- Powerhouse study should be completed shortly and has been added as a potential deliverable.
- Toppenish Freight Bypass – there is some opportunity to begin a study on this long-listed unfunded project. Currently working with DOT to come up with an estimated cost. Would probably begin around this time next year. May cost up to \$500,000.00.

Will be presented to Policy Board for adoption in May.

Information

APRIL 2022 WSTC IN YAKIMA VALLEY UPDATE

Alan Adolf

Mr. Adolf presented an update on the Washington State Transportation Commission meeting scheduled to be held in Union Gap on April 19th and 20th. Meeting will be available on Zoom.

Secretary Millar will be joining Tuesday's bus tour. Tour will run 9:00 to about noon.

Bus tour stops will include: Zillah Park-and-Ride and Vintage Valley Parkway, Tieton, Naches Trail on Highway 12, East/West Corridor (both sides), and Moxee.

Still working on agenda updates.

Information

NEW BUSINESS

MARCH 2022-2025 M/RTIP AMENDMENT

Alan Adolf

We have one (1) formal amendment in March:

- Yakima – 34th Avenue, Fruitvale, River Road Roundabout (additional \$150,000) - \$1,046,148 total

The public comment period ended on March 9th, and no comments were received. Projects are financially feasible.

WSDOT no longer requires the TIP Amendment Checklist be approved and signed by the Policy Board.

Decision: *Janice Gonzales moved to adopt and authorize the Chair to sign [Resolution 2022-06 \(Determination of Air Quality\)](#), and [Resolution 2022-07 \(Findings\)](#). Ron Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

NATIONAL HIGHWAY
FREIGHT PROGRAM PROJECT
(NFHP) SUBMITTALS

Alan Adolf

In January WSDOT and YVCOG announced a Call for Projects to our regional jurisdictions for the National Highway Freight Program – this is done every four to six years, depending on when a federal transportation bill is updated. Federal money that comes to the state and then made available as part of a competitive process.

We were asked to bring together projects submitted from our region and review for consistency with the program and viewed as projects supported by our region.

We had 4 projects submitted, which were reviewed at the March TAC meeting.

- City of Yakima: North 1st Street revitalization Phase 3
- City of Yakima: 34th Ave, Fruitvale, River Road Roundabouts
- Yakima County: Beaudry/Bittner Crossing
- Union Gap: Regional Beltway Connector

These projects have been submitted to DOT, pending approval by Policy Board.

Decision: Janice Gonzales moved to formally approve submittal of National Highway Freight Program project list for submittal to WSDOT. Patricia Byers seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CY 2021 OBLIGATIONS AND
CLOSURES ANNUAL REPORT

Alan Adolf

This report lists federally-funded projects that have obligated, de-obligated or closed over the last calendar year. Slightly different format the displays less information – more for federal eyes than the general public.

Decision: Patricia Byers moved to authorize Executive Director to submit Calendar Year 2021 YVCOG Metropolitan & Regional Obligation & Closures Report to WSDOT. Janice Gonzales seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2022 YAKIMA TRANSIT
PUBLIC TRANSIT AGENCY
SAFETY PLAN

Alan Adolf

Yakima Transit has completed the annual review of their agency safety plan. It was adopted on February 4th. The only significant change in their performance targets was the removal of the vanpool program.

Decision: John Hodgkinson moved to authorize Executive Director to sign [cover letter](#) and adopt [Resolution 2022-08](#) for 2022 Transit Safety Performance Measures and Targets. Ron Anderson seconded. 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 –

Digging into the new revenue package that was passed. IJJA is kind of intertwined with this infrastructure funding package.

Transitioning from winter operations to the construction side of things.

Phase 3 of I-90 project is out for bids. Over \$300 million project. Mid-to-late summer construction.

A lot of I-90 construction going on this summer, so check WSDOT website before you travel.

Information

WASHINGTON
TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION UPDATE

James Restucci, YVCOG Executive Committee Chair and WSTC Rep

This will be the first in-person meeting in two years. Five of the seven commission members attending the meeting in person, and the other two will be attending via Zoom.

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OTHER BUSINESS

Next Policy Board meeting will be held April 18, 2022.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURN

With no other business, Vice Chairman Hodkinson adjourned the meeting at 2:16p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

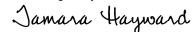
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James A. Restucci
YVCOG Transportation Policy Board Chair

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Tamara Hayward, Financial Specialist

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