



MPO/RTPO TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

VIDEO CONFERENCE

MEETING MINUTES

March 10, 2022

PRESENT:

Elizabeth Alba - Sunnyside
Shaun Burgess - City of Toppenish
Kelly Connaughton - Greenway
David Dominguez - Union Gap
Todd Dorsett - Grandview
Randy Giles - WSDOT
Paul Gonseth - WSDOT
Stephen Hazzard - HLA
Joe Henne - Selah
Lance Hoyt - City of Toppenish
Janna Lewis-Clark - Pahto Public Passage
Larry Mattson - Jacobs Engineering
Mike Meskimen - Gray & Osborne
Matt Pietrusiewicz - Yakima County

Bill Preston - City of Yakima
Ardele Steele - City of Zillah
Greg Story - Yakima Transit
Rocky Wallace - City of Selah
Robert Washabaugh - City of Yakima
Gary Wirt - All Aboard Washington

YVCOG Staff:
Alan Adolf, Transportation Manager
Byron Gumz, Regional Land Use Manager
Tami Hayward, Financial Specialist
Jodi Smith, Communications Specialist
Jeff Watson, Senior Planner

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman, Lance Hoyt, called the March 10, 2022, meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 13, 2022 Meeting Minutes Ardele Steele made a motion to approve the MINUTES for February 10, 2022 meeting, as corrected. Rocky Wallace seconded the motion. The motion carried.

TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM CORRESPONDENCE AND UPDATES

Alan Adolf, Transportation Program Manager

Review of the 2022 Amendment Schedule. No amendments received as of today. The deadline for April TIP amendment submittals is 3/25/2022.

WSDOT STIP Training Classes - there are 5 classes available (you only need to take one), which will be held the week of March 14th. Great training for anyone who will be using STIP, or a refresher for those who already use it.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

W. Powerhouse Road / SR 12 Transportation Study Update

Paul Gonseth, WSDOT

Finished with evaluation of all the alternatives and have created a scoring matrix. Will be meeting with the advisory team to review the scoring.

Will be conducting an online open house for additional public input - probably in April.

Will incorporate public input with the scoring results and will then create the final preferred action plan forward for the Powerhouse area, so we're getting close!

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2022 HSTP / Transit Feasibility Study Update

Jeff Watson, YVCOG Senior Planner

Transit Study Kickoff – sat down Monday with TRANSPO Group and firmed up the schedule, processes, communications, etc. Planning to conduct a tour on the 28th to get a feel for what’s happening on the ground here.

We have begun exchanging documents, data, etc., set up a document exchange folder for that purpose.

Requesting calls for stakeholders from all of you if you think there are individuals, corporations or other governmental entities in your region that have a stake in this. We want to be sure to communicate with them in this process. Please forward that information to either Jeff or Alan.

HSTP – we have begun updating the demographics of the plan. Focusing on changes over the last 4 years. Moving forward with vigor.

There will be an MPACT meeting at 2:30 p.m. on March 30th, via Zoom.

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Commute Trip Reduction Program Updates

Jeff Watson

Received notification that we will be reverting back to paper surveys, and we will be getting in touch with folks with the logistics soon.

Putting together a Bike to Work Day event – May 20th – hoping to set something up on or near the Greenway in the morning, and then a get-together in the afternoon. Will be distributing information and flyers, etc., soon.

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2022 Regional Traffic Count Process Update

Alan Adolf

Thank you to everyone who turned in their traffic count requests. We have had meetings with IDAX to get ready for the season. The [Proposed IDAX 2022 Counter Schedule](#) mimics your timeframes for various counts as close as possible. We will be submitting all of the counts into Turnstone (IDAX’s online database).

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April 2022 WSTC Union Gap Meeting Update

Alan Adolf

Agenda has been somewhat revised. Five of the seven commissioners will be participating in person, with the other two participating remotely via Zoom.

Bus tour will be conducted the morning of the 19th.

Requested copies of presentation slides, etc., from presenters, by April 12th.

Information

2022-2023 UPWP Updates, SFY 2023

Alan Adolf

Even though we are now doing a two-year UPWP, we are still required to make annual updates to the plan as needed.

We did Amendment #1 in December 2021 – adding language regarding moving forward with the Transit Feasibility, and for approval of COG’s pending webpage update.

With Amendment #2, we will be adding two planning studies, which would commence following the Powerhouse Road Study. The first one is an SR 12 Naches City Limits Bike/Ped Facilities Study between the east and west borders of the town. Hoping to start this study soon after the new UPWP year begins. The second is the Toppenish SR 22 Freight Bypass Study. YVCOG’s participation in this study would be heavy on modeling, land use, and traffic count resources, partnering with DOT in these areas. Funding would include increases in federal STP funding. The only other change is that we would be removing Streetlight since we now have it.

Decision: Rocky Wallace moved to accept the UPWP updates in order to allow YVCOG Transportation Manager to begin the review process with WSDOT and federal agencies, required prior to final adoption. Shaun Burgess seconded the motion. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

[March 2022-2025 M/RTIP Amendment](#)

Alan Adolf, Transportation Program Manager

There is one (1) formal amendment in March.

Yakima – 34th Avenue, Fruitvale, River Road Roundabout (revision).

- Adding PE phase back into their work and hiring a design consultant.
- Increase of \$150,000 - \$1,046,148 total cost

Decision: Ardele Steele moved for TAC recommendation to Policy Board for approval of March Amendment of 2022-2025 M/RTIP. Elizabeth Alba seconded the motion. The motion carried.

[National Highway Freight Program Project \(NHFP\) Submittals](#)

Alan Adolf, Transportation Program Manager

Applications were due February 25th.

Four (4) formal submittals.

- 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

WSDOT will score the applications.

Deadline to submit list is March 16th

Decision: Rocky Wallace moved the TAC recommend to Policy Board for concurrence and submittal of 2022 NHFP Application Submittal List to WSDOT. Elizabeth Alba seconded. The motion carried.

[CY 2021 Obligations and Closures Annual Report](#)

Alan Adolf

This report lists federally-funded projects that have been 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: Rocky Wallace moved that the TAC recommend the Policy Board adopt the CY 2021 Obligation & Closures Report and submit to WSDOT. Bill Preston seconded. The motion carried.

[2022 Yakima Transit Public Transit Agency Safety Plan \(PTASP\) Performance Measures](#)

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. It will probably look significantly different next year (per Greg Story).

Decision: Rocky Wallace moved to recommend Policy Board authorize Executive Director to sign confirmation letter and adopt Resolution 2022-08 for 2022 Transit Safety Performance Measures and Targets. Ardele Steele seconded. The motion carried.

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

- The region has been authorized to submit a **RAISE** grant for the Heritage Connectivity trail. Statewide only 3 applications are allowed to be submitted and SCR is honored and excited that they were chosen to submit an application.
- Will be requesting letters of support from Toppenish, Yakima County, Wapato, and the Greenway, for a well-rounded application.
- Probably about a \$1.3 million planning grant. Trail from Union Gap to Toppenish and maybe a little further south.

Randy Giles reminded the jurisdictions that the local bridge program has opened up another call for projects on the national inventory. Closes April 29th. Amount of funding for projects has been increased, along with the amount allowed per project.

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Member Updates

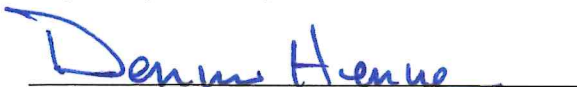
The following jurisdictions/agencies provided updates:

Grandview
Gray & Osborne
Selah
Sunnyside
Toppenish
Yakima
Yakima Transit
Zillah

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Next TAC Meeting: April 14, 2022, next TAC meeting
Other Business None.
Public Comment None.
Adjourn Mr. Hoyt adjourned the meeting at 11:19 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Mr. Dennis Henne, Chair

Date signed: 4/14/2022

Attest:


Alan Adolf, Transportation Manager

Date signed: April 14, 2022

Transportation TAC Meeting
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