



**YAKIMA VALLEY
TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
AGENDA**

Monday, October 21, 2019
1:30 p.m.

The 300 Building
311 N. 4th St, Ste 204, Yakima, WA

TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD:

James Restucci, Council Member, City of Sunnyside, Chair
John Hodkinson, Council Member, City of Union Gap, Vice Chair
Janice Gonzales, Council Member, City of Zillah
Brad Hill, Council Member, City of Yakima
Bill Moore, Council Member, City of Grandview
Mike Leita, Commissioner, Yakima County
Sherry Raymond, Mayor, City of Selah (Member at Large)
Todd Trepanier, Region Administrator, WSDOT SCR
Jon Smith, President/CEO, YCDA
Madelyn Carlson, CEO, People for People

13th District:
Sen. Judy Warnick
Rep. Tom Dent
Rep. Alex Ybarra

15th District:
Senator Jim Honeyford
Representative Bruce Chandler
Representative Jeremie Dufault

14th District:
Senator Curtis King
Representative Chris Corry
Representative Gina Mosbrucker

CALL TO ORDER

The October 21, 2019 meeting of the Transportation Policy Board will come to order at ____ p.m.

- I. INTRODUCTIONS
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 16, 2019 *pp. 3-5*

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.*

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- 1. ITS Annual Plan Update *Table*
Chris Wickenhagen, Executive Director
 - US2020 Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) comment period: 10/1/19 – 10/25/19
 - Adoption at November Policy Board Meeting*Action: Information*
- 2. JTC Passenger Rail Feasibility Studies
Chris Wickenhagen, Executive Director
 - Joint Transportation Committee (JTC) selected a consultant
 - Central Washington information meeting: 11/20/19, 9:00 a.m. at YVCOG.
Invitations to TAC, DRYVE, Trans-ACT, Policy Board*Action: Information*
- 3. Wheel Options Update
Mike Shuttleworth, Planning Program Manager / CTR Coordinator
 - October Event Update
 - Rideshare Conference Debrief*Action: Information*

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. 2020-2023 M/RTIP

Chris Wickenhagen, Executive Director

- Yakima Valley Metropolitan & Regional Transportation Improvement Program (M/RTIP) comment period ended 10/9/19 with no comments received.
- On 10/10/19, Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recommended Policy Board approval

Action 2a: Adopt Resolution 2019-15 for Determination of Air Quality Conformity and authorize Chair to sign Resolution 2019-15. pp. 6-7

Action 2b: Adopt Resolution 2019-16 for Adoption of 2020-2023 Yakima Valley M/RTIP and authorize Chair to sign Resolution 2019-16. pp. 8-9

"I move to authorize the Chair to sign Resolution 2019-15 and 2019-16 and forward the 2020-2023 Yakima Valley M/RTIP to WSDOT."

2. TDM Implementation Agreement (PTD0115)

Chris Wickenhagen, Executive Director

- Transportation Demand Management (TDM): Two Biennium (2019-2021 and 2021-2023) Funding Agreement funding Commute Trip Reduction/Transportation Demand Management (CTR/TDM) from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2023

Action: Policy Board approval and authorization for chairman to sign

"I move to authorize the Chair to sign Transportation Demand Management Implementation Agreement (PTD0115) and forward to WSDOT"

3. I-976 Impact to Local Jurisdictions

Cus Arteaga, City Administrator, City of Grandview

- Draft Letter from Policy Board to Rep. Jeremie Dufault seeking assistance to local jurisdictions negatively impacted from passage of Initiative-976 loss of Transportation Benefit Districts p.10
- Draft spreadsheet – local financial impact p.11
- Letter of support from Lance Hoyt p.12

Action: Information / Authorize Chair to sign to Representative Dufault.

VI. WSDOT STATE & REGIONAL UPDATE

Todd Trepanier, WSDOT South Central Regional Administrator

Action: Information

OTHER BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURN at _____ p.m.

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If you need special accommodations to participate in this meeting, please call us at 509.574.1550 by 10:00 a.m. three days prior to the meeting. For TDD users, please use the state's toll-free relay service, 800.833.6388 and ask the operator to dial 509.574.1550.

YVCOG TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
September 16, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair John Hodkinson called the September 16, 2019 meeting of the Transportation Policy Board to order at 1:32 p.m. A quorum was present.

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.

ROLL CALL &
INTRODUCTIONS

Members present: John Hodkinson, Bill Moore, Jonathan Smith, Madelyn Carlson, Mike Leita, Troy Suing

Members present via teleconference: Janice Gonzales, Brad Hill

Members Absent: Jim Restucci*, Sherry Raymond*

YVCOG staff present: Chris Wickenhagen, Alan Adolf, Mike Shuttleworth, Jodi Smith

Others present: Matt Pietrusiewicz

**Indicates notice of absence received prior to meeting.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES*

Bill Moore moved to approve the minutes from August 19, 2019. Madelyn Carlson seconded. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

*U.S. Senator Patty Murray
Lead Policy Advisor Local
Visit (August 26th).*

Chris Wickenhagen reported on the meeting with Senator Murray's Lead Economic Policy Advisor, Zach Mallove. Please keep talking and letting them know what issues you are facing. They are open to hear new ways to get things done.

Action: Information

House Bill 1584 "Tribal
Participation in RTPO's
Update

Alan Adolf – The Legislature introduced procedures for Tribal participation. DOT is coordinating. Invitation letter for Yakama Nation participation was sent. YVCOG sending follow-up letter.

Action: Information

2020-2045 Long Range Plan
Update

Alan Adolf – 2020-2045 Long Range Plan due to State and Federal entities March 30th. There is a survey sent to TAC and Policy Board members. What do we see as priorities? DOT aviation? Regional airport hubs with electric hybrid charter flights? Passenger rail to Central Washington? Feedback from Policy Board and TAC will be included in Long Range Plan. Electronic copy will be emailed. Long Range Plan needs to be approved at the March 2020 Policy Board meeting.

Action: Information

NEW BUSINESS

*2019 YVCOG UPWP Annual
Report*

Alan Adolf – Annual report shows compliance with 2019 Unified Planning Work Plan. Shows what was accomplished between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019.

Action: Motion to authorize Executive Director to submit Annual Report to WSDOT HQ made by Jonathan Smith. Seconded by Bill Moore. Motion carried.

2019 Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Self Certification

Alan Adolf - **Action: Motion to authorize YVCOG Chair to sign Self-Certification and authorization to submit to WSDOT-HQ made by ML. Seconded by BM. Motion carried.**

2020-2023 Metropolitan & Regional Transportation Improvement Program

Alan Adolf – Public comment is open until October 9th. TIP has been revised and rewritten. Online document is searchable. TIP does not include Yakima County. Also does not include Yakima Transit. They will submit Amendments in January.
Action: Information

2020 Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Annual Plan Update

Alan Adolf – ITS example includes camera and traffic webpages, electronic reader boards, GPS on transit. Update form to go out October 1st with final document changes approved by policy board in November or December.
Action: Information

Joint Transportation Committee (JTC) Studies

Alan Adolf – Active studies of interest include East West Passenger Rail Study, Stampede pass corridor, Auburn, Ellensburg, Yakima, Toppenish, Pasco, and Spokane. Possible presentation to Policy Board by JTC's staff. Statewide transportation needs assessment for future statewide transportation bill to be considered.
Action: Information

October Wheel Options

Mike Shuttleworth – Commuter Trip Reduction, Wheel Options theme this October is “Be a Superhero”. Looking to fill Statewide CTR Technical Board position formerly held by Larry Mattson. Larry nominated YVCOG Transportation Program manager, Alan Adolf, to fill his seat. Decision by the board will be made this fall.
Action: Information

Upcoming Transportation Issues

Alan Adolf

- New Washington Legislature House Speaker – Lori Jenkins, Tacoma. Replaces Frank Chopp
- STP Funding Obligation – Failure to obligate future STP funds in obligation year could now result in permanent loss of funds. DOT cannot commit to obligate unused funds due to lack of large dollar federally funding projects on their project lists.
- Statewide Discussion on “Collective Data” Purchases – cost prohibitive to individually contract for subscription services such as traffic modeling and data sharing. Looking at collectively purchasing.
- Intercity Bus Program – funding for one additional WSDOT programmed route. “Yakima to Centralia” route did not make the final review. Yakima/Toppenish to Biggs for transfer to Portland, ranked top 3 and is being considered.
- Future State RTPPO Funding Distribution – Funding has not increased since 1994. Difficult for RTPPOs to continue to provide planning services with less money. Approach Legislature for increased funding statewide. Letter from Policy Board may be requested.

Action: Information

WSDOT STATE & REGIONAL UPDATE

Troy Suing provided a Regional Update. JTC needs assessment will provide data for the next revenue package. State of good repair is a big issue and will

be emphasized in the needs assessment. Will not be repaving interchange ramps, or 40 MPH or less. Basic maintenance only. Statewide consistency on maintenance and strategic preservation. Initiative is being watched closely. Statewide meeting in Yakima last month. Discussed practical solutions. S Union Gap project is progressing. Off ramp heading eastbound will be completed next spring.

Action: Information

OTHER BUSINESS

Madelyn Carlson shared community transportation association services between Grandview, Sunnyside and Mabton.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURN

With no other business, John Hodkinson adjourned the meeting at 2:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Restucci
YVCOG Transportation Policy Board Chair

Date signed

ATTEST:

Jodi Smith, Office Specialist

Date signed

Resolution 2019-15

2020-2023

***Yakima Valley Metropolitan and Regional Transportation Improvement Program
DETERMINATION OF AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY***

A RESOLUTION of the Yakima Valley Metropolitan and Regional Transportation Planning Organization (MPO/RTPO) Policy Board affirming the conformity of the 2020-2023 Yakima Metropolitan Area Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP), with the Washington State Implementation Plan (SIP) for Air Quality.

WHEREAS, YVCOG serves as the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Yakima Metropolitan Area; and

WHEREAS, YVCOG's Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program, hereafter referred to as the MTIP, is the basis for distributing federal transportation funds within the Yakima Metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, the 2016-2040 Yakima Valley Metropolitan and Regional Transportation Plan, hereafter referred to as the M/RTP, was adopted by YVCOG on March 21, 2016 and provides the long-range transportation plan guiding the development of transportation improvements for the Yakima Metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 and the Rule on Air Quality for Transportation Plans, Programs, and Projects require the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments, as the MPO, and the U.S. Department of Transportation to determine that the 2016-2040 M/RTP and the 2020-2023 M/RTIP conform to the Washington State Implementation Plan for Air Quality, hereafter referred to as the State Implementation Plan (SIP), and support the SIP intent to achieve and maintain the National Ambient Air Quality Standards; and

WHEREAS, The Federal Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 and the Rule on Air Quality also require that the goals, policies, programs and projects embodied in the 2020-2023 M/RTIP not contradict or adversely impact implementation of transportation control measures identified in the State Implementation Plan (SIP) for the Yakima nonattainment area; and

WHEREAS, the Yakima Valley Metropolitan Area is in conformity for CO and PM₁₀; and

WHEREAS, the 2020-2023 Yakima Valley Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) has been determined to achieve and maintain the NAAQS as required by the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, and to meet the requirements set forth in WAC 173-420, and the Yakima Limited Maintenance Plans for both CO and PM₁₀

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Yakima Valley Transportation Policy Board finding the quantitative analysis of transportation-related PM₁₀ emissions for the *2020-2023 Metropolitan and Regional Transportation Improvement Programs (M/RTIP)* modeled scenarios do not cause any violations of

the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS), declares that the 2020-2023 MTIP meets the requirements of both state and federal air quality conformity rules (WAC 173-420 and 40 USC part 51 respectively) for PM₁₀, and is in conformity with the *Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, Interim Phase II -- Conformity Guidelines for PM₁₀* and 40 CFR Part 41.

Adopted by the Yakima Valley Transportation Policy Board this 21st day of October 2019.

James A. Restucci, Chair
Yakima Valley Transportation Policy Board

ATTEST:

Christina Wickenhagen
Executive Director
Yakima Valley Conference of Governments

Resolution No. 2019 - 16

**Adoption of
THE 2020-2023 YAKIMA VALLEY METROPOLITAN AND REGIONAL
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS**

WHEREAS, the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments (YVCOG), as the federal-designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and state-designated Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO), has the responsibility for developing and adopting a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for each organization: and,

WHEREAS, local jurisdictions and state agencies have submitted projects for inclusion in the 2020-2023 Metropolitan and Regional Transportation Improvement Program (M/RTIP), which are based on reasonably available financial resources; and,

WHEREAS, transportation improvement projects must be included in the M/RTIP to be eligible for federal assistance under Federal Transit Administration and Federal Highway Administration funding programs; and,

WHEREAS, a public comment period for review of the proposed 2020-2023 M/RTIP was held between September 10, 2019 and October 9, 2019; and,

WHEREAS, Yakima Valley Conference of Governments certifies that the requirements of 23 USC, Section 134 are met. Certification is a joint MPO/WSDOT statement concerning the planning process and is updated every year; and,

WHEREAS, the 2016-2040 M/RTIP was adopted on March 21, 2016 and requires the M/RTIP to reference the new M/RTIP; and,

WHEREAS, the Policy Board of the Yakima Valley MPO/RTPO, in its review of the 2020-2023 Metropolitan and Regional Transportation Improvement Programs (M/RTIP) on October 21, 2019 finds:

1. The projects contained in the 2020-2023 M/RTIP to be a realistic program of projects to be implemented by local jurisdictions, transit agencies and the state Department of Transportation;
2. The 2020-2023 M/RTIP to be financially constrained;
3. The development of the 2020-2023 M/RTIP to have involved public input;
4. The projects contained in the 2020-2023 M/RTIP to be consistent with regional goals, policies and recommendations as set forth in the *2016-2040 Yakima Valley Metropolitan and Regional Transportation Plan*; and
5. The 2020-2023 M/RTIP meets air quality conformity as referenced in Yakima Valley Conference of Governments *Resolution 2019-15*.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Yakima Valley MPO/RTPO Policy Board adopts the 2020-2023 Yakima Valley Metropolitan and Regional Transportation Improvement Programs (M/RTIP); and

1. Acknowledges and accepts them for the purposes of planning and information; and
2. Approves the projects listed in the 2020-2023 MTIP/RTIP to receive federal funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Yakima Valley 2020-2023 Metropolitan and Regional Transportation Improvement Programs be transmitted to the appropriate state and federal agencies to continue inclusion in the STIP after October 21, 2019.

Signed this 21st day of October 2019.

James A. Restucci, Chair
Yakima Valley MPO/RTPO Policy Board

ATTEST:

Christina Wickenhagen, Executive Director
Yakima Valley Conference of Governments

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October 11, 2019

Representative Jeremie Dufault,
District 15
104 W. Naches Ave., Unit C
Selah, WA 98942

Regarding: Initiative 976

Dear Representative Dufault:

In November, most of us will be voting for or against the new proposed initiatives and/or state representation and, as the time approaches, we as City and County Officials wonder how we will continue to salvage and/or financially support our street infrastructure. For example, you have publicly announced that that you strongly support Initiative 976, which should it be approved, will repeal cities and counties ability to continue with and/or implement a Transportation Benefit District (TBD's). In your presentations, you have expressed that the State of Washington has the revenue resources available to backfill cities and counties for the lost revenue from a TBD. We all do understand and support your idea of "no more taxes" but we also understand that without any new revenue to replace the lost TBD funding, we will see our road systems completely deteriorate to a point of no return.

We are reaching out to you, as our Representative, that it is time for you to start Championing our needs to your colleagues in Olympia. We need a true commitment from you, that you will help replace the lost revenue with a backfill funding source to help maintain and preserve our road systems.

Keep in mind, that our TBD's support not only maintenance programs such as an annual chip-seal treatment, and a pot-hole repair program but it also provides the very much needed matching funds for state and federal grant applications. In addition, most of the 14-cities in Yakima County have pending road projects that are funded by a grant and if the TBD is repealed, we stand to lose any additional funding support to complete the project because we will not be able to fund the required matching funds.

When I-695 was approved, Legislators promised backfill funding support, but it never came. Instead TBD Legislation was implemented, and it was the cities and counties responsibility to provide for ourselves.

In Yakima County, we have numerous cities that depend on the funding support from our TBD's and you can find true success stories to share to other Legislators regarding this program and/or the many needs for funding backfill support.

In closing, we want to thank you for your commitment as our Representative and we look forward to you Championing new legislations that will replace our lost TBD Funding should Initiative 976 be approved.

Sincerely,

Early to find partners to champion this cause

Local Impacts from I-976

| Jurisdiction | Established | Source | Amount | Annual Revenue (Est. 2019) | Primary Use(s) |
|--------------|-------------|---------------------|--------|----------------------------|---|
| Grandview | 2011 | Vehicle License Fee | \$20 | \$180,000 | Annual Chip Seal, Grant research, Road resurfacing, SRTS Grants, Matching state/fed Grants. |
| Mabton | 2011 | Vehicle License Fee | \$20 | N/A | \$10,000 to matching State/Federal grants, remainder to other programs |
| Toppenish | 2012 | Vehicle License Fee | \$20 | \$150,000 | Match on Existing and Future TIB / Fed Projects / Chip Seals (as \$\$\$ available). |
| Wapato | 2012 | Vehicle License Fee | \$20 | N/A | N/A |
| Yakima | 2017 | Vehicle License Fee | \$20 | \$1,600,000 | Fund a council-approved list of projects costing over \$24 Million. |
| Zillah | 2011 | Vehicle License Fee | \$20 | \$67,000 | Match on Existing Projects, 2021 & Beyond - Fund Local Access Roads. |

Alan Adolf

From: Lance Hoyt <Lance.Hoyt@CityofToppenish.us>
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 10:27 AM
To: Chris Wickenhagen; Alan Adolf
Cc: Cus Arteaga
Subject: FW: TBD Letter; I-976 Funding Backfill
Attachments: TBD Letter.docx

CAUTION : This email originated from outside of this organization. Please exercise caution with links and attachments.

Good Morning Transportation Policy Board and Executive Committee

I concur with the letter that Mr. Arteaga has drafted to Rep. Dufault asking for support for backfill funding for the loss of I-976 potential passage for street infrastructure. The potential voter approval of I-976 ending TBD Funding will impact small city funding for maintenance and preservation transportation infrastructure as well as the funding source for Transportation project matches.

The City of Toppenish will be particularly impacted with TBD funding loss. Toppenish depends on TBD funding for our maintenance program of crack sealing and seal coating of local streets which are typically ineligible for Federal or State Funding Programs. Toppenish, with the "Councilmanic" opportunity afforded by the Legislature after the passage of I-695 has collected \$20 per license tab renewal. Those funds have made our Federal and State Transportation Projects possible by supplying the required project match.

City of Toppenish has a STP transportation project. Jackson Street Extension, in the que for 2023 that that will require a 13.5% match of \$256,000. The TBD Funding was earmarked to satisfy the required match. Without sufficient I-976 funding backfill mentioned by Rep. Dufault, Toppenish will not be able to go forward with project and will liable to return project funding spent to date.

I will not be able to attend the Policy Board Meeting on October 21, 2019 due to existing commitments. Please accept this email as support for the communication with Rep. Dufault to support backfill funding source to help maintain and preserve our street systems. Without backfill funding, this will be a common theme among cities across Washington State.

Sincerely

Lance Hoyt, Chairman of TAC

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