

**YVCOG TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
June 20, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER Vice Chair John Hodkinson called the June 20, 2022, meeting of the Transportation Policy Board to order at 1:30 p.m. A quorum was present.

ROLL CALL & INTRODUCTIONS

- Members present via Zoom teleconference: James Restucci, Sherry Raymond, Janice Gonzales, and Todd Trepanier.
- Members present in person: John Hodkinson and Patricia Byers.
- Members Absent: None
- YVCOG staff present: Alan Adolf, Shane Andreas, Byron Gumz, Jodi Smith, and Jeff Watson

Others present: Dennis Henne (TAC Chair) and Raquel Crowley (Sen. Patty Murray's office)

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

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 [May 16, 2022 Minutes](#). Sherry Raymond seconded. The motion carried.

TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM CORRESPONDENCE *Alan Adolf, Transportation Planning Manager*

Mr. Adolf offered congratulations to the City of Yakima on receiving two [National Highway Freight Program \(NHFP\) Funding](#) awards (\$228,000) for their 34th Avenue and Fruitvale Boulevard and 34th and River Road Roundabouts.

[2023-2026](#) Metropolitan & Regional Transportation Improvement Plan (MRTIP) Kickoff

- We are now beginning our M/RTIP process. Over the last month we have received about 10 of the 14 jurisdictions Transportation Improvement Plans and we are beginning to review them. Projects that will be entered into the 2023-2026 MRTIP will be federally-funding secured and/or regionally significant projects.
- Jurisdictions have until the end of July to submit their TIPs, and the County is allowed to turn theirs in up until November per state law. Will be putting the document together in August and September.

Information

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

***TRANSIT FEASIBILITY STUDY
WEBPAGE AND SURVEY
KICKOFF*** *Alan Adolf*

We were able to do an unofficial opening of the Transit Feasibility Survey by distributing 2,000 lunch bags (put together by Tribal Transit) at Yakama Nation's Treaty Days, which included a flyer with information on how to participate in the Transit Feasibility Study. We have received a few responses.

This is the first of three (3) studies we hope to do over the next several years. Phase I addresses inventory of transit assets for the entire county. Phase II will address how can we better use our inventory, providing more services without more revenue. Phase III – will focus on how we can seek additional funding and revenues to be able to increase services.

Survey is available in English and Spanish. Hoping for 300 or 400 responses.

Hopefully we can complete by early August and this will be the last part of our HSTP update data.

Web page is www.yvtransitstudy.org (created by TRANSPO, the consultant YVCOG hired earlier this year to help with this study).

Information.

NEW BUSINESS

**[JUNE 2022-2025 M/RTIP
AMENDMENT](#)**

Alan Adolf

There is one amendment for June which was approved with the YVCOG 2022 UPWP at the May Policy Board meeting, increasing the annual planning program funding from \$423,382.00 to \$600,000 - an increase of \$176,618.00.

The Public Comment period ran from 5/25/22 to 6/8/22 and no comments were received.

The TAC reviewed and recommended approval of the June M/RTIP Amendment at their June 9th meeting.

Decision: Janice Gonzales moved to adopt the June TIP Amendment and authorize the Chair to sign. Patricia Byers seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**[FEDERAL RAIL
ADMINISTRATION \(FRA\)
“EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
LETTER”](#)**

Alan Adolf

[Federal Register Announcement](#): Over \$66 Billion has been made available with the IJJA Bill to address rail. Part of this funding is available to identify eligible corridors (**[Corridor ID and Development Program](#)**). This is a national call for inquiry.

YVCOG, Ben-Franklin COG, and Spokane Regional Transportation Council met with All Aboard Washington a couple of weeks ago to discuss bringing Washington State into this Corridor ID process. Montana and Oregon are also planning to participate. The program requires that the governor formally expresses interest in participating. The Expression of Interest Letter will be signed by the Policy Board – asking the governor to appoint staff to request federal rail administration to allow us to participate in the Corridor ID program. The letter doesn’t commit us to anything, it merely expresses our interest in participating in the program.

This example letter has been shared with all of the cities in the event they wish to send a letter from their jurisdiction. Toppenish has provided their letter. Patricia Byers and

John Hodkinson requested that the example letter be sent again to the cities of Yakima and Union Gap.

Decision: John Hodkinson moved to authorize the Chair to sign FRA Corridor ID and Development Program “Expression of Interest” letter and for submission to Governor Inslee. Janice Gonzales seconded the motion. The motion carried.

WSDOT-YVCOG SPECIAL
TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING STUDY
AGREEMENTS

Alan Adolf

We have two planning contract requests dealing with the South-Central Region for modeling activities:

- [GCB-3718](#) – East Valley Yakima Corridor Study SR 24 (\$8,000.00); and
- [GCB-3706](#) – I-82/Cascade Mill Parkway Corridor Study (\$8,000.00)

The contracts went into effect on June 1st.

Decision: Patricia Byers moved to authorize the Chair to sign WSDOT-YVCOG Agreements #GCB-3718 and #GCB-3706. John Hodkinson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

WSDOT STATE & REGIONAL
UPDATE

Todd Trepanier, WSDOT South Central Region

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

The Transportation Commission will be meeting in the next couple of days and WSDOT will be there.

A lot of projects going on across the region. Trying to get back on track for preservation with Moving Ahead Washington funding.

Information

WASHINGTON
TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION UPDATE

James Restucci, YVCOG Executive Committee Chair and WSTC Rep

The Washington State Transportation Commission will be meeting in Clarkston and will be kicking off with a morning tour of the Snake River and then on to the Clarkston City Council Chambers in the afternoon and the next day.

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OTHER BUSINESS

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

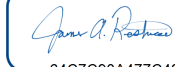
None.

ADJOURN

With no other business, Vice Chairman Hodkinson adjourned the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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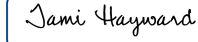
James A. Restucci

YVCOG Transportation Policy Board Chair

Date signed

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Tamara Hayward, Financial Specialist

Date signed