



MPO/RTPO TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
VIDEO CONFERENCE  
MEETING MINUTES  
August 11, 2022

**PRESENT:**

Mike Battle - HLA  
Shaun Burgess –Toppenish  
Todd Dorsett – Grandview  
Shane Fisher – Sunnyside  
Dan Ford – Toppenish  
Randy Giles – WSDOT  
Paul Gonseth – WSDOT  
Dennis Henne – Chair  
Joe Henne – Selah  
Janna Lewis-Clark – PAHTO Public Transit  
Mike Meskimen – Gray & Osborne  
Bill Preston – City of Yakima

Ardele Steele - Zillah  
Greg Story – Yakima Transit  
Jase Testerman – Yakima County  
Chris Titze – Transpo Group  
Rocky Wallace – City of Selah  
Robert Washabaugh – City of Yakima  
Gary Wirt – All Aboard Washington

YVCOG Staff:  
Jodi Smith – Communication Specialist  
Jeff Watson, Senior Planner

**CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Dennis Henne, Chair, called the August 11, 2022, meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. A quorum was present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*July 14, 2022 Meeting Minutes*

Jase Testerman made a motion to approve the [MINUTES for July 14, 2022](#) meeting, as corrected. Rocky Wallace seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM CORRESPONDENCE AND UPDATES**

*Jeff Watson, Senior Transportation Planner*

Deadline for the September TIP Amendment is August 19th. Submit to Jeff Watson or Alan Adolf. [2022 Amendment Schedule](#)

September and October are the final opportunities for this year. Deadline for October submissions will be September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

2023-2026 Metropolitan & Regional Transportation Improvement Program –

- Developing the MRTIP through August.
- Public Comment period will begin mid-September

[CTR Plan Updates for 2023-2027 -](#)

TDM board is taking a step back on the CTR plan updates. WSDOT will be recommending to the TDM board to postpone or eliminate the plan updates for at least a year. Still trying to figure out how the Move Ahead Washington will dovetail into this. The CTR program is kind of in a holding pattern right now. If they don't postpone, everyone will need to update by the end of 2023.

[Fall 2022 Traffic Counter Season Schedule](#) is available.

**All Aboard Washington “Train Trek” Event** – this will be a hybrid event held at YVCOG’s office and via Zoom, on August 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Will be discussing federal funding that has become available, etc. For more information on the Train Trek Project, go to <https://allaboardnw.org/our-work/train-treks/>

*Chris Titze, Transpo Group*, updated TAC members on the status of the Transit Feasibility Study. Moving full-steam ahead. Public Engagement and outreach series should begin with pop-up meetings throughout the region at major transit locations towards the end of the month. Project website has been up and running for about a month and a half, including a survey (so far about 70 survey responses). Will move forward with formal plan development in mid-to-late fall and shooting to wrap up the project in late November.

### **Information**

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

#### **[W. Powerhouse Road / SR 12 Transportation Study Update](#)**

*Paul Gonseth, WSDOT*

Mr. Gonseth thanked everyone for submitting their comments on the draft. Mainly waiting on a couple of signatures and TAC recommendation to the Policy Board.

**Decision:** *Jase Testerman moved to recommend Policy Board authorize the Chair to sign the acceptance page of the WDOT “West Powerhouse Road Corridor study,” upon approval from all agencies, accepting receipt of the document. Ardele Steele seconded. The motion carried.*

#### ***Federal Funding Forecasts, August 2022***

*Dennis Henne, TAC Chair*

Extensive discussion on the federal funding forecast and the obligation status of Sunnyside and Selah Surface Transportation Block Grant, or STBG, construction projects, including the possibility of additional OA funds (and the repercussions) if Sunnyside or Selah do not obligate.

If we don’t meet our target this year, we may receive a smaller obligation in 2023. May receive bonus money if we do meet our target this year – but do we really *want* to receive additional OA money?

If Selah is able to obligate, everyone will be eligible for unallocated state OA (“bonus” for MPO) funds.

*Randy Giles, WSDOT*, explained the situation regarding possible sanctions if we DON’T meet our target and also the effects of being awarded additional OA funds if we DO meet our target. At this point it *appears* YVCOG won’t meet our target, and it also looks like the state may not meet their target ... which means a loss of \$1 million next year. We can’t say for sure what will happen, it’s a risk.

**Decision:** *Bill Preston moved to award Sunnyside an additional \$500,000 to cover escalation costs. Jase Testerman seconded. The motion passed. (1:15)*

**Decision:** *Bill Preston moved for YVCOG to request additional OA funds, from WSDOT, for any projects obligated in 2022. Jase Testerman seconded. The motion passed.*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

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

*Jeff Watson*

There are two August amendments – one administrative (Yakima Transit minor revision to total project cost) and one formal (City of Yakima addition of \$2,910,000 in federal NHPP funds and reduction of \$1,390,000 in local funds).

The Public Comment Period ran from July 27<sup>th</sup> to August 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Decision:** Rocky Wallace moved for TAC recommendation to Policy Board for approval of August 2022 Amendment of the 2022-2025 M/RTIP. Ardele Steele seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Transportation Alternatives Funding Award Proposal**

*Dennis Henne, TAC Chair*

Mr. Henne reviewed the list of [2020 unfunded project applicants](#). Mike Battle (HLA) mentioned that several of the projects on the list have already been completed and costs have increased significantly on some of the other projects.

Due to time constraints, it was decided to postpone discussion until the September TAC meeting.

**Discussion**

**WSDOT State & Regional Update**

*Paul Gonseth and Randy Giles, WSDOT*

No updates.

**Information**

**Member Updates**

The following jurisdictions/agencies provided updates:

- Yakima

**Information**

**Next TAC Meeting:**

September 8, 2022, next TAC meeting (*hybrid*)

**Other Business**

None.

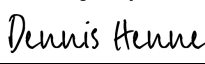
**Public Comment**

None.

**Adjourn**

Chairman Henne adjourned the meeting at 12.25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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 Mr. Dennis Henne, Chair

Date signed: 9/19/2022

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 Alan Adolf, Transportation Manager

Date signed: 9/20/2022