

**YVCOG TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
August 15, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman James Restucci called the August 15, 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, Janice Gonzales, Madelyn Carlson, Ron Anderson, and Todd Trepanier.
 - Members present in person: John Hodkinson, Sherry Raymond, and Patricia Byers.
 - Members Absent: Jon Smith and Jose Trevino*
 - YVCOG staff present: Alan Adolf, Shane Andreas, Vicki Baker, Byron Gumz, Tami Hayward, Jodi Smith, Jeff Watson, and Chris Wickenhagen
- Others present: Dennis Henne (TAC Chair)

**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*

Janice Gonzales moved to approve the [July 18, 2022 Minutes](#). Sherry Raymond seconded. The motion carried.

**TRANSPORTATION
PROGRAM
CORRESPONDENCE**

Alan Adolf, Regional Transportation Planning Manager

Mr. Adolf reviewed the [Draft Recommendation Regarding CTR Plan Updates](#) for 2023-2027 recommended by WSDOT. These updates will be considered by the TDM Technical Committee in August and September. Developing language exempting cities, counties, and regions in the state from being required to submit CTR plans by June of 2023. Hoping, in this process, to expand the CTR boundaries beyond the historical metropolitan areas into rural areas. Final document should be presented to TAC in September, then on to the Executive Committee and possibly the legislature.

All Aboard Washington is holding a hybrid community meeting at 10:00 a.m. on August 26th at YVCOG. If you would like to participate in the “Train Trek” event, you can attend in person at YVCOG or online via [ZOOM](#). For additional information on the Train Trek Project, go to <https://allaboardnw.org/our-work/train-treks/>

Information

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*WSDOT W. Powerhouse Road
Corridor Study*

Dennis Henne, TAC Chair

[WSDOT W. Powerhouse Road Corridor Study](#) - WSDOT's West Powerhouse Road Corridor Study document has been completed. This study was necessary due to urbanization in that area from orchard to multi-family housing. The TAC moved to forward the completed document to the Policy Board for acceptance of the document.

Decision: *John Hodgkinson moved to authorize the Chair to sign the acceptance page of the WSDOT "West Powerhouse Road Corridor Study" accepting receipt of the document. Patricia Byers seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

*Federal Funding Obligation
Forecast for End of Fiscal Year
2022*

Alan Adolf, Regional Transportation Programs Manager

Mr. Adolf reviewed the status of YVCOG Region's Federal Obligation Targets for FY 2022.

If Selah or Sunnyside (our two primary projects) obligate by the end of next month, we will meet our target for this year. There have been conversations about fall-back positions. We believe Sunnyside will move forward and obligate; and hoping Selah will also be able to obligate after dealing with right-of-way issues.

The state is approximately \$80 million short of the statewide target at this point. We face some degree of potential sanctions depending on how this all works out.

Randy Giles, WSDOT, explained that YVCOG was given an additional \$1.5 million of additional funding last year, but because of receiving those additional funds YVCOG is now about \$950,000 short of meeting this year's target. If Selah is able to obligate, this year's target will be met. Whatever YVCOG falls short on meeting the target will be taken away from next year's allocation.

There was a lengthy discussion at TAC, where they recommended increasing Sunnyside's award by \$500,000 and to ask WSDOT to use some of the initial OA it has for the Beltway project, which is available for MPOs to use. We have to be able to meet the target before being able to qualify for the OA funds.

Mr. Adolf mentioned that we have been a little bit of a victim of success, but even if we are sanctioned next year, we are still about \$600,000 ahead of where we would have been if we hadn't received the bonus money last year.

Plans are in the works to create a 3-tier eligibility list as an insurance policy for future years where we might be in a similar situation as we are now.

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NEW BUSINESS

August 2022-2025 M/RTIP
Amendment

Dennis Henne, TAC Chair

Mr. Henne presented the August M/RTIP to the Policy Board.

There are two August amendments: (1) Yakima Transit is making minor revisions to two projects, per the request of Federal Transit Administration, and (2) City of Yakima is making a formal amendment to add \$2,910,000 in federal NHPP funds and reducing \$1,390,000 in local funds.

The Public Comment Period ended on August 10th.

Decision: John Hodgkinson moved to adopt the August 2022 TIP Amendment and authorize the Chair to sign. Ron Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

*WSDOT State & Regional
Update*

Todd Trepanier, WSDOT South Central Region

None.

*Washington Transportation
Commission Update*

James Restucci, YVCOG Executive Committee Chair and WSTC Rep

The Tri-State Commission meeting in Oregon has been postponed until 2023.

Information

OTHER BUSINESS

Next Policy Board meeting will be held September 19, 2022.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURN

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

Respectfully submitted,

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James A. Restucci
YVCOG Transportation Policy Board Chair

10/14/2022

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Tamara Hayward, Financial Specialist

10/14/2022

Date signed