

YVCOG TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
September 19, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman James Restucci called the September 19, 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 (Z), John Hodkinson, Ron Anderson, Patricia Byers, Sherry Raymond, Jose Trevino (Z), Troy Suing (Z), and Madelyn Carlson (Z).
- Members Absent: Janice Gonzales and Jon Smith
- YVCOG staff present: Alan Adolf, Shane Andreas, Vicki Baker, Byron Gumz, Tami Hayward (Z), Jodi Smith (Z), Jeff Watson (Z), and Chris Wickenhagen
- Others present: Raquel Crowley (Z), Bob Harrison (Z)

**Indicates notice of absence received prior to meeting.
(Z) Attended via Zoom*

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 August 15, 2022 Policy Board meeting minutes. Ron Anderson seconded. The motion carried.

TRANSPORTATION
PROGRAM
CORRESPONDENCE

Alan Adolf, Regional Transportation Planning Manager

HSIP Awards (Received Post-Agenda): The City of Sunnyside received \$780,000 in Highway Safety Improvement funds for their 2022 City Safety Selections process; the City of Yakima received \$260,000 in HSIP funds for their Systematic Pedestrian and Bicyclist Data Collection project and an additional award of \$317,000 in HSIP funds for their Systematic Pedestrian Safety Improvements program.

WSDOT / Yakama Nation RAISE Grant Award – WSDOT and the Yakama Nation have received a \$1 million federal grant which will be used to continue developing the Heritage Connectivity Trail program that is a partnership between WSDOT, the Yakama Nation, YVCOG, National Parks, and many of the jurisdictions and agencies in the Yakima Valley. The funds will be used to develop/ build new trail segments within the Yakama Nation.

Troy Suing updated the Policy Board on the next steps and priorities.

Transit Feasibility Study – the agency review of the Human Services Transportation Plan has been wrapped up and was sent out at the end of August for any final corrections and edits. Has been shared with the MPACT group. Currently making those final corrections and edits.

The Transit Feasibility/HSTP public survey has also been completed. Not a great response, maybe due to being done in the summer months. Will present the final **Human Services Transportation Plan** document to MPACT at their September meeting and will hopefully then be presenting to Policy Board for adoption in October.

2022 CRFC-CUFC Projects – TAC and Policy Board had earlier this year reviewed and approved the Critical Rural and Urban Freight Corridors development process. Four (4) project-specific projects have been approved and the urban and rural lists have been updated. We have 17.1 rural miles could be classified as critical freight corridors and 5.8 miles in urban. Some roads were taken off because improvements had been done, etc. We submitted that with our primary and secondary lists for consideration. As part of WSDOT's final statewide inventory of the rural and urban priority lists, YVCOG not only had its 17.1 rural / 5.8 urban primary miles approved but we received confirmation that our secondary projects were also accepted! These projects can be carried over until 2026.

2022 Federal Performance Measures Process - effective 10/1/22 WSDOT will be submitting all of the statewide performance measure targets to the federal government. MPOs/RTPOs will then have 6 months to concur or develop its own targets for submittal to WSDOT/FHWA.

Information

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*Federal Funding OA Status –
August 2022*

Alan Adolf, Regional Transportation Programs Manager

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

Our region has unofficially met its obligation target and appear to be eligible for almost \$2 million in 'bonus' funds, which would not count against us in FY 2023. This funding would be applied toward Selah, Sunnyside and Union Gap projects. and would help the state meet the statewide obligation target, which has not yet been met.

Distribution of federal funding FY 2023 - State vs. local funding split is being tweaked a little bit – about 2% shifting from WSDOT to local pots. We should be moving forward with an STP call for projects within the next 6 to 8 months.

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*2023-2026 Metropolitan &
Regional Transportation
Improvement Plan Draft*

Alan Adolf

As of September 13th, our draft 2023-2026 Metropolitan & Regional Transportation Improvement Plan is available for public comment. The public comment period will end on October 12th.

We currently have 55 federally-secured or regionally-significant projects totaling just under \$119 million.

After the 2023-26 MRTIP, there will no longer be references to CO₂ compliance as we will have completed our 20-year review period.

This document is available for review online and will be presented to TAC and Policy Board at the October meetings. The feds will then give their review in November and hopefully approve the plan in January.

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NEW BUSINESS

September 2022-2025 M/RTIP Amendment

Alan Adolf

Mr. Adolf presented the September M/RTIP Amendment to the Policy Board.

No public comments were received.

- Three (3) Administrative Amendments (Augmented STBG OA Funds)
 - City of Selah: Valleyview/S. 3rd/Southern Ave/S. 1st
 - City of Sunnyside: 6th Street Improvements
 - City of Union Gap: Regional Beltway Ph 2
- Two (2) Formal Amendments – WSDOT Additions
 - SR24/I82 to Riverside – ADA Compliance
Total Project Cost - \$645,180
 - SR241/Mabton Vicinity – Retrofit Bridges
Total Project Cost - \$18,425,431

Decision: *Jose Trevino moved to adopt the September 2022 TIP Amendment and authorize the Chair to sign. Madelyn Carlson seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

SFY 2022 UPWP Annual Report *Alan Adolf*

The 2022 UPWP Annual Report reviews our annual performance (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022) and documents our accomplishments and activities over the last year. The report lists things such as hiring a new Transportation planner, traffic counts, new logo, various activities and results, hosted WSTC meeting, completed Powerhouse Study project, etc. It will be submitted to WSDOT for review.

Decision: *Madelyn Carlson moved to authorize Executive Director to submit 2022 Annual Report to WSDOT headquarters. Ron Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

2022 MPO Self Certification

Alan Adolf

Mr. Adolf reviewed the annual YVCOG certification of compliance of federal Metropolitan Planning Organization processes and policies.

This is our agreement stating we agree to meet federal guidelines for using federal MPO planning funds and is an update of our Annual Report. Updates various studies and developments, make sure we are complying with Title VI and other federal requirements.

Decision: *Madelyn Carlson moved to authorize Chair to sign the 2022 YVCOG MPO Self Certification and submit to WSDOT headquarters. Sherry Raymond seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

YVCOG/WSDOT Planning Agreement #GCB3764

Alan Adolf

This is our next study in partnership between WSDOT and YVCOG and is the agreement for the Naches/SR 12 Active Transportation Connections Study. This covers the corridor along Highway 12 in the Naches city limits. The study should take approximately 8 or 9 months.

The contract amount is \$160,000, and WSDOT has committed another \$40,000 to that for a total of \$200,000.

Decision: *Ron Anderson moved to authorize the Chair to sign YVCOG/WSDOT Planning Agreement #GCB 3674 for the Naches/SR 12 Active Transportation Connections Study. John Hodgkinson seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

2022 ITS Annual Plan Update

Alan Adolf

Kicking off the information request period for jurisdictions to submit requests to update this plan. The ITS plan is updated each year. This is a supportive document for jurisdictions and agencies looking at applying for state or federal funding addressing intelligent transportation systems.

This plan will be shared with Policy Board for approval in November or December.

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WSDOT State & Regional Update

Troy Suing, WSDOT South Central Region

Mr. Suing reported on the status of various local projects – Selah projects should be finished in mid-October. Bridge deck projects will be getting some work done next year.

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Washington Transportation Commission Update

James Restucci, YVCOG Executive Committee Chair and WSTC Rep

The Commission recently met in Battleground, Washington where they heard from leaders in the southwestern region of the state.

Battleground has two state routes running through their city – limited access highways.

Talked with the Chair of the Cowlitz Indian tribe – she sits on the MPO and RTPO committees and they are dues-paying members of the RTPO. Hoping to move forward in getting the Yakama Nation to come to the table.

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OTHER BUSINESS Next Policy Board meeting will be held October 17, 2022.

PUBLIC COMMENT None.

ADJOURN With no other business, Chairman Restucci adjourned the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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James A. Restucci
YVCOG Transportation Policy Board Chair

10/22/2022

Date signed

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Tamara Hayward, Financial Specialist

10/25/2022

Date signed