



MPO/RTPO TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
VIDEO and IN-PERSON CONFERENCE
MEETING MINUTES
October 13, 2022

PRESENT:

TAC Committee:

- Dennis Henne – Chair, Union Gap
- (Z) Elizabeth Alba – Vice Chair, Sunnyside
- (Z) Shaun Burgess – City of Toppenish
- (Z) Todd Dorsett – Grandview
- (Z) Paul Gonseth – WSDOT
- (Z) Janna Lewis-Clark – PAHTO
- Bill Preston – City of Yakima
- (Z) Matt Pietruciewicz – Yakima County
- Jeff Ranger – Town of Naches
- (Z) Ardele Steele - Zillah
- (Z) Greg Story – Yakima Transit
- Jase Testerman – Yakima County
- (Z) Rocky Wallace – City of Selah
- (Z) Robert Washabaugh – City of Yakima

Associate Participants

- (Z) Charles Hamilton – All Aboard Washington
- (Z) Stephen Hazzard – HLA
- (Z) Mike Meskimen – Gray & Osborne

YVCOG Staff:

- Alan Adolf – Transportation Program Manager
- (Z) Jeff Watson – Senior Transportation Planner
- Tami Hayward – Finance Specialist
- (Z) Jodi Smith – Communication Specialist

(Z) Attended via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Dennis Henne, Chair, called the October 13, 2022, meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 8, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Jase Testerman made a motion to approve the Minutes of the September 8, 2022 meeting. Bill Preston seconded the motion. The motion carried.

TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM CORRESPONDENCE AND UPDATES

Alan Adolf, Transportation Manager

Mr. Adolf reviewed the Joint Transportation Committee memo regarding the State and Local percentage breakdowns - should change from the 61/39 percentage split to approximately 59% and 41%. This could increase our Federal STBG funding to around \$5 million per year, which will also increase our obligation targets.

He also noted that the federal 2022 Performance Measurement adoptions will be delayed until December 2022 because the federal reporting system was not ready for WSDOT’s submittal as scheduled. Triggers a 6-month timeline period for MPO/RTPOs to determine whether to go with the State’s calculations or their own. We normally go with the State calculations. We do usually submit our own numbers for CMAQ.

The 2022 HSTP Update is a 4-year document and is useful in completing consolidated grant and other transportation grant applications. Approved by MPACT on the 29th – minor tweaks. Will be presented to Policy Board on the 17th. Will be affected by the Transit Feasibility Study.

We have received the final Travel Demand Model documentation – basically the operator’s manual for the traffic model. Amending eRMSi’s contract to get us through the end of the year and will be doing a new contract in January.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

2023 Amendment Schedule

Jeff Watson, Sr. Transportation Planner

The 2023 amendment schedule was reviewed.

There will be no M/RTIP Amendments until January 2023 and submittals are due December 21, 2022.

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2023 Traffic Count Season Update

Alan Adolf

Wrapping up 2022 counts - we are down to Selah and Harrah counts in October.

Met with IDAX on Monday. They will be sending 2022 counts shortly and jurisdictions will have access upon request.

We are not doing a needs request this fall, to help maintain our 3-year budget balance. We will have about \$65,000 available for counts in 2023, so we will be scaling back a little bit. Will not be offering any video capture in 2023.

IDAX is putting together a few different packages for 2023 traffic counts for us to choose from.

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**STP / T-A / CMAQ Long Range
October 2022 Funding Update**

Alan Adolf

We were over for 2022 and even though we can obligate in advance and borrow ahead, paperwork wise we have to remain financially constrained. It looked like we were going to be able to do that, but then had to move Mabton’s Main Street project from 2022 to 2024. It won’t impact 2023.

Review of 2023 Funding Forecast – 10-year deadline for 2013 projects. Grandview should be obligating their right of way in the next several weeks, extending their project clock from October 2023 to November/December of 2032. Hoping Mabton and City of Yakima will be obligating for construction this year. Removed Selah, Sunnyside, Moxee, and Union Gap projects that finished up obligation-wise.

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2023 ITS Annual Plan Update

Alan Adolf

Reminder that submittals are due by October 22nd.

WSDOT will not be requesting any ITS project or program changes. People for People may have a few changes. YVCOG will probably add some projects with the potential coming of EV vehicles. You will be able to add projects to the ITS plan in the future as the need arises.

Information

MPACT Committee Activities Update

Jeff Watson

Mr. Watson reminded the TAC that 2023-2025 WSDOT Consolidated Grant process is underway and the due date is October 27th. They don't have to be completely finalized, but they do need to be turned in by that date.

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2020 Transportation Alternatives Program

Alan Adolf

YVCOG has proposed awarding five (5) unfunded 2020 TAP projects with funding from any residual 2021 money, unspent 2022 funds, and the remainder of the IJJA funds that run through 2026. Mr. Adolf stated that at that time funding was uncertain and we were only able to fund three (3) projects – we now have available carry-over and future funding and funding these additional 5 projects would help meet our obligation authority targets. He provided a brief reviewed the updated project costs – an increase of about \$300,000.00.

There should still be almost \$1 million left over for a call for projects to zero out the IJJA funding.

Decision: Rocky Wallace moved for TAC recommendation to Policy Board to award TAP funding to unfunded 2020 TAP applicants. Jeff Ranger seconded the motion. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

October 2022-2025 M/RTIP Amendment

Alan Adolf

We have one administrative amendment this month from the City of Mabton (Main Street project) requested by WSDOT headquarters in order to maintain fiscal constraint, and one formal amendment from the City of Yakima (34th and Fruitvale - revision).

Decision: Jeff Ranger moved for TAC recommendation to Policy Board for approval of October 2022 Amendment of the 2022-2025 M/RTIP. Rocky Wallace seconded the motion. The motion passed.

2022 Title VI Report

Alan Adolf

Last of our annual reports to go out each year. One idea to address Title VI issues in the future is for meeting participants to register their demographic information on a secure website page. No Title VI complaints submitted in the October 2021-September 2022 review period. Our DBE businesses have increased in the last couple of years. Hoping to offer Title VI trainings in 2023.

Decision: Jase Testerman moved for TAC recommendation to Policy Board for approval to submit 2022 Title VI Report to WSDOT. Jeff Ranger seconded. The motion carried.

2023-2026 M/RTIP Final Document

Alan Adolf

The document includes 53 projects - \$213 million dollars. Updated our performance measures and included secured and planned projects are included in areas we saw as being safety or freight deficiency categories.

We did not have any public comment other than Nancy Huntley’s (WSDOT Olympia Office) STIP corrections. No significant fixes resulting from our federal review last year, other than language removing CO₂ nonattainment period and references ending this December 31st and PM¹⁰ still being in effect until March of 2025.

Federal review is scheduled for October 31st.

Decision: *Jeff Ranger moved for TAC recommendation that Policy Board approve the 2023-2026 M/RTIP document for submittal to WSDOT/FHWA. Rocky Wallace seconded. The motion passed.*

WSDOT State & Regional Updates *Paul Gonseth, WSDOT*

SR 24 study has been completed. Overwhelming public comment result was to add more lanes.

Naches Agreement has been signed and should be getting started on that soon.

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Member Updates

The following jurisdictions/agencies provided updates:

- Union Gap
- Yakima
- Naches
- Toppenish
- Selah
- PAHTO/Yakama Nation
- HLA (Sunnyside)

Information

Next TAC Meeting: November 10, 2022, next TAC meeting (*online*)

Other Business None.

Public Comment None.

Adjourn Chairman Henne adjourned the meeting at 11:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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 Mr. Dennis Henne, Chair

Date signed: 11/30/2022

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 Alan Adolf, Transportation Manager

Date signed: 11/30/2022