



MPO/RTPO TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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MEETING MINUTES

December 8, 2022

PRESENT:

TAC Committee:

Dennis Henne – Chair, Union Gap
Todd Dorsett – Grandview
Randy Giles - WSDOT
Paul Gonseth – WSDOT
Janna Lewis-Clark - PAHTO
Bill Preston – City of Yakima
Matt Pietruciewicz – Yakima County
Ardele Steele - Zillah
Rocky Wallace – City of Selah
Robert Washabaugh – City of Yakima

Associate Participants

Stephen Hazzard – HLA
Kristin Melcher - People for People
Mike Meskimen – Gray & Osborne

YVCOG Staff:

Alan Adolf – Transportation Program Manager
Jeff Watson – Senior Transportation Planner
Byron Gumz – Planning Manager
Tami Hayward – Finance Specialist
Jodi Smith – Communication Specialist

(Z) Attended via Zoom - ALL

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Dennis Henne, Chair, called the December 8, 2022, meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

November 10, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Rocky Wallace made a motion to approve the Minutes of the November 10, 2022 meeting. Bill Preston seconded the motion. The motion carried.

TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM CORRESPONDENCE AND UPDATES

Alan Adolf, Transportation Manager

Mr. Adolf reviewed shared updates and recent correspondence.

2022 Federal Performance Measures Concurrences, for 2023 – we are holding off on submitting the BIL IRRA federal performance measure concurrence items until January.

2023-26 MRTIP Air Quality Conformity Determination - we have received responses from Federal Highways and from the Secretary of State on our 2023-26 MRTIP documents – it has been approved and we are good to go.

Our first amendment will be in January. Due by Wednesday, December 21st.

MPACT Meeting (12/7/2022) – 5 projects were prioritized for this biennium’s Consolidated Grant.

Rocky Wallace chaired the MPACT meeting and provided an overview of the ranking process. Five projects were ranked (4 People for People projects and 1 YVCOG project) - 3 of the projects were to sustain existing projects and 2 new planning projects. The sustaining projects received A rankings and the planning projects received B rankings.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

2023 ITS Plan Update

Alan Adolf

We did not receive any specific comments other than some discussion with Madelyn Carlson of People for People. YVCOG has added some areas in the Operational Concept section related to Alternative Fuel Vehicles, Autonomous/Alternative Conveyance Vehicles, and Solar/Alternative Fuel Generation. With regards to the archive data management, we have included Yakima Transit to go with the other transit providers in the area. Also an item to address collecting and archiving multimodal and intramodal transportation-based origin and destination tracking data.

MPACT reviewed the 2023 ITS Plan Update at their December meeting.

Decision: Rocky Wallace moved to recommend adoption of 2022 ITS Plan Update by Policy Board. Secoded by Jase Testerman. The motion carried.

2023 Traffic Count Season Update

Alan Adolf

Mr. Adolf thanked everyone for filling out the traffic count survey. It looks as though everyone would like at least a few counts this year. We won't be at the same level as in 2022 but will be contacting jurisdictions in the next couple of weeks and getting back to you with allotted number of tube counts and turning movements available in January.

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Federal Funding Status

Alan Adolf

Award letters have been mailed out to the 5 TAP applicants and to Grandview for their STBG. Starting to get new allocation information for jurisdictions. Reviewed changes in federal funding programs as the result of the BIL bill.

New eligibilities for STBG including EV charging stations infrastructure, protective features to protect resilience, and wildlife crossing projects. We are planning a 2023 Call for Projects. There is a suballocation distribution formula we will be working on and using to determine two tiers of project applications.

Discussion on question of whether we want to go with 86.5% or fully funding with STBG.

TAP has expanded eligible applicants, including non-profit entities, activities related to vulnerable road-user assessments, reaffirms Safe Routes to Schools project, etc.

CMAQ – purchase of diesel replacement, zero-emission vehicles, shared micro-mobility, etc.

New program – new funding available for projects designed to reduce carbon emissions -additional information can be found in Carbon Reduction Guidance. Toll-credit eligible. Available to all jurisdictions in Yakima County. We received \$666,000 in this funding in 2022. However, the state is still developing guidance for the program. Expect to receive similar amount in 2023. We do not yet have the mechanism to award and allocate it – still being developed by WSDOT.

It appears that YVCOG's CTR/CMAQ programs would be eligible to apply for project funding. Opportunities for thinking outside-the-box.

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CTR Program Updates

Jeff Watson, Sr. Transportation Planner

Mr. Watson updated TAC members on possible CTR timeline changes – WSDOT is looking at postponing the 4-year CTR Plan Update requirement for our local jurisdictions, including Yakima County, by an additional 1 or 2 years. It looks like they are leaning toward extending the deadline by 2 years. They may or may not change the actual cycle. Doing some research to see if it would benefit jurisdictions outside the old MPO to create a CTR Plan.

CTR Implementers meeting – we will definitely need to be doing CTR surveys by May 26, 2023. Not sure if surveys will be on paper or online.

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NEW BUSINESS:

**2023 Streetlight Data Subscription
Renewal**

Alan Adolf

The Streetlight subscription we had ended at the end of October. Primarily used last year to work as a quality control for our transportation model last year.

Discussion on renewing the subscription and adding a Bike & Pedestrian Tier, and Jurisdictional Origin & Destination. We would be able to do data analysis for the jurisdictions.

Privacy issues (phone pinging) have been addressed. Still a lot of historical data we can access. Using new and more usable forms of obtaining data.

The cost would be about \$79,000 and covered by STBG and a couple other funding programs.

Decision: Rocky Wallace moved to recommend renewal of Streetlight Data Subscription agreement for calendar year 2023 by Policy Board. Jase Testerman seconded. The motion carried.

**2022-2023 CMAQ Grant / CRP
Eligibility Process**

Alan Adolf

Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Project Eligibility List – we are announcing a CMAQ call for projects today - \$2.4 million available (at least for now) for our primary MPO jurisdictions. Working to put together an eligibility list. We will be providing a single application to be used for both CMAQ (if you are MPO-eligible jurisdiction – Selah, Yakima, Union Gap, Yakima County) or everybody else – to apply to be placed on an ‘unfunded but likely eligible’ project list so when guidance is available, we will be ready to prioritize and award projects. *(All jurisdictions are eligible for CRP funding.)*

We may not use the entire \$2.4 million in this call – may hold back using part of the funds until winter of 2024-25 to see if we can go county-wide with CMAQ funding.

Maximum funding is \$500,000 per project. Please submit an Intent Application Page submitted by December 21st. Formal applications due by January 20, 2023.

Transitioning to new federally-mandated MOVES 3 Air Quality models, so there are 10 or 12 analysis tools available for tracking air-quality benefits.

CO is no longer a requirement as of December 31st, but PM10 restrictions are still in effect through March of 2025. You can still submit CO projects.

Decision: Rocky Wallace moved to announce Kickoff of 2022-23 CMAQ Call for Projects Process and CRP Eligibility List Process. Ardele Steele seconded. The motion carried.

WSDOT State & Regional Updates

WSDOT Representatives

Paul Gonseth - SR-24 meeting next week. Getting serious about starting up the Naches work.

Randy Giles – one call for projects open right now (County Safety). A couple of local projects on NL2 list for Move Ahead Washington funding – list has been forwarded to Governor’s office for prioritization. Currently ranked at tier 2.

Local Programs is still making 100% funding available to WSDOT-managed programs (bridges, safety, etc). If bids come in high we can increase federally funding to match your bids.

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Member Updates

The following jurisdictions/agencies provided updates:

Selah
YVCOG – starting next UPWP development ... let us know of any unfunded needs.

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Next TAC Meeting:

January 12, 2023, next TAC meeting

Other Business

None.

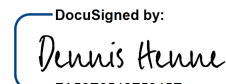
Public Comment

None.

Adjourn

Chairman Henne adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mr. Dennis Henne, Chair

Date signed: 1/19/2023

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Alan Adolf, Transportation Manager

Date signed: 1/19/2023