

YVCOG TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
January 18, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman John Hodkinson called the November 21, 2022, meeting of the Transportation Policy Board to order at 1:32 p.m. A quorum was present.

ROLL CALL &
INTRODUCTIONS

- Members present: John Hodkinson, Sherry Raymond, LaDon Linde, Jose Trevino (Z), Patricia Byers, Janice Gonzales, Jon Smith (Z), Jose Trevino (Z), Troy Suing (Z), Madelyn Carlson (Z).
 - Members Absent: *Jim Restucci, *Patricia Byers
 - YVCOG staff present: Alan Adolf (Z), Vicki Baker, Byron Gumz, Tami Hayward (Z), Albert Miller, Alma Ramadan, Angelica Saldivar, Jodi Smith (Z), Chris Wickenhagen.
- Others present: Chris Titze and Maris Fry, Transpo Group (Z), Jessica Stang and Ann Strand (WSAO).

**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*

Jon Smith moved to approve the November 21, 2022 Policy Board meeting minutes. Sherry Raymond seconded. The motion carried.

TRANSPORTATION
PROGRAM
CORRESPONDENCE

Alan Adolf, Regional Transportation Planning Manager

2023-2026 MRTIP Final Document – we have received both federal and state approval. Addressing a couple of small recommendations regarding air quality.

Investment Strategies Workshop – first workshop will be held February 21st in Lacey. Hoping Chairman Restucci and Vice Chair Hodkinson will be able to attend, along with Chris Wickenhagen and Alan Adolf.

This is a WSDOT and MPO/RTPO effort to be more equitable in how funding is invested around the state. We would like to bring more funding into our region and prioritize how the funds are spent ourselves. We need to get elected officials, and the legislature, more involved.

Yakima County “East-West Corridor” Open House – an open house will be held at the Convention Center on January 23rd from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. to address and discuss the environmental documentation for the East-West Corridor project.

Information

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*Yakima Region Transit
Feasibility Study Findings
Presentation*

Alan Adolf, Regional Transportation Programs Manager & Chris Titze, Transpo Group

Mr. Adolf introduced Chris Titze of the Transpo Group. Mr. Titze presented the “conclusion” of the Yakima Region Transit Feasibility Study Phase I. The project formally began last May and was brought to conclusion in December. The main focus of this Phase was to identify our regions existing transit services and assets, along with fleet composition and age.

This study ran parallel to the HSTP Plan update but went into deeper detail. It gives a snapshot of the services and routes but provides more analysis. It is the first of three planned studies. The next study will be how can we expand services with existing resources? The third study (in the next 3 or 4 years) is how do we look at expanding services with new resources with a goal of improving air quality.

The MPACT Committee accepted the findings at December meeting.

Decision: *Janice Gonzales moved to accept the 2022 Regional Transit Feasibility Study (Phase 1) Finding Document and distribute to YVCOG member jurisdictions. Sherry Raymond seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

2023-2025 WSDOT Public
Transportation Consolidated
Grant Program

Alan Adolf

YVCOG administers/disburses money on four programs. The Consolidated Grant is public transportation money from the state and the MPACT subcommittee prioritizes projects every two years, which is then presented to the Policy Board for approval and submission to the state.

Five projects were initially submitted by the October 21st deadline. Projects are ranked either A, B, or C. The state determines how many A, B, and C projects are allowed to each region. This year People for People received 3 A scores and 1 B score, YVCOG’s project received a B score (for Phase II Transit Feasibility Study), and an additional request by WSDOT was a Yakama Nation project which received a C score.

Decision: *Sherry Raymond moved to adopt YVCOG Region’s 2023-25 Consolidated Grant Priority List and submit to WSDOT. Jon Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

Final 2023 ITS Plan

Alan Adolf

The ITS (Intelligent Transportation Systems Plan) is updated annually and is internal to YVCOG but benefits our jurisdictions. Anything from weather stations, data collection - anything with a technological component - can be included.

Due to the new transportation bill approved last year, there are three new Operational Concept categories this year in the areas of Alternative Fuel Vehicles, Autonomous/Alternative Conveyance Vehicles, and Solar/Alternative Fuel Generation.

We are trying to be proactive in addressing our jurisdiction’s needs in this document. The plan is available for our local jurisdictions to use as they need.

Decision: *Sherry Raymond moved to adopt 2023 Intelligent Transportation Systems Plan Document. Janice Gonzales seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

NEW BUSINESS

*January 2023-2026 M/RTIP
Amendment*

Alan Adolf

First M/RTIP amendment of the year. This is the first opportunity for jurisdictions to make corrections to what they submitted to us last summer. The County is allowed to submit in November, and this is where we amend the M/RTIP to include their projects.

We have 10 formal amendments (Grandview; Naches; Yakima – 2; Yakima County – 4; and WSDOT – 2).

Decision: *Sherry Raymond moved to adopt January 2023 M/RTIP Amendment and authorize Chair to sign, including Resolution 2023-01 Findings and 2023-02 Determination of Air Quality. Janice Gonzales seconded. The motion carried.*

*eRMSI 2023 On-Call Model
Assistance Contract*

Alan Adolf

Mr. Adolf presented the 2023 eRMSI On-Call Model Assistance contract to the Policy Board. This is the renewal of our annual transportation modeling contract with Eco Resource Management Systems, Inc. (eRMSI). We use traffic modeling to study impact analysis on road construction projects, traffic flow, etc. Efforts this year will be more jurisdictionally oriented.

Decision: *Janice Gonzales moved to authorize Chair to sign 2023 On-call Modeling Assistance Contract after received from eRMSI. Sherry Raymond seconded. The motion carried.*

*2023 Streetlight Data, Inc
Subscription Renewal*

Alan Adolf

This is a means of tracking traffic movement – a nation-wide data base which we can use to help with our traffic modeling. Privacy issues related to ‘pinging’ have been resolved.

We can use this data for transportation and also land use and some of our other program.

We are extending the contract for a 2nd year and adding the bike/ped and transit modes in order to give us a complete modal analysis tool. The cost will be \$79,519.50.

Decision: *Janice Gonzales moved to authorize the Chair to sign the YVCOG/STREETLIGHT Data, Inc. subscription contract for one year. Sherry Raymond seconded. The motion carried.*

2023 MPA Safety Performance Measures Alan Adolf

As part of our federal funding requirements state and local jurisdictions must track performance of the money we spend from federal transportation bills to make sure the funding is being spent appropriately. The performance measures we are addressing right now are Safety and Transportation Performance Measurement.

Decision: Janice Gonzales moved to authorize Director to sign confirmation letter and adopt and authorize Chair to sign Resolution 2023-03 for 2023 Safety Performance Measures and Targets. LaDon Linde seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2023 Yakima Transit Public Transit Agency Safety Plan Performance Measures Alan Adolf

As our only federally-funded transit agency, Yakima Transit must complete and update this plan annually. They also have safety and performance measures they strive to meet for Transit Safety.

The City Council adopted Yakima Transit’s 2023 Performance Measures on December 15, 2022.

Decision: Janice Gonzales moved to authorize Executive Director to sign cover letter and adopt Resolution 2023-04 for 2023 Transit Safety Performance Measures and Targets. Sherry Raymond seconded. The motion carried.

WSDOT State & Regional Update Troy Suing, WSDOT South Central Region

SR-24 Study open house tentatively planned for February 13th.

There will be bridge deck construction on Highway 12/I82 starting late spring/ early summer and will impact traffic flow.

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OTHER BUSINESS Next Policy Board meeting will be held December 19, 2022.

PUBLIC COMMENT None.

ADJOURN With no other business, Chairman Restucci adjourned the meeting at 3:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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James A. Restucci
YVCOG Transportation Policy Board Chair

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Tamara Hayward, Financial Specialist

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Date signed