

YVCOG TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
February 22, 2023

CALL TO ORDER Chairman, James Restucci, called the February 22, 2023, meeting of the Transportation Policy Board to order at 1:30 p.m. A quorum was present.

ROLL CALL & INTRODUCTIONS

- Members present: James Restucci (Z), John Hodkinson, Patricia Byers, Sherry Raymond, LaDon Linde, Jose Trevino (Z), Patricia Byers, Janice Gonzales, Jon Smith (Z), Todd Trepanier, Madelyn Carlson (Z).
- Members Absent: none
- YVCOG staff present: Alan Adolf, Shane Andreas, Vicki Baker, Byron Gumz, Tami Hayward (Z), Albert Miller, Alma Ramadan (Z), Angelica Saldivar, Jodi Smith (Z), Chris Wickenhagen.

Others present: none

*\*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\* Janice Gonzales moved to approve the January 18, 2023 Policy Board meeting minutes. Patricia Byers seconded. The motion carried.

TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM *Alan Adolf, Regional Transportation Planning Manager*

CORRESPONDENCE **2023 Traffic Counter Season** – begins in March. 10 of our 14 jurisdictions will be counting this season. We have \$65,000+ available for this year. Mabton, Naches, and Tieton have opted out in 2023.

**Grandview Federal Highways Administration Safety 130 Award** – the City of Grandview received \$1.087 million for their Stover Road railroad crossing project.

**WSDOT Mobility Partnerships – State Grant Proposal** – the state law requires reduction in traffic wherever possible (CTR). Desire to do CTR outside the MPO areas throughout the state. Reviewed the new grant program. Original funding request was about \$25 million, but now looking at \$5 - \$10 million for the next biennium. This program would probably be overseen by the MPACT committee.

***Information***

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

*2022/23 CMAQ Prioritization and Awards* *Alan Adolf*

Mr. Adolf announced the four projects that were submitted have been prioritized by the sub-committee of TAC members, who reviewed and scored them on February 7<sup>th</sup>. All projects are expected to be fully funded.

There were 6 sub-committee members and projects were scored two ways - the results were the same using both scoring methods: Selah, Union Gap, Yakima, and YVCOG.

Award letters will be sent out upon approval of the Policy Board.

**Decision:** *John Hodkinson moved to adopt 2022/23 CMAQ Grant Prioritization List and authorize Executive Director to sign and distribute award letters.. Sherry Raymond seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

## NEW BUSINESS

*February 2023-2026 M/RTIP  
Amendment*

*Alan Adolf*

Mr. Adolf announced we have one formal amendment for February. This amendment was submitted by WSDOT for revision of the US 12 / White Pass culvert lining project – splitting the cost of the project between Yakima County and Lewis County, resulting in a project cost reduction from \$787,255 to \$393,627.

**Decision:** *Sherry Raymond moved to adopt February 2023 M/RTIP Amendment and authorize Chair to sign Resolutions 2023-05 for Findings and 2023-06 for Determination of Air Quality. Patricia Byers seconded. The motion carried.*

*2022-2025 WA State Bridge /  
Pavement Performance  
Measures*

*Alan Adolf*

These are state performance measures and are based on percentages of the entire state’s bridges and pavement on interstate/non-interstate roads in good or poor conditions.

**Decision:** *Janice Gonzales moved to authorize Chair to sign confirmation letter and adopt and authorize Chair to Sign Resolution 2023-07 for 2022-2025 WSDOT Bridge & Pavement Performance Measures and Targets. Jon Smith seconded. The motion carried.*

*2022-2025 WA State Highway  
System and National Freight  
Movement Performance  
Measures*

*Alan Adolf*

This measure is based on percentage of the Person-Miles traveled on interstate/non-interstate National Highway System during certain daily travel times, that are reliable and the difference (ratio) in travel time delay from “normal” to “long” freight TTTR (Truck Travel Time Reliability).

**Decision:** *Patricia Byers moved to authorize the Chair to sign the confirmation letter and adopt and authorize Chair to sign Resolution 2023-08 for 2022-2025 Washington State National Highway System and National Freight Movement Program Performance Measures and Targets. LaDon Linde seconded. The motion carried.*

*FFY 2023 Federal Funding  
Program*

*Alan Adolf*

On February 6<sup>th</sup> we received our 2023 final funding allocations for four (4) of YVCOG-administered programs – STBG (Surface Transportation Block Grant), TA (Transportation Alternatives), CRP (Carbon Reduction Program), and CMAQ (Congestion Mitigation Air Quality).

We received a lower than anticipated appropriation for our region – dropped about 12% from what the state anticipated. This will affect available funding in 2023. Hoping this will just affect 2023 and then go back to our previously anticipated levels. Should not affect our awarded projects.

STBG - \$3.8 million (down from \$4.6) – reduces our obligation target;  
TA – anticipated just under \$600,000 this year but will receive \$495,000;  
CRP – this is new funding. Waiting for final guidance to be able to distribute. This amount decreased from \$666,000 in 2022 to about \$585,000;  
CMAQ – anticipated \$350,000 per year, but will receive \$288,000.

***Information and Discussion.***

*NARC Board Seeking Board of Directors Members*

*James Restucci, MPO/RTPO Chair*

Mr. Restucci announced that the National Association of Regional Councils is looking for new board members. Board members must be an elected official and would be representing 12 COGs in Oregon and 10 in Washington state.

You would travel around the country meeting members of Congress, fighting at the national level for transportation policy. You will meet mayors, city council members, county commissioners – all at the same table.

If you are interested in serving, this Board will need to endorse you.

Mr. Restucci served for 6 years and enjoyed it very much. The last time he attended the national meeting he met with 22 members of Congress in 3 days.

There is also now a meeting of COG directors from around the United States – very beneficial.

NARC is usually way ahead – 12 years ago they authored a document at the NARC board meeting governing opioids and recognizing the problem, making bids to Congress for funding to support these programs.

Please let Jim or Chris know if you're interested.

***Information and Discussion***

**WSDOT STATE & REGIONAL UPDATE** *Todd Trepanier, WSDOT South Central Region*

A lot going on.

Vantage bridge repair. Will take I-90 down to one lane for about 3 years and will have two lanes open on major holidays. Probably better to go through Tri-Cities if heading to Spokane.

15-mile section on east Snoqualmie Pass, around Easton area, will also have a lot of construction going on.

Information on what is happening as far as maintenance patches, etc., on bridge decks.

Mr. Trepanier provided information on various funding sources, including gas tax. Tough choices are being made on what work to do.

He spoke on how WSDOT, MPOs and RTPOs are vital in helping the legislature decide on setting priorities, how funding is distributed, etc.

Discussion on capacity expansion and why the legislature is backing away from it – partly because since COVID our traffic has almost been cut in half.

**Information**

WASHINGTON  
TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION UPDATE

*James Restucci. WSTC Representative*

The Washington State Transportation Committee will be meeting in Ellensburg in April.

The Operations Plan has been completed and forwarded to the Governor’s office.

Mr. Restucci has been appointed to the first Washington State Route Jurisdiction Study in 30 years. The City of Snoqualmie wants to return property to WSDOT.

OTHER BUSINESS

Next Policy Board meeting will be held March 20, 2023.


PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURN

With no other business, Chairman Restucci adjourned the meeting at 2:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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James A. Restucci  
YVCOG Transportation Policy Board Chair

3/23/2023  
Date signed

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Tamara Hayward, Financial Specialist

3/24/2023  
Date signed