



MPO/RTPO TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

In-Person and via Zoom

MEETING MINUTES

February 9, 2023

PRESENT:

TAC Committee:

- Dennis Henne – Chair, Union Gap
- Elizabeth Alba – Sunnyside (Z)
- Shaun Burgess – Toppenish (Z)
- Dan Ford – Toppenish (Z)
- Randy Giles – WSDOT (Z)
- Paul Gonseth – WSDOT (Z)
- Janna Lewis-Clark – PAHTO (Z)
- Matt Pietruciewicz – Yakima County (Z)
- Bill Preston - Yakima
- Jeff Ranger - Naches
- Ardele Steele – Zillah (Z)
- Jase Testerman – Yakima County(Z)
- Rocky Wallace – City of Selah
- Robert Washabaugh – City of Yakima(Z)

Associate Participants

- Stephen Hazzard – HLA (Z)
- Kristin Melcher – People for People (Z)
- Mike Meskimen – Gray & Osborne
- Greg Story – Yakima Transit (Z)

YVCOG Staff:

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

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Dennis Henne, Chair, called the February 9, 2023, meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 12, 2023 Meeting Minutes Jeff Ranger made a motion to approve the Minutes of the January 12, 2023 meeting. Rocky Wallace seconded the motion. The motion carried.

TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM CORRESPONDENCE AND UPDATES

Alan Adolf, Transportation Manager

Mr. Adolf reviewed shared updates and recent correspondence.

There will be a SR 24 / Moxee Corridor Study open house on February 13th at Moxee Elementary. COG has been supporting WSDOT’s efforts with modeling assistance.

Regional Transportation Modeling and StreetLight data analysis assistance is now available. We are ready to receive regional transportation modeling requests and data assistance requests.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

2022-2023 CMAQ Grant / CRP Eligibility Process Update

Alan Adolf

Review of the 2023 CMAQ Scoring/Ranking Report – subcommittee met on January 7th. Four projects were submitted and scored. Rocky Wallace, subcommittee chair, gave an update on how the projects ranked (YVCOG, Union Gap, Yakima, and Selah). All four projects will be funded.

There will be further discussion on federal funding allocations. At this point, based on carry-over monies and anticipated funding, we should have about \$1.9 million available through the course of BIL to do these projects. Possibility of YVCOG stepping back.

Mr. Adolf will be contacting the awardees to discuss timetables, and how to allow as much up front obligation and how to spread it out to stay financially constrained.

Decision: Jeff Ranger moved to recommend CMAQ Priority List for awarding of projects. Rocky Wallace seconded. The motion carried.

Carbon Reduction Program: broken into 3 prioritization categories depending on population. Looking at how the USDOT toolkits for determining air quality can be used for carbon reduction. Mr. Adolf and Mr. Watson are beginning to look at the proposals and still waiting for guidance from WSDOT on how to award these funds.

2023 Traffic Count Season Update *Jeff Watson, Sr. Transportation Planner*

The season is upon us. Eleven of our 14 municipalities have submitted traffic count requests for the 2023 season. The 2023 deadline for submitting a request form is February 17th. Granger, Naches, and Tieton opted out for this year.

Mr. Watson offered to email a link on a primer he has prepared for StreetLight – shows what it can and cannot do. We have the capacity for transit, bicycle and pedestrian data now.

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2024-2025 UPWP Development *Jeff Watson*

We have begun the UPWP update, which is required each year to show how funding will be used by YVCOG for transportation planning purposes. If you have any additional requests or submissions, please submit in digital form and we will include it in the UPWP. At this point there have been no specific requests.

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CTR Program Updates *Jeff Watson*

The Transportation Demand Management TAC held a meeting a few days ago and there have been several updates. Regional and Jurisdictional CTR plans are normally required to be updated at least every two to four years but because of COVID they have decided to postpone this year's update to 2025 and will be changing the cycle to a full 4-year cycle, giving us a little more time to update our plans if necessary.

CTR performance targets – jurisdictions can make their own targets if they desire, but we usually adopt the state targets. The Drive Alone rate will be the target metric they will be using at the state level.

CTR survey requirements – were supposed to be turned in by June 23rd. There are 13 jurisdictions that have not accomplished that as of yet. We told them we would use an exemption if they gave it to us – 9 of the 13 jurisdictions said they would pursue an exemption. The exemptions will be offered to the 13 jurisdictions. Pushing it out to 2025.

Budget discussion - \$3 million more is being allotted to CTR. Working on how the funding will be distributed.

Timeline for new survey tool – going to a service. It will be fully online and will be coming online in 2025. It will serve as our baseline data set. Survey notifications will be sent out to employees and will be conducted on computers, tablets, smartphones.

Mobility partnership program – designed to diversify the CTR program and provide opportunities for less urban communities and MPOs to develop partnerships and enhance CTR in areas where it wasn't as prevalent. Originally seeking \$25 million, but the number has decreased to \$5 to \$10 million. Leaving out Snohomish, King, and Pierce counties. WSDOT is seeking letters of support.

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NEW BUSINESS:

February 2023-2026 M/RTIP Amendment

Jeff Watson

There is one (1) formal M/RTIP amendment in February – this is a culvert-lining project on White Pass. The project will be shared between Lewis and Yakima County – it is a modification of total funding from \$787,255.00 to \$393,627.00.

Decision: Rocky Wallace moved for TAC recommendation to Policy Board for approval of February Amendment of 2023-2026 M/RTIP. Bill Preston seconded. The motion carried.

STP / T-A / CMAQ / CRP Long Range Funding Status

Alan Adolf

We have received our official federal funding allocations. There has been a decrease of anywhere between about 10-12% for fiscal year 2023. This may be due to holding back some funds for RAISE grants. Our STBG funding has been about \$4.6 million, but our new total is \$3.8 million. CMAQ dropped from \$350,000 to \$288,000 for this year. Transportation Alternatives dropped to \$495,000. The FY 2023 carbon reduction is just under \$580,000 – not sure how 2022 funds are being affected. We should be in a good position target-wise this year.

All CMAQ projects can move forward at this point, but we will be sure to do this in a financially-constrained way.

The projects moving forward are taking advantage of WSDOT's toll credits.

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2022-2025 Washington State Bridge/Pavement Performance Measures

Alan Adolf

This is the next grouping of federal performance measures. Measures based on percentages of entire state's bridges and interstate-non-interstate roads in good or poor condition.

Mr. Adolf reviewed the confirmation letter, to be signed by YVCOG Executive Director, regarding bridge and pavement performance measures and targets.

Decision: Rocky Wallace moved to recommend Policy Board authorize Director to sign confirmation letter and adopt Resolution 2023-XX for 2023 Washington State Bridge & Pavement Performance Measures and Targets. Jase Testerman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

Alan Adolf

This is a statewide goal - based on percentage of the Person-Miles traveled on the Interstate/non-interstate NHS that are Reliable and the difference (ratio) in travel time delay from “normal” to “long” freight Truck Travel Time (TTTR) during select daily travel times. Our goal is to maintain the flow as well as possible – including roundabouts.

Decision: Rocky Wallace moved to recommend Policy Board authorize Director to sign confirmation letter and adopt Resolution 2023-XX 2022-2025 Washington State Highway System and National Freight Movement Performance Measures and Targets. Jeff Ranger seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2023-26 STBG Application Development

Alan Adolf

This hasn't been done in 10 years – an application for a potential Call for Projects. Looking for a few people who will help go through the application and the process of how we want to move forward with a Call for STP Projects. Asked for volunteers to be on a subcommittee. Mr. Adolf will send out an email requesting subcommittee volunteers. Rocky Wallace and Bill Preston volunteered to serve on the subcommittee.

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WSDOT State & Regional Updates

WSDOT Representatives

Paul Gonseth – focusing on the SR 24 Study open house.

Randy Giles – bridge call for projects focused on off-system bridges in poor condition. WSDOT has posted a list of inventoried bridges that are in poor condition.

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Member Updates

The following jurisdictions/agencies provided updates:

Mabton
PAHTO
Selah
Sunnyside
Union Gap
Yakima
Yakima County
Zillah

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Next TAC Meeting:

March 9, 2023, next TAC meeting

Discussion

Other Business

None.

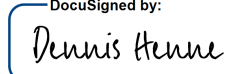
Public Comment

None.

Adjourn

Chairman Henne adjourned the meeting at 11:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mr. Dennis Henne, Chair

Date signed: 3/23/2023

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Alan Adolf, Transportation Manager

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