

YVCOG TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
April 17, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman, James Restucci, called the April 17, 2023, meeting of the Transportation Policy Board to order at 1:32 p.m. A quorum was present.

ROLL CALL &
INTRODUCTIONS

- Members present: James Restucci, John Hodkinson, Patricia Byers, Sherry Raymond, LaDon Linde (Z), Janice Gonzales (Z), Jon Smith (Z), Troy Suing (Z), Madelyn Carlson (Z).
 - Members Absent: *Jon Smith and *Jose Trevino
 - YVCOG staff present: Alan Adolf, Shane Andreas, Vicki Baker, Byron Gumz, Tami Hayward (Z), Alma Rabadan, Angelica Saldivar, Jodi Smith (Z), Jeff Watson (Z), Chris Wickenhagen.
- Others present: Elizabeth Alba, TAC Vice Chair (Mayor of Sunnyside)

**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*

John Hodkinson moved to approve the March 20, 2023, Policy Board meeting minutes. Patricia Byers seconded. The motion carried.

TRANSPORTATION
PROGRAM
CORRESPONDENCE

Alan Adolf, Regional Transportation Planning Manager

Congratulations to Yakima County – received \$2.5 million for their East-West Corridor project!

UPWP State/Federal annual review will be held via Zoom/in person on April 19th. After making any corrections, the UPWP will be presented to TAC and Policy Board in May.

Federal Railroad Administration Long Distance Rail Study – the next planning phase will be review of comments, proposed routes, and meetings. Next anticipated meeting of the northwest region meeting will be in June or July.

Statewide “Rural” Commute Trip Reduction Program was not approved this year, but there should be an additional \$1.6 million available in statewide funding. We should be receiving at least \$197,000.00 in CTR funds for the upcoming biennium.

2023 Public Participation Plan Kickoff – the plan will be out for comment from May 1st through June 30th. This plan is part of the Long-Range Plan and will be used for the next 4 years to reach out to the public in our various outreach programs. Plan will be presented in July. No significant changes.

2023 Traffic Counter Season is underway. 10 of the 14 jurisdictions did not directly request counts this year. We are currently doing counts in Toppenish and Sunnyside and will also be conducting counts in Moxee and Yakima this spring. We plan to do some counts in Naches beginning in mid-May, related to the Naches Corridor study). No counts are scheduled for June or July, but we will

pick up again in late August with counts in Toppenish in Zillah area. We will continue counts in the fall with Zillah, Selah, Mabton, Grandview, and Union Gap.

This is the final year of our IDAX contract, so we will be doing a Request for Proposals later this summer and we are hoping IDAX will apply again.

Information

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Yakima Airport Manager - Introduction

Alan Adolf

Rob Hodgman was unable to attend the meeting, but Mr. Adolf informed the Policy Board that he did attend the TAC meeting last week and he wishes to be involved with our efforts. He worked for WSDOT Aviation for 11 years and has some great experience. He will be presenting at tomorrow’s WSTC meeting in Ellensburg.

Information

NEW BUSINESS

City of Mabton – STBG Augmentation Request

Elizabeth Alba, TAC Vice Chair, and Alan Adolf

TAC has recommended Policy Board approval of the City of Mabton’s Main Street Reconstruction Project’s STBG funds augmentation request for \$206,000.00 due to 10 years of “inflationary creep” since their initial award, bringing their total STBG funding award for “construction” to \$2,199,306.

This project was originally awarded in 2013 and costs have increased since that time. There was an issue with the BNSF Crossing Agreement, but that has been resolved and the City is ready to obligate pending approval of the additional funding. Their 10-year obligation window ends in October. If this funding is approved, we should meet our STBG obligation target for this year.

Decision: *Patricia Byers moved to approve the City of Mabton’s Main Street Reconstruction Project funding revision and authorize Executive Director to sign Surface Transportation Block Grant Program augmentation letter. John Hodgkinson seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

April 2023-2026 M/RTIP Amendment

Elizabeth Alba and Alan Adolf

We have seven (7) formal amendments in April:

- Grandview: Stover Road
- Union Gap: Regional Connector Phase 2B
- Yakima County: 2 projects for the East-West Corridor
- WSDOT – 3 projects for ADA Compliance and Intersection Safety
- Mabton – an administrative amendment

Public Comment period ended April 12, 2023.

Decision: *Sherry Raymond moved to adopt the April 2023 M/RTIP Amendment and Resolutions 2023-09 (Findings) and 2023-10 (Determination of Air Quality) and authorize Chair to sign.*

Calendar Year 2023 FTA Certification & Assurances Agreements

Elizabeth Alba and Alan Adolf

This is YVCOG’s annual confirmation that we will comply with the Federal Transit Administration’s funding guidelines. There are no significant changes from last year.

We also prepare a WSDOT Labor Information Form that deals with participation of our transit agencies in labor organizations. None of the transportation providers on the list are members of labor organizations.

Decision: *Janice Gonzales moved to authorize the Executive Director to sign the 2023 5333(b) Labor (Cover) Letter and FTA’s Fiscal Year 2023 Certifications and Assurances Forms and submit to WSDOT. Patricia Byers seconded. The motion carried.*

WSDOT STATE & REGIONAL UPDATE

Troy Suing, WSDOT South Central Region

Re-doing 3 bridge decks on Gordon Road – will be a lot of traffic impact when the work starts – going out to bid soon and will be constructing this summer.

Highway 97 – second roundabout, on Jones Road, will be starting construction this summer. Three or four more roundabouts are planned in that area.

Legislature is still going strong – House and Senate are working on their budgets, but it looks like both of them have a lower level of preservation funding than the Governor would like to see, so that is of some concern. Hoping to see something before Friday.

Information

WASHINGTON TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION UPDATE

James Restucci. WSTC Representative

The Washington State Transportation Committee meets outside of Olympia 4 times each year. We will be meeting in Ellensburg tomorrow and Wednesday. Touring Ellensburg’s transportation projects from 9 a.m. to noon on Tuesday.

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OTHER BUSINESS

Next Policy Board meeting will be held May 15, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURN

With no other business, Chairman Restucci adjourned the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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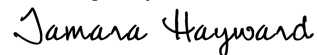
James A. Restucci
YVCOG Transportation Policy Board Chair

5/18/2023

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Tamara Hayward, Financial Specialist