

YVCOG TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
May 15, 2023

- CALL TO ORDER Chairman, James Restucci, called the May 15, 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, John Hodkinson (Z), Patricia Byers, Sherry Raymond, LaDon Linde, Janice Gonzales, Jon Smith, Troy Suing (Z), Madelyn Carlson (Z).
  - Members Absent: Jose Trevino
  - YVCOG staff present: Alan Adolf, Shane Andreas (Z), Vicki Baker, Byron Gumz, Tami Hayward (Z), Alma Rabadan, Angelica Saldivar, Jodi Smith (Z), Jeff Watson (Z), Chris Wickenhagen.
- Others present: Dennis Henne, TAC Chair
- \*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\* LaDon Linde moved to approve the April 17, 2023, Policy Board meeting minutes. Janice Gonzales seconded. The motion carried.
- TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM CORRESPONDENCE
- Alan Adolf, Regional Transportation Planning Manager*
- USDOT Safe Streets & Roads for All (SS4A) Grant – YVCOG will be applying for an SS4A grant in the amount of \$350,000 to \$450,000. The goal of this grant is to improve safety on the roads and streets in our region – part of the Complete Streets process (cross walks, road striping, etc., including much larger projects). The action plan process could take up to 18 months to develop. The 2-page application is due in July.
- There is a match requirement, but staff time can be considered as ‘in kind.’
- Toppenish applied last year and received \$80,000.00.
- SFY 2024-2025 Commute Trip Reduction (CTR) Anticipated Allocation – We are anticipating an increase in funding from \$148,000 per biennium to about \$215,000.
- We will be holding our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Bike to Work event next Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. in two locations. There will be an event that evening at Single Hill. Jeff has basically had to rebuild the program from scratch after COVID.
- SFY 2024-2025 WSDOT – MPO/RTPO Funding Agreements – We had our quarterly meetings and there is a proposal WSDOT would like to include in our upcoming agreements. The IJA requires 2.5% set aside of an MPO’s planning funds to be used for planning activities for safe and accessible transportation, such as complete streets. CTR activities satisfy some of these requirements by improving accessibility.

The Disadvantaged Business Enterprises requirements – WSDOT hopes to include language that MPOs and RTPOs will monitor programs and still seek to actively involve DBE numbers. If we use DBEs, it will help WSDOT meet their goals. These are primarily minority-owned businesses because women-owned businesses are no longer considered disadvantaged.

Introduction of WSDOT MPO/RTPO Sr. Transportation Planning Coordinator – Kate Tollefson is filling the position vacated by Cliff Hall. She will help make sure that we are compliant and will be our primary ‘assistance provider.’

***Information***

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

*2025-2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)*

*Dennis Henne, TAC Chair*

The Federal/State UPWP review was held on April 19<sup>th</sup> and the document was approved. The TAC met on May 11<sup>th</sup> and recommended that the Policy Board adopt the UPWP.

***Decision:*** *Patricia Byers moved to authorize the chair to sign SFY 2024-2025 UPWP and Resolution 2023-13 and submit to WSDOT. Janice Gonzales seconded. The motion carried.*

**NEW BUSINESS**

*May 2023-2026 M/RTIP Amendment*

*Dennis Henne*

We have four (4) formal amendments in May:

- Yakima
- Yakima Transit
- Zillah

Public Comment period ended May 10, 2023.

***Decision:*** *Jon Smith moved to adopt the April 2023 M/RTIP Amendment and Resolutions 2023-11 (Findings) and 2023-12 (Determination of Air Quality) and authorize Chair to sign. Sherry Raymond seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

*2023 Public Participation Plan: Public Comment Kickoff* *Dennis Henne and Alan Adolf*

This plan is the precursor document for the 2024-2045 Long Range Transportation Plan. It outlines YVCOG’s public outreach and comment strategies over the next four years for the Long-Range Plan and any other outreach involving public comment and outreach.

Main changes come from new requirements from COVID – more virtual activities, etc.

The Public Comment Period will last 45 days and end on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Will be brought before Policy Board for approval in July.

**Information**

WSDOT STATE & REGIONAL *Troy Suing, WSDOT South Central Region*  
UPDATE

We are finishing up I82 paving between Selah and Yakima.

Starting Gordon Road (US 12/I 82) overpass in July. 1<sup>st</sup> Street ramps may be affected at times. Construction will go on through summer.

Legislature has passed the budget. Preservation wasn't as high a priority as we had hoped.

**Information**

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COMMISSION UPDATE

*James Restucci, WSTC Representative*

Chairman Restucci shared the WSTC 2022 report, including 20-year transportation plan update. This plan is updated every 5 years.

Mr. Restucci is expected to become Vice Chair of the WSTC on Wednesday.

**Information**

OTHER BUSINESS

Next Policy Board meeting will be held June 20, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.

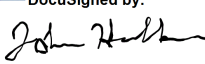
PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURN

With no other business, Chairman Restucci adjourned the meeting at 2:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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for James A. Restucci  
YVCOG Transportation Policy Board Chair

Date signed

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Tamara Hayward, Financial Specialist