

YVCOG TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
June 20, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman, John Hodkinson, called the June 20, 2023, meeting of the Transportation Policy Board to order at 1:31 p.m. A quorum was present.

ROLL CALL &
INTRODUCTIONS

- Members present: John Hodkinson, Sherry Raymond, LaDon Linde, Troy Suing, Terry Berends, Madelyn Carlson (Z).
 - Members Absent: James Restucci, Patricia Byers, Janice Gonzales, Jon Smith, Jose Trevino
 - YVCOG staff present: Shane Andreas, Vicki Baker, Byron Gumz, Tami Hayward (Z), Maria Lopez, Alma Rabadan, Angelica Saldivar, and Jeff Watson
- Others present: Dennis Henne, TAC Chair (Z)

**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.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were approved under the Consent Agenda:

- May 15, 2023, Minutes
- June Amendment to the 2023-2026 M/RTIP
- Amendment #1 of the 2022 HSTP (Human Services Transportation Plan)
- WSDOT Agreement No. GCB 3871 0 2023-2025 MPO/RTPO Planning Agreement

Decision: Sherry Raymond moved to approve the Consent Agenda items. LaDon Linde seconded. The motion carried.

TRANSPORTATION
PROGRAM
CORRESPONDENCE

Jeff Watson, Regional Transportation Planner

WSDOT CTR Federal Funding Allocation (SFY 2023-2025) – We should be receiving about 30% additional funding (approximately \$212,000.00 for the biennium).

YVCOG Region Consolidated Grant Award List: Yakima Region – We had 7 applications for our region last year: People for People (5), YVCOG (1), and Yakama Nation (1). All projects will receive funding.

YVCOG Regional Bike/Pedestrian Grant Awards List –

- Granger (Granger Roundabout at 3rd St. and SR223),
- Union Gap (Ahtanum Road Pedestrian Railroad Crossing),
- Yakima (72nd / Washington Improvements), and
- Yakima County(East/West Corridor Pedestrian Bike Path)

YVCOG’s Public Participation Plan Public Comment/Open House Update – still open for public comment. Comment period closes June 30th. This document is the pre-cursor to the 20-year plan we will be starting on next month. The plan basically states what our plan for outreach will be in each community. We have

had 4 open houses – relatively sparse participation (two online and three in person) – about equal participation between online and in person. Final open house will be in Zillah tomorrow. Great participation at Treaty Days.

August Federal Redistribution Funds Available to Washington State – Impacts on YVCOG Region –

These are federal funds that were not utilized in the last biennium and are being submitted back to the state for redistribution. It’s a big challenge to obligate those funds, but they’re giving us a heads-up now. Funds need to be obligated by the end of August 2023. Troy Suing reported that Washington should be receiving around \$100 million.

Information

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2023 Federal Safe Streets & Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Submittal

Dennis Henne, TAC Chair

Yakima Valley Regional Safety Action Plan Proposal (\$350,000 grant request plus 20% local match) - YVCOG is submitting an application to USDOT for 2023 SS4A funding (a planning and demonstration grant opportunity). This will provide funding for a new comprehensive study action plan for Yakima County. It will cover 13 of 14 incorporated cities, as Toppenish has already received funding in 2022.

The TAC has recommended the Policy Board approve submitting the SS4A grant application.

Decision: *Sherry Raymond moved to authorize the chair to sign grant application documents and submit to USDOT. LaDon Linde seconded. The motion carried.*

NEW BUSINESS

2024-2027 Metropolitan & Regional Transportation Improvement Program Update

Dennis Henne and Jeff Watson

Chairman Henne mentioned the draft M/RTIP Development Schedule is available for review and is pretty self-explanatory, explaining the process and timeline of the development schedule.

Information

2024-2045 Metropolitan & Regional Long-Range Plan Kickoff

Dennis Henne

This document is a 20-year transportation planning document. It addresses all transportation modes for all jurisdictions in our region. The plan is due in March of 2024.

Information

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

Re-doing bridge decks on Gordon Road and trolley-track bridge, plus North 1st Street off ramp. Also work on US 12. Will probably be starting in early August and there will be traffic impacts for a couple of seasons. Started work on Mabton bridges.

Information

WASHINGTON
TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION UPDATE

James Restucci, WSTC Representative

n/a

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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 1:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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James A. Restucci
YVCOG Transportation Policy Board Chair

7/17/2023
Date signed

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Tamara Hayward, Financial Specialist