



MPO/RTPO TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

In-Person and via Zoom

MEETING MINUTES

June 8, 2023

PRESENT:

TAC Committee:

Dennis Henne – Chair, Union Gap
Dan Ford – City of Toppenish (Z)
Randy Giles – WSDOT (Z)
Paul Gonseth – WSDOT (Z)
LaDon Linde – County Commissioner
Bill Preston – Yakima
Ardele Steele – Zillah (Z)
Jase Testerman – Yakima County (Z)
Rocky Wallace – City of Selah (Z)
Robert Washsabaugh – City of Yakima (Z)

Associate Participants

Mike Battle – HLA (Z)
Deborah LaCombe – HLA
Mike Meskimen – Gray & Osborne
Greg Story – Yakima Transit (Z)
Gary Wirt – All Aboard Washington

YVCOG Staff:

Jeff Watson – Senior Transportation Planner
Tami Hayward – Finance Specialist (Z)
Jodi Smith – Communications Specialist (Z)

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Dennis Henne, Chair, called the June 8, 2023, meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 11, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Jase Testerman moved to approve the meeting Minutes from the May 11, 2023, meeting. Rocky Wallace seconded the motion. The motion carried.

TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM CORRESPONDENCE AND UPDATES

Jeff Watson, Senior Transportation Planning

Freight & Goods Transportation System (FGTS) Updates (2:00) –
Reminder to have updates turned in to YVCOG by June 15th. We have received most of them, but we have a couple still out. Please submit in Excel spreadsheet format.

US 12 Naches Active Transportation Corridor Study Update (3:23) –
The study is underway. WSDOT has their webpage up and available <https://wsdot.wa.gov/construction-planning/search-studies/us-12-naches-active-transportation-corridor-study>

Paul Gonseth added that the walking/biking public survey is out through Thursday of next week. Please stop by and take the survey if you’re walking or biking along Highway 12.

FHWA Estimated \$7.3 B August Redistribution (4:44) –

- The distribution is based on initial share
- there is a potential for an additional \$123 million to be distributed statewide
- Jurisdictions with immediate needs/ability to obligate funds sought
- Coordinate with Highways and Local Programs and WSDOT South Central Region

Randy Giles added that additional funds will be dependent on making OA target for the state – still quite a gap, but he is optimistic. They have asked for a redistribution and will be meeting with MPOs next week to look at where everyone is at on their OA status and then talk about getting lists together for redistributed funds. The second part of this is WSDOT’s managed programs (bridge, safety, etc.) – we’re looking at our meeting our targets there and and projecting out how much money we’ll need. This is a good opportunity to get other projects funded and save your STP funds. Projects have to be ready to go and included in the STIP.

2022 WSDOT Public Transportation Consolidated Grant Results (9:48) –

We have not yet received formal awards yet, but could possibly receive them today. We are assuming that YVCOG’s application is awarded, but have not received formal confirmation.

Information

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Upcoming TIP Amendment (10:50) *Jeff Watson*

July TIP amendments are due Friday, June 23rd, by noon.

We have about 20 WSDOT amendments at this time.

Review of 2023 TP Amendment Schedule.

Information

CTR Program Updates (11:40) *Jeff Watson*

Not a lot of new information to report right now. The state is getting pretty active with the updated plans and ordinance amendments – we need to keep that in mind going into mid summer and start working on those plans. Mainly pertains to Moxee, Selah, Yakima, Yakima County, and Union Gap. We’ll be riding point on that – will try to get started sooner rather than later.

Information

2023 Traffic Count Season Update (12:45) *Jeff Watson*

We are on schedule with traffic counts and currently taking a break until starting up again in August.

Information

2023 Urban Highway Boundary Process (13:38) *Jeff Watson*

Met on Tuesday to try to get a sense of what this process looks like, who will be involved, etc. It sounds like we have a lot of flexibility at the local level. The process is continuing to unfold. Moxee and Naches will need to decide if they want to stay in or opt out.

GIS data from the state is available if needed – contact Jeff. There is also an online map available.

Information

**STP / T-A / CMAQ / CRP
Long Range Funding
Status (18:30)**

Jeff Watson

Jurisdictions provided quick updates on project funding status.

A couple of projects need to be added to the STIP - deadline is June 15th.

Information

**Draft 2023 Public
Participation Plan (29:30)**

Jeff Watson

The Public Participation Plan is the precursor to the Long-Range Plan. Open house attendance yesterday was sparse but getting some participation. Will be at Treaty Days in Toppenish tomorrow.

Public Comment period ends on June 30th.

Information

NEW BUSINESS:

**June 2023-2026 M/RTIP
Amendment (31:10)**

Jeff Watson

Public Comment ended June 7, 2023.

We have two (2) formal amendments (additions) in June:

- Grandview – Old Inland Empire Highway Improvements
- WSDOT – SR 241/Allen Road Intersection – Intersection Safety

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

**2023 SS4A Grant
Application
(32:10)**

Jeff Watson

This is a Federal Safe Streets & Roads for All application. Initial grant is for the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan. Must have the Safety Action Plan before applying for funding under SS4A, so we are putting the application together. Still needs some fine tuning but must be turned in by July 10th, so we are asking for approval of the skeleton of the Safety Action Plan.

Decision: Jase Testerman moved for TAC recommendation to Policy Board for submittal of 2023 SS4A Grant Application for Yakima Valley Regional Safety Action Plan. Rocky Wallace seconded. The motion carried.

**FY 2024 – 2027
MPO/RTPO M/RTIP
Development Schedule
(35:45)**

Jeff Watson

Just a reminder that projects are due to be in the STIP and submitted to YVCOG by Friday, July 28th. Assistance is available for jurisdictions preparing this year's M/RTIP.

State federal funding codes are not expected to change.

Information

**WSDOT State & Regional
Updates (36:47)**

WSDOT Representatives

Paul Gonseth – WSDOT will be at Treaty Days talking about the Heritage Connectivity Trail.

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A recording of meeting is available.

Randy Giles – sent out an email – stormwater site survey. Funding comes from Move Ahead Washington.

Information

Member Updates

The following jurisdictions/agencies provided updates:

- Airport
- G&O
- HLA (Sunnyside, Grandview)
- Selah
- Toppenish
- Union Gap
- Yakima
- Yakima County
- Yakima Transit

Information

Next TAC Meeting:

July 13, 2023, next TAC meeting

Other Business

None.

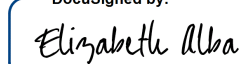
Public Comment

None.

Adjourn

Chairman Henne adjourned the meeting at 10:59 a.m.

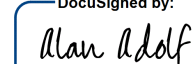
Respectfully submitted,

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for Mr. Dennis Henne, Chair

Date signed: 7/20/2023

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Alan Adolf, Transportation Manager

Date signed: 7/20/2023