

YVCOG TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
August 21, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman, James Restucci, called the August 21, 2023, meeting of the Transportation Policy Board to order at 1:31 p.m. A quorum was present.

ROLL CALL &
INTRODUCTIONS

- Members present: James Restucci, John Hodkinson, LaDon Linde, Patricia Byers, Janice Gonzales, Sherry Raymond, Jon Smith, and Randy Giles (WSDOT)
 - Members Absent: Jose Trevino
 - YVCOG staff present: Alan Adolf, Shane Andreas, Vicki Baker, Byron Gumz Albert Miller, Alma Rabadan, and Jodi Smith.
- Others present: None

**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:

- July 17, 2023, Minutes
- August Amendment to the 2023-2026 M/RTIP

***Decision:** Patricia Byers moved to approve the Consent Agenda items. Janice Gonzales seconded. The motion carried.*

TRANSPORTATION
PROGRAM
CORRESPONDENCE

Alan Adolf, Transportation Program Manager

Mr. Adolf provided updates on:

- the second meeting of the Federal Rail Administration Long Distance Study's NW Working Group (which he attended virtually). Next meeting will be in November.
- Randy Giles updated the Board on the August redistribution of federal funds available to Washington state: \$123 million may be made available to Washington and we are well on our way to meeting our target. Yakima requested \$5 million and it looks like we should receive that amount. Local Programs is hoping to receive \$73-\$75 million.
- 2024-2027 Metropolitan & Regional Transportation Improvement Plan (M/RTIP). Public comment period will run September 12th – October 11th. All jurisdictions have submitted their projects to the STIP.

Information

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2023 Urban Highway Boundary Recommendations and Review This item was pulled from the agenda at the request of Mr. Adolf.

NEW BUSINESS

Alan Adolf

Updated Invitation to Yakama Nation to Join in YVCOG's RTP We extend this invitation to Yakama Nation on an annual basis. This will be our fourth invitation. It was decided that the entire Policy Board should sign the letter.

WSDOT STATE & REGIONAL UPDATE *Randy Giles, WSDOT South Central Region*

Mr. Giles announced that after four months WSDOT South Central Region has a new Regional Administrator – Brian White. There are now 3 vacant assistant regional administrator positions open at this time.

Jones Road roundabout is under construction and project is moving smoothly. Another roundabout will be coming in on Hwy 97 and one on Lateral A. US 12 (Warren Road) – getting ready to work on bridge deck. Will also be replacing the entire deck on Vantage bridge beginning next summer – 3-year project and will really slow things down on I90 – recommending different routes. Naches study continues.

Information

WASHINGTON TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION UPDATE

James Restucci, WSTC Representative

Mr. Restucci reported that the Commission will be meeting with Oregon and California commissions next month – will be talking about the new interstate bridge, which is now up to \$6.5 billion. Oregon is planning to toll whether Washington agrees or not. They will be tolling 205 and the new bridge. 80,000 Washingtonians cross the bridge every day to go to work in Portland.

Information

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Adolf mentioned we will be having a booth at the fair. He is circulating the sign-up sheet around staff for manning the booth. We will be conducting an online survey and also have a game with play money.

Next Policy Board meeting will be held September 18, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

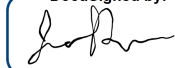
None.

ADJOURN

With no other business, Chairman Restucci adjourned the meeting at 2:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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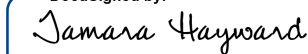
for James A. Restucci
YVCOG Transportation Policy Board Chair

9/18/2023

Date signed

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Tamara Hayward, Financial Specialist