



MPO/RTPO TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

In-Person and via Zoom

MEETING MINUTES

July 13, 2023

**PRESENT:**

**TAC Committee:**

- Elizabeth Alba – Vice Chair, Sunnyside
- Jason Cavanaugh- Union Gap
- David Dominguez – Union Gap
- Todd Dorsett - Grandview (Z)
- Randy Giles – WSDOT
- Paul Gonseth – WSDOT
- Bob Hodgeman – Yakima Airport (Z)
- Janna Lewis-Clark – Yakama Public Transit (Z)
- LaDon Linde – County Commissioner (Z)
- Matt Pietrusiewicz – Yakima County (Z)
- Bill Preston – City of Yakima
- Ardele Steele – Zillah (Z)
- Rocky Wallace – City of Selah (Z)

**Associate Participants**

- Mike Battle – HLA
- Stephen Hazzard – HLA (Z)
- Mike Meskimen – Gray & Osborne
- Gary Wirt – All Aboard Washington

**YVCOG Staff:**

- Alan Adolf – Transportation Planning Manager
- Jeff Watson – Senior Transportation Planner
- Byron Gumz – Land Use Planning Manager
- Tami Hayward – Finance Specialist (Z)

**CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Elizabeth Alba, Vice Chair, called the July 13, 2023, meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. A quorum was present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

***June 8, 2023 Meeting Minutes***

Paul Gonseth moved to approve the meeting Minutes from the June 8, 2023, meeting. Ardele Steele seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM CORRESPONDENCE AND UPDATES**

*Alan Adolf, Transportation Planning Manager*

Federal Rail Administration (FRA) Long Distance Study – YVCOG will be an active participant in the NW Working Group meeting next week. This is the workgroup’s second meeting. YVCOG will participate remotely.

RTPO Funding Award Letter SF 2023-2025 – We have received our formal funding letter and will be receiving the same RTPO funding amount as we have for many years (\$198,000.00 per biennium). This funding is mainly being used for match, rather than as a primary funding source, due to the funding amount being decades behind the inflationary value.

WA State Transportation Carbon Reduction Strategy – public review and informational webinar will be offered July 25<sup>th</sup>. We still don’t have the state’s carbon reduction guidelines. Will do a call for projects once we have the distribution guidelines.

2023 SS4A Grant Update – YVCOG has submitted a Safe Streets and Roads for All application. Wrote the application to include City of Toppenish even though they were awarded last year. Yakama Nation also submitted their own SS4A application. We don’t anticipate receiving a contract until about this time next year.

**Information**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Upcoming TIP Amendment**     *Jeff Watson, Senior Transportation Manager*

August TIP amendments are due Friday, July 21st, by noon.

At this point we have one (1) amendment from Harrah.

Review of 2023 TIP Amendment Schedule.

**Information**

**CTR Program Update**  
*(18:00)*     *Jeff Watson*

We have received the guidebook from the state. It is quite informative about the CTR program as a whole.

**Information**

**FY 2024-2027 MPO/RTPO  
M/RTIP Development  
Schedule**     *Jeff Watson*

All jurisdictional TIPs (other than Yakima County) need to be submitted to YVCOG by July 31<sup>st</sup>. Most everyone has rolled over their STIP, but not everyone has submitted. Still need Granger, Harrah, Mabton, Sunnyside, Tieton, Toppenish, Wapato, WSDOT SCR, Yakima, Yakama Nation, Yakima County, Yakima Transit, YVCOG to submit.

**Information**

**STBG / TA / CMAQ / CRP:  
Forecast and Redistribution  
Update (23:42)**     *Alan Adolf*

Mabton and Grandview have obligated their projects. These projects should put us at our target or put us a little bit over. We are still expecting a couple of CMAQ and TA projects to come in before the end of August. Now looking to get the STBG Call for Projects out – Bill Randy, Rocky, Dennis (or Elizabeth) will be acting as the subcommittee.

August redistribution - \$125 million to the state. We submitted one project: City of Yakima's North 1<sup>st</sup> Street Phase III – the only project with no delays or no restrictions in place and would fit into WSDOT's time frame.

Randy Giles updated the TAC on the redistribution status. Apportionment is determined by population. WSDOT's initial plan is to use about \$50 million of the \$125 million. Anyone who submitted a project is on the list. The list will probably be available towards the end of August.

**Information/Discussion**

**2023 Public Participation  
Plan (35:30)**     *Alan Adolf*

We just completed the public comment period for the 2023 Public Participation Plan. This document usually precedes the Long-Range Plan being kicked off, but it is also our public engagement bible over the next 4 years. We have received a few comments.

Made a large effort to engage limited-English proficiency populations, including a virtual meeting for Spanish speaking population and an interview with KDNA (Spanish radio station) to get the word out. We have also translated a lot of the tables in the document into Spanish and once the document is complete, we will translate it into Spanish. We will be doing that on other documents as time allows.

**Decision:** Paul Gonseth moved that the TAC recommends to the Policy Board to adopt YVCOG’s 2023 Public Participation Plan. Rocky Wallace seconded. The motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**July 2023-2026 M/RTIP Amendment**

Jeff Watson

We have 18 amendments submitted by WSDOT, totaling \$291,433,519.00.

**Decision:** Paul Gonseth moved that the TAC recommend to Policy Board for approval of July Amendment of 2023-2026 M/RTIP. Rocky Wallace seconded. The motion carried.

**2024-2025 UPWP Amendment #1 (40:12)**

Alan Adolf

Review of the revisions made to the UPWP financial tables.

**Decision:** Paul Gonseth moved that the TAC recommend to Policy Board for approval of Amendment #1 of the 2024/2025 Unified Planning Work Plan. Rocky Wallace seconded. The motion carried.

**2022/23 CMAQ Performance Measurement and Target Concurrence (43:10)**

Alan Adolf

This is the last of the CMAQ 2022/23 CMAQ performance measure targets and includes statewide and local MPO/RTPO targets – it includes yet-to-be-completed CMAQ projects (including Union Gap’s street sweeper). The statewide levels are the same as YVCOG’s levels. After 2025 performance measures we won’t be required but we can do them voluntarily.

**Decision:** Robert Washabaugh moved the recommend concurrence by the Policy Board of WSDOT’s Statewide and YVCOG Regional CMAQ Performance Measures and Targets. David Dominguez seconded. The motion carried.

**2023 Urban Highway Boundary Recommendations and Review (51:00)**

Alan Adolf

Discussion of the member jurisdiction maps. These maps are about 10 years old. In 2013 an urban city was 2,500 and up and is now 5,000. Granger, Mabton, Tieton, and Harrah are considered rural communities outright.

**Information/Discussion**

**WSDOT State & Regional Updates (1:41:28 )**

WSDOT Representatives

Paul Gonseth –

- Heritage Trail Roundabout groundbreaking
- Naches corridor study survey is out and available
- Jones Road roundabout survey

Randy Giles –

- The cause for all of the (WSDOT July TIP) amendments is because WSDOT has been directed to put a hold on some of their preservation projects for right now.

**Information**

**Member Updates**

The following jurisdictions/agencies provided updates:

- All Aboard Washington
- Grandview
- Granger
- Mabton
- Selah
- Sunnyside
- Toppenish
- Union Gap
- Yakima
- Yakima County
- YVCOG
- Zillah

***Information***

**Next TAC Meeting:** August 10, 2023, next TAC meeting

**Other Business** None.

**Public Comment** None.

**Adjourn** Vice Chair Alba adjourned the meeting at 12:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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 MPO/RTPO TAC Chair/Vice Chair

Date signed: August 10, 2023

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 Alan Adolf, Transportation Manager

Date signed: August 10, 2023