



MPO/RTPO TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Online Only

MEETING MINUTES

August 10, 2023

PRESENT:

TAC Committee:

- Dennis Henne – Chair, Union Gap
- Elizabeth Alba – Vice Chair, Sunnyside
- David Dominguez – Union Gap
- Paul Gonseth – WSDOT
- Janna Lewis-Clark – Yakama Public Transit
- Bill Preston – City of Yakima
- Jeff Ranger – Naches
- Ardele Steele – Zillah (Z)
- Jase Testerman – Yakima County
- Rocky Wallace – City of Selah (Z)
- Jamie West – Yakima County Roads

Associate Participants

- Mike Battle – HLA
- 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

Dennis Henne, Chair, called the August 10, 2023, meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 13, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Rocky Wallace moved to approve the meeting Minutes from the July 13, 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 – Mr. Adolf attended the second workshop meeting (remotely). Our region includes Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Utah and Colorado (split between NW and SW). The Empire Builder, the Cascades, and the Portland route are the Pacific Northwest’s base service passenger rails. Beginning to look at eligibility criteria for future service expansion or reintroduction. We would like to be part of the proposed Pioneer and Hiawatha routes.

Fall 2023 Counter Season Schedule – review of upcoming traffic counts – currently doing some of the trail/pathway counts in Sunnyside and Grandview areas (video capture). Will be starting soon in Wapato and Zillah, including Vintage Valley Parkway trail. Offering 2024 counts at the same level as 2023. Anticipate higher numbers in 2025 and 2026.

WSDOT South Central Regional Administrator – Brian White has been chosen to fill the position vacated by Todd Trepanier as the SCR Administrator. Brian’s official start date is August 16th. Troy Suing will be leaving his current position and moving into headquarter program management. Randy Giles is acting in Troy’s former position through December.

Information

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Upcoming TIP Amendment *Jeff Watson, Senior Transportation Manager*

September amendments are due August 25th, by noon.

Information

CTR Program Update *Jeff Watson*

Continuing work on the Biennial Work Plan Update. Still working on the CTR Plan Update Guidebook. Will contact jurisdictions regarding updates to plans – need to be complete by 2027.

Information

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

Working on the update. Everyone has rolled over. Transit Agency TIPs must be submitted to YVCOG by August 31st. Once everyone has their information submitted, we will begin working on analysis. Mr. Adolf asked that jurisdictions do not remove completed projects, just line through them.

Update on CWSF booth.

Information

***STBG / TA / CMAQ / CRP:
Forecast and Redistribution
Update*** *Alan Adolf*

Mr. Adolf reviewed the federal funding status and August redistribution. Waiting to see if we meet our statewide target and, if so, how much of the redistributed funds would we receive. The numbers have not yet been finalized.

Jurisdictions provided updates on project status.

Information/Discussion

***2023 Public 2023 Urban
Highway Boundary
Recommendations and
Review*** *Jeff Watson*

Naches will be coming out of the urban designation (*Note: This decision has since been reversed*). Zillah would also like to be removed. Mr. Watson provided a review of the Urban Highway Boundary map. Additions and currents are not up for negotiation. The state requested the information be in a GIS data set format and he has that set up and can quickly make the designation changes once decisions have been made and send them off to WSDOT.

Maps need to be into WSDOT/FHWA by October 1st.

NEW BUSINESS:

***August 2023-2026 M/RTIP
Amendment*** *Jeff Watson*

We have only two amendments in August.

- Grandview Wine Country Road sidewalk and pathway improvements - \$28,000 PE and \$155,000 in construction (\$183,000.00 total)
- Harrah Branch Road sidewalks \$80,000 PE, \$143,000 in state funds, \$511,000 in construction and fed funds, and \$1,000,000+ in state funds (\$1,793,000.00 total)

Comment period closed on Wednesday with no comments received.

Decision: Rocky Wallace moved that the TAC recommend to Policy Board for approval of August Amendment of 2023-2026 M/RTIP. Jase Testerman seconded. The motion carried.

WSDOT State & Regional Updates

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:

- PAHTO
- Selah
- Union Gap
- Yakima
- Yakima County
- Zillah

Information

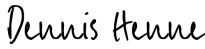
Next TAC Meeting: August 10, 2023, next TAC meeting

Other Business None.

Public Comment None.

Adjourn Chairman Dennis Henne adjourned the meeting at 11:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DocuSigned by:


 MPO/RTPO TAC Chair/Vice Chair

Date signed: 9/15/2023

Attest:

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 Alan Adolf, Transportation Manager

Date signed: 9/15/2023