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YVCOG
Member Jurisdictions

City of Grandview
City of Granger
Town of Harrah
City of Mabton
City of Moxee
Town of Naches
City of Selah
City of Sunnyside
City of Tieton
City of Toppenish
City of Union Gap
City of Wapato
City of Yakima
Yakima County
City of Zillah
WSDOT
Yakima Transit
Yakima Airport / McAllister Field

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Introduction

The *Annual Report* relates directly to the two-year *YVCOG SFY 2022-23 Unified Planning Work Program* (UPWP), which was approved YVCOG's Transportation Policy Board on May 17, 2021 (State Fiscal Year 2022), amended on May 22, 2022 (SFY 2023), and approved by FHWA and FTA in June 2022. The UPWP outlines in detail the planning tasks to be completed during each state fiscal year on a two-year cycle. The UPWP also functions as a set of performance measures for the planning activities reported in this document.

This report details how the Yakima Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the Yakima Valley Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) used state and federal transportation planning funds during State Fiscal Year 2023 (SFY 23) of July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023. This report lists work completed, identifies revenue sources from the state, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and identifies the required local match amounts for leveraging the state and federal funding.

The Yakima Valley Conference of Governments (YVCOG) is the lead planning agency for the federally-designated MPO for the Greater Yakima Metropolitan area and is the state-designated RTPO, as required in accordance with the Washington State Growth Management Act (RCW 47.80.20). The YVCOG is responsible for work described in the *UPWP*.

This report on planning activities and expenditures was prepared by YVCOG planning staff. A map showing the planning boundaries of the Yakima Valley Metropolitan and Regional Transportation Planning Organizations is found in *Appendix A*.

SFY2023 Accomplishments Overview

The Yakima Valley Conference of Governments met or exceeded all federal and state transportation planning, programming, and administrative requirements. Additionally, the YVCOG successfully accomplished the routine tasks set out under the work elements of the *SFY 2022-23 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)*. Of special note are the following accomplishments:

For any deliverable with a "Final" date annotated, the document can be found on the YVCOG website: www.yvcog.org. The following tasks identified in the *YVCOG SFY 2022-23 UPWP* have been accomplished or, significant tasking has been accomplished during SFY 2022-23 for the following UPWP categories:

SFY 2023 Accomplishments	Date Delivered
<u>MPO/RTPO Operation "Emerging" from COVID-19 Global Pandemic</u> Following Governor Inslee's "Shelter at Home" order since March 2020, YVCOG has continued to transition daily operations from a solely "at home" to a hybrid in-office/telecommuting system for all staff. All YVCOG staff, based on work needs, retain connection with server files, perform internet-based video and teleconference meetings and communications, and other work duties from home or in the office. Hybrid TAC and Policy Board Meetings are now the standard.	Continued "Hybrid" In-Office / Telecommuting: July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023
<u>2021/2022 Yakima County Region Traffic Model Update</u> Comprehensive update of the 2018 Traffic Model was completed in the Fall of 2022. The update addressed traffic movement and land use throughout the county with a base year of 2020, a short-term (5-yr) projection analysis in 2025 and a long-term (21-year) project analysis for 2045. Update includes coordination with region's local jurisdictions, transit agencies, and regional transportation stakeholders. The model will be used in the 2024-2045 Metropolitan and Regional Long Range Transportation Plan due in March 2024.	July 2021 (Started), October 2022 (Completed)
<u>2022 and 2023 Regional Traffic Counting Program</u> YVCOG completed year two (CY 2022 – July to October) and began year three (CY 2023 – March to June) of its regional traffic counter program. All members except for Yakima County and WSDOT, who maintain their own traffic county program, were allocated 10-25 counting location to perform tube counts, turning movement counts or video capture counts (for sidewalks trails and pathways), based on jurisdictional need. In CY 2023, YVCOG commissioned 34 additional site counts around the county for regional planning purposes. Data was used to update the regional traffic model and provided to individual jurisdictions for the purposes of planning and transportation grant submittals. The traffic counting program was contracted for three years with IDAX Inc. YVCOG will begin an RFP process to continue its traffic counting program for 2024 and beyond in late 2023.	2023 UPWP Period: 2022 (Fall) Season: July - November 2022 2023 (Spring) Season: March - June 2023
<u>SFY 2022 UPWP Annual Report</u> (For July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023) The UPWP annual report showed the regionally significant transportation planning efforts accomplished with federal and state funding by the YVCOG and other jurisdictions or agencies. The annual report also identified on-going transportation planning priorities for the YVCOG and compares the estimated UPWP budget vs the actual UPWP expenditures for SFY 2022.	September 19, 2022
<u>MPO/RTPO Self-Certification Review</u> YVCOG is responsible to certify that all federal and state planning rules and regulations are being followed. Each year, in conjunction with the M/RTIP development YVCOG will complete a self-certification process to be reviewed by an interagency consultation team. The Transportation Policy Board will adopt the certification and include the approved certification with the final M/RTIP in October of each year.	September 19, 2022

<p><u>2022-2025 Metropolitan & Regional Transportation Improvement Program Amendments & Develop 2023-2026 Metropolitan and Regional Transportation Improvement Program and Amendments</u></p> <p>YVCOG is responsible under state and federal statutes to conduct a programming process for authorizing expenditures of federal funds for regionally significant transportation improvement projects. Each year, the M/RTIP development begins in the spring with the process and schedule notification to local agencies and, when available, notices of STP funding. Local TIPS are due to the YVCOG in June/July. The YVCOG TAC will review the document and projects to ensure the region's projects represent the priorities as identified through various prioritization processes.</p> <p>The TAC will recommend the M/RTIP to the Transportation PB for consideration during the September TAC meeting. The Transportation Policy Board will evaluate projects and conduct a public engagement process to approve a final M/RTIP by October. The program is then transmitted to WSDOT for inclusion in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).</p>	<p>2022-25 Amendments in July, August, September, and October 2022</p> <p>2023-26 M/RTIP Program Approved October 16, 2022, with amendments in January, February, March, April, May and June 2023</p>
<p><u>YVCOG Title VI Annual Report</u></p> <p>YVCOG continued observance of the 2019 Title VI Plan Update, including expanded public comment periods for the 2023-26 M/RTIP and the 2020-45 MRTIP. Continued efforts to expand Limited English Proficiency populations during the 2023 Humans Services Transportation Plan (HSTP) Update and the 2023-23 Yakima Region Transit Feasibility Study (TFS) – Phase I, and 2023 Public Participation Plan Update (of 2018 document).</p>	<p>Annual Report & Assurances Approved: October 16, 2022</p>
<p><u>StreetlightData.Com Subscription</u></p> <p>YVCOG renewed a 1-year data-metrics platform that allows for average daily traffic (ADT) and origin and destination data based on a proprietary system “generally” obtained through cellular location data. YVCOG used the data platform in partnership with its modeling contractor as a quality control tool to calibrate the transportation model. YVCOG has also used the data service to perform limited experimental land use, event, and public activity planning data impacts analysis that may have greater benefit for (non-transportation-specific) land use determination and regional planning services activities.</p>	<p>Authorized Subscription January 18, 2023</p> <p>1-yr. Subscription Started February 2, 2023</p>
<p><u>2022/2023 Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP) Update & Yakima Valley Regional Transit Feasibility Study (TFS)</u></p> <p>YVCOG, its public transportation advisory committee, MPACT, and regional transportation and social service provider agencies collaborate to address public transportation issues in the Yakima region. YVCOG administered the update of the 2018 HSTP document and hired TranspoGroup as a consultant to develop a regional transit study. This effort included English and Spanish interactive online surveys to determine needs and preferences of Yakima County transportation users.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2022/2023 HSTP Update and Amendment – This plan update, addressed special needs transportation users with physical, language, or access limitations and provide feedback on transportation habits, needs, shortfalls, and recommendations for future transportation services. It was amended in June 2023 to incorporate findings from the Y.V. Regional Transit Feasibility Study. • Y.V. TFS - TranspoGroup was selected through a Request for Proposals (RFP) process initiated in the fall of 2021 and began work in March 2023. Titled “Study 1.0”, the study concentrated on inventorying the transit resources of the entire region as a starting point for future growth. Planned, and presently unfunded studies “2.0” (expanding services with existing resources) and “3.0” (expanding services with new/future resources) will be attempted through the remainder of the decade as staffing and funding permit. <p>Simultaneous performance of the HSTP and TFS allowed for more efficient research and outreach activities (i.e., transit survey designed to provide useful data for both planning efforts), while reducing repetition and survey fatigue for service providers and interested public stakeholders and survey respondents. The TFS findings were accepted in January.</p>	<p>HSTP and Feasibility Study Began Fall 2021</p> <p>HSTP Adopted: October 17, 2022 Amended: June 20, 2023</p> <p>Feasibility Study Findings Accepted: January 18, 2023</p>

<p><u>Yakima Regional Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Architecture Plan Update</u> YVCOG Staff completed the annual update to the ITS Database Plan with no new projects or system requests submitted. Minor chronological edits were performed. Update was approved in January.</p>	<p>January 18, 2023</p>
<p><u>2022/23 Federal Performance Measurement Target Concurrences</u> In accordance with the federal IJJA/B.I.L., MAP-21 and FAST-Act transportation bills, WSDOT and state MPO's are required to track performance measurements and goals in coordination with WSDOT.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Safety:</u> (Annual) Regional wide targets, following state's "Target Zero" Campaign to reduce to "0" fatal and injury accidents by 2030. • <u>Transit Safety:</u> Following (City of) Yakima Transit's (annual) "Public Transit Agency Safety Plan. • <u>Bridge & Pavement:</u> Based on percentages of entire state's bridges and pavement on interstate/non-interstate roads in good or poor condition. • <u>State Highway System & National Freight Movement:</u> Based on percentage of the person-miles traveled on the interstate/non-interstate "National Highway System" during select daily travel times that are reliable and the difference (ratio) in travel time delay from "normal" to "long" freight Truck Travel Time Reliability (TTTR). • <u>Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ):</u> YVCOG and State reductions/benefits on vehicle congestion and air pollutants. <p>YVCOG, other statewide MPO/RTPOs, and WSDOT met virtually throughout SFY 2023 to coordinate performance measure processes, timelines, and concurrence requirements. Safety and Transit Safety are updated annually, the other are updated every 4 years with 2-year mid-term reviews. <u>Next update process expected in 2025</u></p>	<p>Safety / Transit Safety: January 18, 2023</p> <p>Bridge/Pavement: February 22, 2023</p> <p>Hwy System / Freight Movement: February 22, 2023</p> <p>CMAQ: July 17, 2023</p>
<p><u>Critical Rural / Urban Freight Corridors (CRFC – CUFC)</u> YVCOG was an active participant in the WSDOT-led sub-committee reviewing the project specific and corridor components of the state's federal National Highway Freight Program (NHFP) under CRFC & CUFC funding allocation process.</p> <p>YVCOG's Policy Board submitted four (4) regionally supported applications during phase one (project-specific). YVCOG later submitted in excess of 5.8 miles of CUFC and 17.1 miles of CRFC classified road corridors for future NHFP funding consideration between 2022 and 2026. WSDOT will finalize YVCOG's CRFC and CUFC corridor submittals in late summer 2022.</p>	<p>Project Specific Freight Projects Submitted March 16, 2022</p> <p>Freight Corridor Classifications submitted July 15, 2022</p>
<p><u>2022 Obligation Closure Report</u> (For January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022) YVCOG staff created the Calendar Year (CY) 2022 Obligation Closure Report and submitted to Policy Board for adoption. Document was submitted to WSDOT.</p>	<p>March 20, 2023</p>
<p><u>SFY 2024 & 2025 Unified Planning Work Plan (UPWP) – 1st Year</u> (For July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024) YVCOG staff developed the SFY 2024 & 2025 UPWP. This is YVCOG's second 2-year UPWP since 2015. YVCOG organized and hosted an interagency meeting on April 19, 2023. The final document was presented to the Transportation Policy Board for approval on May 15, 2023, and forwarded to WSDOT for State and Federal approval. YVCOG amended the UPWP on July 17, 2023 (correcting annual expense totals and adding language for the expected awarding of Federal "Safe Streets for All" (SS4A) funding to develop a regional Safety Action Plan. No SS4A funding was included in the update. SS4A activities would likely begin in SFY 2025 and would be included in a SFY 2025 UPWP amendment, if funded. For SFY 2024-25 .</p>	<p>SFY 2024/25 UPWP adopted: May 15, 2023</p> <p>State & Federal Approval on June 20, 2023</p> <p>Amendment #1 approved: July 17, 2023</p>
<p><u>Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Outreach</u> YVCOG's continues its positive efforts to improve its (Spanish) translated material capabilities. Our 2023 Public Participation Plan expanded out translatable LEP outreach</p>	<p>Efforts Ongoing.</p>

strategies, including an on-air interview with KDNA Radio, the preeminent Spanish speaking station in the region, and the performance of LEP centered hybrid Zoom Open house events during the public comment period. The 2023 PPP will be the first fully Spanish translated document when completed later this year. During the 2023 update, continued feedback from social service agencies who primarily serve LEP populations have indicated that YVCOG invest resources to reach this disadvantaged population group.

Simple enlistment of LEP-based agencies to provide time and locations to host YVCOG events with translation/interpretation services and visuals is insufficient to adequately engage Spanish populations.

In November 2021, YVCOG hired Maria Lopez as Community Engagement Coordinator and has worked on all YVCOG programs to increase YVCOG's interaction with the Hispanic community in our region. Maria, and Alma Rabadan, a YVCOG Housing Program Specialist both provide translation services on an as needed basis.

Transportation Corridor Study Partnerships

YVCOG continues to partner with WSDOT and other local jurisdictions in the creation and development of multimodal transportation studies that addresses safety, accessibility, and efficiency issues around the region. YVCOG provide program oversight and access to YVCOG's modeling contract (eRMSi) to perform project alternative modeling analysis

- **West Powerhouse/SR 12** – A YVCOG funded, WSDOT facilitated transportation study with Yakima County and the City of Yakima as co-partners addressing pedestrian, bicycle, transit, freight, and motorize travel in the area of NW Yakima involving W. Powerhouse Road, 40th Avenue, Fruitvale Blvd, and SR 12 between "Suntides" Intersection and Yakima's City limits. Completion and acceptance of the study was finalized in August 2022.
- **SR 24 (Moxee) Corridor** – A WSDOT funded and led study addressing the section of SR 24 from Interstate 82 (western terminus) to the City of Moxee (eastern terminus). Study looks at multi-modal transportation needs and suggested improvements along the state route. YVCOG provided modeling and coordination assistance. The study primarily complete and is currently in final editing/presentation stage at WSDOT. The study is expected to be accepted by the YVCOG's Policy Board by the end of 2023.
- **East-West Corridor** – YVCOG continued to provide traffic modeling assistance (as needed) for the WSDOT / Yakima County / City of Yakima review of projected travel movement impacted by the new arterial being built between unincorporated Terrace Heights (east side of Yakima River and I-82) and the former Boise Cascade mill site in NE Yakima, as requested by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).
- **State Route 12 / Naches Active Transportation Study** – A YVCOG funded, WSDOT facilitated transportation study with the Town of Naches that will look at opportunities to provide active transportation facilities (bike lanes, sidewalks, pedestrian islands, crosswalks along the SR 12 corridor within Naches' town limits including connection with the Naches Trail; and community park facilities at the eastern end of the town. The study began in the winter/spring of 2023 and will continue through spring 2024.

**Powerhouse / SR 12 Study
January 2021 to August
2022**

**SR 24 (Moxee) began prior
to COVID-19 pandemic
(suspended), and restarted
in Spring 2022. Anticipated
acceptance: Fall 2023**

**East-West Corridor began
in early 2010's. Corridor
construction ongoing with
completion due in mid-
2020's**

**SR 12 / Naches Study
began early 2023.
Completion and
acceptance expected in
spring/summer 2024**

2023 UPWP Major Activities and Task Results

1	Program Administration	\$1,017,464
	<p>Program administration includes ongoing agency management and operations, including finance and grant reporting, communications, outreach activities relevant to MPO/RTPO projects and priorities, and MPO/RTPO involvement in local, state, tribal, and federal transportation policy development. Most tasks identified in this work program element are on-going and include but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YVCOG timesheets, WSDOT invoices, activity reports, monthly billings, accounting summaries, personnel assistance. • Evaluations, position descriptions, hiring's, terminations. • Program updates, notifications, training, record keeping, reporting. • Communication to include phone, email, letter, newspaper articles, presentations, newsletter, Facebook, blogs, electronic files. • Notifications, agendas, meeting coordination and prep, minutes for Transportation Policy Board, TAC, MPACT, and subcommittees. • Update (both major and minor) web page format and layout as needed to address improvements to agency operations, public outreach capabilities and the user experience. • WSDOT contracts for MPO/RTPO/HSTP funding. Contracts for outside contractors to perform MPO/RTPO tasking. Potential contracts for MPO/RTPO assistance contracts with members. Grant writing/funding opportunity submissions for MPO/RTPO studies/trials/pilot projects/training. • Certify that the transportation elements of comprehensive plans adopted by the counties, cities, and towns within Yakima County Region, as updates require. • Special sub-committees for tasks, Calls for Projects and other regional prioritization activities, regional studies, training, and grant opportunities for members. • Weekly staff meetings, conferences, webinars, teleconferences, symposiums, meetings for capacity-building training purposes. Attend members' council meetings, public hearings as support for member agencies or to gather information for MPO/RTPO tasking. • Participate in regional/state/federal/national committees and organizations. • Monitor and report legislation or regulatory changes affecting MPO/RTPO or members. • Call for Projects Grant program (Coordination, processing, and awarding) for carryover/returned/de-obligated Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ) within the Yakima MPO area and Transportation Alternatives (TAP) funding with the Yakima County RTPO area. • Coordinate with member agencies in meeting our local transportation planning priorities, as appropriate, when impacted by WSDOT (Statewide) planning efforts and action plans (Highway System, Statewide Public Transportation, HSTP, etc.). • Utilize contracted on-line public "open house" software to improve general and LEP-population public participation efforts. • Coordinate with member jurisdictions for the development of site or corridor-based transportation feasibility studies including but not limited to traffic modeling, traffic counting, and land use analysis (as requested by member jurisdiction(s)). • To coordinate and update metropolitan planning agreements with WSDOT and regional transit providers, fulfilling requirements of 23 CFR 450.314, addressing FAST-Act performance measures, data sharing, and performance targets. Tasks may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pursue consultation and development of voluntary transit reporting agreements with City of Selah Transit, City of Union Gap Transit, and Yakama Nation Transit (Pahto Public Passage) Programs. - Mutual participation in transit-related community outreach and education programs benefiting van/carpooling, Commute Trip Reduction (CTR), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ), and walking/biking activities as they relate to transit services. 	
	Projected Funding Sources:	STBG Planning / FHWA (MPO) / RTPO / FTA / CTR-CMAQ
	Deliverable – Staffing	Hiring of additional transportation planning staff as appropriate to perform and complete transportation planning activities
	Deliverable – Public Participation	Obtain contracted on-line public "open house" software contractor for improved public participation and outreach

Deliverable TAP/CMAQ Call for Projects	Call for Projects, project prioritization and award letters for eligible jurisdiction projects for Federal Funding Years 2022 & Beyond	
Deliverable Powerhouse/SR12 Feasibility Study:	Traffic modeling, traffic count, and land use data for feasibility study document. YVCOG Staff Assistance to WSDOT to complete study.	
Deliverable SR12/Naches City Limits Bike-Ped Facilities Study	Traffic modeling, traffic count, and land use data for feasibility study document. YVCOG Staff Assistance to WSDOT to complete study.	
Deliverable Toppenish/SR22 Freight Bypass Study	Traffic modeling, traffic count, and land use data for feasibility study document. YVCOG Staff Assistance to WSDOT to complete study.	
Timeframe Staffing / Public Participation / TBD Studies	July 2021 – June 2023. Ongoing, as needed and resources available.	
Timeframe TAP/CMAQ FY 2022 & Beyond	November 2021 – August 2022	
Timeframe Powerhouse/SR12 Feasibility Stud	January – December 2021	
Timeframe SR12/Naches City Limits Bike-Ped Facilities Study	July 2022 – December 2023	
Timeframe Toppenish/SR22 Freight Bypass Study	March 2023 – December 2024	
Lead	Regional Transportation Manager	
Support	YVCOG staff, Transportation Policy Board, Technical Advisory Committee, Member Jurisdictions, consultation with WSDOT, FHWA, FTA, and member agencies' staffs	
Approval:	WSDOT, FHWA, FTA	
Schedule: Staffing / Public Participation / TBD Studies	Staffing needs, analysis, budgeting and hiring. Public Participation Activities (Plan updates, reports, cmtes.) Future transportation-related studies	<i>Ongoing, as needed</i> <i>Ongoing, as needed</i> <i>Ongoing, as needed</i>
Schedule TAP/CMAQ FY 2022 & Beyond	Announce Formal Call for Projects - TAP & CMAQ TAC Prioritization / Policy Board Approval TAP & CMAQ Award Letters Obligation of Awarded Funds	Nov-2021 April 2022 Jan-Feb May-Jun 22' Feb-Mar Jul-Aug 22' May-Aug Aug-Oct22'
Schedule Powerhouse/SR12 Feasibility Study	Develop multi-jurisdictional scope of work and local agency agreement (as required) Location-specific traffic modeling activities Location-specific traffic counter activities Completed Feasibility Study Document by WSDOT	<i>Jan.-Feb. 2021</i> <i>Mar-Sept. 2021</i> <i>Mar-Sept. 2021</i> <i>Dec. 2021</i>
Schedule SR12/Naches City Limits Bike-Ped Facilities Study	Develop multi-jurisdictional scope of work and local agency agreement (as required) Location-specific traffic modeling & counter activities Public Involvement and study analysis activities Completed Study Document by WSDOT	<i>Jul.-Aug. 2022</i> <i>Sep 2022 - Mar 2023</i> <i>Apr - Sep 2023</i> <i>Dec. 2023</i>
Schedule Toppenish/SR22 Freight Bypass Study	Develop multi-jurisdictional scope of work and local agency agreement (as required) Location-specific traffic modeling & counter activities Public Involvement and study analysis activities Completed Study Document by WSDOT	<i>Apr - Jun 2023</i> <i>Jul - Dec. 2023</i> <i>Jan - Oct 2024</i> <i>Dec 2024</i>

TASK #1 Results:

- Supported WSDOT on re-activated “SR 24 (Moxee) Corridor Study and updated modeling analysis for the WSDOT/Yakima Co/City of Yakima “East West Corridor” Project. WSDOT will release final document in fall 2023.
- Stated the State Route 12 / Naches Active Transportation Study, a partnership with WSDOT and the Town of Naches. Study funded through YVCOG with WSDOT as the contracting (operational) facilitating agency. YVCOG performed initial traffic modeling and traffic counting during the UPWP period.
- Continue to research the use of online public input software. This may support new agency efforts to integrate more YVCOG program land use, wellness, and housing planning into the transportation planning program. YVCOG continues to develop its new web page which may include variations of interactive software as part of its design.
- DRYVE & TRANS-Action Transportation Advocacy Committees. Joint meetings held: Sept & Nov 2021 and March & May 2022
- Coordination with Yakama Nation: Tribal Transportation Safety Committee and Heritage Trail Corridor (HCT) Committee. The HCT Concept Plan was approved in July 2021. Steering Committee (YN, WSDOT, YVCOG, & Yakima County Health District) Developed and Submitted a Federal RAISE Grant application for ongoing planning efforts. \$1.0 Million in RAISE funding was awarded in August 2022. Partnership will continue with planning effort to develop specific projects over next 12-24 months. Ongoing RTPO follow-up invitations to YN have resulted in email correspondence considering discussion meetings but have not received a formal commitment from the YN to proceed. Current efforts centered round the development of historical message board under the supervision of the Yakama Nation.
- State/Federal Coordination: Quarterly MPO/RTPO/WSDOT Cmte, CTR/TDM Cmte., PM2 & PM3 Work Groups, and “Investment Strategies” Cmte.
- Transportation Alternatives (TAP) funding was awarded to five “unawarded” jurisdictions from YVCOG’s 2020 Call for Projects, which was a limited funding effort due to the uncertainty of future funding during the COVID pandemic. The October 2022 awards covered anticipated funding through the end of the current IJJA/B.I.L. funding period (2021-2026). YVCOG also performed a CMAQ Funding call for projects, that funded four projects within the CMAQ boundary.
- All YVCOG Staff continued to transition from “remote work” (telecommute/video conference) to a hybrid “in-office” staffing structure. Staff travel, in-person (hybrid) meetings, and in-office work activities continue to expand following COVID.

2	Data Collection and Analysis	\$778,080
	<p>Data collection, analysis, maintenance, and reporting activities are necessary to sustain the YVCOG decision-making process and produce transportation planning products. Data is captured, processed, and used to identify transportation issues, propose solutions, and monitor trends. Data maintained by the YVCOG is accessible to member agencies and the public. Data collection and analysis may be associated with technical tools and functions necessary to support analytical work and forecasting, including computer hardware and software and licenses for travel demand modeling and traffic operations microsimulation, and for electronic hardware used in various types of traffic counting. Other data collection and analysis activities are coordinated with WSDOT, the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, cities, Yakima County, public transportation operators, and port districts to support statewide transportation planning and programming priorities and decisions. Certain data collection tasks, such as traffic counts on state highways are provided by WSDOT. Other activities are coordinated with WSDOT, Yakama Nation, cities, Yakima County, and port districts.</p> <p>In 2016, the YVCOG brought the traffic count program wholly in-house. New classification counters were purchased, stored, and are maintained by the YVCOG and are available through scheduling with YVCOG staff.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convene special sub-committees for gathering input, annual and monthly TIP analysis, regional studies analysis, grant analysis, corridor analysis, land use analysis, performance measures implementation. • Regional base and forecast model set for travel demand modeling. Documentation that describes assumptions, process, inputs, projects included. • Provide in-house training as train-the-trainer approach. Provide user training to members. Coordinate member 101 training and convene a Model User's Group (MUG) can meet to sustain training and discussion on updates and processes for which the TDM can be used. • Perform for and gather traffic counts from members and input into a common database. Database entry may be performed by a YVCOG intern or YVCOG staff or contracted out to a third party. Coordinate use of YVCOG traffic counters. • Receive, tabulate, and prepare WSDOT traffic counts. <p>In 2019, YVCOG provided member jurisdictions the option to either 1) contract with YVCOG to perform traffic counts by YVCOG staff, or 2) rent the counter equipment, allowing the jurisdiction to install counters themselves at a lower cost. YVCOG would continue to perform pre- and post-count coordination, counter programming and data retrieval activities, and counter result reporting. In January 2020, YVCOG began developing plans to contract traffic counting activities to a private contractor, allowing of more potential counter sites for member jurisdictions. This will be an annual program activity.</p> <p>In SFY 2022/2023 and beyond, YVCOG may undertake additional data collection activities including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Document all Request for Proposals (RFP) and Requests of Qualifications (RFQ) provided by any subcontractor or consultant, if used. YVCOG will invite WSDOT to participate in the RFP/RFQ selection process. • Start data collection planning for performance management / measurement activities and regional transit systems ridership totals. • Utilize WSDOT-sponsored/supported "National Performance Management Research Data Sharing (NPMRDS) RITIS MAP-21" and "STREETLIGHT"-type data resources systems, as available following WSDOT review during SFY 2022/2023 • Coordinate with WSDOT to monitor and safety, preservation, bridge, and air quality, and reliability performance measures leading to next reporting/concurrence periods. 	
	Projected Funding Sources	STBG Planning / FHWA (MPO) / RTPo / FTA / CTR-CMAQ
	Deliverables	<p><i>a.</i> Maintain a database and process to store and analyze data and information.</p> <p><i>b.</i> Collect and analyze updates/revisions in Census information and other demographic data for transportation planning.</p> <p><i>c.</i> Collect current traffic data from member agencies for MPO/RTPo planning</p>

	<p><i>d.</i> Collect current route information from regional transit and para-transit providers to be used in regional travel demand model(predictive)</p> <p><i>e.</i> Collect current land use plans and transportation improvement programs details to be used in regional travel demand modeling (prediction)</p> <p><i>f.</i> Collect emergency management plans to be used in regional travel demand modeling (prediction)</p> <p><i>g.</i> Identify missing data and information needed for MPO/RTPO planning through YVCOG, MPO/RTPO Joint, and/or WSDOT-led or sponsored database access activities.</p> <p><i>h.</i> Continually review plans to identify and collect missing data needed for MPO/RTPO planning</p> <p><i>i.</i> Continue [privately contracted] Countywide Traffic Counting Program as an annual activity for member jurisdictions.</p> <p><i>j.</i> Develop and maintain an on-line (jurisdictionally accessible) traffic counter history web-link archive system used to store and access current and historic traffic count and other transportation related data on a GIS-linked tracking system.</p> <p><i>k.</i> Maintain 2018 travel demand model, coordinate with contractor and jurisdictions for developing update of model in 2021/2022.</p> <p><i>l.</i> Seek acquisition of “cellular/navigational “traffic tracking data complementary to origin and destination analysis.</p> <p>Obtain updated countywide aerial photo data from Yakima County GIS Department for YVCOG and jurisdictional transportation and land use analysis.</p>	
Timeframe	July 2020 through June 2021 <u>and beyond</u> , as applicable.	
Lead	Regional Transportation Manager, respective private consultant(s) of traffic model, aerial photo, database maintenance systems, with development to include calibration and validation of data.	
Support	YVCOG staff, Transportation Policy Board, Technical Advisory Committee, Mobilizing Public Access to Countywide Transportation committee, and in coordination with WSDOT, FHWA, FTA, and member agencies’ staffs	
Approval	YVCOG	
Schedule 2021 Traffic Model Program Update	Utilization of 2018 Model Announce Formal Requests for Quotes (RFQs) TAC Prioritization and Policy Board Contract Approval Update Kickoff and Development Traffic Model Completion / Utilization	<i>Ongoing, until updated</i> <i>Mar 2021</i> <i>May 2021</i> <i>Jul 2021-Feb 2022</i> <i>Mar 2022 & Beyond</i>
Schedule Annual Countywide Traffic Count Program - Consultant TBD by RFQ in 2021	2021 Traffic Counter Program 2021 Traffic Counter Data Reported to YVCOG/Jurisdictions 2021 Traffic Counter Program Completion (closing) 2022 Traffic Count Jurisdictional Needs Assessment 2022 Announce Formal Requests for Quotes (RFQs) 2022 TAC Prioritization & Policy Board Contract Approval 2022 Traffic Counter Data Reported to YVCOG/Jurisdictions 2022 Traffic Counter Program Completion (closing) 2023 Traffic Count Jurisdictional Needs Assessment 2023 Announce Formal Requests for Quotes (RFQs) 2023 TAC Prioritization & Policy Board Contract Approval 2023 Traffic Counter Data Reported to YVCOG/Jurisdictions 2023 Traffic Counter Program Completion (closing)	<i>Mar - Oct 2021</i> <i>Apr - Nov 2021</i> <i>Nov 2021</i> <i>Sept – Nov 2021</i> <i>Dec 2021</i> <i>Jan / Feb 2022</i> <i>Apr – Nov 2022</i> <i>Nov 2022</i> <i>Sept – Nov 2022</i> <i>Dec 2022</i> <i>Jan / Feb 2023</i> <i>Apr – Nov 2023</i> <i>Nov 2023</i>

	Schedule On-line traffic counter archive program	Subscription Service, <i>proposed</i>	<i>Jul 2021 – Ongoing as budgeted</i>
	Schedule Aerial Photo Program – Partner w/Yakima Co.	-Aerial Photo performance by county contractor - Integration into county and YVCOG GIS systems and use, <i>proposed</i>	<i>Spring 2021, '23, & '25 2022, 2024, & 2026</i>
	Schedule Cellular/Navigational traffic tracking system	Yearly Subscription Access Service complementing Traffic Model update Process, <i>proposed</i>	<i>July 2021</i>

TASK #2 Results:

- Extended Modeling Assistance Contract (eRMSI, Inc) for 2023 Calendar Year (January 2023) following the completion of the 2021/2022 Regional Transportation Model update in the summer of 2022.
 - Consultation for Selah's E Selah Road (Yakima River Crossing) Extension Project and SR 12 / Naches City Limits Bike Ped Safety Corridor Study currently under development
 - Modeling specific contracts with WSDOT approved and performed for the E-W Corridor per FHWA/WSDOT request, and for WSDOT's SR 24 (Moxee) Corridor Study
 - Basic modeling activities were performed for the Naches/SR12 Active Transportation Study
- Continued contract with IDAX through CY 2023 Season. Completed CY 2022 Season with 365 counts (206 Tube, 119 T.M.s, and 39 Video Captures). 2022 counts included all municipalities. All traffic count data was shared with eRMSi for updating the regional transportation model.
- Renewed a 1-year subscription of Streetlight Data services (February 2023) for (as needed) jurisdictional what-if analysis.

3	Update SFY 2022/2023 UPWP for July 2021 through June 2023 / Annual Title VI / CY Obligation / CY Self-Certification / Obligation & Closure Report / ITS Plan Updates		\$150,712
	<p>The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), developed annually, accounts for regionally significant transportation planning efforts to be undertaken with federal funding by the YVCOG and other jurisdictions within the metropolitan planning area. The RTPO UPWP accounts for regionally significant transportation planning efforts to be undertaken with state funding. YVCOG develops the RTPO UPWP concurrently with the MPO UPWP and combines them into one document. The combined MPO/RTPO UPWP identifies transportation planning priorities and allocates staff and contracted resources, if any, as needed (e.g. CenterPoint Language Services for interpretation services) to specific issues and projects. The UPWP assists local, state, tribal, and federal agencies in coordinating transportation planning activities.</p> <p>Per <u>23 CFR 420.117</u>, the State DOT shall monitor all activities performed by its staff or by sub-recipients with <u>FHWA planning and research funds</u> to assure that the work is being managed and performed satisfactorily and that time schedules are being met.</p> <p>The YVCOG develops annual reports for: previous SFY UPWP accomplishments, Title VI, Calendar Year Obligations, Self-certification, and an ITS Plan update.</p> <p>YVCOG and WSDOT will continue collaboration in the FAST Act Performance Measure and Target Setting activities throughout SFY 2022 and 2023, having approved 2018 “PM2 and PM3” Performance Measures during the summer of 2018 and 2021 transit and MPO safety targets in December 2020.</p> <p>Local air quality and state targets for bridges, freight, and pavement condition, will continue to be reviewed in coordination with WSDOT following the 4-yr (2022) and 2-yr (2024) review periods.</p>		
	Projected Funding Sources	STBG Planning, MPO, RTPO, FTA	
	Deliverables	SFY 2022/2023 UPWP, Annual UPWP Report for SFY 2021 and 2022, Title VI Annual Reports, 2021 and 2022 Calendar Year Obligation & Closure Reports, Annual Performance & Expenditure Reports, Calendar Year Self-certifications, Annual ITS Plan Updates. Annual (Local and State) Performance Measure target determinations and concurrences [Air Quality, safety, bridges, pavement condition, transit safety].	
	Timeframe 2022/2023 UPWP, as needed	July 2021 through June 2023	
	Timeframe (Annual Reports & Updates):	July 2021 through June 2023	
	Timeframe Performance Measures	2022 and 2023 Safety and Transit Safety Performance Measures (targets) are projected for approval in January 2022 and 2023, respectively. PM 2 and 3-level performance measure activities are projected for the 2021 and 2022 CYs with coordination meetings between WSDOT and the state’s MPOs/RTPO’s expected (no time frame available at this time).	
	Lead	Transportation Manager	
	Support	YVCOG staff, Transportation Policy Board, Technical Advisory Committee, Member Jurisdictions, consultation with WSDOT, FHWA, FTA, and member agencies’ staffs	
	Approval - UPWP	WSDOT for RTPO portion; FHWA and FTA for MPO portion	
	Approval - Annual Reports & Updates	WSDOT, FHWA (MPO), FTA	
	Approval Performance Measures	WSDOT, FHWA, FTA	
	Schedule	SFY 2022/2023 UPWP Approval 2021 Self -Certification SFY 2021 Annual UPWP Report Title VI Annual Report (New Sept/Aug Timeline) Annual ITS Update	June 2021 September 2021 September 2021 October 2021 November 2021

	2022 MAP-21 Safety Performance Measures/Targets FTA / Public Transportation Agency Safety Plans (PTASP) <i>(Regional Transit Safety Performance Targets)</i> CY 2021 Obligation & Closure Report SFY 2023 UPWP (Revisions) Preparation and Draft Submittal <i>(If needed)</i> SFY 2023 UPWP (Revisions) Approval <i>(If needed)</i> FAST Act Performance Measures Confirmation <i>(If needed)</i> 2022 Self -Certification SFY 2022 Annual UPWP Report Title VI Annual Report <i>(New Sept/Aug Timeline)</i> Annual ITS Update 2023 MAP-21 Safety Performance Measures/Targets FTA / Public Transportation Agency Safety Plans (PTASP) <i>(Regional Transit Safety Performance Targets)</i> CY 2022 Obligation & Closure Report SFY 2024/2025 UPWP Preparation and Draft Submittal SFY 2024/2025 UPWP (Revisions) Approval	<i>January 2022</i> <i>January 2022</i> <i>March 2022</i> <i>March 2022</i> <i>May 2022</i> <i>September 2022</i> <i>September 2022</i> <i>September 2022</i> <i>October 2022</i> <i>November 2022</i> <i>January 2023</i> <i>January 2023</i> <i>March 2023</i> <i>March 2023</i> <i>May 2023</i>
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TASK #3 Results:

- Adopted 2022 UPWP Annual Report – September 19, 2022
- Adopted 2022 MPO/RTPO Self Certification Review – September 19, 2022
- Adopted 2022 Title VI Annual Report – Assurances – October 17, 2022
- Approved 2022 ITS Architecture Plan Update – January 18, 2023
- Adopted 2023 (Safety) Performance Measure Target Concurrence – January 18, 2023
- Adopted 2023 Transit Safety Performance Measures (PTASP) – January 18, 2023
- Adopted 2023 Bridge & Pavement Performance Measures Target Concurrences – February 22, 2023
- Adopted 2023 Hwy System/Freight Movement Performance Measures
Target Concurrences – February 22, 2023
- Adopted CY 2022 Obligations & Closures Report – March 20, 2023
- Developed SFY 2024/2025 UPWP to address YVCOG's planning activities for the 2024/25 UPWP period. – July 2023 thru June 2025
 - Adopted 2021 UPWP -- May 15, 2023
 - FWHA/WSDOT approval – June 20, 2023
- Adopted 2023 CMAQ Performance Measure Target Concurrences
 - Concurrences completed – June 2023 (Adoption delayed to July 17, 2023)

4	Develop 2023-2026 and 2024-2027 M/RTIP Develop 2022-2025 and 2023-2026 M/RTIP Amendments		\$152,982
	<p>MPO/RTPO is responsible under state and federal statutes to conduct a programming process for authorizing expenditures of federal funds for regionally significant transportation improvement projects. Each year, the M/RTIP, or Metropolitan and Regional Transportation Improvement Program, development begins in the spring with the process and schedule notification to local agencies and, when available, notices of STBG, STBG Set-aside, or CMAQ funding. Local TIPS are due to the YVCOG in June/July. The TAC will review the document and projects to ensure the region's projects represent the priorities as identified through various prioritization processes. The TAC will recommend the M/RTIP to the Transportation Policy Board for consideration during the September TAC meeting. The Policy Board will evaluate projects and conduct a public engagement process in order to approve a final M/RTIP by October. The program is then transmitted to WSDOT for inclusion in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).</p> <p>YVCOG is responsible under state and federal statutes to maintain a programming process for the purpose of authorizing expenditures of federal funds for regionally significant transportation improvement projects. Although the Transportation Policy Board evaluates projects and conducts a public engagement process in order to approve a final M/RTIP by October for the upcoming year, opportunities for additional funding arise. Monthly amendments from January through October are allowed so that project sponsors can add to, delete, or otherwise modify funding for a project, adjust funding schedules, add to or delete a phase of a project. The amendment process is: a project sponsor proposes a change to their local TIP and submits it to the YVCOG, YVCOG conducts a public comment period on the proposed change to the M/RTIP, action on the proposal is recommended by the TAC, the Policy Board considers adoption of the proposed change by resolution, and YVCOG staff transmits the change to WSDOT for inclusion in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).</p>		
	Projected Funding Sources	STBG Planning, FHWA (MPO), RTPO, FTA	
	Deliverables	2021-2024 Metropolitan and Regional Transportation Improvement Program 2020-2023 MRTIP Amendments 2021-2024 MRTIP Amendments	
	Timeframe	2021-2024 Amendments January - October 2021 2022-2025 MRTIP June – September 2021; Adoption October 2021 2022-2025 Amendments January – October 2022 2023-2026 MRTIP June – September 2022; Adoption October 2022 2023-2026 Amendments January – October 2023 2024-2027 MRTIP June – September 2023; Adoption October 2023	
	Lead	Regional Transportation Manager	
	Support:	YVCOG staff, Transportation Policy Board, Technical Advisory Committee, and coordination with WSDOT	
	Approval	WSDOT, FHWA, FTA	
	Schedule SFY 2022	2021-2024 M/RTIP Amendments, <i>monthly as needed</i>	<i>July – October 2021</i>
		2022-2025 M/RTIP Update	<i>July – September 2021</i>
		2022-2025 M/RTIP Approval	<i>October 2021</i>
	Schedule (2023 SFY):	2022-2025 M/RTIP Amendments	<i>January – June 2022</i>
		2022-2025 M/RTIP Amendments, <i>monthly as needed</i>	<i>July – October 2022</i>
		2023-2026 M/RTIP Update	<i>July – September 2022</i>
		2023-2026 M/RTIP Approval	<i>October 2022</i>
		2023-2026 M/RTIP Amendments	<i>January – June 2023</i>

TASK #4 Results:

- Performed 2022-2025 TIP Amendments in August, September, and October 2022.
 - State/Fed Review October 31, 2022
 - Federal Approval Letter – November 30, 2022
- Performed 2023-26 TIP Amendments in January, February, March, April, May and June 2023

5	Jurisdictional Planning and Assistance for Safe Routes to Schools, Complete Streets and Performance Measures 1, 2, 3 and Transit Activities		\$119,304
	<p>Provide planning coordination and assistance to MPO/RTPO member jurisdictions in development of Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS), Complete Street (CS), and regional transportation-related Performance Measure (PM) activities and projects as they relate to MPO/RTPO responsibilities.</p> <p>Core activities anticipated, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide meeting facilitation, data collection, and grant development assistance among school districts, schools, municipalities, school districts, schools, downtown associations, and transportation stakeholders and agencies to coordinate on Safe Routes to School, Complete Streets, and Performance Measurement projects activities. • Host SRTS, CS, and PM training workshops and webinars targeted at key stakeholder groups and service agencies in developing funding-eligible projects. • Assist in development of education, encouragement, enforcement, and engineering (infrastructure) projects. • Assist schools/school districts/municipalities with developing projects and applications for applying for Safe Routes to School funding. • Assist municipalities, downtown associations, chambers of commerce and key stakeholders and service agencies with developing projects and applications for applying for Complete Streets funding. • Coordinate with federally-funded transit agencies in development of respective public transit safety plans and annual transit safety measures and targets 		
	Projected Funding Sources	STBG Planning, FHWA (MPO), RTPO, FTA	
	Deliverables	Completing stated work tasks and reporting to the Transportation TAC, Transportation Policy Board, and WSDOT.	
	Timeframe (TAP)	July 1, 2021 thru June 30, 2023	
	Lead	Regional Transportation Manager	
	Support	YVCOG staff, Local Member Jurisdictions, Policy Board, Technical Advisory Committee, and coordination with WSDOT. Additional stakeholders include regional school districts, ESD 105, regional chambers of commerce, downtown business associations, transit/paratransit agencies, affected service agencies and multimodal organizations	
	Approval	WSDOT, FHWA, FTA	
	Schedule	Regular Jurisdictional Planning and Assistance	<i>Ongoing, as requested</i>

TASK #5 Results:

- No requests for SRTS or Complete Streets assistance were requested during SFY 2023
 - Continued support of WSDOT on “SR 24 (Moxee) Corridor Study and updated modeling analysis for the WSDOT/Yakima Co/City of Yakima “East West Corridor” Project.
 - Completed scoping and contractual preparations and contracted with WSDOT and the Town of Naches on the SR 12 / Naches Active Transportation Corridor Study which addresses/considers bicycle and pedestrian facilities along the SR 12 corridor through Naches were currently none exist. Consideration for bicycle and pedestrian linkages to the Naches Trail and Cleman’s View Park at east terminus of the study area are also planned.
 - Continued coordination with Yakama Nation: Tribal Transportation Safety Committee and Heritage Trail Corridor (HCT) Committee. The HCT Concept Plan was approved in July 2021. Steering Committee (YN, WSDOT, YVCOG, & Yakima County Health District) Developed and Submitted a Federal RAISE Grant application for ongoing planning efforts. \$1.0 Million in RAISE funding was awarded to WSDOT/YN in August 2022 (contract still pending as of September 1, 2023). Partnership will continue with planning effort to develop specific projects over next 12-24 months, including development of historical site “message boards” that will be placed around the nation where trails are expected to be construction.
 - Ongoing RTPO follow-up invitations to Yakama Nation have resulted in email correspondence considering discussion meetings but have not received a formal commitment from the YN to proceed.
- Continued coordination with WSDOT & Statewide MPOs/RTPOs regarding mid-term (2022) PM2 & PM3 Updates.
 - Adopted 2023 (Safety) Performance Measure Target Concurrence – January 18, 2023
 - Adopted 2023 Transit Safety Performance Measures (PTASP) – January 18, 2023
 - Adopted 2023 Bridge & Pavement Performance Measures Target Concurrences – February 22, 2023
 - Adopted 2023 Hwy System/Freight Movement Performance Measures Target Concurrences – February 22, 2023
 - Adopted 2023 CMAQ Performance Measure Target Concurrences
 - Concurrences completed – June 2023 (Adoption delayed to July 17, 2023)
- Ongoing planning and research efforts supporting the return of passenger rail service to Central Washington. YVCOG was added to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) Long Distance Route Study Workgroup in March 2023 as an active committee member for the NW Region (WA, OR, ID, MT, CO, WY). Providing workgroup information to TAC and Policy Board.

6	2022 Human Services Transportation Plan Update 2023-2025 Public Transportation Consolidated Grant Process		\$42,135
	<p>The Special Needs Transportation Coalition was brought under direct control of the YVCOG in 2015, officially recognized as an advisory committee to the YVCOG Transportation Policy Board and rebranded in 2016 as the “Mobilizing Public Access to Countywide Transportation” (MPACT) Committee. YVCOG, with the assistance of MPACT, updated the Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan in 2018 and coordinated the 2017-19 and 2019-21 Consolidated Grant Call for Projects regional ranking process. The ranking process culminates in a regionally ranked “A”, “B”, and “C” (indicating bonus points for the grant applications). List of projects submitted to WSDOT in November/December every “even” year.</p> <p>YVCOG & MPACT will review and update the 2018 HSTP Document coordinate for possible impacts to the Yakima County Regional Transit Feasibility Study Process (Task 7)</p>		
	Projected Funding Sources	STBG Planning, FHWA (MPO), RTPO, FTA, HSTP, WSDOT Consolidated Grant Funding	
	Deliverables	Committee development and update of 2022 Human Services Transportation Plan Committee’s Review and impact on Regional Transit Feasibility Study. 2023-2025 Consolidated Grant Call for Projects Regional Ranking Results	
	Timeframe	Transit Feasibility Study September 2020 - December 2021 2022 HSTP Update September 2021 – June 2022; Adoption July 2022 23-25 Consolidated Grant July – November 2022	
	Lead	Executive Director or Regional Transportation Manager	
	Support	MPO/RTPO staff, YVCOG staff, Policy Board, MPACT Committee, and coordination with WSDOT, transportation providers, social service providers, public transportation stakeholders, and local membership jurisdictions.	
	Approval	WSDOT and FTA	
	Schedule	Integration of Regional Transit Feasibility Study into HSTP MPACT Committee Coordination Meetings (As needed) Development of 2022 HSTP (Update of 2018 Document) Adoption of 2022 HSTP Document 2023-25 Biennium Consolidated Grant Call for Projects 2023-25 Consolidated Grant Application Development and Eligibility Period (Applicants & WSDOT) 2023-25 Consolidated Grant YVCOG Region Prioritization YVCOG Policy Board Approval of 23-25 Prioritization List Submit 2023-25 Prioritization List to WSDOT	<i>Jan 2021 - June 2022</i> <i>July 2021 – June 2023</i> <i>Sept 2021 – June 2022</i> <i>July 2022</i> <i>July 2022</i> <i>July – September 2022</i> <i>October 2022</i> <i>November 2022</i> <i>December 2022</i>

TASK #6 Results:

- MPACT Committee has met monthly between July 2022 and June 2023 to oversee development of HSTP Update and Transit Feasibility Study.
 - 2022 HSTP Update – Plan update of 2018 document, began in the fall of 2021, addresses special needs transportation users with physical, language, or access limitations and provide feedback on transportation habits, needs, shortfalls, and recommendations for future transportation services. Research, outreach, and agency participation activities are running concurrently with Regional Transit Feasibility Study to reduce duplication of effort and ensure accuracy of data. Plan was adopted on October 17, 2022, and amended on June 20, 2023, to incorporate findings of the Regional Transit Feasibly Study.
 - Regional Transit Feasibility Study - TranspoGroup was selected through a Request for Proposals (RFP) process. Titled “Study 1.0”, the current study concentrates on inventorying the entire regions transit resources as a starting point for future growth. Planned, and presently unfunded studies “2.0” (expanding services with existing resources) and “3.0” (expanding services with new/future resources) will be attempted through the remainder of the decade as staffing and funding permit. Study 1.0 was completed and accepted by YVCOG’s Policy Board on January 18, 2023.
- YVCOG’s Mobilizing Public Access to Countywide Transportation (MPACT) performed the 2023-25 WSDOT Public Transportation Consolidated Grant Call for Projects. Five new projects/programs were submitted and prioritized by MPACT and approved by the Policy Board on December 19, 2022. All five projects were funding following state legislature funding approvals.
- Ongoing participation in monthly/quarterly Yakima Greenway Board of Directors, Yakima Bikes & Walks Cmte., Yakima Transit Citizen’s Advisory Cmte, Yakama Nation Heritage Connectivity Trail (HCT) and Transportation Safety Committees, and WSDOT’s CTR/TDM Committee.
- YVCOG’s Regional Transportation Manager continues as representative of CTR/TDM Technical advisory committee. The Senior Transportation Planner became YVCOG’s representative of the CTR/TDM Implementers Committee.

7	Yakima County Regional Transit Feasibility Study – Phase 1		\$129,335
	<p>Public transportation services in the Yakima Valley are limited, especially in rural areas and more isolated small cities, where a number of people live. Based on US Census data, our Human Services Transportation Plan estimates that 60-80 percent of Yakima County's population qualifies as 'special needs' (persons over 65 or under 18; with a disability; veterans; and/or those below the poverty line). Poverty is notably greater in the lower Yakima Valley (south of Union Gap), an area that is under-served by public transportation. The County (mainly agricultural) is the 2nd largest in the state. Yakima County's geography makes it more difficult to provide regional transit options. Interstate 82 (I-82) serves as a 'spine' that links urban 'nodes' up and down the Yakima Valley, but the farther a community is from I-82, the more isolated are those residents who don't have access to reliable private vehicles. This study will explore possibilities for increasing the links between urban and rural areas.</p> <p>A key component of the study includes evaluating methods of coordinating the routes and fare schedules (e.g., common fare card) of the four separate public transit systems in the Yakima Valley. By using scheduling software and other relatively inexpensive tools, lay-overs and transfer times could be reduced. We expect that reducing those delays will help increase access to, and use of, transportation services to residents with special transportation needs.</p> <p>The proposed study will assess the feasibility for expanding services and linkages throughout Yakima County, to best meet residents' special transportation needs, including public transportation options in rural areas and unincorporated communities. Yakima Transit, Selah Transit, Union Gap Transit, People For People, and the Yakama Nation's Pahto Public Passage (YN-PPP) are the area's five primary transportation service providers. YVCOG coordinates with these providers in several ongoing forums, primarily in our MPO/RTPO TAC (Technical Advisory Committee) and MPACT (Mobilizing Public Access to Countywide Transportation). YVCOG consulted with all five agencies regarding this feasibility study.</p>		
	Projected Funding Sources	STBG Planning, FHWA (MPO) , RTPO, FTA, CTR-CMAQ, HSTP, WSDOT Consolidated Grant Funding	
	Deliverables	Yakima County Regional Transit Feasibility Study document reporting: 1) best practices for integrating services of existing transit programs 2) consolidate the region's identified public transportation needs/barriers/resources 3) generate financial and technically feasible solutions needed to address transit gaps in the region.	
	Timeframe	July 1, 2020 thru December 31, 2022	
	Lead	Regional Transportation Manager, in coordination with MPACT Committee	
	Support	YVCOG staff, Affected Member Jurisdictions, Policy Board, MPACT, and Technical Advisory Committees, YN- PPP Transit, Yakima/Selah/Union Gap Transits, People For People Community Services, WSDOT Public Transportation Office, National Association of Development Organizations (NADO), DRYVE and TRANS-Action Transportation Advocacy Committees. Additional support will be sought with independent pedestrian, bicycle, and transit stakeholders.	
	Approval	WSDOT, FHWA, and FTA <i>(as required)</i>	
	Schedule	MPACT, CTR, & Transportation Provider (Study) Meetings Strategy Development and project introduction WSDOT Approval to initiate a consultant Request For Proposal (RFP) RFP Process Selection and Contract with Consultant Consultant Start Integration of 2018 & 2022 HSTPs and 2020/45 MRTP data in study Research, partnership development, and case study activities for best practices, needs/barriers/resources, and financial and technically feasible solutions Development of Feasibility Study Report Public Review / Policy Board Approval of Study Report	<i>July 2020 - Completion</i> <i>Oct 2020 – Jan 2021</i> <i>August 2021</i> <i>Sept 2021 – Jan 2022</i> <i>Jan – Feb 2022</i> <i>Feb 2022</i> <i>Feb 2022</i> <i>Mar – Jun 2022</i> <i>July – Aug 2022</i> <i>Sept – Oct 2022</i>

TASK #7 Results:

- TranspoGroup and YVCOG Staff completed the Yakima Valley Regional Transit Feasibility Study (TFS) in December 2022 and was accepted by the Policy Board on January 18, 2023
- Findings from the study were incorporated into an amendment of the 2022 Human Services Transportation Plan in June 2023
- YVCOG submitted a 2023-25 WSDOT Public Transportation Consolidation Grant application in September 2022. The grant received a prioritization score and ultimately received a \$50,000 grant award (the maximum allowed for planning purposes) for the performance of the YV Regional Transit Feasibility Study (Phase 2 or “2.0”). The funding contract is still pending as of September 1, 2023.
- MPACT Committee met twice following the grant process in preparation for the upcoming 2024-2045 Metropolitan and Regional Transportation Long Range Plan in which the HSTP and TFS will contribute findings.

8	Commute Trip Reduction (CTR) Enhancement and Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Program Activities		\$451,808
	<p>YVCOG’s CTR and TDM Program seeks to reduce drive-alone trips in the Greater Yakima Metropolitan Area by implementing multi-modal [alternative] transportation options for employers/employees meeting state CTR participation requirements that may directly reduce traffic congestion and indirectly reduce vehicle emissions. This program complements ongoing Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ) efforts to reduce Carbon Monoxide (CO) and Particulate Matter of 10 microns (PM10).</p> <p>YVCOG and CTR member businesses reconstituted the Employer Transportation Coordinator (ETC) Committee in the 2018 to improve communication and promote “best practices” between participating businesses and agencies.</p> <p>YVCOG’s previous Executive Director had been a member the State’s CTR Executive Board and actively participated in the development of future statewide CTR strategies. In January 2021, the YVCOG Transportation Program Manager was added to the State’s CTR Executive Board</p> <p>Core activities anticipated, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• New employer recruitment and alternative (non-CTR required) employer education and commuter habits evaluations.• Community outreach programs (i.e., Wheel Options) and CTR program promotion/advertising activities.• Employer/Employee Transportation Coordinator (ETC) training and committee meetings.• Employer and user “Incentive & Subsidy” programs promoting CTR usages including Vanpool, Bike Rack, and bus purchase programs.• Program process verification [survey] activities; and• Jurisdictional reports, reviews, and updates• Coordination, processing, and awarding of a 2020 CMAQ Call for Projects program for existing carryover/returned/de-obligated CMAQ funds.		
	Projected Funding Sources	STBG Planning, FHWA (MPO), RTP, FTA, CTR-CMAQ	
	Deliverables	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bi-annual 2020 State of Washington CTR Employee Questionnaire, CTR Quarterly Reports – State delayed to spring of 2021 due to COVID19 Pandemic.• Bi-annual 2022 State of Washington CTR Employee Questionnaire, CTR Quarterly Reports	
	Timeframe (TAP)	July 1, 2021 thru June 30, 2023	
	Lead	Regional Transportation Manager	
	Support	Washington State CTR Program, YVCOG staff, Affected Member Jurisdictions, Policy Board, Technical Advisory Committee, and coordination with WSDOT, Yakima/Selah/Union Gap Transits, Yakima Valley Clean Air Authority. Additional stakeholders include: CTR-triggered businesses and agencies in metropolitan area.	
	Approval	WSDOT, FHWA, and FTA	
	Schedule:	Regular Jurisdictional Planning and Assistance Quarterly performance reports CMAQ Call for Projects process Bi-annual 2020 State of Washington CTR Employee Questionnaire (Survey) – Submitted to WSDOT Bi-annual 2022 State of Washington CTR Employee Questionnaire (Survey) – Submitted to WSDOT May and October Wheel Options Participation Events	Ongoing, as requested. Quarterly till Jun 2023 After Dec 2021 Apr – Oct 2021 Apr – Oct 2022 Oct 2021/22 & May 2022/23

TASK #8 Results:

- Continue participation as member of the Statewide CTR/TDM Implementors Committee, Technical Advisory Committee and (audience participant) in the Executive Committee (meetings continue via video conferencing following the COVID-19 pandemic). Senior Transportation Planner continues to service on the CTR/TDM Implementor's Committee
- Completed 2021/2022 Regional Transportation Model Update (Summer 2022). Model addresses traffic and land use projects with a 2020 base year and 2025 and 2045 out years. New model increases YVCOG ability to model transit movement.
- Continued subscription (1 year) of Streetlight Data services (effective February 1, 2023) in partnership with eRMSi for quality control and calibration purposes for the regional traffic model and TranspoGroup for the YV Regional Transit Feasibility Study, including transit, bicycle, and pedestrian movement.
- Continued participation in regional passenger rail discussion efforts with the "All Aboard Washington organization and other national passenger rail stakeholder groups. YVCOG was added to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) Long Distance Route Study Workgroup in March 2023 as an active committee member for the NW Region (WA, OR, ID, MT, CO, WY). Providing workgroup information to TAC and Policy Board.
- Monthly Participant in: Yakima Greenway Board of Directors, Yakima Bikes and Walks Cmte, Yakima Transit Citizen's Advisory Committee, City of Yakima's Bike/Ped Advisory Committee, the Yakama Nation's Heritage Connectivity Trail (HCT) and Transportation Safety committees.
- Facilitated Mobilizing Public Access to Countywide Transportation (MPACT) meetings.
- Updated and expanded multi-modal, micro-modal, and CTR/TDM transportation options and planning for future consider for the update of the 2020-2045 Long Range Plan in 2024.
- YVCOG reengaged "rideshare" discussions with former (Pre-COVID) CTR/TDM agencies and stakeholders to develop a new organization from the original "Wheel Options" group to the reconstituted "**Switch Your Trips WA**" Committee.
- YVCOG's Senior Transportation Planner has been engaging local CTR (mandated) and CTR (interested) businesses to participate in a new (post-COVID) Employer Transportation Committee (ETC) to move CTR programs forward.
- YVCOG was an active member of a CTR/TDM "legislative" subcommittee including WSDOT, MPO/RTPO, and rural transit providers to develop an expanded statewide CTR program for rural Washington during the 2023 legislative session. The sub-committee continue to meet to continue the effort during the 2024 state legislative session.

2023 UPWP Planned Budget Summary

Based on Amended – May 2023 UPWP Update

The chart below provides an estimated Budget Summary of the distribution of adjusted SFY 2022 planning funds for the MPO/RTPO.

YVCOG's Transportation Estimated Budget for SFY 2023 MPO/RTPO Activities and Tasking											
	Estimated STBG Set Aside Funds	Estimated STBG Local Match Funds	Estimated FHWA PL Funds	Estimated FTA 5303 Funds	Estimated RTPO Planning Funds	Estimated Local Match	SFY 2022 Carry Forward + Match	HSTP Funding / Consol. Grant	CTR - Work Plan Funding	CMAQ Program Enhance Funding	Estimated Planning Budget SFY 2023
Program Administration	\$297,000	\$40,095	\$140,000	\$36,693	\$39,698	\$23,853	—	—	—	—	\$577,339
Data Collection and Analysis	\$200,000	\$27,000	\$105,000	\$27,520	\$29,773	\$17,890	—	—	—	—	\$407,183
Develop SFY 2021 UPWP / Annual Reports & Updates	—	—	\$45,000	\$11,467	\$12,406	\$7,623	—	—	—	—	\$ 76,496
Develop a 2020-2023 M/RTIP and Amendments	\$2,000	\$270	\$45,000	\$11,467	\$12,406	\$7,623	—	—	—	—	\$78,766
SRTS/CS/PM Jurisdictional Assistance Activities	\$50,000	\$6,750	\$20,000	\$4,587	\$4,962	\$3,319	—	—	—	—	\$89,618
HSTP Activities & Planning / Consolidated Grant	—	\$135	\$1,000	—	—	—	—	\$15,000	—	—	\$17,135
Yakima County Transit Feasibility Study	\$20,000	\$2,700	\$560	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	\$23,260
Commute Trip Reduction (CTR)	\$30,000	\$4,050	\$1,000	—	—	—	—	—	\$74,305	—	\$109,335
	\$600,000	\$81,000	\$357,560	\$91,732	\$99,245	\$60,308	\$0	\$15,000	\$74,305	\$0	\$1,379,150

2023 UPWP Actual Expended Summary

Based on Amended – May 2023 UPWP Update

This chart provides a final expended distribution of SFY 2023 planning funds for the MPO/RTPO.

	Estimated STBG Set Aside Funds	Estimated STBG Local Match Funds	Estimated FHWA PL Funds	Estimated FTA 5303 Funds	Estimated RTPO Planning Funds	Estimated Local Match	HSTP Funding / Consol. Grant	CTR - Work Plan Funding	CMAQ Program Enhance. Funding	Actuals Planning Budget SFY 2023
Program Administration	\$220,815.02	\$29,810.02	\$132,396.61	\$29,879.00	\$47,342.44	\$21,907.20	—	—	—	\$482,150.29
Data Collection and Analysis	\$191,486.36	\$25,850.65	\$189,632.92	\$33,823.47	\$44,619.23	\$30,166.61	—	—	—	\$515,579.24
Develop SFY 2021 UPWP / Annual Reports & Updates	\$26,160.02	\$3,531.60	\$19,623.29	\$4,709.55	\$4,665.54	\$3,284.93	—	—	—	\$61,974.93
Develop a 2020-2023 M/RTIP and Amendments	\$25,200.98	\$3,402.13	\$48,667.00	\$7,407.57	\$5,992.67	\$7,570.06	—	—	—	\$94,838.28
SRTS/CS/PM Jurisdictional Assistance Activities	\$13,328.55	\$1,799.35	\$1,125.77	\$264.65	\$1,632.60	\$187.70	—	—	—	\$18,338.62
HSTP Activities & Planning / Consolidated Grant	\$7,607.78	\$1,027.05	\$3,868.16	\$886.98	\$1,782.81	\$10,493.86	\$21,118.91	—	—	\$46,710.54
Yakima County Transit Feasibility Study	—	—	—	—	—	\$2,500.79	\$12,209.75	—	—	\$14,710.54
Commute Trip Reduction (CTR)	—	—	—	—	—	\$1,706.47	—	\$89,484.89	\$10,934.11	\$102,125.47
	\$484,598.71	\$65,420.81	\$395,313.75	\$76,971.22	\$106,035.29	\$77,817.62	\$33,328.66	\$89,484.89	\$10,934.11	\$1,336,502.92

FY 2023 Budget vs. Actual Expenditure Comparison Table

	Task	FY 2023 Planning Budget	Actual Expended	Budget vs. Expended Variance
1	Program Administration	\$577,339.00	\$482,150.29	\$95,188.71
2	Data Collection and Analysis	\$407,183.00	\$515,579.24	(\$108,396.24)
3	Develop SFY 2022/23 UPWP / Annual Reports & Updates	\$ 76,496.00	\$61,974.93	\$14,521.07
4	Develop a 2023-2026 M/RTIP / Develop M/RTIP Amendments	\$78,766.00	\$94,838.28	(\$16,072.28)
5	RTS/CS/PM Jurisdictional Assistance Activities	\$89,618.00	\$18,338.62	\$71,279.38
6	HSTP Activities & Planning / Consolidated Grant	\$17,135.00	\$46,710.54	(\$29,575.54)
7	Yakima County Transit Feasibility Study	\$23,260.00	\$14,710.54	\$8,549.46
8	Commute Trip Reduction (CTR)	\$109,355.00	\$102,125.47	\$7,229.53
Totals		\$1,379,150.00	\$1,336,502.92	\$42,727.09

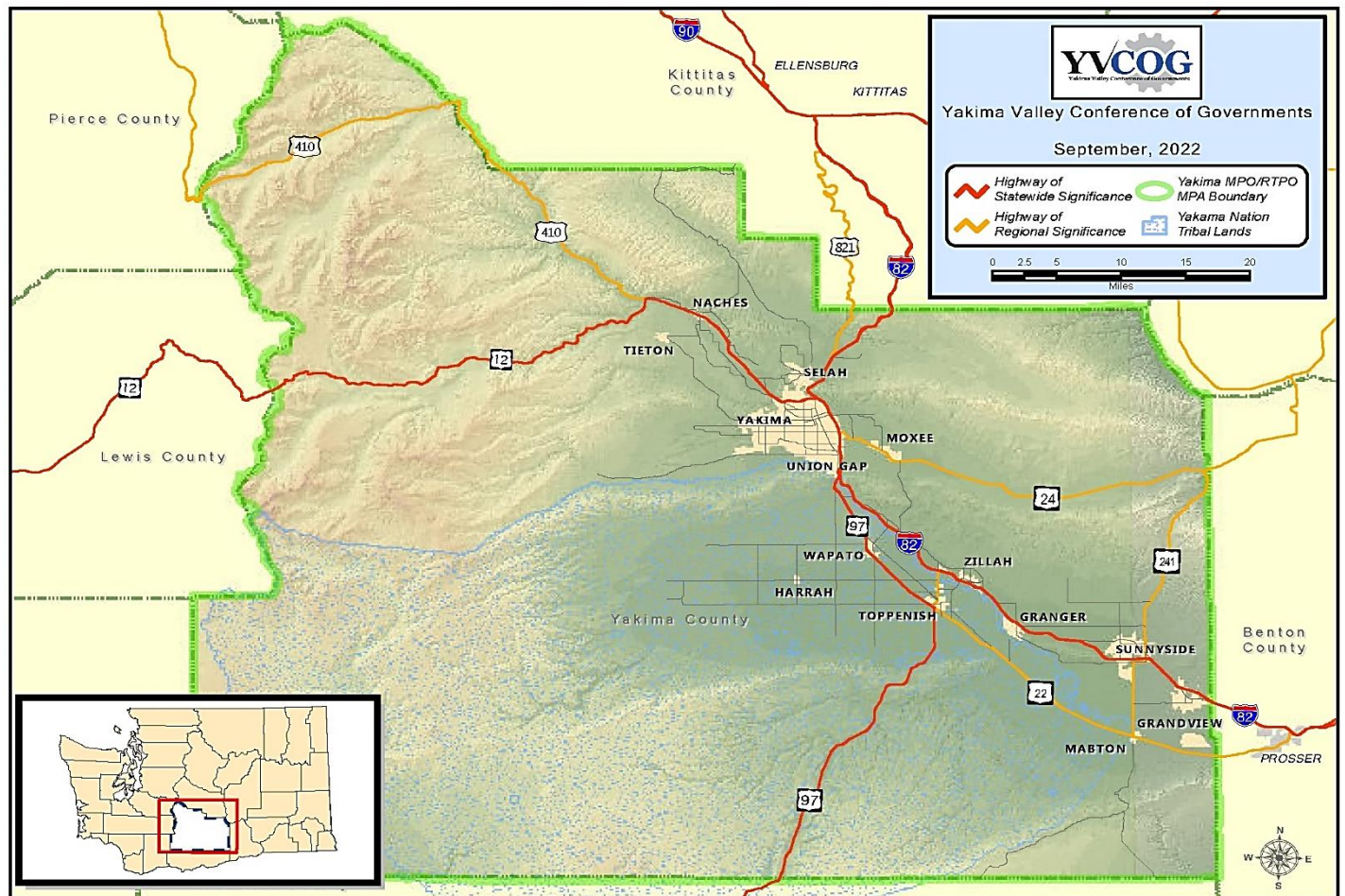
Financial Factors to 2023 UPWP and Project Tasks:

STP Planning Funds (Data Collection & Analysis / HSTP & Feasibility Study / CTR-CMAQ):

- YVCOG's SFY 2023 UPWP budget projections with regards to the overall 2022/2023 budget appears to be generally on track with a projected final biennial carryover estimate. In August 2023, WSDOT reported to YVCOG that \$255,000 in STGB Planning funds were not spent during the SFY 2023 Planning year and would be de-obligated back into our regional funding allocation balance for redistribution to YVCOG regional projects/programs for SFY 24. A significant carryover in CTR/CMAQ Planning funds has been fairly consistent even prior to the COVID pandemic, while YVCOG's CTR Coordinator has been re-establishing the program, getting agencies and business to re-engage has been slow. YVCOG anticipates utilizing CTR/CMAQ funds at a greater pace in SFY 24 as it moves forward with the Region Transit Feasibility Study (Phase II).
- In early SFY 2023, YVCOG was heavily engaged in a traffic model update, an above average traffic count program, established a StreetlightData "mega-data" program, provided information from these contractors to develop the Transit Feasibility Study, and contributed data/analysis toward the Moxee/SR 24 and Naches/SR 12 corridor studies. These activities greatly influenced the high than budgeted "Data Collection and Analysis" task item since activities start/end dates shifted into the SFY 2023 UPWP period.
- Over the past SFY, the Sr. Transportation Planner as assumed a greater amount of time developing the 2023-26 TIP Amendments, however, this transition had required some additional supervisory assistance, resulting in a higher than budgeted expenditures than originally expected.
- As part of his continued job development, YVCOG's Sr. Transportation Planner attended most available conferences in person. The Transportation Manager, Executive Director and supporting staff continued to refrain or defer in-person trainings/conferences in lieu of virtual alternatives. Trainings, conferences, and most topical meetings continued through online video conferencing. In most cases, trainings and workshops participated in were at "little or no cost". Travel to meetings and trainings/conferences/workshops by all staff slowly increased through the 2023 UPWP period but is still significantly below pre-COVID levels.
- Since early in the 2022/2023 UPWP period, YVCOG and WSDOT have partnered on regionally significant corridor studies. Powerhouse Road/SR12 (CY 2021-22) and Naches/SR 12 (CY 2023-24) have been primarily funding through YVCOG STBG planning funds paid to WSDOT-SCR for staffing and planning operations. YVCOG provided technical support to the Moxee/SR 24 (CY 2021-23). Over the past year, YVCOG completed the Yakima Valley Regional Transit Feasibility Study (Phase I), which was contracted out to the consulting firm TranspoGroup. YVCOG is preparing for the TFS (Phase II) to begin in the SFY 24 UPWP period.
- YVCOG's annual Countywide Traffic Counter Program completed its second year from March to October 2021 with 312 counts at a cost of \$91,530; the 2022 Season (completed in October 2022) exceed 360 counter sites with contracted cost of \$126,920. YVCOG lowered 2023 calendar year service requests to 250 counts and a cost of approximately \$65,000 as YVCOG sought to within a predetermined 3-year budget window on traffic counting.
- YVCOG completed its most current Traffic Model update early in the 2023 UPWP year. Surprisingly, there has been little request for jurisdictional modeling on a case by case (project or site specific) basis. This includes the STREETLIGHT subscription made available to members. YVCOG did increase its STREETLIGHT subscription tier to include transit and bike ped data for inclusion in the update of the HSTP and development of the Regional Transit Feasibility Study (Phase I), resulting on a cost increase from approximately \$60,000 to \$76,000.
- The increase in in-office staffing (Spanish translation, public outreach) expanded YVCOG's staffing expenses beyond the basic transportation program and financial personnel. These expenses are expected to continue as YVCOG continues to expand its outreach to limited English proficient populations.
- YVCOG anticipates a reduction of budget in future UPWP's in the areas of UPWP Development/Annual Reports, M/RTIP & TIP Amendment Updates, and Safe Routes to School/Complete Streets/PM2 & PM3 activities as staffing responsibility changes result in lower staffing costs for those activities and process efficiencies have been enacted.

Appendix A - YVCOG Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) Regional Map

Metropolitan and Regional Transportation Planning Organization Boundary (MPO) - Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA)



Partnership Building, Organizational Coordination, & Staff Development

Partnership Building

YVCOG staff and members participated in the interagency consultation process and collaborated with citizen and jurisdictional interests throughout the year. Due to the Governor Inslee's COVID19 Mandates, most if not all meetings were held through videoconference (webinar) settings. The following are notable instances in SFY2022:

1	Continued long-time collaboration with DRYVE & TRANS-ACTION Transportation Advocacy Committees to coordinate transportation planning and investment efforts and economic development in the Yakima Valley region. (2022 – Sep 21, Nov 16 & Dec 15) & (2023 – Mar 23 and May 25)
2	Facilitated Mobilizing Public Access to Countywide Transportation (MPACT) Committee with human services / transportation stakeholders in the region to assess the needs and gaps in human services transportation services and opportunities for better coordination. Updated of 2018 Human Services Transportation Improvement Plan [HSTP] document (Adopted 2022 document – October 17 th). The 2022 UPWP period meetings concentrated on the 2023-25 WSDOT Consolidated Grant Call for Project process, developing the HSTP Update, and development of the Regional Transit Feasibility Study. (2022 – July 27, Aug 24, Sept 28, and Dec 7; 2023 – Mar 29 and May 24).
3	Assured consistent regional evaluation of transportation facilities and recognized regional corridors with WSDOT and local agencies to comply with RCW 36.70A
4	Regularly invited participant at Yakama Nation's Tribal Traffic Safety Committee. Committee addresses tribal safety priorities and within the Nation's boundary. YVCOG provides interjurisdictional planning and insight as requested by the YN. (2023 – Jan 25, Mar 14, and June 30). "Heritage Connectivity Trail" (HCT) Committee - Yakama Nation-led effort to address pedestrian and bike safety within the Yakama Nation. Committee includes YVCOG, WSDOT, Cities of Union Gap and Toppenish, Yakama Health District, Yakima Greenway, Cowiche Canyon Conservancy, and the National Park Service (NPS) resulting in a Tribal Council adoption of the HCT Concept Plan on July 9, 2021. Committee has developed and submitted a technical assistance grant for a feasibility study to build bike/ped trail(s) from Union Gap to Mabton, WA via Toppenish, with linkages to White Swan / Fort Simcoe to the West, and Zillah, WA to the Northeast. Trails program is a major safety effort by the Yakama Nation with overwhelming support from the general membership of the nation. Senior Stirring Cmte. (YN, WSDOT, NPS, and YVCOG) meet weekly or bi-weekly during most of UPWP 23. YVCOG provided support to WSDOT and the YN in their submittal (and subsequent award) of a Federal RAISE Grant application. A \$1.0 Million grant award was announced on August 10, 2022
5	Ongoing planning partner with Yakima County/City of Yakima/WSDOT – "East-West Corridor" / Boise Cascade Mill Site Project Committee. YVCOG provided access to it Traffic Modeling consultant [eRMSi] to perform modeling updates requested by the FHWA during the summer of 2022
6	WSDOT "Investment Strategies Committee" – Statewide stakeholder effort to review the current transportation funding environment resulting from the I-976 (elimination of certain state & local transportation revenue programs not passed by public vote) in December 2019 and loss of gas tax revenue caused by COVID-19 Shelter-in-Place restrictions imposed by Governor Inslee in March 2020. Committee activities evolved into how future funding revenues may be developed and distributed to state and local funding programs. Phase 1 ended in the spring of 2021. Phase 2, started in the early fall of 2021, delving into more specific issues developed in Phase 1 and look at ways to implement future proposals. 19 General committee, sub-committee, and individual WSDOT consultant interview video meetings were held during the 2023 UPWP period.
7	Commute Trip Reduction (CTR) / Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Committees Video meetings. – Hosted stakeholders from throughout Central Washington for promoting networking and development of new statewide CTR strategic plan for 2022 and beyond. As COVID restrictions eased efforts to rebuild the Employee Transportation Committee (ETC) have been undertaken. YVCOG's Regional Transportation Manager is a active member of the Statewide CTR Technical Assistance Committee, while the Sr. Transportation Planner participates in the Statewide CTR Implementors Committee. YVCOG participated in over 50 various CTR or TDM committee meeting, "wheel options" committee, Yakima Bikes & Walks Committee, workshops, or federal transportation conformity meetings during the 2023 UPWP period.
8	Yakima Greenway Foundation Board of Directors – Participate as an ex-officio board member of the Yakima Greenway. Provide advice and insight on inter-jurisdictional issues and topics related to transportation planning. (2022 – Jul 25, Aug 22, Sep 26, & Nov 28; 2023 – Jan 23, Feb 27, Mar 27, Apr 24, & Jun 26) YVCOG is also an active participant in the Greenway's Master Plan Update (2022 - Nov 15; 2023 – Jan 18, Feb 15, Apr 19, May 17, Jun 21)
9	IIJA (B.I.L.) / MAP-21 / FAST ACT Performance Measures PM2 & PM3 Work Groups (WSDOT, MPOs and RTPOs). Development of Safety, CMAQ, Bridge/Pavement Condition, Interstate & Non-Interstate Reliability, and Freight Network

	Reliability local and statewide annual and multi-year performance measure targets. YVCOG's policy board adopted concurrences in (annual) Safety and Transit Safety (Jan 2023) and 4-year Bridge/Pavement and Highway System/Freight Movement (February 2023). Due to a YVCOG miscommunication, the CMAQ PM was not adopted until July 17, 2023. Mid-term review of the 4-year measures will develop in consultation with WSDOT in 2024/25.
10	CTR Employee Transportation Coordinator (ETC) Coordination meetings w/ YVCOG MPO Area CTR-required employers ETC representatives restarted in during SFY 2023 following COVID-19 restrictions use of transit round the state and locally. CTR Coordinator, Jeff Watson, continues work to reestablish the committee as many ETC participants pre-COVID no longer work for employers or responsible for CTR activities. YVCOG's CTR Coordinator and ETCs will meet or converse to address current events and issues and development of an ETC Committee.
11	Yakima Valley Focus Group – Committee made up of a diverse collection of local elected officials, business professionals, social service agencies and stakeholders in discussing Yakima Valley regional needs (including transportation).

Coordination with national, state, and regional planning organizations

Participation in national and statewide committees and ad hoc work groups in SFY 2023:

Committees, Associations, & Ad Hoc Work Groups	Staff
MPO/RTPO/WSDOT Coordinating Committees – Quarterly meetings. (2022- Aug. 8-9 & Nov. 14-15, 2023 - Feb. 22, May 8-9)	Christina Wickenhagen Alan Adolf Jeff Watson
TRANS-ACTION/DRIVE – bi-monthly meetings	Christina Wickenhagen Alan Adolf Jeff Watson
Participation in CTR / TDM Implementors Committee, Technical Advisory Group (TAG) and Statewide CTR Board Executive Committee – Monthly meetings.	Alan Adolf Jeff Watson
Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO) Policy Committee	Christina Wickenhagen Alan Adolf
Return of Passenger Rail to Central Washington Work Groups - considering financial and capital abilities of returning passenger rail to Central Washington with stops in Cle Elum, Ellensburg, Yakima and Toppenish. Activities included participation in All Aboard Washington (AAWA), a statewide passenger rail advocacy organization, providing multimodal transportation history and demographic information on the Yakima Region	Christina Wickenhagen Alan Adolf Jeff Watson
Yakima Bikes & Walks Committee – Private Citizen Group promoting walking and biking opportunities and facilities within the City of Yakima. YB&W contributes to the City of Yakima's Bicycle Master Plan. YVCOG attends monthly meetings, gathers insight on the needs on pedestrian and bicyclists, and share information on regional and state activities as a component of commute trip reduction efforts.	Alan Adolf Jeff Watson
Coordinated with other Washington State MPOs, Washington Tribes, FHWA, FTA, Eastern Washington University and WSDOT to assess federal and state tribal transportation policies meeting as the Tribal Transportation Planning Organization (TTPO)	Christina Wickenhagen Alan Adolf Jeff Watson
WSDOT (South Central Region) SR24 Integrated Scoping Committee [Discussion] - Multi Jurisdiction/Agency Stakeholder group to discuss multimodal, long-term plans for maintaining improving the SR24 corridor between Yakima and Moxee. Final WSDOT study document expected to be available in Fall 2024	Alan Adolf Jeff Watson
Naches /SR 12 Corridor Active Transportation Study Committee – A WSDOT/ Town of Naches /YVCOG partnership to address safety, accessibility and operational efficiency issues along State Route 12 corridor with the town limits of Naches. Started Fall 2022, the study scheduled to be completed in Spring 2024.	Alan Adolf Jeff Watson Maria Lopez
Washington Transportation Professionals Forum / Peer Exchange – Bimonthly on-site & webinar networking and peer-review group that shares information and discuss ideas about transportation related issues on both sides of the state.	Alan Adolf Jeff Watson
(Greater) Yakima Chamber of Commerce - Safe Yakima Valley Committee - mobilizes individual citizens, families, neighborhoods, and organizations in collaborative efforts to create safe communities	Christina Wickenhagen Vicki Baker

Staff Development

Below is a list of work-related training sessions and professional conferences attended by the YVCOG's transportation planning and administrative staff during SFY 2023:

Conference / Training Event (Location)	Date(s) Attended	Staff
Charging Forward: Bringing Electric Vehicles to Rural America (USDOT Webinar)	July 7, 2022	Alan Adolf
Puget Sound Regional Council FHWA/VOLPE Peer Exchange on MPOs Role in Planning for Equitable Shared Mobility – Day 1 & 2 (PSRC/FHWA Video Training)	July 11-12, 2022	Alan Adolf Jeff Watson
“Interested in Applying? Reconnecting Communities Grant Program Overview for Prospective Applicants.” (USDOT Webinar)	July 14, 2022	Jeff Watson
Lessons Learned on Target Setting Methods and Effective Practices - Web-Based Workshop (USDOT Webinar)	July 21, 2022	Alan Adolf Jeff Watson
Washington Transportation Performance Management (TPM) Virtual Seminar Session 2 (WSDOT/FHWA Webinar)	July 26, 2022	Alan Adolf
Connecting the Dots: Where Transportation, Climate, and Inflation Intersect (AmericaWalks Webinar)	July 27, 2022	Alan Adolf Jeff Watson
Getting Ready for the Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grant Program (USDOT Webinar)	July 28, 2022	Alan Adolf
Tribal/Rural/Nonprofit Focus: Reconnecting Communities Grant Program Overview (USDOT Webinar)	August 4, 2022	Alan Adolf Jodi Smith Jeff Watson
Washington Transportation Performance Management (TPM) Virtual Seminar Session 3 (WSDOT/FHWA Webinar)	August 16, 2022	Alan Adolf
Municipal Budgeting (Assoc. of Washington Cities)	August 18-19, 2022	Chris Wickenhagen
2022 WA State Public Transportation Conference (Spokane, WA)	August 28-30, 2022	Alan Adolf Jeff Watson
Policies and Procedures Training	August 30, 2022	Tami Hayward Maria Lopez Jodi Smith
Reviewing Your Road Through the Lens of Motorcycle Safety (Rural Safety Center GoToMeeting Event)	August 31, 2022	Jeff Watson
Employee Assistance Program (EAP) Orientation (Assoc. of Washington Cities)	September 14, 2022	Tami Hayward
Carbon Reduction Program Overview (USDOT Webinar)	September 15, 2022	Jeff Watson
Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Reduction Proviso Workshop (WSDOT Video Training)	September 27, 2022	Alan Adolf Jeff Watson
Anatomy of a Crash – Understanding Factors (Webinar)	October 13, 2022	Jeff Watson
Human Trafficking Webinar	October 18, 2022	Maria Lopez
Community Engagement Training	October 19, 2022	Maria Lopez
What's New in FAF5: Overview of FAF5 Highway Network Assignment Model, Model Results, and Visualization Tool Demonstration (USDOT Webinar)	October 20, 2022	Alan Adolf Jeff Watson
The Week Without Driving Campaign (AmericaWalks Webinar)	October 20, 2022	Alan Adolf
Transportation Planning and Data Academy - Network and Corridor Planning (WSDOT Webinar)	October 27, 2022	Alan Adolf Jeff Watson
2022 Washington Trails Conference (Everett, WA)	October 28-29, 2022	Alan Adolf Jeff Watson
Public Records Training (MRSC Webinar)	November 3, 2022	Tami Hayward
TOOLBOX Peer Networking: Advancing Equity, Health, and Resiliency with Stormwater Parks (PSRC Webinar)	November 4, 2022	Alan Adolf Jeff Watson
Federal Funding Workshop (WSDOT Webinar)	November 8, 2022	Alan Adolf
Transportation Performance Management (USDOT Webinar)	November 16, 2022	Alan Adolf
Artificial Intelligence (A.I.) Generated Street Scenes (AmericaWalks Webinar)	November 17, 2022	Alan Adolf Jeff Watson
Transit Talk: The Future of Youth Mobility (TransportationChoices - Webinar)	November 18, 2022	Alan Adolf Jeff Watson
Listening Session: TTP Bridge Program Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (USDOT Webinar)	November 22, 2022	Alan Adolf

2021-2023 Transportation Planning and Data Academy - Cooperative Automated Technology (WSDOT Webinar)	December 1, 2022	Alan Adolf Jeff Watson
Washington Transportation Professionals Forum: ADA, Transition Plans & Title VI (WSDOT Webinar)	December 7, 2022	Alan Adolf Jeff Watson
The Right Way to Do Transportation Cost/Benefit Analysis (USDOT Webinar)	December 15, 2022	Jeff Watson
Transportation Asset Management (TAM) Webinar #60 - TAM & Resiliency Building (USDOT Webinar)	December 22, 2022	Alan Adolf
Jurisdictional Annexation Training	January 17 & 19, 2022	Albert Miller
Trends in Transportation for 2023 (AmericaWalks Webinar)	January 19, 2023	Alan Adolf Jeff Watson
Ultimate Virtual Public Involvement Checklist (MetroQuest Webinar)	January 25, 2023	Alan Adolf
2021-23 Transportation Planning & Data Academy - Economic & Financial Planning (WSDOT Webinar)	January 26, 2023	Alan Adolf
Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Proviso Workshop #2 (WSDOT Webinar)	February 1, 2023	Alan Adolf Jeff Watson
How Top Food Shippers are Navigating Supply Chain Disruptions in 2023 (Fourkites.com GoToWebinar)	February 2, 2023	Alan Adolf
Safety Mobility for Older Adults (Webinar)	February 2, 2023	Jeff Watson
Transportation Planning and Data Academy- Tribal Planning (WSDOT Webinar)	February 6, 2023	Alan Adolf Jeff Watson
Local Road Safety Plan Workshop (WSDOT Webinar)	February 8, 2023	Alan Adolf
Preparing for Upcoming DOT Discretionary Grant Opportunities (USDOT Webinar)	February 8, 2023	Jeff Watson
February 2023 Joint Business Meeting of the AASHTO AM Subcommittee and TRB Asset Management Committee (USDOT/AASHTO Webinar)	February 13, 2023	Alan Adolf Jeff Watson
The Walk Audit: An Effective Tool for Community Change (AmericaWalks Webinar)	February 14, 2023	Jeff Watson
Every Day Counts (EDC-7) Virtual Summit - Opening Session: Safety for All Users (USDOT Webinar)	February 14, 2023	Alan Adolf
(EDC-7) Virtual Summit - Nighttime Visibility for Safety (USDOT Webinar)	February 14, 2023	Alan Adolf
(EDC-7) Virtual Summit - National STIC Network Innovation Showcase (USDOT Webinar)	February 14, 2023	Alan Adolf
(EDC-7) Virtual Summit - Next Gen TIM: Technology for Saving Lives (USDOT Webinar)	February 14, 2023	Alan Adolf
(EDC-7) Virtual Summit - Building Sustainable Infrastructure (USDOT Webinar)	February 15, 2023	Alan Adolf
(EDC-7) Virtual Summit - Integrating GHG Assessment and Reduction Targets in Transportation Planning (USDOT Webinar)	February 15, 2023	Alan Adolf
1 st Annual Washington Transportation Investment Strategy (Annual) Workshop – Olympia, WA	February 21, 2023	Alan Adolf Chris Wickenhagen Jeff Watson
Transportation Planning and Data Academy - Prioritization & Programming of Capital Improvement Projects (WSDOT Webinar)	February 23, 2023	Alan Adolf Jeff Watson
Streamlining the Corridor Study: How Analytics Shorten Timelines & Clarify Planning Priorities (StreetlightData Webinar)	February 28, 2023	Alan Adolf Jeff Watson
RSCP Core Module #7: Safety Analysis Process (Webinar)	March 2, 2023	Jeff Watson
Community Transit Association of the Northwest (CTA-NW) Annual Conference – Wenatchee, WA	March 15-17, 2023	Jeff Watson
BARS – Cash Basis Accounting (Office of WA St. Auditor Webinar)	March 16, 2022	Shane Andreas Tami Hayward
Freight & Goods Transportation System (FGTS) Technical Webinar (WSDOT)	March 21, 2023	Alan Adolf Jeff Watson
2021-23 Transportation Planning & Data Academy – State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) - (WSDOT Webinar)	March 23, 2023	Jeff Watson
“Truckers Against Trafficking (WSDOT Webinar)	March 23, 2023	Maria Lopez
MRSC Training: Detecting Bid Rigging & Collusion	April 5, 2023	Alan Adolf
Value Capture Strategies: Transportation Utility Fees/Roadway Maintenance Fees – The Primer Confirmation (USDOT Webinar)	April 5, 2023	Alan Adolf
Carbon Reduction Strategy State Practices # 2 (WSDOT Webinar)	April 6, 2023	Alan Adolf
Safer Fleets Challenge: How Adopting Intelligent Speed Assistance Can Make Your Community a Better Place to Walk (AmericaWalks Webinar)	April 11, 2023	Alan Adolf

Intro Meeting: Census and Urban Boundaries Training (FHWA/WSDOT Webinar)	April 17, 2023	Alan Adolf Jeff Watson
Washington Transportation Professionals Forum and Peer Exchange (Webinar)	April 20, 2023	Alan Adolf
Safe Streets for All (SS4A) for Rural and Tribal Applicants (WSDOT Webinar)	April 24, 2023	Alan Adolf
Value Capture Strategies: Transportation Reinvestment Zones – The Primer Confirmation (FHWA/WSDOT Webinar)	April 26, 2023	Alan Adolf
2021-2023 Transportation Planning and Data Academy - Research and Library Services (WSDOT Webinar)	April 27, 2023	Alan Adolf Jeff Watson
Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)I: Implementation Grants (USDOT Webinar)	May 2, 2023	Alan Adolf Jeff Watson
“Zoom Grants” Demonstration (YVCOG Video Training)	May 17, 2023	Alan Adolf Chris Wickenhagen
Federal Boundary Kickoff Meeting (WSDOT/FHWA Training Webinar)	May 18, 2023	Alan Adolf Jeff Watson
USDOT “Navigator” System (Webinar)	May 22, 2023	Alan Adolf Jeff Watson
2021-2023 Transportation Planning and Data Academy - Incorporating Equity into Planning (WSDOT Webinar)	May 25, 2023	Alan Adolf Jeff Watson
Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) Small City & Urban Grant Workshop (@ Ellensburg, WA)	May 30, 2023	Alan Adolf Jeff Watson
Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A): What Rurals Should Know (USDOT Webinar)	May 31, 2023	Jeff Watson
Urban Area Boundary Adjustment Workshop (WSDOT Video training)	June 6, 2023	Jeff Watson
Urban Growth Act (WSDOT Webinar)	June 6, 2023	Albert Miller
Equity in Roadway Safety Webinar Series: Tools to Conduct Equitable Safety Data Analysis (USDOT Webinar)	June 14, 2023	Alan Adolf Jeff Watson
Economic Analysis - Basics (USDOT/FHWA Webinar)	June 15, 2023	Alan Adolf
Safe Streets (SteetlightData Webinar)	June 15, 2023	Jeff Watson
Putting the Proven Countermeasures to Work to Reduce Roadway Departures – Part 2 (USDOT Webinar)	June 20, 2023	Jeff Watson
Transportation Asset Management (TAM) – AASHTO / USDOT Webinar	June 21, 2023	Alan Adolf
Design Training for Safe, Walkable and Accessible Communities (WSDOT GotoWebinar)	June 22, 2023	Alan Adolf
Economic Analysis - Benefit Cost Analysis (USDOT/FHWA Webinar)	June 22, 2023	Alan Adolf
2021-2023 Transportation Planning and Data Academy – Traffic Analysis Tools (WSDOT Webinar)	June 22, 2023	Jeff Watson
Climate Action Funding Opportunities and Other Resources for Local Governments (MRSC Webinar)	June 27, 2023	Alan Adolf
Yakama Nation Behavioral Health “Trauma Informed Care” Conference (@ Yakama Nation – Toppenish, WA)	June 27-29, 2023	Jeff Watson Maria Lopez
Economic Analysis - Impact (USDOT/FHWA Webinar)	June 29, 2023	Alan Adolf

YVCOG Organizational Chart

Below is the organization breakdown of YVCOG during SFY 2023:

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