

YVCOG TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
October 16, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman, John Hodkinson, called the October 16, 2023, meeting of the Transportation Policy Board to order at 1:30 p.m. A quorum was present.

ROLL CALL &  
INTRODUCTIONS

- Members present: James Restucci (Z), John Hodkinson, LaDon Linde, Patricia Byers, Janice Gonzales, Sherry Raymond (Z), Madelyn Carlson, and Randy Giles (Z)
  - Members Absent: Jose Trevino and Jon Smith
  - YVCOG staff present: Alan Adolf, Byron Gumz, Kathy Geil (Z), Maria Lopez (Z), Tami Hayward (Z), and Jodi Smith
- Others present: Elizabeth Alba, TAC Vice Chair

*\*Indicates notice of absence received prior to meeting.  
(Z) Attended via Zoom*

PUBLIC COMMENT  
POLICY

It is the policy of the Transportation Policy Board to accept public comment on agenda items at the time the item is being discussed. Public comments regarding items not on the agenda will be heard at the end of the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were approved under the Consent Agenda:

- September 18, 2023, Minutes
- October Amendment to the 2023-2026 M/RTIP
- YVCOG-WSDOT Funding Agreement: PTD0830 – CTR-TDM

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

TRANSPORTATION  
PROGRAM  
CORRESPONDENCE

*Alan Adolf, Transportation Program Manager*

Mr. Adolf thanked YVCOG staff and other volunteers for their assistance in manning the Central Washington State Fair booth and updated the Policy Board on survey and outreach results. This information will be used in preparing the Long-Range Plan. Top 3 transportation needs according to taxpayers: (1) road and bridge maintenance; (2) passenger rail, and (3) transit. Youth chose road maintenance, bike/ped pathways, and environmental concerns.

May do a fair booth next year if we receive the Safety Action Plan grant.

The WSDOT East Valley-Moxee to Yakima Corridors Study has been completed and is on the WSDOT web page. YVCOG did some modeling work for WSDOT on this project.

**Information**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*Elisabeth Alba, Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Chair and Alan Adolf*

The 2024-2027 Metropolitan and Regional Transportation Improvement Plan (M/RTIP) is an annual document which covers our region's federally secured and regionally significant projects. Public comment ended last week. We have 48 federally funded projects (not including Yakima County). 75% of the projects are WSDOT projects.

We received 3 comments (Yakima County, WSDOT, and YCDA).

Decision: Janice Gonzales moved to authorize the Chairman to sign Resolution 2023-26 for Air Quality and 2023-27 Findings and adopt the 2024-2027 YVCOG M/RTIP document for submittal to WSDOT/FHWA. Patricia Byers seconded. The motion carried.

## NEW BUSINESS

*2023 Title VI Annual Report*

*Alan Adolf*

The federal fiscal year runs October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023. This plan documents the program's actions and activities and how we engaged the population of Yakima County in those activities.

*Decision: Sherry Raymond moved to authorize Executive Director to sign 2023 Title VI Policy Statement and that the Policy Board adopt the 2023 Title VI Annual Report for submittal to WSDOT-HQ. LaDon Linde seconded. The motion carried.*

*FFC Request, Town of Naches*

*Elizabeth Alba and Alan Adolf*

The Town of Naches has planned a new road corridor in Naches, the Kel Lowry Road, and requests Federal Functional Classification. This is a joint request by the County and the Town of Naches.

Decision: LaDon Linde moved to authorize Executive Director to sign YVCOG's New Route Functional Class concurrence letter and submit letter with Town of Naches' Application to WSDOT / Federal Highway Administration. Sherry Raymond seconded. The motion carried.

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

- Construction is winding down and we are getting ready for winter.
- Turning supplemental budget into the Legislature – no major asks, but our Preservation program is pretty much gutted and projects have been deferred to construction phase ... doing design work.
- The Vantage Bridge and another bridge project near Cle Elum did make the cut-off and will be moving forward.
- We have completed paving between Naches and Gleed.
- Gordon Road project will be finished next year.
- Mabton bridge over the slew has been torn out. Two bridges will be constructed in Mabton beginning next spring.
- Naches Study is continuing.

WASHINGTON  
TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION UPDATE

*Information*

*James Restucci. WSTC Representative*

The Commission will be meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. Will hear from a WSDOT panel regarding maintenance needs and challenges for the state. Other topics this meeting include Next Gen Highways regarding electrification of our roadways; transforming the heavy-duty transportation sector infrastructure; the SR-167 Master Plan update; tolling session; Driving Washington Transportation's Future, etc.; and a lot of other Commission business on day 2.

*Information*

OTHER BUSINESS

Dennis Henne, TAC Chair, will be stepping down at the end of the year and we plan to select a new chair at the December meeting.

Next Policy Board meeting will be held November 20, 2023, at 2:18 p.m.

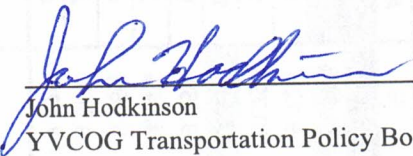
PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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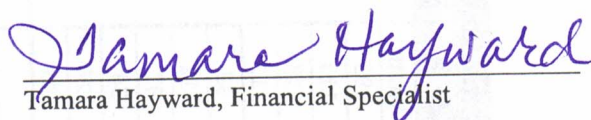
With no other business, Chairman Restucci adjourned the meeting at 1:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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John Hodkinson  
YVCOG Transportation Policy Board Vice Chair

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Date signed

ATTEST:

  
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Tamara Hayward, Financial Specialist

TRANSPORTATION NEED	Other Outreach Events												Totals Per Issues for all events	
	September 22 - October 1 (CWSF - Fair Booth)		October 18 (VCOG G.M. Meeting @ Sunnyside)		October 21 (Veteran's Stand Down @ Y.V. SunDome)		(Senior Wellness Fair @ COY Harman Center)		October 27 (Y.N. Community Event @ White Swan)		Totals Per Issues for all events			
	Adult	Youth	Adult	Youth	Adult	Youth	Adult	Youth	Adult	Youth	Adult	Youth		
Road & Bridge Maintenance	965	165	68	---	178	---	194	---	30	28	1435	193		
Road & Bridge New/ (Re)Construction	527	103	77	---	95	---	110	---	18	10	827	113		
Bike and Pedestrian Pathways	420	105	31	---	53	---	81	---	25	8	610	113		
Transit / Multi-Transit	576	99	26	---	36	---	90	---	16	12	744	111		
Passenger Rail	867	90	41	---	60	---	84	---	19	8	1071	98		
Aviation	428	103	36	---	48	---	137	---	4	9	653	112		
E.V.s and Infrastructure	204	62	7	---	13	---	28	---	10	36	262	98		
Freight	313	40	36	---	39	---	50	---	28	14	466	54		
Drone Tech	140	94	14	---	15	---	35	---	14	32	218	126		
Environmental / Wildlife Mitigation	373	130	4	---	23	---	51	---	26	13	477	143		
	4813	991	340	0	560	0	860	0	190	170	6763	1161		
	5804		340		560		860		360		7924			
	<b>Total Investment (All Events) &gt;&gt;&gt;</b>													

TRANSPORTATION NEED	Totals Per Issues for all events				Totals Per Issue (Minus Road/Bridge) all events			
	Adult	Youth	Total	%	Adult	Youth	Total	%
	Road & Bridge Maintenance	1435	193	1628	20.55%	610	113	723
Road & Bridge New/ (Re)Construction	827	113	940	11.86%	744	111	855	15.96%
Bike and Pedestrian Pathways	610	113	723	9.12%	1071	98	1169	21.83%
Transit / Multi-Transit	744	111	855	10.79%	653	112	765	14.28%
Passenger Rail	1071	98	1169	14.75%	262	98	360	6.72%
Aviation	653	112	765	9.65%	466	54	520	9.71%
E.V.s and Infrastructure	262	98	360	4.54%	218	126	344	6.42%
Freight	466	54	520	6.56%	477	143	620	11.58%
Drone Tech	218	126	344	4.34%				
Environmental / Wildlife Mitigation	477	143	620	7.82%				
	7924		5356		5356			