



MPO/RTPO TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Online Only

MEETING MINUTES

September 14, 2023

PRESENT:

TAC Committee:

Dennis Henne – Chair, Union Gap (Z)
Elizabeth Alba – Vice Chair, Sunnyside (Z)
Todd Dorsett – Grandview (Z)
Randy Giles – WSDOT (Z)
Paul Gonseth – WSDOT
Kristen Melcher – People for People
Matt Pietrusiewicz – Yakima County (Z)
Ardele Steele – Zillah (Z)
Jase Testerman – Yakima County (Z)
Kate Tollefson – WSDOT (Z)
Rocky Wallace – City of Selah

Robert Washabaugh – City of Yakima
Jamie West – Yakima County Roads

Associate Participants

Mike Battle – HLA
Mike Meskimen – G&O
Gary Wirt – All Aboard Washington

YVCOG Staff:

Alan Adolf – Transportation Planning Manager
Jeff Watson – Senior Transportation Planner
Tami Hayward – Finance Specialist (Z)

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Dennis Henne, Chair, called the September 14, 2023, meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August 10, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Rocky Wallace moved to approve the meeting Minutes from the August 10, 2023, meeting. Robert Washabaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried.

TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM CORRESPONDENCE AND UPDATES

Alan Adolf, Transportation Planning Manager

Mr. Adolf updated the members on Central Washington State Fair booth activities. Could still use a few volunteers to help man the fair booth.

Review of the fall traffic counter schedule. Started back up in August. Counts going on in Zillah and Mabton – finished up in Selah. Will finish Union Gap at the end of October and will be starting in Grandview soon. Plan to continue budgeting about \$90,000 a year for traffic counts. Will probably do 250-260 in 2024 and increase in 2025. IDAX contract expires this year so we will need an RFP review subcommittee sometime around December or January.

Welcome to new TAC members Francisco Tijerina (Granger Public Works Director) and Raoul Sanchez (Sunnyside Public Works Director).

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Upcoming TIP Amendment

Jeff Watson, Senior Transportation Manager

Transportation TAC Meeting
September 14, 2023
A recording of meeting is available.

October TIP amendments are due September 22, 2023, by noon. This will be the last amendment of the 2023-2026 STIP year.

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CTR Program Update

Jeff Watson

Putting finishing touches on the Administrative Work Plan - due the end of September.

Survey service is up and running and WSDOT is providing training.

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

Jeff Watson

Have also put the finishing touches on the 2024-2027 MPO/RTPO M/RTIP Development Schedule and the comment period started Tuesday and will run through October 11th. Submit comments at the usual places and the YVCOG website.

We have 48 projects that meet the criteria (not including Yakima County). Consolidated the project list.

Very minor changes to previous document. Will be presented to TAC for approval in October.

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

Alan Adolf

Mr. Adolf reviewed the federal funding status and August redistribution.

Shout out to City of Yakima – received \$4.857 million in redistributed funds for North 1st Street project. Should not affect our 2024 funding. Randy Giles said that if any of that funding isn't spent, it should go back into our MPO's pot and could possibly affect our target.

Jurisdictions provided updates on project status.

Will be doing a STBG Call for Projects soon. Paul, Rocky, Bill, Matt, Dennis or Elizabeth, and Mayor Trevino have all volunteered to serve on the subcommittee. Will be reaching out to confirm availability.

Still awaiting final guidance for carbon reduction program. Expected two years of the funding, but it looks like we should be getting funds through 2025, about \$2.5 million. We will also be looking at a carbon reduction Call for Projects – fairly liberal qualifications. Will probably use the CMAQ application as a basis. Great opportunity to upgrade fleet vehicles, installing charging stations, pathways, etc. Hoping 2024 will be a year of awarding funds.

Information/Discussion

**2023 Urban Highway
Boundary Maps**

Jeff Watson

Final draft maps were sent out last week. Please look them over.

Naches wants to stay in after all so they can apply for grants as “urban.” May force the connective tissue to also stay green (indicating “urban”).

Biggest change is that the Glead area should be reverted back to rural.

A piece of the Union Gap beltway will be coming out, along with some areas around Toppenish. Zillah will be reverting back to rural, along with Sunnyside and Grandview.

Decision: Rocky Wallace moved for TAC recommendation to Policy Board for submitting local jurisdictions 2023 Urban Highway boundary adjustment recommendations to WSDOT. Jase Testerman seconded. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

Jeff Watson

We have two amendments in September.

- City of Union Gap – enhanced pedestrian crossings between W Pine Street/Main Street and W Washington Street/Main Street (\$399,110.00)
- Yakima County – reconstruct existing railroad crossing at intersection of Branch Road and US-97 (\$1,735,000.00)

Comment period closed October 13th with no comments received.

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

**2023 UPWP Annual
Report**

Alan Adolf

Mr. Adolf reviewed the SFY UPWP Annual Report - covers July 1, 2022 through June 20, 2023. Nothing substantially different. This report is done annually – basically an annual review of our accomplishments and anticipated budget.

Decision: Kristen Melcher moved for TAC recommendation to Policy Board for approval to submit 2023 UPWP Annual Report to WSDOT. Paul Gonseth seconded. The motion carried.

**2023 MPO Self-
Certification**

Alan Adolf

This is another annual housekeeping document – YVCOG’s certification that we continue to meet our MPO federal requirements. Similar to the Annual Report.

Decision: Rocky Wallace moved for TAC recommendation to the Policy Board for approval to authorize Executive Director to sign the 2023 MPO Self-Certification and submit to WSDOT. Kristen Melcher seconded. The motion carried.

FFC Request

Alan Adolf

Town of Naches submitted a request to consider a functional classification change for Kel Lowry Road between Old Naches Highway and US Highway 12 to Urban Minor Collector.

Rocky Wallace moved to table the decision until the County concurs since it isn’t all within the City at the moment. Jase Testerman seconded. Discussion followed - no vote taken. Will be re-presented in the future.

Decision: Paul Gonseth moved to table the motion until the County has resolution on this matter. Jase Testerman seconded. The motion carried.

2023 ITS Annual Plan Update

Alan Adolf

The plan addresses Intelligent Transportation Systems. The Request/Comment form will be distributed by September 22nd and you will have until October 27th to submit your requests. It will be presented for update in November or December.

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WSDOT State & Regional Updates

WSDOT Representatives

- Updates provided by Paul Gonseth, Randy Giles, and Kate Tollefson.

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Member Updates

The following jurisdictions/agencies provided updates:

- Grandview
- People for People
- Selah
- Union Gap
- WSDOT
- Yakima County
- Zillah

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Next TAC Meeting:

October 12, 2023, next TAC meeting

Other Business

None.

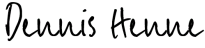
Public Comment

None.

Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,

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 MPO/RTPO TAC Chair/Vice Chair

Date signed: 10/23/2023

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 Alan Adolf, Transportation Manager

Date signed: 10/25/2023