



MPO/RTPO TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Online Only

MEETING MINUTES

October 12, 2023

**PRESENT:**

**TAC Committee:**

- Dennis Henne – Chair, Union Gap
- Todd Dorsett – Grandview (Z)
- Dan Ford – Toppenish (Z)
- Randy Giles – WSDOT (Z)
- Matt Pietrusiewicz – Yakima County (Z)
- Bill Preston – Yakima County
- Jeff Ranger – Naches (Z)
- Ardele Steele – Zillah (Z)
- Greg Story – Yakima Transit (Z)
- Jase Testerman – Yakima County (Z)
- Rocky Wallace – City of Selah
- Robert Washabaugh – City of Yakima
- Jamie West – Yakima County Roads (Z)

**Associate Participants**

- Stephanie Ray – HLA
- Mike Meskimen – G&O
- Janna Lewis-Clark – PAHTO (Z)
- Kristen Melcher – People for People (Z)

**YVCOG Staff:**

- Alan Adolf – Transportation Planning Manager
- Jeff Watson – Senior Transportation Planner
- Tami Hayward – Finance Specialist (Z)
- Chris Wickenhagen – Executive Director (Z)

**Others:**

- Ben Griffard (Presenter) – Streets Simplified

**CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Dennis Henne, Chair, called the October 12, 2023, meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. A quorum was present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

***September 14, 2023 Meeting Minutes***

Rocky Wallace moved to approve the meeting Minutes from the September 14, 2023, meeting. Jase Testerman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM CORRESPONDENCE AND UPDATES**

*Alan Adolf, Transportation Planning Manager*

Mr. Adolf provided a debriefing on the Central Washington State Fair booth taxpayer activity results and the transportation survey. Pretty decent turn out – averaged about 60 people per day. Maintenance and preservation of the road and bridge system took number 1 and passenger rail took number 2. Transit finished 3<sup>rd</sup>. Youth were interested in road maintenance, bike/ped, drone technology, aviation, and environmental/wildlife. Will be doing this again at the Veteran’s Stand Down, a Harmon Center wellness fair, and a tribal event in White Swan. Results will be included in the Long-Range Plan.

About 110 transportation surveys were completed during the fair. Still receiving electronic surveys.

Mr. Adolf gave a brief overview of the East Valley-Moxee to Yakima Corridors Study, which has been completed.

The WSDOT Active Transportation Program Design Guide is available. Taking public comment through December 10<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Adolf introduced Ben Griffard from Street Simplified Software, who provided a brief presentation on their traffic safety analytics software. AI analyzation and generation. There is an opportunity here for jurisdictional use should we be awarded the Safety Action Plan grant.

**Information**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

***Upcoming 2024-2027 TIP Amendments***

*Jeff Watson, Senior Transportation Manager*

No STIP amendments in November and December. January will be the first amendment for the 2024-2027 STIP – due by noon on December 20, 2023.

Review of the 2024 TIP Amendment Schedule.

**Information**

***CTR Program Update***

*Jeff Watson*

Submitted the Administrative Work Plan on September 15<sup>th</sup>. It has been reviewed and updated, and we have submitted the final Plan to WSDOT for approval.

The metropolitan jurisdictions and the county will need to update their plans and potentially their code. May schedule a meeting to discuss WSDOT guidance and how to move forward. Must be done in 2 years – YVCOG will be spearheading that task.

**Information**

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

*Jeff Watson*

The final document has been put together – we have received a couple of comments, including one received from WSDOT yesterday. There will probably be a few more changes, but the document is ready for recommendation to the Policy Board for approval.

**Decision:** *Rocky Wallace moved for TAC recommendation that Policy Board approve the 2024-2027 M/RTIP document for submittal to WSDOT/FHWA. Jeff Ranger seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

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

*Alan Adolf*

Still a work in progress – don't know yet how much to expect for 2024 allocation. Randy Giles anticipates we will stay close to the \$3.8 million, and we do anticipate a de-obligation of approximately \$250,000 from the Mabton project, and maybe some from Selah. Our STBG target will probably be a little over \$4 million.

Due to ongoing DOT and federal requirements, Naches's trail access project, including the demolition of the old railroad warehouse, is short on funding and will be seeking augmentation. All of our small and rural monies that were available have been used, so they are eligible to use STBG funding (\$225,000). They would like to move forward in December. A lot of discussion on the topic and it will be discussed further at November meeting.

Discussion of jurisdiction projects.

**Information/Discussion**

**2023 Urban Highway  
Boundary Map Update**

*Jeff Watson*

We have sent the map off to the state and they have asked for a meeting with us to go over the requested changes. We will have more information for you after the meeting takes place.

**Information/Discussion**

**Naches / Kel Lowry Road  
Federal Functional Class  
Request**

*Alan Adolf*

Naches is proposing a change to functional classification of Kel Lowry Road to Urban Minor Collector. Naches and the County have both signed the MOU, so we are re-presenting this concurrence letter for TAC recommendation to the Policy Board.

**Decision:** Rocky Wallace moved for TAC recommendation to Policy Board for YVCOG Executive Director to sign concurrence letter to WSDOT for FFC Request. Jeff Ranger seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**2024 ITS Annual Plan  
Update**

*Alan Adolf*

Repeat from last month. The ITS document is updated annually. Sent out the Change Request form to everyone last week. (No audio from 1:28:48 through 1:31:47). Please have your comments in by November 1<sup>st</sup>. Should have plan ready for TAC approval in November.

**Information/Discussion**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

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

*Jeff Watson*

We have three amendments in October:

- WSDOT – US 12/White Pass major drainage \$403,440
- WSDOT – US 12/Rimrock Lake major drainage \$962,270
- WSDOT – US 12/Eschbach Road intersection safety improvements \$2,693,925

Comment period closed October 11th with no comments received.

**Decision:** Jeff Ranger moved that the TAC recommend to Policy Board for approval of October Amendment of 2023-2026 M/RTIP. Bill Preston seconded. The motion carried.

**2023 Title VI Report**

*Alan Adolf*

The annual report covers October 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 through September 30<sup>th</sup> 2023. Requesting that the TAC would recommend the 2023 Title VI Report to Policy Board.

**Decision:** Rocky Wallace moved for TAC recommendation to Policy Board for approval of October Amendment of 2023-2026 M/RTIP. Jase Testerman seconded. Motion carried.

**WSDOT State & Regional  
Updates**

*Randy Giles*

- Finishing up on this year's construction projects – some will continue on to next season.
- Happy to have completed paving to Naches.
- Appreciate the approval of the amendment to the M/RTIP.
- Hoping to pick up on some preservation work in 2024 but may need to postpone to 2025.

- Continuing with some of the intersection work.
- Winding down for winter – getting ready to plow snow.

**Information**

**Member Updates**

The following jurisdictions/agencies provided updates:

HLA – Union Gap and Yakima both have bridges listed on WSDOT’s ‘Poor’ list  
People for People  
Yakima  
Zillah

**Information**

**Next TAC Meeting:**

November 9, 2023, next TAC meeting

**Other Business**

Elizabeth Alba would like to be considered as TAC Chair. Nominations will be on November’s TAC agenda.

Jeff Watson requested projects to be submitted for entry into the Long-Range Plan.

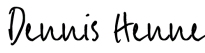
**Public Comment**

None.

**Adjourn**

Chairman Dennis Henne adjourned the meeting at 12:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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 MPO/RTPO TAC Chair/Vice Chair

Date signed: 12/20/2023

Attest:

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 Alan Adolf, Transportation Manager

Date signed: 12/20/2023