



MPO/RTPO TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Online Only

MEETING MINUTES

November 9, 2023

**PRESENT:**

**TAC Committee:**

- Dennis Henne – Chair, Union Gap
- Elizabeth Alba – Vice Chair, Sunnyside (Z)
- Todd Dorsett – Grandview (Z)
- Dan Ford – Toppenish (Z)
- Randy Giles – WSDOT (Z)
- Paul Gonseth – WSDOT
- Joe Henne - Selah
- Matt Pietrusiewicz – Yakima County (Z)
- Bill Preston – Yakima County
- Jeff Ranger – Naches (Z)
- Ardele Steele – Zillah (Z)
- Rocky Wallace – City of Selah
- Jamie West - Yakima County (Z)

**Associate Participants**

- Stephen Hazzard – HLA
- Mike Uhlman – HLA
- Mike Meskimen – G&O
- Gary Wirt – All Aboard Washington (Z)

**YVCOG Staff:**

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

**CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Dennis Henne, Chair, called the November 9, 2023, meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. A quorum was present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

***October 12, 2023 Meeting Minutes***

Rocky Wallace moved to approve the meeting Minutes from the October 12, 2023, meeting. Bill Preston seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM CORRESPONDENCE AND UPDATES**

*Alan Adolf, Transportation Planning Manager*

Mr. Adolf reviewed tallies from various outreach events. 795 participants. Results will be included in the Long-Range Plan

Wrapping up 2023 traffic count program. We will be doing a two-year extension of the IDAX contract. We will use the same process we used last year (email survey) to determine who would like traffic counts in 2024, how many, and where. Counts will be comparable to 2021 level.

***Information***

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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

*Jeff Watson, Senior Transportation Manager*

January will be the first amendment for the 2024-2027 STIP – due by noon on December 20, 2023.

**Information**

**CTR Program Update**

Jeff Watson

Nothing new to report.

**Information**

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

Alan Adolf

Our State/Federal Air Quality Conformity meeting was held on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. All went well. The only significant comment came from the Department of Ecology – relating to forest fires. This is probably the last time we will have to address air quality issues for CO but will still address PM10 issues for one more year.

**Information/Discussion**

**2023 Urban Highway  
Boundary Map Update**

Jeff Watson

We have met with WSDOT and others regarding the urban highway boundaries. The maps we sent out to jurisdictions have changes highlighted. For the most part things stayed intact and changes were pretty minor.

**Information/Discussion**

**2024 ITS Annual Plan  
Update**

Alan Adolf

This is an internal document – mainly referred to when preparing grant applications.

No comments or revisions submitted by jurisdictions or agencies. Minor additions and corrections made by YVCOG staff.

**Decision:** Paul Gonseth moved to recommend adoption of the 2023 ITS Plan Update by Policy Board. Rocky Wallace seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

Alan Adolf

Addressed the issue of the Naches Trail Access Project funding augmentation in the amount of \$225,000 due to dramatic cost increases. \$614,380 total cost including the augmented amount. They will be using toll credits. This should be included in the January TIP amendment.

**Decision:** Bill Preston moved to recommend Policy Board approve Augmentation Award Letter for \$225,000 in STBG(R) funding to Naches Trail Improvement Project. Rocky Wallace seconded. The motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Transportation Technical  
Advisory Committee  
Elections**

Alan Adolf

Our current Chair, Dennis Henne, will be stepping down as TAC Chair. Elizabeth Alba has agreed to serve as Chair and Rocky Wallace as Vice Chair.

**Decision:** Paul Gonseth moved to select Elizabeth Alba and Chair and Rocky Wallace as Vice Chair for the 2024 and 2025 calendar years and report to Policy Board. Bill Preston seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**WSDOT State & Regional Updates**

Paul Gonseth and Randy Giles

Mr. Gonseth mentioned there are two planning studies going on. In Naches there is a little bit of opposition to doing anything. Most people who responded in Naches had income of over \$100,000 and were working age. Another advisory meeting in early December.

Also have a survey out for Heritage Connectivity Trail. 289 responses so far. Working on setting up advisory committee for this study.

Mr. Giles reminded the cities there is an open Call for Projects for city safety. Closes in February.

Yakima County received 5 bridge work projects – did really well.

Winter maintenance is gearing up and projects are winding down and done for the year.

**Information**

**Member Updates**

The following jurisdictions/agencies provided updates:

- Grandview
- Selah
- Toppenish
- Yakima
- Yakima County
- Zillah

**Information**

**Next TAC Meeting:**

December 14, 2023, next TAC meeting (if needed) – or January 11, 2024

**Other Business**

None.

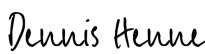
**Public Comment**

None.

**Adjourn**

Chairman Dennis Henne adjourned the meeting at 11:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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 MPO/RTPO TAC Chair/Vice Chair

Date signed: 1/24/2024

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 Alan Adolf, Transportation Manager

Date signed: 1/24/2024

Transportation TAC Meeting  
November 9, 2023  
A recording of meeting is available.