



MPO/RTPO TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Online and In-Person Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

January 11, 2024

PRESENT:

TAC Committee:

Dennis Henne – Chair, Union Gap
Shaun Burgess, Toppenish (Z)
David Dominguez, Union Gap (Z)
Hector Mejia, Grandview (Z)
Dan Ford – Toppenish
Paul Gonseth – WSDOT
Kristin Melcher – WSDOT (Z)
Matt Pietrusiewicz – Yakima County (Z)
Raul Sanchez – Sunnyside (Z)
Ardele Steele – Zillah (Z)
Nina Stocker – WSDOT (Z)
Kate Tollefson – WSDOT (Z)
Rocky Wallace – City of Selah
Robert Washabaugh - Yakima
Jamie West - Yakima County (Z)

Associate Participants

Stephen Hazzard – HLA (Z)
Stephanie Ray – HLA (Z)
Mike Meskimen – G&O (Z)
Greg Story – Yakima Transit (Z)
Gary Wirt – All Aboard Washington

YVCOG Staff:

Alan Adolf – Transportation Planning Manager
Byron Gumz – Regional Land Use Manager (Z)
Tami Hayward – Finance Specialist (Z)
Jeff Watson – Senior Transportation Planner (Z)

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Dennis Henne, Chair, called the January 11, 2024, meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. A quorum was present.

Chairman Dennis Henne welcomed members to the meeting and handed the gavel to new TAC Chair Elizabeth Alba and Vice Chair Rocky Wallace. Rocky Wallace chaired the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

November 9, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Rocky Wallace moved to approve the meeting Minutes from the November 9, 2024, meeting. Paul Gonseth seconded the motion. The motion carried.

TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM CORRESPONDENCE AND UPDATES

Alan Adolf, Transportation Planning Manager

Mr. Adolf reported on recent program correspondence and updates:

- YVCOG did receive the Safe Streets & Roads for All (SS4A) grant – the match is \$87,500 but we have submitted for a Department of Commerce grant to use as match;
- 2024 Traffic County and Traffic Modeling Contracts were renewed in December;
- Transportation Program staffing changes – John Rohrbaugh has retired and Jeff Watson will be assuming some of our GIS responsibilities, but will remain our CTR coordinator through 2024 and primary point of contact for Streetlight, mapping and GIS activities;
- Time to start thinking about UPWP ... our playbook for the next couple of years;
- Nina Stocker (WSDOT) updated members on the 2024 Intercity Transit Plan – 4 current lines;

- We have received our final formal Air Quality Conformity Determination – we may still get a letter next year.

Information

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Upcoming 2024-2027 TIP Amendments

Alan Adolf, Transportation Manager

Please submit TIP amendment requests to Alan by noon on Friday, January 19th.

Information

CTR Program Update

Jeff Watson

- We are required to start our 4-year planning process for affected jurisdictions. May contract this out.
- Possibility of doing a regional plan as opposed to individual jurisdictional plans.
- Will be getting into the CTR business in earnest this year – code updates, etc.

Information

FY 2024 – 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan Update

Alan Adolf

Finishing up the document and getting ready to go out for public comment beginning February 7th – 30-day comment period. This is our ‘biggie,’ enabling you to receive federal funding for the next 4 years. Will be holding several open houses throughout the valley during this time (Grandview, Tieton, etc.).

Information/Discussion

STBG / TA / CMAQ / CRP: Forecast and Distribution Update

Alan Adolf

We are still waiting for our 2024 allocations. Jurisdictions provided project status updates.

Information/Discussion

Toppenish/Jackson Street Project Update

Alan Adolf

Recorded presentation given by Mr. Ford to update members on status of the Toppenish/Jackson Street project. This project was originally applied for in 2012 and the cost has increased by close to \$1 million. Requesting to reduce scope in order to help accommodate for the increase – this should not constitute a ‘change in scope.’ Additional funds would most likely still be required.

Discussion

2023 Urban Highway Boundary Map Update

Jeff Watson

Mr. Watson provided an update – sent maps out (December) to jurisdictions of what is now in effect. Didn’t hear back from anyone, so we assume the map is satisfactory.

Information/Discussion

NEW BUSINESS:

January 2024-2027 M/RTIP Amendment Alan Adolf

- 17 amendments for January – several bridge projects.
- One revision, the others are additions.
- Findings and Determination of Air Quality resolutions are included in the amendment.

Decision: Paul Gonseth moved for TAC recommendation to Policy Board for approval of January Amendment of 2024-2027 M/RTIP. Robert Washabaugh seconded. The motion carried.

2024 YVCOG Title VI Plan Update Alan Adolf

The annual Title VI Report was submitted in September. We received the acceptance letter in December. The Title VI Plan was last updated in 2019 and is updated every six years but, after reviewing the document there have been numerous language changes since then and it was recommended by WSDOT to update a year in advance. We hope to have the update ready for TAC recommendation in April. We are still compliant, but we are going to go ahead and update anyway.

In the future the Title VI Plan will include the Local Crime Lab since they also receive federal funding.

Information

2024 MPA Safety Performance Measures Alan Adolf

This is our annual document laying out our safety targets. It is federally required and covers the entire county. We accept the target numbers generated by the state. Running into problems with the Target Zero program – the trend is getting steeper trying to reach ‘zero’ by 2030.

Decision: Hector Mejia (Grandview) moved to recommend Policy Board authorize Director to sign confirmation letter and adopt Resolution 2024-03 for 2024 MPO Safety Performance Measures and Targets. Paul Gonseth seconded. The motion carried.

2024 MPA GHG Performance Measures Alan Adolf

New performance measures were adopted in November by the FHWA. We will be tracking greenhouse gases on a 2- and 4-year basis as a requirement of IJJA. WSDOT hopes to set targets by 2/1/2024. Like safety, this will be a state-generated target.

Information

2024 Traffic Counter Season Allocation Update Alan Adolf

Waiting to hear from one last jurisdiction on whether they will be doing counts this year. Two jurisdictions have reported they will not be doing counts in 2024 – this benefits the remaining jurisdictions. You can start asking for counts April 1st. 2023 counts should be available.

Information

WSDOT State & Regional Updates

Kristen Melcher and Paul Gonseth

Kristen Melcher introduced herself as WSDOT’s new Community Liaison for Transit’s South-Central Region. Pre-application period for the Regional Mobility Grants will be February 1st through March 5th and you must do the pre-application in order to apply for the grant.

Paul Gonseth reported that SCR received permission from headquarters to submit for the next round of RAISE grants (the ‘Triangle Project’). Aimed at safety and destiny movement. He also updated members on recent Heritage Connectivity Trail stakeholder meetings, the Naches project, etc.

Mr. Adolf assured members that COG will prepare Letters of Support for RAISE grant applications or any other grant applications.

Information

Member Updates

The following jurisdictions/agencies provided updates:

- Grandview
- Selah
- Yakima
- Zillah
- All Aboard Washington
- HLA
- G&O

Information

Next TAC Meeting:

February 8, 2024, next TAC meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Other Business

None.

Public Comment

None.

Adjourn

Vice Chairman Rocky Wallace adjourned the meeting at 12:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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 MPO/RTPO TAC Chair/Vice Chair

Date signed: 3/20/2024

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 Alan Adolf, Transportation Manager

Date signed: 3/19/2024