

YVCOG TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
March 18, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman, John Hodkinson, called the March 8, 2024, meeting of the Transportation Policy Board to order at 1:33 p.m. A quorum was present.

ROLL CALL &  
INTRODUCTIONS

- Members present: James Restucci (Z), John Hodkinson, Patricia Byers, Madelyn Carlson (Z), Janice Gonzales, LaDon Linde, Bill Moore, Brian White
- Members Absent: Julia Hart, Jon Smith
- YVCOG staff present: Alan Adolf, Shane Andreas, Byron Gumz, Tami Hayward (Z), Angelica Saldivar (Z), Jodi Smith (Z), and Chris Wickenhagen

Others present: Raquel Crowley (Z), and Ardele Steele, TAC Vice Chair (Z)

*\*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:

- February 26, 2024, Minutes;
- Approval of the March Amendment to the 2024-2027 M/RTIP; and
- Adoption of YVCOG's CY 2023 Metropolitan & Regional Obligation & Closures Report.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND  
CORRESPONDENCE

*Alan Adolf, Transportation Program Manager*

No items this month.

***Information***

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

*2024-2045 Long Range  
Transportation Plan Adoption*

Alan Adolf

Public Comment period finished on March 7<sup>th</sup> and have had the state and federal review – a few minor changes to financial constraints. Multiple requests for the entire document to be translated into Spanish, which may be difficult due to some of the material being imported.

Anticipating approximately \$3 Billion in funding over the next 20 years, with about \$2.97 billion in expenditures. Over 450 projects were submitted this year.

Final document will be available online with the only change being finances and the Executive Summary.

**Decision:** *Patricia Byers moved to authorize Chair to sign Resolutions 2024-08 (Findings) and 2024-09 (Air Conformity) to adopt the 2024-2045 Yakima Valley Metropolitan & Regional Long Range Transportation Plan and submit to WSDOT and Federal Highway Administration. Bill Moore seconded. The motion carried.*

**NEW BUSINESS**

*Update 2024-2027 M/RTIP to Comply with YVCOG'S 2024-45 LRTP*

*Alan Adolf*

This is basically a housekeeping requirement taking our M/RTIP document from October and links it to the new Long-Range Plan – this doesn't change the document it just updates the resolutions.

**Decision:** *LaDon Linde moved to authorize the Chair to sign Resolutions 2024-10 (Findings) and 2024-11 (Air Conformity) to update resolution consistency for the 2024-2027 Yakima Valley Metropolitan & Regional Transportation Improvement Plan (M/RTIP) to maintain consistency with the 2024-2045 Long Range Transportation Plan. Patricia Byers seconded. The motion carried.*

**WSDOT STATE & REGIONAL UPDATE**

*Brian White, WSDOT South Central Region*

- Mr. White provided updates on the Vantage bridge – no major panel repairs until approximately July, so not bad right now.
- The wasteway pipe on I-82 near Zillah has been replaced.
- I-90 Phase III project won't start until April.
- Interviewing this week for Local Programs Engineer and Planning Manager positions.
- Todd Trepanier has been promoted to Assistant Secretary for Regions.
- Dissecting our budget – our maintenance is in a world of hurt. Hoping not to lay people off.

**Information**

**WA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION UPDATE**

*James Restucci, WRC Representative*

The Washington Transportation Commission met recently – going through the budget to see where things fall. Preservation and maintenance deficit didn't improve.

Oregon has put a stop to all of the Regional Mobility Pricing projects – so the tolling project is now on hold. One piece is still alive – the I-205Abernathy Bridge. Oregon backing out leaves everything to WSDOT.

Raquel Crowley inquired about the funding ODOT has committed to Washington State.

This won't stop tolling. Some question as to whether Governor Kotek(?) had the authority to back out.

**Information**

OTHER BUSINESS	Next Policy Board meeting will be held April 15, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.
PUBLIC COMMENT	None.
ADJOURN	With no other business, Chairman Restucci adjourned the meeting at 1:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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 YVCOG Transportation Policy Board Chair/Vice Chair

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 Tamara Hayward, Financial Specialist