



MPO/RTPO TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
March 14, 2024

**TAC Committee:**

Rocky Wallace – Chair, Selah  
Ardele Steele – Vice Chair, Zillah  
Shaun Burgess, Toppenish  
Dan Ford – Toppenish  
Hilda Gonzales – Granger  
Janna Lewis-Clark – Yakama Nation  
Matt Pietrusiewicz – Yakima County  
Raul Sanchez – Sunnyside  
Kate Tollefson – WSDOT  
Robert Washabaugh – Yakima  
Jamie West - Yakima

Stephen Hazzard – HLA  
Mike Meskimen – G&O  
Greg Story – Yakima Transit

**YVCOG Staff:**

Alan Adolf – Transportation Planning Manager  
Byron Gumz – Regional Land Use Manager  
Jeff Watson – GIS Analyst / CTR Coordinator  
Chris Wickenhagen – Executive Director  
Shane Andreas – Media Specialist

**Associate Participants**

Ashley Arriaga – People for People  
Gary Wirt – All Aboard Washington

**CALL TO ORDER AND  
INTRODUCTIONS**

Rocky Wallace, Chair, called the March 14, 2024, meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. A quorum was present.

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES**

***February 8, 2024 Meeting  
Minutes***

Hector Mejia moved to approve the meeting Minutes from the February 8, 2024, meeting. Dan Ford 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:

- FMSIB 2024 Call for Projects (Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board). Due April 19<sup>th</sup>.
- WSDOT Interim Guidance Announcement. Opportunity for comment.

***Information***

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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

*Alan Adolf, Transportation Manager*

We will be doing an April TIP amendment – deadline is March 22<sup>nd</sup> by noon. Advance notification that you will be doing an amendment would be appreciated.

***Information***

**CTR Program Update**

*Jeff Watson. Transportation Planner*

- The state responded to our request to do a regional plan – the answer was no. We will need to start moving forward with our plans. Still leaning towards looking for a consultant to write plans for the jurisdictions. These must be completed by June 2025. Also working towards getting our ETCs up and running and teaching them how to do the new survey program.

**Information**

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

*Alan Adolf*

We still have not received our federal allocation totals – Congress is still doing conditional resolutions – expecting we will remain at our \$3.8 million. Should not affect our Call for Projects because that should be part of 2025 and all of 2026 money.

Updates on status of Yakima and Toppenish projects.

No comments yet on the STBG Call for Projects. Status update provided by Selah.

Discussion on the Climate Care Act – potentially \$19 billion impact on transportation (per Kate Tollefson). Yakima Transit has received some of this funding.

**Information/Discussion**

**2024 Traffic Counter  
Season Allocation Update**

*Alan Adolf*

Received tentative calendar from IDAX. Union Gap, Selah, Granger, and Grandview should be starting up in March. YVCOG isn't doing many supplemental counts this year.

**Information**

**2024-25 UPWP Update**

*Alan Adolf*

We didn't receive any requests for additional items for the UPWP. We will be addressing a few financial issues including the SS4A funding award and the Emergency Preparedness Plan.

**Information**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**March 2024-2027 M/RTIP  
Amendment**

*Alan Adolf*

We have six (6) amendments in March. One from Union Gap, one from Grandview, and four from WSDOT.

**Decision:** *Robert Washabaugh moved for TAC recommendation to Policy Board for approval of March Amendment of 2024-2027 M/RTIP. Ardele Steele seconded. The motion carried.*

**2024-2045 Long Range  
Transportation Plan**

*Alan Adolf*

Public comment period ended on the 7<sup>th</sup>. Quite a few comments. Had Air Quality Conformity meeting with the feds last week and made some revisions to revenues and expenditures in response to their comments.

Potential revenues of about \$3 billion and expenditures of about \$2.9 billion over the next 20 years. \$100 million elbow room.

SEPA has been completed.

**Decision:** Robert Washabaugh moved for TAC recommendation to Policy Board for approval to Adopt 2024-2045 Long Range Transportation Plan Document. Hilda Gonzales seconded. The motion carried.

**Update 2024-2027 M/RTIP to Comply with YVCOG's 2024-45 Long Range Metropolitan & Regional Transportation Plan (L.R.T.P)**

Alan Adolf

This is mostly a procedural task to bring our M/RTIP (approved last October) into compliance with the 2024-45 Long Range Transportation Plan.

**Decision:** Robert Washabaugh moved for TAC recommendation to Policy Board to update 2024-2027 Air Conformity and Findings resolutions to comply with 2024-2045 Transportation Plan. Ardele Steele seconded. The motion carried.

**CY 2023 Metropolitan & Regional Obligation & Closures Report**

Alan Adolf

This kicks off our annual document season. Review of the 2023 (January through December) local and WSDOT obligations and closures report.

**Decision:** Robert Washabaugh moved for TAC recommendation to Policy Board to adopt report and submit to WSDOT. Hilda Gonzales seconded. The motion carried.

**WSDOT State & Regional Updates**

Kate Tollefson

Thanked Alan for the participating in the Air Quality Conformity meeting last week and for his work on the Long Range Transportation Plan.

**Information**

**Member Updates**

The following jurisdictions/agencies provided updates:

All Aboard Washington – Gary Wirt provided an update on the FRA meeting in February. Two of the routes selected as a preferred routes are routes in our area. Next meeting June 6<sup>th</sup>.  
Granger  
Selah  
Yakima

**Information**

**Next TAC Meeting:**

April 11, 2024, next TAC meeting at 10:00 a.m.

**Other Business**

None

**Public Comment**

None.

**Adjourn**

Chairman Rocky Wallace adjourned the meeting at 11:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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MPO/RTPO TAC Chair/Vice Chair

Date signed: 4/23/2024

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Alan Adolf, Transportation Manager

Date signed: 4/23/2024