



Walla Walla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization/ Sub-Regional Transportation Planning Organization

FINAL MINUTES

POLICY BOARD

December 6, 2017 1:30-3:30

Host: WWVMPO/SRTPO

107 S Third Ave, Walla Walla

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM.

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

City of College Place – Harvey Crowder

City of Milton-Freewater – Linda Hall

City of Prescott – Steve Heimbigner

City of Waitsburg – Randy Hinchliffe

City of Walla Walla – Allen Pomraning

Port of Walla Walla – Ron Dunning

Valley Transit – Dick Fondahn

Walla Walla County – Jim Johnson

ODOT – Craig Sipp

WSDOT – Randy Giles

Others Present:

WWVMPO – Andrea Weckmueller-Behringer, Executive Director

WWVMPO – Elaine Dawson, Planning Assistant

WWVMPO Legal Counsel – Jared Hawkins

III. Approval of Minutes from November 1, 2017

MOTION: Mr. Dunning moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Crowder seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. Comments from the Public

None.

V. Approval of Consent Agenda

The following vouchers/warrants/electronic payments are approved for payment:

Voucher numbers: 2384 through 2394, Total \$5,913.87

Payroll warrant numbers: DD1130 through DD1131, Total \$7,255.74

Electronic payment dates: 11/07/2017 through 11/30/2017, Total \$8,377.37

MOTION: Mr. Crowder moved to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Hinchliffe seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VI. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Mr. Heimbigner moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Crowder seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VII. Action Items:

1. Old Business:

A. None

2. New Business:

A. WSDOT SFY 2017-2019 Planning Grant Agreement

The Planning Grant Agreement with WSDOT for SFY 2017-2019 was provided for review, along with a memo from an earlier meeting describing the local match amount for the grant. Ms. Weckmueller-Behringer explained that these funds will be used to hire a consultant to assist with a regional study to assess rural transportation needs and mobility concerns. MPO staff will distribute invoices to applicable entities for the local match.

MOTION: Mr. Pomraning moved to authorize the Executive Director to execute Planning Grant Agreement GCB2640 with WSDOT. Mr. Dunning seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Discussion Items:

1. Safety Targets

Ms. Weckmueller-Behringer shared information about safety targets established by WSDOT to achieve the goals of Target Zero. The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) will be reviewing the targets in January to determine whether to follow the state targets or set local targets. Target details will be shared with board members in February.

2. Staff Update

Ms. Weckmueller-Behringer shared a summary of the MPO activities planned for calendar year 2018.

She also stated that Benton-Franklin Council of Governments (BFCOG) had contacted the MPO about high ground-level ozone readings in the Burbank area. The WA Department of Ecology has been closely monitoring the Tri-Cities area due to recent readings that exceed the national air quality standard ozone. There is potential for Walla Walla County to be declared a non-attainment area, which would, among other impacts, significantly add to the transportation planning requirements of the MPO.

3. Correspondence


A letter from WSDOT for the 2018-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was distributed for review. Ms. Weckmueller-Behringer shared that this represents state approval of the upcoming regional TIP.

4. Policy Board members update

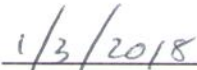
IX. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 2:42 PM.

Next meeting: January 3, 2018 at the MPO/SRTPO office




Dick Fondahn, WWVMPO/SRTPO Policy Board
Chair



Date



Andrea Weckmueller-Behringer, WWVMPO/SRTPO
Executive Director



Date