



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

FINAL MINUTES TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

July 18, 2017

10:00 AM – Noon

Host: WWVMPO/SRTPO
107 S Third Ave, Walla Walla

- **Call to Order**
Meeting was called to order at 10:00.
- **Roll Call**
Members Present:
City of College Place-Paul Hartwig; City of Prescott-Steve Heimbigner; City of Walla Walla-Neal Chavre; Walla Walla County-Randy Glaeser; City of Waitsburg-Randy Hinchliffe; Umatilla County-Bob Waldher; Valley Transit-Ed McCaw; CTUIR-Jeanine Gordon; ODOT-Teresa Penninger; WSDOT-Paul Gonseth; WSDOT-Bill Preston; WWVMPO staff-Andrea Weckmueller-Behringer; WWVMPO staff-Elaine Dawson.
- **Approval of Minutes from June 20, 2017 meeting**
Motion: Mr. Chavre motioned to approve the minutes. Mr. Glaeser seconded; motion passed *unanimously*.
- **Comments from the Public**
None.
- **Approval of the Agenda**
Motion: Mr. McCaw motioned to approve the agenda. Mr. Hartwig seconded; motion passed *unanimously*.
- **Action Items**
 - Old Business
Action Items:
 1. **None**
 - New Business
Action Items:
 1. **Title VI Annual Report**

- A draft of the Title VI Annual Report was provided for review. Ms. Weckmueller-Behringer gave a summary of the Title VI related activities over the past year.

Motion: Mr. McCaw motioned to recommend that the Policy Board approve the Title VI Annual Report. Mr. Gonseth seconded; motion passed *unanimously*.

2. August Amendment to the 2017-2022 Metropolitan & Regional Transportation Improvement Program (M/RTIP)

- A final draft of the August amendment to the M/RTIP was distributed for review. Ms. Dawson provided a summary of the public transportation project submitted on behalf of the City of Milton-Freewater.

Motion: Mr. Glaeser motioned to recommend that the Policy Board approve the August Amendment to the 2017-2022 M/RTIP. Mr. McCaw seconded; motion passed *unanimously*.

3. 2018-2023 Metropolitan & Regional Transportation Improvement Program (M/RTIP) projects

- Ms. Weckmueller-Behringer reiterated the request from the June meeting that WA jurisdictions provide a list of projects that were ready to obligate quickly with aspects of preliminary engineering, design or planning. WSDOT shared the status of potential funds that may be sanctioned across the state regions. Any definite sanctions will be communicated by WSDOT in mid-August, at which time it will be known if sanctioned funds are considered extra funding for a region or considered as borrowing ahead on funding for future years.

The TAC decided to focus on reviewing the projects in the current M/RTIP that were already prioritized, but not fully funded, to determine what should be rolled over to the new M/RTIP. MPO staff requested to receive a list of these projects by July 31. No action was taken yet to prioritize a specific list of projects.

Discussion Items:

- **LTAP next steps**

A draft of the minutes from the Long Term Arterial Plan (LTAP) kickoff meeting held in October was provided for review. Ms. Weckmueller-Behringer stated that progress in updating the LTAP had been on hold, in part because several entities had not yet begun updating their transportation elements and in part to focus on the Blue Mountain Region Trails project which directly impacts bicycle and pedestrian transportation. She asked the jurisdictions to share progress on their Comprehensive Plan updates. Continuing with the arterial plan discussion would be more effective after the jurisdictions had completed their preliminary transportation analysis. MPO staff will bring this item back for discussion during the September TAC meeting.

- **Federal notice of review – request for comments**
A link to a United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) notice of review and request for comments was provided. Comments about issues with current federal regulations should be submitted to the docket by July 24.
- **Blue Mountain Region Trails project status**
Ms. Weckmueller-Behringer provided an update on the Blue Mountain Region Trails project. She stated that some multi-jurisdictional corridor discussions were scheduled. WSDOT was asked to share the appropriate resource that could be involved in these regional discussions.
- **Electric Vehicle charging stations**
During the last Policy Board meeting, the subject of available charging stations in the region for electric vehicles was discussed. Ms. Weckmueller-Behringer shared that the board members had asked MPO staff to bring this topic to the TAC members.
- **September TIP amendments**
The City of College Place has requested a project amendment to the TIP.
- **Meeting Schedule and Agenda items:**
 - **Items to forward to the Policy Board for their next meeting (July 5)**
 - Title VI Annual Report
 - August TIP amendment
 - **Identify agenda items for next TAC meeting (July 18)**
 - September TIP amendment
 - 2018-2023 M/RTIP draft

Adjourn:


Meeting adjourned at 11:34.

Signed:



Randy Hinchliffe, WWVMPO/SRTPO TAC Chair

9/19/17
Date

for 

Elaine Dawson, WWVMPO/SRTPO Planning Assistant

9/19/17
Date