



## Palouse Regional Transportation Planning Organization

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## Transportation Policy Board Quarterly Meeting (Spotlight: Whitman County)

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### AGENDA

**Tuesday, December 12, 2023**

**10:00 AM – 11:00 AM**

1. Welcome/Call to Order/Introductions
2. Public Comments
3. Approval of Minutes from September 12, 2023 (**Action**)
4. Avista's EV Level 2 Program (Lisa Garrett, Avista EV Program Manager)
5. Financials Review/Approval (**Action**)
  - a. SFY2024 Quarter 2 to-date
6. Palouse RTPO 2024-2029 Regional Transportation Improvement Plan (RTIP) Adoption (**Action**)

RTPO's are required to update and adopt an RTIP every two years. The last Palouse RTPO RTIP was adopted in December 2021. The updated final draft, including regionally significant projects proposed for construction during the 6-year period of 2024-2029 has been reviewed by WSDOT for confirmation that it meets all RTIP requirements, and was reviewed by the Palouse RTPO TAC on November 28, 2023. TAC recommends the Policy Board adopt the final draft plan as presented today.

7. Palouse Active Transportation Plan Adoption (**Action**)

Public input received during the Palouse Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) update process in 2018 identified the need for improvement of trails in the region and public information on trails. After receiving FHWA funds through WSDOT Local Programs in July 2019, Palouse RTPO staff began to develop a Regional Active Transportation Plan (also known as Palouse Regional Trailways Connectivity Plan), involving significant input from members of a Steering Committee and Citizens Advisory Committee that were formed to work on the project. A "draft interim report" of the plan was approved by the project Steering Committee in May 2021. With the Covid-19 pandemic and staffing turnover at Palouse RTPO, completion of the project was delayed until work was picked back up during spring 2023. With the funding agreement end date of December 31, 2023, quickly approaching, Palouse RTPO seeks final adoption of the Palouse Active Transportation Plan and the Palouse Region Trails webpage (partial completion), as presented today. The final plan and the webpage are the final deliverables for this project.

8. Whitman County Roundtable
  - a. Whitman County, Cities and Towns, Public Transit and/or Port Updates
9. Board Member Comments/Open Discussion

**Next Policy Board Meeting:**

**March 12, 2024 (zoom)  
Spotlight: Asotin County**

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