



Palouse Regional Transportation Planning Organization

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TAC Meeting of the Palouse RTPO

Tuesday, August 22, 2023

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

MINUTES – meeting held via ZOOM

1. **Welcome – Call to Order/Introductions.** James Wege – Garfield County; Kevin Poole, City of Clarkston; Sean Wells, City of Pullman; Paul Gonseth, WSDOT SC; Rebecca Couch, Palouse RTPO Staff
2. **Approval of meeting minutes from May 23, 2023.** Sean moved to approve. James seconded. Minutes approved as presented.
3. **Regional Transportation Improvement Plan (RTIP) 2023-2028.** Review 2022-2027 RTIP for necessary updates. Rebecca shared the list of projects included in the 2022-2027 RTIP and asked agencies to send any updates to her. RTIP will be updated for TAC and board approval in September.
4. **RTPO Updates/Comments**
 - a. **Whitman County/City of Pullman Freight Alternative Study.** No updates from WSDOT regarding funding from their agency. Rebecca submitted the project to the Rural and Tribal Assistance Funding Pilot Program on August 14.
 - b. **Census Urban Area Boundary Adjustment process.** Only applies to City of Pullman within the RTPO. Sean and Rebecca will connect at a different time to determine what needs to be done. Need to submit shapefile to WSDOT with request for adjusted boundary. Paul explained that now is a good time to smooth the boundary line, adjusting to address where roads exit the boundary (and are designated rural) only to re-enter the boundary (and have urban designation again).
 - c. **WSDOT – Highway System Plan.** Rebecca asked if a presentation from WSDOT would be of use to the TAC, or if the TAC felt it was relevant to have a presentation before the Policy Board. There was no interest expressed.
5. **Member comments relative to the RTPO**
 - a. **Project Updates from Member Agencies.** City of Pullman, City of Clarkston, Garfield County, and WSDOT SC provided general updates.
6. Adjourned at 10:30 a.m. – next meeting scheduled for November 28, 2023.

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