



## Palouse Regional Transportation Planning Organization

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### TAC Meeting of the Palouse RTPO

**Tuesday, May 28, 2024**

**10:00 AM – 11:00 AM**

### MINUTES – meeting held via ZOOM

- 1. Welcome – Call to Order/Introductions.** Mark Storey (Whitman County), Greg Figg (WSDOT), Char Kay (WSDOT), Sean Wells (City of Pullman), Russ Pelleberg (Asotin County), Phil Nugent (WSDOT), Ryan Paulsen (City of Dayton), Rebecca Couch (Palouse RTPO).
- 2. Approval of meeting minutes from February 27, 2024.** Sean moved to approve. Char seconded. Minutes approved as presented.
- 3. 2404 AMENDED Palouse RTPO RTIP 2024-2029.**

Palouse RTIP has been updated with the following March and April STIP Administrative Modifications:

- WSDOT East:
  - addition of SR 194/Busch Bridge at Port of Almota – Bridge Repair
- WSDOT SC:
  - addition of SR 127/Elmer C Huntley Snake River Bridge – Deck Rehab
  - addition of SR 129/Grand Ronde River Bridge – Bridge Painting
  - addition of US 12/Tucannon River Bridge – Scour Repair
  - update to US 12/Tucannon River Bridge – Deck Rehab
  - update to US 12/SR 261 Intersection – Replace Culvert
- City of Pullman:
  - update to Orchard Dr/Valley Rd Grade Separated Path
- Whitman County:
  - addition of Endicott Road Overlay
  - addition of IIJA-BIL Planning Countywide

Rebecca shared the RTIP updated document with the above March and April STIP amendments. After some discussion, Sean motioned to have a standing action item on the TAC agenda for recommendation to approve amendments to the RTIP, reflecting regional projects that were included in STIP amendments. Char seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously. This item will be informational on TAC agendas moving forward, noting that the RTIP has been updated per the STIP amendments, keeping our regional plan up-to-date and accurate and all agencies informed.

#### 4. DRAFT RFQ for On-Call Transportation Planning Assistance.

Rebecca provided a general overview of the RTPOs desire to publish an RFP seeking on-call consultant work for various transportation planning projects. She explained that selected consultant(s) would assist RTPO with required Title VI Policy update, community engagement and data collection for special regional transportation studies as well as the Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan (CPT-HSTP), and eventually the Long-Range Transportation Plan

update. Feedback was received from Phil Nugent and his experience with local programs utilizing on-call consultants. The scope of work for each task item needs to be well defined especially in consideration of projects that are federally funded.

## **5. RTPO Updates**

- a. Trails Story Map Published
- b. LCVMPPO and Palouse RTPO partnership discussions continue
- c. Pullman/Whitman Freight Alternative Study – funding is now available from WSDOT, this project will take place within the next 12 months
- d. 2024 Section 130 Rail Crossing Safety Program

## **6. Member comments relative to the RTPO**

- a. Member agencies provided updates

## **7. Adjourned at 10:45 a.m. – next meeting scheduled for August 27, 2024.**

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