



Palouse Regional Transportation Planning Organization

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Transportation Policy Board Quarterly Meeting (Spotlight: Asotin County)

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AGENDA

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

1. Welcome/Call to Order/Introductions

2. Public Comments

3. Approval of Minutes from December 10, 2024 (**Action**)

4. Pullman/Whitman Freight Alternatives Study Update – Welch Comer

The Pullman/Whitman Freight Alternative Study kicked off in early December 2024. The study must be completed by June 30, 2025. A final study will be brought to the June Policy Board for adoption. The consultant team, led by Welch Comer, has worked closely with the project Technical Advisory Group, reached out to stakeholders, reviewed past studies and data, and held a public open house on February 20 to gather public/stakeholder input. Melissa Cleveland from Welch Comer will provide a project update at this meeting and describe the next steps.

5. Update on Transportation Research Project: Survey #3 - Understanding the Interconnected Challenges Impacting Rural Transportation Services in Washington State (Dr. Jeff Walters, UW Tacoma)

Palouse RTPO members have participated in survey #1 and survey #2, and now we will move to the 3rd and final survey of this research project. Survey #1 identified transportation issues/factors in our region. Survey #2 ranked and grouped the identified factors. Survey #3 will now identify whether there is a relationship between the individual factors and the strength/polarity of the relationship between the various factors. This is the 3rd and final ask of RTPO members to complete this project. Dr. Walter's will describe the final step in completing this research project and what to expect for the outcome.

6. Financials Review/Approval

- a. Approval of Vouchers from December 2024, January 2025, February 2025 (**Action**)
- b. SFY2025 Budget Report: Quarter 3 to-date

7. Palouse RTPO 2025-2030 Regional Transportation Improvement Plan (RTIP) Approval
(Action)

The Palouse RTPO RTIP has been updated with federally funded projects anticipated to be completed for the six-year period of 2025-2030. The draft RTIP presented today includes approved amendments made to the STIP in January 2025. Updates to the RTIP will be made quarterly and presented to both the TAC and Policy Board for review/adoption. The RTPO TAC reviewed and recommended adoption of the 2025-2030 RTIP by the Policy Board, on February 25, 2025. Once adopted, the updated RTIP will be posted on the RTPO website.

8. RTPO Director Updates

9. Asotin County Spotlight (County, City, Transit and/or Port updates from Asotin County)

10. Board Member Comments/Open Discussion

Next Policy Board Meeting:

IN-PERSON: Location TBD

June 10, 2025

Spotlight: Garfield County

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