Joint DRYVE and TRANS-Action Committees Meeting Minutes

May 30, 2019, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Meeting Location: WSDOT South Central Region Headquarters, 2809 Rudkin Road, Union Gap

WELCOME

Trent Marquis brought the meeting to order and welcomed all attendees. Everyone introduced themselves (see attached attendance sign-in sheet).

EXECUTIVE BOARD (TRANS-ACTION)

Approval of Minutes – John Hodkinson moved to approve TRANS-Action's March 28, 2019 meeting minutes. Mike Battle seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Approval of Financial Report – Alan Adolf summarized TRANS-Action's financial report (see attached financial report). Carmen Mendez moved to approve TRANS-Action's financial report. John Hodkinson seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Transit Feasibility Study – Alan Adolf said YVCOG will receive \$50,000 from WSDOT for a planning grant to perform a Transit Feasibility Study. TRANS-Action had approved its current budget to provide \$1,000 of matching funds for this project. Dennis Henne moved to approve expenditures of \$1,000 towards this study. Todd Trepanier seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

EXECUTIVE BOARD (DRYVE)

Approval of Minutes – Ardele Steele moved to approve DRYVE's March 28, 2019 meeting minutes. Cus Arteaga seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Approval of Financial Report — Alan Adolf summarized DRYVE's financial report (see attached financial report). Cus Arteaga moved to approve DRYVE's financial report. Jon Smith seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Transit Feasibility Study — Alan Adolf said YVCOG will receive \$50,000 from WSDOT for a planning grant to perform a Transit Feasibility Study. DRYVE had approved its current budget to provide \$1,000 of matching funds for this project. Jon Smith moved to approve expenditures of \$1,000 towards this study. Francisco Guerrero seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

OTHER STUDIES

Alan Adolf said the State is funding a passenger rail feasibility study for Stampede Pass.

Hollyanna Littlebull summarized the Yakama Nation's pathway project they are requesting the National Park Service to fund planning technical assistance for (see attached summary). The goal is for safe passage for all persons. Jon Smith moved to approve a letter of support from TRANS-Action for this project. Carmen Mendez seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously. Jon Smith moved to approve a letter of support from DRYVE for this project. Gracie Sexton seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE COMMENTS

No comments were available.

D. C. VISIT DEBRIEF

Members who traveled to D.C. thanked Sheila Black and Alan Adolf for their planning and preparation for this trip.

Members who made the trip included Trent Marquis, Lance Hoyt, Carmen Mendez, Matt Pietrusiewicz, Mike Battle. They

felt it was a good experience, all meetings went well, and it was important to to keep TRANS-Action and DRYVE projects in the forefront.

SUBGROUP SELECTION

Bill Preston asked members to volunteer to participate in a subgroup.

IT - The IT subgroup was renamed Communications and Joan Davenport, Jon Smith, and Larry Mattson will participate on it. The purpose of it is to develop our digital presence. Jim Restucci will host a website.

Preservation – The purpose is to provide data and strategies on preservation needs, develop a timeline, and determine how to promote the need for preservation. The first step will be to discuss this need at YVCOG's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). Members on TAC will discuss it at the next TAC meeting.

Projects – The purpose is to develop data, strategies, and timeline for promoting projects supported by TRANS-Action and DRYVE. Matt Pietrusiewicz, Brian White, and Mike Battle will participate in the Projects subgroup.

Legislative - Carmen Mendez felt a fourth subgroup to discuss Legislative coordination should be created. Members decided to discuss this further at the next meeting.

AGENCY UPDATES

Members gave updates on their transportation projects.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

No events discussed at this meeting.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is planned for July 26,	2019 at the WSDOT South Central	Region's Conference Room, Union Gap.

Adjourned at 4:00 PM

rent Marquis, TRANS-Action Chair	Date Signed:	Lance Hoyt, DRYVE Chair	Date Signed:
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Application Guidelines & Form







About Us

The National Park Service – Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance program (RTCA) supports community-led natural resource conservation and outdoor recreation projects across the nation. Our conservation and recreation planning professionals partner with community groups, nonprofit organizations, tribes, and government agencies. This partnership assists local communities in realizing their conservation and outdoor recreation vision and goals by providing a broad range of services and skills. National Park Service (NPS) staff share their expertise to help your team turn an idea into reality. We offer this assistance on an annual basis with extensions based on mutual agreement. No monetary grants are made.

National Park Service Mission

The National Park Service preserves unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the National Park System for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations. The Park Service cooperates with partners to extend the benefits of natural and cultural resource conservation and outdoor recreation throughout this country and the world.

Our Focus Areas

Our projects typically fall within five focus areas, although we consider other projects that fall outside of these categories:

- Build healthy communities through parks, trails, and outdoor opportunities: Improve access to outdoor recreation and park amenties on land and water that support healthy lifestyles for all users
- Conserve natural lands, rivers, and watersheds: Strengthen the conservation and stewardship of public lands, waterways, and wildlife habitat
- Engage youth in outdoor recreation and stewardship: Connect young people to the outdoors to develop a lifelong appreciation of recreation and nature
- Strengthen the organizational capacity of project partners:
 Develop and strengthen effective and sustainable community organizations and partner groups
- Support National Park Service and community networks: Facilitate strategic planning and collaboration between national parks and communities to achieve shared goals







Our Services

Our assistance is tailored to your needs. Examples of the types of assistance we provide are listed below. Visit our website to learn about current projects; https://www.nps.gov/orgs/rtca/community-projects.htm

- Define project vision and goals
- Inventory and map community resources
- Identify and analyze key issues and opportunities
- Engage collaborative partners and stakeholders
- Design community outreach and participation
- Develop concept plans for trails, parks, and natural

 Coach teams, groups, and partnership networks areas
- Set priorities and build consensus
- Identify funding strategies
- Develop a sustainable organizational framework to support the project
- Create project management and strategic action

Application Process and Timeline

Consulting a program manager prior to the application deadline is a requirement to help identify how our expertise can complement your project and to answer questions regarding the application. Please see the contact list at the end of this application to identify the program manager who serves your state.

- Application deadline: June 30
- Email completed applications to the program manager who serves your state or contact them for guidance on mailing a printed version (see list at the end of the application)
- Please include the following in your Application Package:
 - Completed application form
 - 2. Site location map
 - 3. A minimum of three commitment letters that describe each partner's role, responsibility, and contribution to the project
 - 4. Optional supplemental information that can help us learn more about your project (for example, background documents, media coverage, additional maps, list of links to resources, project photos, etc.)
- Applicants will be notified of decisions by November 1.
- Project start times will be coordinated with applicants who have been selected for assistance.

Project Selection Criteria

Applications for support from the Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance program are competitively evaluated based on the following criteria:

- The project has specific goals and results for conservation and outdoor recreation expected in the near future.
- Roles and contributions of project partners are significant and well-defined.
- There is evidence of broad community support for the project.
- The project fits with our focus areas (although proposals falling outside these areas are considered).



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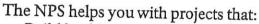
HELPING COMMUNITIES
REALIZE
THEIR VISION

The National Park Service Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance program moves your community's ideas to action.

The National Park Service helps with community-led conservation and outdoor recreation projects by providing free planning support.

Supporting a diverse range of partners & projects.

The National Park Service Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) program supports nonprofit organizations, community groups, tribes, and local, state, and federal government agencies. We help partners work together to create parks, develop trails and greenways, protect rivers and natural areas, and increase access to recreation opportunities. We help you engage a wide range of community partners and also work to connect you to National Park Service (NPS) managed areas.



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- Engage youth in outdoor recreation & stewardship
- Strengthen organizational capacity
- Develop partnerships & networks

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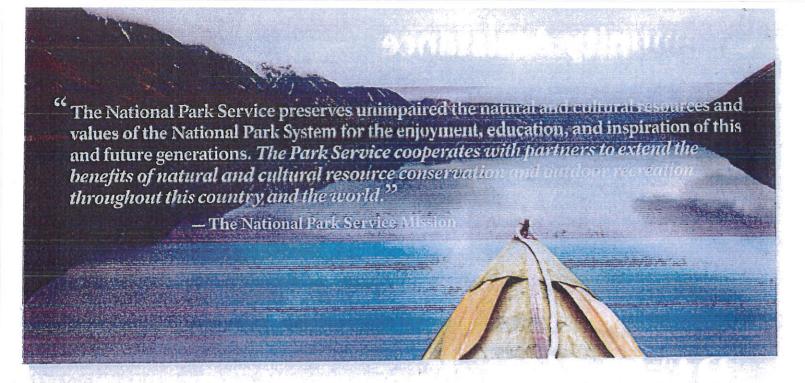
The NPS adapts best practices and draws upon our staff's project experience to support your needs. When a partner asks for assistance with a project, NPS staff provide free, on-site facilitation and technical expertise to guide your project from conception to completion.

The NPS does not provide project funding. Instead, we help you and your community locate and leverage public and private financial and technical support. The NPS also helps your community build strategic partnerships with diverse groups.









Implementing the National Park Service mission across the United States.

The RTCA program helps carry out the National Park Service mission by supporting community-led outdoor recreation and conservation projects for the benefit of all Americans.







NPS staff work in urban, rural, & suburban communities

Hands-on, long-term support for you and your community.

NPS staff engage directly and frequently with partners like you to organize and carry out collaborative projects. On average, the NPS asssists communities like yours with projects for one to three years. This hands-on, long-term approach is key to helping you build sustainable conservation and recreation strategies.



How the RTCA program turns ideas into action:

A community or organization has an idea and applies for project assistance.

NPS staff members consult with partners to clarify goals and community needs.

NPS staff help develop project strategies, identify additional partners, and locate funding sources. NPS staff assist the community with ongoing planning and partnership development.

With defined priorities and commitments secured, implementation begins!

Visit www.nps.gov/RTCA for application information, program details, and your local contacts.

