



BOARD OF YAKIMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

Work Session

Monday, October 31, 2022, at 9:00 am

BOCC Conference Room, Room 232, 128 N 2nd Street, Yakima, WA 98901 or Zoom

Yakima County Welcomes You to Join Our Open Public Meeting In-Person or Virtually.

Meeting Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84767080878?pwd=MjBKcjFsRmpWYik1NW9qU1V4VnVFdz09>

Meeting ID:

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Meeting Passcode:

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Meeting Phone Number:

1-206-337-9723 (ID & Passcode Above)

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PUBLIC COMMENT
If you would like to speak during Public Comment, please raise your hand or if on Zoom type your name in the chat box and the Commissioner will call on you in order.
3. EXECUTIVE SESSION
 - o The Board will meet in closed session as allowed by RCW 42.30.110(i).
4. LETTER OF SUPPORT - FAA AIRPORT TERMINAL PROGRAM GRANT

Documents:

[DRAFT LETTER OF SUPPORT - AIRPORT TERMINAL PROGRAM.DOCX](#)
5. BOARD OF HEALTH CITY REPRESENTATIVE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS DISCUSSION
 - o Review of interview questions for the Board of Health City Representative candidate interviews on November 4, 2022.
6. ARPA DISCUSSION
7. COMMISSIONER UPDATES/ GENERAL DISCUSSION
8. NEW BUSINESS
9. ADJOURN

All work sessions are recorded and will be available to view on the BOCC website at <https://www.yakimacounty.us/AgendaCenter/Board-of-Commissioners-2>

Billy Nolen
U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Aviation Administration
800 Independence Ave, SW
Washington, DC 20591

Dear Acting Administrator Nolen,

I am writing to express my support of an application submitted by the City of Yakima for the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) *Airport Terminal Program* for the Yakima Air Terminal – McAllister Field project. The proposed project will develop new facilities to meet increasing traveler demand and lead to economic growth throughout the region.

The original terminal was constructed in the 1950s, and it was last remodeled in the late 1990s. The terminal building has outlived its useful life and is in dire need of replacement. Various structural components of the existing terminal building and floor layout have created challenges. Terminal entry area, ticketing counters, and TSA screening have all been identified as areas of operational inefficiencies. Additionally, new federal requirements mandating additional passengers screening areas have taken away the limited space currently available to passengers. The inadequate size of the terminal was particularly apparent during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, as social distancing is impossible.

The Yakima Air Terminal – McAllister Field's 2015 Airport Master Plan Update and 2020 Airport Layout Plan Update both identified a new terminal building as a top priority. The construction of a new terminal building will include updated screening areas, larger capacity passengers in both the secure and non-secured areas, updated passenger ticket stands, rental car stands and baggage handling areas.

This financial investment will drive competition for air carriers seeking to use the Yakima Air Terminal-McAllister Field, and create good paying jobs in our community.

Thank you for giving the City of Yakima's grant application your full and fair consideration. Please contact me if I can be of further assistance in the City's efforts to secure federal funding.

Sincerely,