

## PO Box 1932 Yakima, WA 98908



April 13, 2021

Yakima Air Terminal 2406 West Washington Avenue Yakima, WA 98903

Attn: Robert Peterson, Airport Director

Re: Passenger Terminal Building Replacement

TRANS-Action and DRYVE Support

Dear Mr. Peterson:

The transportation coalitions of both upper- and lower- Yakima County, TRANS-Action and DRYVE respectively, collectively serve as a voice to advocate for transportation services and related infrastructure in Yakima County. As our groups are comprised of public agencies, local businesses, agricultural and tourism-based industries, elected officials, and private citizens within Yakima County, we have identified the Yakima Air Terminal (YAT) as a regional transportation facility of critical importance.

The existing passenger terminal building was developed in 1950, has had numerous expansions to meet increased business demands, and the Airport Master Plan recommends complete demolition and reconstruction. This reconstruction effort will help enhance security and safety, address increasing community demands, meet current federal, state, and city building codes, support passenger service, and accommodate larger aircraft operating at YKM. A new terminal building could allow for additional air service destinations, more efficient passenger processing, and improved overall passenger experience.

We strongly support infrastructure investment in the Yakima Air Terminal's new passenger facility and believe improvements would provide a substantial positive impact to our local economy and regional transportation needs.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact TRANS-Action Chairman Trent Marquis at 509-728-1039 or DRYVE Chairman Lance Hoyt at 509-865-1633.

Sincerely,

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**Trans-Action** advocates for urban investment in the Greater Yakima metropolitan area and **DRYVE** addresses rural transportation needs in the lower Yakima Valley. Both groups are non-profit and are comprised of public agencies, local businesses, agricultural and tourism based industries, elected officials and private citizens. Collectively, both **DRYVE** and **Trans-Action** each serves as one voice advocating transportation services and infrastructure in the valley.