

WP-SIA Study Stakeholder Meeting
SRTC Conference Room
January 26, 2010

Stakeholders:

Sarah Nemer	Fairchild AFB
Teresa Eckard	Spokane International Airport
Ron Horlacher	Fairchild AFB
Barry Greene	Spokane County
Tirrell Black	City of Spokane Planning
Kevin Picanco	David Evans & Associates
Dave Daly	City of Spokane
Chamisa Radford	Spokane Tribe
Ray Wright	City of Spokane
Joel Soden	STA
Derrick Braaten	City of Airway Heights
Bill Bennet	WSDOT
Greg Figg	WSDOT

SRTC Staff:

Anna Ragaza-Bourassa
Eve Nelson
Kevin Shipman
Mallory Atkinson
Staci Lehman

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. with attendees introducing themselves. Anna Ragaza-Bourassa said that the purpose of the meeting was to look over the modeling results in the West Plains- Spokane International Airport (WP-SIA) Study area. Eve Nelson passed around a handout with the WP-SIA land use that was used in the modeling. Red areas on the sheet show where employees were added to the model, in addition to what the 2030 land use growth predicted. On the backside of the sheet, developments were shown that pushed the land use over what had been predicted.

A plot of link and node volume to capacity (VC) ratios was also passed around the room. Ms. Nelson said that anything in a color other than black denotes areas where problems with congestion are starting to arise. Ms. Nelson asked meeting participants to look at the plots and submit comments or questions by writing them on post-it notes and sticking them on the maps.

Ms. Ragaza-Bourassa mentioned that the 2008 base model plot was from a November model version as SRTC staff is still making transit refinements to the most current 2008 base model version. As a result, some information on the map may have changed since that version has been updated; more specifically the connector modifications made by Barry Greene, Greg Figg, and Eve Nelson after the November WP-SIA meeting.

Meeting attendees were given approximately 25 minutes to look over the plots and note their concerns. When the review period was over, some concerns were discussed, including:

- Low traffic volumes in the Northern Quest Casino area
- Low traffic volumes in the 2030 model on Highway 2 east of Craig Road and the need to add key connectors in the area
- Node volume to capacity problems in the area of Highway 2 and Hayden
- A suggestion to investigate what is causing delay near the Fairchild Air Force Base gate
- A suggest to check to make sure homes on the south side of Highway 2 are feeding correctly into the Geiger interchange
- A high V/C ratio at Four Lakes
- A suggestion to de-emphasize Spotted Rd. and check Flint Rd. to make sure it's signalized in 2030
- The addition of three possible new schools in the west plains area in coming years

Public outreach was discussed next. Teresa Eckard asked if a public meeting should be held to get input before the model is refined, or if further modeling should take place and possible

alternatives determined first. The option of hosting one or two meetings was also discussed. Ms. Eckard also asked about meeting formats. Staci Lehman suggested an open house format with a possible short presentation every hour or half hour.

Bill Bennett said that the WSDOT has contact lists of citizens from the study area from when they hosted meetings in the area and that they can be used for outreach efforts for the WP-SIA Study.

Julia Nenema volunteered the Northern Quest Casino's meeting room as a place to hold a public meeting and Derrick Braaten suggested sending notice of the meeting out in City of Airway Heights utility bills. It was also suggested to contact neighborhood groups, homeowners associations, a list of developers in the area, the Spokane Association of Realtors® and the Homebuilders Association to get the word out about possible meetings.

It was decided that the group will meet again on February 16 to look over changes to the model that would result from the comments just gathered.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.