

MEETING MINUTES

Spokane Regional Transportation Council Board
Thursday, January 13, 2005
SRTC Office - Intermodal Center – Third Floor
Spokane, Washington

1. Call to Order

Mr. Gary Schimmels, Vice Chair, called the meeting of the Spokane Regional Transportation Council to order at 1:40 pm.

2. Roll Call/Record of Attendance

Board Members in Attendance:

Dennis Hession, City of Spokane Council Member
Jerry Lenzi, WSDOT - Eastern Region
Todd Mielke, Spokane County Commissioner (arrived at 2:15 pm)
Gary Schimmels, City of Spokane Valley (Vice Chair)
Joe Shogan, City of Spokane Council Member
A. Michele Maher, Washington State Transportation Commission (Alternate)

Board Members Absent:

Amy Jo Sooy, Small Towns Representative (Chair)
Dale Stedman, Washington State Transportation Commission
Mark Richard, Spokane County Commissioner
Bill Brannon, Private Sector Representative (Alternate)
Pat Dalton, Legal Counsel

Guests Present:

Don MacDonald, TTC
Neil Kersten, City of Spokane Valley
Tom Arnold, City of Spokane
Bob Post, URS Corp.
Scott Egger, City of Spokane

Staff Present:

Glenn Miles, Transportation Manager
Jessica Hill, Transportation Planner
Judy Hazard, Administrative Assistant

A quorum was not present at the start of the meeting so general business was taken first until a quorum was available for voting purposes putting items out of numerical order.

4. Committee Reports.

a) Transportation Technical Committee Report

Mr. Don MacDonald, Vice Chair of the TTC, reported the members were given a review of the Call for Projects prioritization. After discussion it was agreed they would like to form a subcommittee to review the criteria and methodology for prioritizing for the next Call for Projects. The TTC also received a presentation on the Three Biennium List of Projects.

6. SRTC Board Member Comments.

Mr. Dennis Hession attended the Inaugural Ball for Governor Gregoire and said it was a good experience.

7. Transportation Manager's Report.

Mr. Glenn Miles gave an update on status of the next iteration of TEA-21.

Federal Highways has informed Spokane County they want the Bigelow Gulch Environmental Assessment Transportation Expertise report redone in the VISUM model. At this time, VISUM is being updated to the extent the Bigelow Gulch model can be reworked. It is hoped this can be completed by January 20th.

8. Old Business.

a) Bridging the Valley

SRTC received a very large two-volume summary of design reports from every structure on the corridor (Spokane, WA to Athol, ID) from HDR Inc. Each jurisdiction having projects in this project will receive a copy. It is expected the environmental document will be completed by March. The 4F and Federal 106 reports are being done; Idaho State Historic Preservation Office is now in agreement with the Washington State Historic Preservation Office; Army Corps, Fish and Wildlife, and Noise issues have been resolved/addressed. It is anticipated Federal Highways will sign off the categorical exclusion in March for the entire 42-mile corridor.

9. New Business.

a) Spokane Downtown Streetcar Feasibility Study

Mr. Bob Post, URS Corp. gave a presentation on the Spokane Downtown Streetcar Feasibility Study. This study is a partnership between SRTC, Spokane Transit Authority, and the Downtown Spokane Partnership (DSP). DSP has put in \$35,000 towards the local match. This study is to look at the practicality and feasibility of a downtown streetcar that could be used as a circulator to the various trip generation areas.

Mr. Todd Mielke arrived at 2:15 pm. His arrival fulfilled a quorum.

3. Approval of December Meeting Minutes.

Mr. Joe Shogan made a motion to approve the December 9, 2004 meeting minutes. Ms. A. Michele Maher seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

5. Administrative Matters.

a) Approval of December Vouchers

Mr. Dennis Hession made a motion to approve the payment of the December, 2004 voucher list in the amount of \$116,927.91. Mr. Joe Shogan seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

b) SRTC/Spokane County Interlocal ESRI Enterprise License Agreement

Mr. Miles explained that SRTC has been asked by Spokane County to participate in an Interlocal Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. (ESRI) Enterprise License Agreement with them along with the City of Spokane, City of Spokane Valley, and the Spokane Regional Health District. This agreement authorizes SRTC to receive and use selected software, data and documentation, with Spokane County acting as the lead agency responsible for management, administration, oversight and redistribution of the software identified in the Agreement. Mr. Miles requested authorization from the SRTC Board to sign this Agreement.

Ms. A. Michele Maher made a motion to approve SRTC entering into an Interlocal ESRI Enterprise License Agreement with Spokane County. Mr. Joe Shogan seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

c) Appointment to Light Rail Steering Committee

Mr. Brian A. Sayrs was the SRTC Board representative to the Light Rail Steering Committee. He is no longer on the SRTC Board; therefore, there is an opening on that Committee from the SRTC Board. Ms. Amy Jo Sooy has agreed to fill that position.

Mr. Joe Shogan made a motion to appoint Ms. Amy Jo Sooy to the Light Rail Steering Committee as the representative from the SRTC Board. Ms. A. Michele Maher seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

10. Public Comments.

No public comments were made at this time.

11. Adjournment.

There being no further business before the Spokane Regional Transportation Council Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

JUDY HAZARD
Recording Secretary