

MEETING MINUTES

Spokane Regional Transportation Council
Transportation Technical Committee
April 20, 2005
SRTC Office - Intermodal Center - Third Floor
Spokane, Washington

1. Call to Order.

Bob Brueggeman, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:37 pm.

2. Roll Call/Record of Attendance.

Steve Blaska	Spokane Transit Authority
Bob Brueggeman (Chair)	Spokane County
Ron Edgar	SCAPCA
Gordon Howell	Spokane Transit Authority
Ross Kelley	Spokane County
Roger Krieger	City of Deer Park
Don MacDonald (Vice-Chair)	City of Cheney
John Mercer	City of Spokane
Keith Metcalf	WSDOT
Jerry Sinclair	City of Spokane
Harold White	WSDOT
Steve Worley	City of Spokane Valley

Guests/Alternates.

Margaret Watson	CACT
Mary Ann Ulik.....	Downtown Spokane Partnership
Scott Egger	City of Spokane
Louis Mueller.....	City of Spokane

Staff.

Ed Hayes	Sr. Transportation Planner
Jessica Hill	Transportation Planner
Kayla Kruse	GIS Analyst
Judy Hazard.....	Administrative Assistant

3. Approval of March Meeting Minutes.

Ross Kelley made a motion to approve the February 16, 2005 meeting minutes. Harold White seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

4. Technical Member Comments.

Steve Blaska introduced himself as a new member of the TTC replacing Kim Zentz as the interim CEO of Spokane Transit Authority.

Gordon Howell said STA has adopted their new Service Plan for 2005. The changes will be implemented after the Monroe Street Bridge reopens. STA is also in the middle of updating its 7-year plan and getting ready for its Certification Review by FTA.

Keith Metcalf gave an update on the status of the North Spokane Corridor. He indicated that Mike Frucci is in Olympia on temporary assignment. Mike Gribnor will be taking his place in Spokane for part of his absence.

Harold White stated that WSDOT has given ownership of Trent Avenue from Hamilton to Division to the City of Spokane. The governor has signed the bill and this will go into effect 90 days after the signature date. Harold also gave a legislative update.

Ross Kelley distributed this summer's construction schedule. This is a map showing the construction to be undertaken this season from all the participating jurisdictions. Ross indicated that several projects have gone out to bid and will be starting in about two weeks. Spokane County is still looking for funds for the railroad they now own. They also passed their pavement cut policy. This will make for better pavement patches for underground utilities.

Don MacDonald said the City of Cheney's 2005 residential road sidewalk project will be starting shortly. Also, they met last week with the traffic safety commission under the SR 904 Corridor Safety Project and discussed the possibilities for the future of this project.

John Mercer reported the City of Spokane's Third Street project will be starting next Tuesday. He gave an update on the other projects the City has going this season.

Ron Edgar stated the Legislature passed a new value for wood stove curtailment. It will now be based on PM 2.5 instead of PM 10, which means it will be based strictly on smoke. This should result in fewer wood stove bans than in the past. The attainment plan for carbon monoxide has gone through public hearing with no comments made. The maintenance plan will soon be out for public hearing.

Hopefully, once the maintenance plan is in place, Spokane will be able to drop its oxygenated gasoline rule before the new season starts.

Steve Worley is concerned about not being able to move forward on the City of Spokane Valley's federally funded projects due to waiting for approval of the STIP. Sue Arnesen, SRTC accountant, made several phone calls during the TTC meeting and reported to Mr. Worley that the STIP has been in the Governor's office waiting for signature since April 8th. Once it has been signed by the Governor, it will be forwarded on to FHWA and FTA for review (they already have draft copies). Once it has been reviewed SRTC will be notified of the approval and at that time the jurisdictions will also be notified.

5. New Business.

a) Federal Functional Classification Change Requests

In their packets, the TTC members received a list of all functional classification change requests, a mileage summary chart, and maps showing the functional classification change requests. At the meeting Kayla Kruse, SRTC staff, distributed a corrected list of change requests and answered any questions about the documents that any member had. The members were asked to recommend approval by the SRTC Board.

Don MacDonald made a motion to forward the Federal Functional Classification Change Requests to the SRTC Board and recommend approval. Jerry Sinclair seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

6. Old Business.

a) VISUM Model Update

Ed Hayes reported there is a model users group meeting on April 21st and April 26th. These are special meetings to go over the Home Interview Survey and Transportation Analysis Zones (TAZ). The intention is to add more TAZ zones making the ones now existing smaller and allowing for the new growth. Ed indicated the new version of VISUM 9.2 is very straightforward and works very well. He indicated there should be a calibrated model by the end of this year.

b) Bridging the Valley Status Report

A Bridging the Valley brochure has been printed and delivered to the Chamber of Commerce for distribution to the legislature.

c) Regional Concurrency

At this time no concurrency subcommittee has been formed.

d) STA Cooperative Projects

The SRTC Board and the STA Board approved the STA Cooperative projects at their March meetings. Gordon Howell of STA advised the jurisdictions that agreements will be sent out this week.

e) Home Interview Survey

Ed Hayes gave a presentation on the status of the Home Interview Survey. He indicated this survey was updating 20-year old data. NuStats, Inc. is the project contractor for this survey. They are in the process of sending out 5,000 letters to Spokane and Kootenai Counties with the hopes of getting 1200-1400 responses in Spokane and 600-700 in Kootenai County. They want to have the survey portion completed before school lets out and before major construction gears up in the area so the travel times are more consistent with the norm. The project milestones are as follows:

- April 18th Beginning of pilot test of survey in Spokane and Kootenai Counties and coordination with partner agencies
- May 3rd Travel day survey begins; press releases; data reduction and geocoding begins
- June 10th Travel day survey ends; begin report of findings
- June 30th Raw and GIS formatted data delivered to SRTC/KMPO
- July 15th Final report delivered and project complete

The next step will be to integrate the data into the regional travel demand model. The survey results will be used by SRTC and others to augment local and regional planning efforts.

7. Adjournment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 pm.

JUDY HAZARD
Recording Secretary