

MEETING MINUTES

Spokane Regional Transportation Council
Transportation Technical Committee
June 15, 2005
SRTC Office - Intermodal Center - Third Floor
Spokane, Washington

1. Call to Order.

Bob Brueggeman, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:34 pm.

2. Roll Call/Record of Attendance.

Tom Arnold	City of Spokane
Bob Brueggeman (Chair)	Spokane County
Larry Chatterton	WSDOT
Ron Edgar	SCAPCA
Gordon Howell	Spokane Transit Authority
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
Steve Worley	City of Spokane Valley

Guests/Alternates.

Mark Rohwer	WSDOT
Margaret Watson	CACT
Louis Meuler	City of Spokane

Staff.

Glenn Miles	Transportation Manager
Anna Ragaza-Bourassa	Transportation Planner
Tiffany Brooks	Public Ed & Info Coordinator
Judy Hazard	Administrative Assistant

3. Approval of May Meeting Minutes.

Larry Chatterton made a motion to approve the May 18, 2005 meeting minutes. Ron Edgar seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

4. Technical Member Comments.

Larry Chatterton advised the members that WSDOT has had several personnel changes. Ted Trepanier has moved to Olympia to become the new State Traffic Engineer. Harold White will replace Ted Trepanier as the Maintenance and Traffic Engineer in Eastern Region. Harold will not start the actual job for a few more months as he has work to finish in his old position. Nobody has been named to replace Harold White as Program Manager at this point.

Keith Metcalf explained the statewide construction program as funded by the new revenue package. Eastern Region is planning the use of consultants to assist their delivery of the '05-'07 biennial program. He also gave an update on the construction schedule with the North Spokane Corridor and I-90.

Roger Krieger said Deer Park will be starting the Crawford Avenue project within the next two months. He also mentioned to WSDOT in particular that the Deer Park Fairground property has been sold and the Fairgrounds will be relocating to Clayton. This move will cause traffic problems on SR 395 at Montgomery Road.

Gordon Howell reported Susan Meyer has been hired as the new CEO of Spokane Transit Authority. They are working on their fall service change (bus signs, bus stops, route changes). The route change that includes the Monroe Street Bridge will not change until approximately two weeks after the Monroe Street Bridge reopens. Also they are working on their Six-year Transit Development Plan, which they hope to have adopted by their Board in July.

Jerry Sinclair gave an update on the Monroe Street Bridge. It is hoped it will open in September.

Tom Arnold gave a report on the pioneer coffin found under the area around I-90 and Third Avenue. He indicated that Dr. Sarah Keller, a forensic anthropologist at Eastern Washington University, did a wonderful job of determining the background of the coffin and what to do with it. The location where the coffin is buried will be declared a historical site. He talked about changes that will be made to Spokane County's Comprehensive Plan regarding land use development and transportation issues that will affect both the City and County. He said the City is working on several issues to do with the Kendall Yards (formerly Summit Properties) regarding several streets around Monroe. The developers are interested in finding solutions to potential transportation problems. The City has received policy direction on impact fees. They are

moving forward with an emergency ordinance to allow the draft fees and ordinance to be put in place for a 6-month period while a stakeholders' group is organized to develop an ordinance. If anyone is interested in being part of this group from a regional perspective, they are to contact Tom Arnold, City of Spokane. Mr. Arnold thanked the County for working with them on street closures to make it easier for the public to get around Spokane during construction season.

Don MacDonald gave an update on an issue from last month's meeting where a sub-contractor on their road and water project had declared bankruptcy. The contractor has been able to replace that sub-contractor with another firm. The City of Cheney passed an ordinance prohibiting disposal of debris on city streets (mud, rock, etc.); a development is planned northwest of the EWU Campus with about 100 homes; they are hoping to go out to bid with their arterial street improvement project; and they will be bringing their Transportation Improvement Program to their City Council on June 28th.

Mark Rohwer is working with three RTPOs on establishing criteria to prioritize enhancement projects. A call for enhancement projects will take place in July with Spokane getting approximately \$800,000 per year for three years.

Steve Worley indicated the STIP issue has been resolved. City of the Valley has received notice that federal funds have been released on one of their five submitted projects. They are still waiting for release of funds on the remaining projects. They are continuing to work with SRTC on the regional model and brought some data to SRTC today to assist in that regard.

Ron Edgar said that possibly EPA's review of the CO and PM10 Maintenance Plans should be completed in about a month. They will then go out for public comment. All the local sweeping and sanding plans have been reviewed. The City of Spokane and WSDOT have sent their end of season reports to SCAPCA; the remaining jurisdictions have until June 30th. Mr. Edgar gave an update on Inland Asphalt's asphalt pit on North Perry.

Bob Brueggeman reported that Spokane County's construction season is going well. They have had to cancel or delay several projects due to the concrete shortage and other reasons.

Louis Meuler indicated that by the end of 2006 all jurisdictions in Spokane County need to go through their land use plans and comprehensive plans and do a major update. As part of that process there will be a steering committee meeting held in late June or early July. A discussion point will be the substantial population increase that will need to be accommodated over the next 20 years.

Margaret Watson reported that the CACT was to have received a presentation on Commute Trip Reduction but the presenter got sick and the meeting was

anceled.

5. New Business.

a) Intermountain Demographics

Glenn Miles informed the TTC that he brought to the SRTC Board's attention the discussion from TTC regarding the use of an outside consultant to assist the GMA Steering Committee in looking at the OFM forecasts and the draft allocation of those forecasts. At that time, the Board authorized SRTC to enter into a contract with Intermountain Demographics to develop a 2030 forecast and then do a sub-allocation of that forecast down to jurisdiction and then down to transportation analysis zone level. Dale Rosebrock of Intermountain Demographics will be contacting all the jurisdictions and doing interviews with the development community in developing his forecasts.

6. Old Business.

a) VISUM Model Update

PTV America sent their Annual Maintenance Agreement billing showing each jurisdiction's portion. Included this year in the maintenance agreement is the yearly training fee. This amount is embedded in the agreement. Regarding the model update, SRTC is waiting for the results of the Home Interview Survey. SRTC is continuing to work with the City of Spokane Valley. Employment Security has been asked for 2004 (latest available year) discrete employer analysis. Each employer can be placed into each Transportation Analysis Zone.

b) Bridging the Valley

An archeological campsite was found near the Spokane River and the State Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation asked that additional site investigation be done in order to determine if it is a campsite with historical significance. At the June SRTC Board meeting last week, the Board authorized \$46,709 in supplemental funds to HDR Engineering to complete the additional work. This work should be completed in 30-45 days. With the completion of this step the 106 Report is in its final drafting stage, the 404 Permit for the two Class 4 Wetlands has been completed, and the lead agency status has transitioned from the City of Spokane to WSDOT Eastern Region for the Havana Street overpass. The money for the overpass should be obligated shortly and HDR will then be given notice to proceed. The reauthorization bill is in the conference committee and it is hoped that this project will receive some funding. Glenn Miles met with BNSF last week and will meet with UP tomorrow.

c) Regional Concurrency

The first meeting of the regional concurrency subcommittee will be on June 24th at 1 pm in Conference Room 2B at the City of Spokane. Jeff Selle of the Chamber of Commerce has asked to attend the meetings.

d) Home Interview Survey

The drive days for the survey were completed June 10th. Nustats indicated they over sampled both Spokane and Kootenai Counties with almost 11,000 letters being sent out. Nustats will have the data back to SRTC by June 30th.

7. Adjournment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:23 pm.

JUDY HAZARD
Recording Secretary