

MEETING MINUTES

Spokane Regional Transportation Council
Transportation Technical Committee
September 21, 2005
SRTC Office - Intermodal Center - Third Floor
Spokane, Washington

1. Call to Order.

Bob Brueggeman, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:40 pm.

2. Roll Call/Record of Attendance.

Tom Arnold.....	City of Spokane
Bob Brueggeman (Chair)	Spokane County
Ron Edgar	SCAPCA
Roger Krieger	City of Deer Park
Don MacDonald (Vice-Chair)	City of Cheney
John Mercer	City of Spokane
Keith Metcalf	WSDOT
Steve Worley.....	City of Spokane Valley

Guests/Alternates.

Steve Blaska (Alternate).....	Spokane Transit Authority
Bill Hemmings (Alternate).....	Spokane County
Louis Meuler (Alternate)	City of Spokane
Mark Rohwer (Alternate)	WSDOT
Scott Egger	City of Spokane
Val Melvin.....	City of Spokane
Katherine Miller	City of Spokane
Mary Ann Ulik.....	Downtown Spokane Partnership

Staff.

Ed Hayes.....	Sr. Transportation Planner
Eve Nelson.....	Sr. Transportation Planner
Anna Ragaza-Bourassa	Transportation Air Quality Planner
Jessica Hill	Transportation Planner
Deb LaCombe	Transportation Planner
Judy Hazard	Administrative Assistant

3. Approval of August Meeting Minutes.

Keith Metcalf made a motion to approve the August 17, 2005 meeting minutes. Mark Rohwer seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

4. Old Business.

a) VISUM Model Update

PTV America staff was in Spokane September 9th. They are working on updates with the City of Spokane Valley and SRTC. Discussions are underway with PTV for some longer-term work they might be doing to incorporate some data and add mode choice into the model set over the course of the next year.

b) Bridging the Valley

An Agreement between the City of Spokane and WSDOT for the Havana Street crossing was approved at the City Council meeting last Monday night.

c) Regional Concurrency

A Preliminary Draft of a Request for Proposals to conduct a study assessing the feasibility of the regional transportation concurrency system in Spokane was provided to all the TTC members for either discussion or approval to move forward to the SRTC Board.

Tom Arnold made a motion to move the Request for Proposals forward to the SRTC Board after allowing for minor comments/changes to be made by October 3, 2005. Don MacDonald seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

5. New Business.

a) Transportation Enhancement Project Selection

SRTC issued a call for projects for the FFY 2004-2006 Statewide Transportation Enhancements Program of which \$2.4 million is allocated for projects in the Spokane region. Applications were accepted until September 9, 2005.

The TTC members were given a choice of scoring options for the applications received. They chose to have SRTC score the projects based on the answers provided on the applications using the evaluation criteria provided to the jurisdictions. The project priority array as follows was presented to the TTC at today's meeting to help the committee decide which projects to recommend to the SRTC board for submittal to the State Transportation Enhancement Committee.

After discussion regarding the SRTC prioritized list, it was agreed that the TTC would approve the projects at the top part of the list down to "Top Projects Total" and include Cheney in that list also. Therefore, the projects approved at this point will be:

Chamber of Commerce	Ped. and Bicycle Education & Safety Program
City of Spokane	Hazel Creek Ped. Path & Bikeway w/Sidewalk
Spokane County	Ben Burr Pathway
City of Spokane	Perry Street Enhancements-Phase 2
Airway Heights	Highway 2 Pedestrian Crossing
City of Spokane	West Broadway
Spokane County	Midway/Little Spokane Pathway
City of Cheney	SR 904 Street Enhancement

Tom Arnold made a motion to approve the above list from the top down to and including City of Cheney. Roger Krieger seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Roger Krieger made a motion to partially fund WSDOT's Harvard Pedestrian Bridge project for the remainder of the available funding in the amount of \$304,203. Don MacDonald seconded the motion, which didn't pass. The vote was four for the motion and six against the motion.

John Mercer made a motion to also approve the City of Fairfield's Main and Tickner Pedestrian Safety project for \$16,617. Don MacDonald seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Keith Metcalf made a motion to also approve the City of Spokane Valley's 44th Avenue Pathway project for \$16,500. Steve Worley seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Don MacDonald made a motion to partially fund the City of Spokane's Hillyard Transportation Museum project for the remainder of the available funding in the amount of \$271,086. John Mercer seconded the motion. The motion was approved with one nay vote by Ron Edgar.

Full Chart of Selected Projects for SRTC Target Allocation

Applicant & Sponsor	Selected Project Title	Funds Requested	Total Cost
Selected projects meeting SRTC Target Allocation			
Chamber of Commerce & Spokane County	Ped. and Bicycle Education & Safety Program	\$250,000	\$250,000
City of Spokane	Hazel Creek Ped. Path & Bikeway w/Sidewalk	\$145,275	\$2,720,000
Spokane County	Ben Burr Pathway	\$597,648	\$806,826
City of Spokane	Perry Street Enhancements-Phase 2	\$225,000	\$500,000
Airway Heights & WSDOT	Highway 2 Pedestrian Crossing	\$34,425	\$34,425
City of Spokane	West Broadway Street Enhancements	\$294,450	\$351,118
Spokane County	Midway/Little Spokane Pathway	\$348,999	\$370,247
City of Cheney & WSDOT	SR 904 Street Enhancements	\$200,000	\$276,200
City of Fairfield & WSDOT	Main and Tickner Ped. Safety	\$16,617	\$207,718
City of Spokane Valley & WSDOT	44th Avenue Pathway	\$16,500	\$222,500
City of Spokane	Hillyard Transportation Museum	\$271,086	\$519,630
Total of Prioritized Projects for RTPPO Competition		\$2,400,000	
Projects for Statewide Competition			
WSDOT	Harvard Pedestrian Bridge	\$380,000	\$737,000
Spokane County	Hatch Road Pathway (North Spokane)	\$726,769	\$969,592
WA State University & City of Spokane	Downtown Bike Parking	\$99,996	\$99,996
City of Spokane	Hazel Creek Wetland	\$140,400	\$2,720,000
City of Spokane	Hazel Creek Pond	\$99,515	\$2,720,000

6. Technical Member Comments.

The TIP was made available to the TTC members.

Ron Edgar stated the repeal of the oxygenated fuel passed SCAPCA's Board of Directors on September 1st. There is now no requirement for oxygenated gasoline in Spokane County this winter. He also advised the members that the Executive Director of SCAPCA, Eric Skelton, has resigned as of the end of September. An interim executive director will be appointed at their September 26th Board meeting. He reported that Inland Asphalt and Central Premix have sued SCAPCA for legal costs and loss of business due to delays in permit issuance on the North Perry Pit. Spokane Rock Products has an appeal on their issue.

Steve Blaska distributed Spokane Transit's Maps and Frequency Information for their Fall 2005 Service Plan. This shows an overview of the new routes and any changes made. Their new service goes into effect on October 16th.

Don MacDonald met with the Traffic Corridor Safety Committee on SR 904. Cheney was hoping to get the Committee to expand their mission to include efforts to widen SR 904 but they were reticent to do that as they are more set up for short-term projects geared more toward education etc. The SR 904 project is winding down and is a very successful project.

Roger Krieger indicated Deer Park is working on getting the project done they received funding for during the last call for projects. Due to the time of year, they moved the project to 2006.

Tom Arnold thanked the community and all those who participated in the festivities for the Monroe Street Bridge reopening. He said the contractors had done an excellent job of rebuilding it. He said that the Wellesley and A roundabout also opened last weekend and works very well. The City of Spokane hopes to have Maple Street (Wellesley to Francis) open by the end of September. He said they are winding down and nearing completion on several more projects. He said the City of Spokane thanks everyone for their patience during this past construction season.

Keith Metcalf said WSDOT hopes to have traffic switched over on the I-90 project in October but the project will not be completed until spring. The remainder of their projects are doing well. WSDOT should have a Program Manager selected this week and have had a large response for their Environmental Manager position.

Steve Worley said that since the last TTC meeting, the Valley has had a public meeting as well as other meetings regarding the Valley Corridor project. They are at the point where they will start putting together different alternatives for dealing with traffic and congestion along that corridor.

Mark Rohwer indicated WSDOT received money from developers for improvements

at the Medical Lake Interchange so they are in the process of analyzing the interchange for future improvements (signals and/or roundabouts). They will be meeting with Spokane County later in the month to discuss the possible improvements.

Bob Brueggeman gave an update on the status of the Regal Street project - asphalt surface in the Spring; Palouse Highway – work ongoing; Bigelow Gulch – should be complete in mid-October; Country Homes – waiting to pave.

7. Adjournment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 pm.

JUDY HAZARD
Recording Secretary