

**MEETING MINUTES**

Spokane Regional Transportation Council  
Transportation Technical Committee  
October 18, 2006  
SRTC Office - Intermodal Center - Third Floor  
Spokane, Washington

**1. Call to Order.**

Don MacDonald, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:34 pm.

**2. Roll Call/Record of Attendance.**

Bob Brueggeman .....	Spokane County
Ron Edgar .....	SCAPCA
Mike Gribner .....	WSDOT
Roger Krieger .....	City of Deer Park
Don MacDonald (Chair) .....	City of Cheney
John Mercer .....	City of Spokane
Katherine Miller .....	City of Spokane
Inga Note .....	City of Spokane Valley
Harold White .....	WSDOT
Steve Worley .....	City of Spokane Valley

**Guests/Alternates.**

Louis Meuler .....	City of Spokane
Bob Turner .....	City of Spokane
Bill Hemmings .....	Spokane County
Mary Ann Ulik .....	Downtown Spokane Partnership

**Staff.**

Ed Hayes .....	Sr. Transportation Planner
Staci Lehman .....	Pub. Info/Ed. Coordinator
Val Melvin .....	Traffic Engineer
Judy Hazard .....	Administrative Assistant

**3. Approval of September Meeting Minutes.**

**Bob Brueggeman made a motion to approve the September 20, 2006 meeting minutes. Steve Worley seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.**

#### **4. Old Business.**

##### **a) Call for Projects**

Each of the TTC members received a packet of the applications received for the STP/CMAQ Call for Projects for their review and comments. SRTC staff is scoring the projects and will make a spreadsheet of the scores available to the TTC at a later date. Discussion will take place regarding the projects and the scoring at the November TTC meeting. The draft prioritized list will be given to the SRTC Board for their consideration at their December meeting.

##### **b) Street Standards**

Val Melvin reported she distributed the draft spreadsheets compiled from information received from the jurisdictions regarding street standards to the SRTC Board last week. She gave the TTC members a revised draft document showing the comparison of a full width roadway section cost comparison for a typical urban local access street for various jurisdictions.

The sub-committee will be meeting again with their results being brought to the TTC. When the TTC has finalized this study they will take their recommendation to the Board.

##### **c) Concurrency Update**

Bucher, Willis & Ratliff (BWR) presented Technical Memorandum #6 (Criteria for Identifying Regional Transportation Facilities) and #7 (Technical Aspects of a Regional Concurrency Review Process) to SRTC. Memo #6 outlines the planning tools that would be appropriate for use in a regional concurrency system. It provides an estimate of resources required for implementing a regional concurrency management system. Memo #7 fulfills Task #8 of the Regional Concurrency Study. This involved defining the criteria for identifying regional transportation facilities that are appropriate for inclusion in a regional concurrency management system. Comments on Tech Memo 6 and/or 7 should be sent to Ed Hayes as soon as possible.

BWR has just completed interviewing elected officials and is finishing interviewing stakeholders in the community. This will enable them to finish Tech Memo #5 (Political and Socio-Economic Analysis) which SRTC should be receiving in the next week. They are finishing interviewing stakeholders in the community. This will enable them to finish Tech Memo #5 (Political and Socio-Economic Analysis) which SRTC should have in the next week. They have also added Tech Memo #8 (Local Perspectives on Concurrency), which should also be received in the next week or two. It is anticipated the final report of this study should be to SRTC by the end of the month.

Ed Hayes has been doing presentations regarding concurrency at the local level at several locations in the region and state.

#### **d) 2007-2010 Transportation Improvement Program**

The TTC was advised the SRTC Board approved the 2007-2010 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) at their October meeting. The air quality analysis required by federal statute has been completed and the emissions budget has not been exceeded for PM 10 or CO. Once the TIP has been adopted it will go to WSDOT and then to FHWA for approval. The current Call for Projects will be amended into the TIP once the projects are prioritized and approved.

#### **5. Technical Member Comments.**

Ron Edgar stated the EPA released the federal standards for PM at the end of September. He explained what the new standards are. Also, SCAPCA is initiating a new voluntary woodstove curtailment program. The mandatory woodstove curtailment trigger value is 35 mcg of PM 2.5. The voluntary curtailment trigger value will be 30 mcg. There will be no enforcement of the voluntary curtailment. It will be spread by the media as a public awareness program.

John Mercer said most of the City of Spokane's projects are finished. There are still a couple that are near completion.

Inga Note gave an update on the Valley's projects.

Roger Krieger indicated Deer Park's projects are mostly finished and came in under budget and on time.

Steve Worley said the open house for the Pines/Mansfield went well and they received good responses for the Valley's first roundabout. He said the Appleway project has been broken into two phases with construction to start next year. A public workshop for the Valley Corridor Project will be held on November 30<sup>th</sup>. The topic will be Circulation and Transportation.

Bob Brueggeman reported the County is finishing up their projects for the season. They have opened bids on several projects and are now getting good bids. He also advised that Ross Kelley has retired from Spokane County as the County Engineer and Bob has been named as Acting County Engineer.

Mike Gribner asked about the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), which must be adopted by July 2007. He indicated WSDOT was interested in working with SRTC on the process of the MTP. The other TTC members agreed they would like to be involved also. After discussion, the TTC formed a committee to provide input on the update of the MTP in terms of the general layout of the

document and more specifically in terms of projects to include the next iteration of the MTP. The following people will be on the committee:

Steve Worley – City of Spokane Valley  
Bill Hemmings – Spokane County  
Katherine Miller – City of Spokane  
Roger Krieger – Representing Small Towns  
Don MacDonald – Representing Small Towns  
Representative from WSDOT's Planning Office (unknown at this time)

Louis Meuler said the City of Spokane is not proposing any Comprehensive Plan updates for the urban growth area. They are looking at this taking place in 2007. Also, there is an ongoing Transportation Study of the University District and Downtown Spokane. The City of Spokane will be re-examining impact fee discussions in the next two months.

Harold White reported the Spokane Regional Transportation Management Center (SRTMC) is developing a new Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Plan for the Spokane area. It is anticipated they will have a final draft from the consultant in the next few weeks. SRTMC has a new website ([www.srtmc.org](http://www.srtmc.org)) with traffic flow maps, cameras, traffic information, etc. which has been in development for the past two years. If the members have any input on the website please send comments to Harold. A press release is expected in the near future.

Bob Turner indicated a Request for Proposals went out for Division Street last week. A track camera is in place to observe pedestrian movements on Division. The City of Spokane is working with Gonzaga University on a pedestrian crossing on Hamilton. A City Council Member requested the City study an area bounded by Rockwood, Grand, 37<sup>th</sup>, and Southeast Boulevard. Parking has been added on Washington Street (Second to Spokane Falls Blvd.) Mr. Turner will be in meetings tomorrow with vendors who are trying to sell the City a red light running program. Harold White requested that the City should coordinate with WSDOT if they do get a red light running program and if they do put cameras on WSDOT signals as they have certain agreements that must be agreed to.

Don MacDonald stated Cheney entered into an Interlocal Agreement with Eastern Washington University to help finance some of the costs for the Cheney Arterial Street Project. The consultants have been retained to do the design for the SR 904 Enhancement project.

Ed Hayes reported SRTC Transportation Planner, Jessica Hill, will be leaving SRTC at the end of October. Also, Mr. Hayes is in discussion with PTV to come to the final meeting of the travel demand model to close out that project.

**6. New Business.**

No new business was presented at that time.

**7. Adjournment.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:20 pm.

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JUDY HAZARD  
Recording Secretary