

MEETING MINUTES

Spokane Regional Transportation Council
Transportation Technical Committee
September 20, 2006
SRTC Office - Intermodal Center - Third Floor
Spokane, Washington

1. Call to Order.

Don MacDonald, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

2. Roll Call/Record of Attendance.

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| Tom Arnold | City of Spokane |
| 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 |
| Harold White | WSDOT |
| Steve Worley | City of Spokane Valley |

Guests/Alternates.

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| Charlene Kay | WSDOT |
| Louis Meuler | City of Spokane |
| Ryan Stewart | STA |
| Bob Turner..... | City of Spokane |

Staff.

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| Ed Hayes | Sr. Transportation Planner |
| Jessica Hill | Transportation Planner |
| Staci Lehman | Public Info/ Education Coordinator |
| Jenny Wash | Administrative Assistant |

3. Approval of August Meeting Minutes.

Ron Edgar made a motion to approve the August 16, 2006 meeting minutes. Mike Gribner seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

4. Old Business.

a) Concurrency Update

BWR provided a timeline for the next several technical memos to be sent to SRTC. Tech Memos 5, 6, 7, and an outline of the Final Report are in process and should be received in the next week. They met with local elected officials and organizations on September 6th and additional interviews will take place via phone. Tech Memo #8 will be added as an additional memo and will include the information gathered during the interviews with local elected officials. The interviews are being scheduled and it is anticipated they will be conducted within the next two weeks. Tech Memo #8 will be prepared immediately after the interviews are completed.

b) Bridging the Valley

Tom Arnold requested an update on the Havana Street Bridge. Charlene Kay reported WSDOT is reviewing documentation submitted by a consultant, which will be then given to Katherine Miller at the City of Spokane requesting right-of-way funds. Approximately 65% of the design work is completed; the environmental documentation was approved in August; and a construction maintenance agreement is being prepared for Burlington Northern.

c) Street Standards

Val Melvin, SRTC staff, prepared a draft spreadsheet showing comparisons of street standards of Cheney, Deer Park, Spokane County, City of Spokane Valley, Liberty Lake, City of Spokane, Medical Lake, and Airway Heights. She also prepared a draft spreadsheet showing a cost comparison for building a full width roadway section for a typical urban local access street for one mile. These spreadsheets were distributed to the TTC members. They were asked to review and comment on the information with the comments directed to Val Melvin. The objective of this review is to ultimately see if some sort of uniform approach for street standards can be reached across the jurisdictions.

d) 2006 Call for Projects

The Call for Projects is out with applications due to SRTC by 5:00 pm on September 27th. Everyone was reminded to fill out the certification page for each project and have it signed by the appropriate official. Once the applications have been received SRTC staff will review them and then they will be taken to the

TTC for evaluation and review. Once this is completed they will go to the SRTC Board for approval.

5. Technical Member Comments.

Louis Meuler gave an update on the progress of the regional comprehensive plan updates of all the jurisdictions. They have been meeting on a transportation related review of the new proposed number Spokane County has given to all the jurisdictions on the allocation. This is a substantial increase to that which the jurisdictions thought they were to be planning for as far as population and employment.

Charlene Kay reported there will be a public meeting in October for the Havana Street project at the Spokane County Fairgrounds.

Steve Worley said the Valley is just finishing up their projects. They will be holding an open house on their Pines/Mansfield project in a few weeks. Their sub-area plan consultant for the Appleway-Sprague Corridor, presented information to the City Council last week identifying a location for the Valley's new city center. They received approval to move forward with evaluating the rest of the corridor now they have the city center location identified.

Bob Brueggeman gave an update on the County's road construction projects.

Tom Arnold indicated the City of Spokane has hired a new traffic engineer, Ray Wright. The City just adopted a new residential development code and have been working on redoing their standards and supplemental specifications which should be coming out in the next month. Street trees are an issue they are looking at.

Harold White reported the Operations Board for the Spokane Regional Transportation Management Center (SRTMC) has been working at updating the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Plan for the Spokane Area. The original ITS Plan was created in 2000 and was updated in 2004 and it is being rewritten at this time. They are tentatively scheduling a presentation to the TTC for November.

Mike Gribner said WSDOT has had some large financial requests in for the NSC Corridor. The Office of Financial Management has given them the green light to move forward with the NSC. Most of WSDOT's projects are winding down except for the NSC bridge project, which is gearing up (foundation work, starts of footings and columns). In the NSC project he said that there were two main projects, each one having phases or stages. The bridge project is the third stage in the first project and there is one more project to do. Due to financial difficulties, they have decided to break that project into three smaller projects. Instead of one large \$75 million contract they can go out with three small

contracts for about \$25-\$30 million each and do them consecutively. Mr. Gribner also reported that a lot of comments were received at the Spokane County Fair regarding the SR 195 Corridor and will be coming out with a position as to where they stand on this in the next several weeks.

One of the issues that received considerable discussion amongst the members had to do with state funding allocations to the region and the need for the region to press for funding to address projects that are significant not just regionally but also at the statewide level and beyond. It was noted that the global gateway concept was one way for the region to make the case to the legislature to provide funding commensurate with the transportation needs of the area.

Katherine Miller said the City of Spokane is compiling its funding applications.

Ron Edgar indicated the new PM 2.5 standards will be out September 27th. It is not known if anything will be changed from the original proposal. He said wildfire smoke has been coming into the area for the past few weeks and has made Spokane's air quality numbers high. The State has awarded the contract for the Public Entity Diesel Retrofit Program. SCAPCA will be contacting certain jurisdictions regarding possible funding for some diesel retrofit out of some extra school bus retrofit money. This spring, SCAPCA is planning to have a 3-day workshop on public involvement. It is entitled "How to Communicate, Listen, and Work with Our Public". Details will be given as they are known.

Bob Turner said the City has chosen the consultant for the Division Street RFP. Also, they are working with the 5-Mile Shopping Center regarding a different island-type configuration in front of the shopping center on SR-291 due to traffic accidents in that area. Also, the City now has a new Bicycle Advisory Board. Mr. Turner gave an update on the City's road projects. They are trying to work with the City Council and the neighbors on an area on the South Hill bounded by Grand, 37th, Southeast, and Rockwood as there are a lot of issues going on in that area.

Ryan Stewart said STA has kicked off their 2020 Comprehensive Transit Plan with their consultant Nelson Nygaard. They will be addressing several difficult downtown issues.

6. New Business.

a) 2007-2010 Transportation Improvement Program

Staci Lehman, SRTC staff, reported that she and Mike Gribner hosted the TIP meeting last night and had only two people attend. The TIP is still out for public comment with comments due to SRTC by October 9th.

7. Adjournment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 pm.

JUDY HAZARD
Recording Secretary