

MEETING MINUTES

Spokane Regional Transportation Council
Transportation Technical Committee
May 16, 2007
SRTC Office - Intermodal Center - Third Floor
Spokane, Washington

1. Call to Order.

Tom Arnold, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm.

2. Roll Call/Record of Attendance.

Tom Arnold (Chair).....	City of Spokane
Bob Brueggeman	Spokane County
Ron Edgar	SCAPCA
Mike Frucci.....	WSDOT
Gordon Howell	Spokane Transit Authority
Roger Krieger	City of Deer Park
John Mercer	City of Spokane
Katherine Miller	City of Spokane
Inga Note	City of Spokane Valley
John Pederson	Spokane County
Harold White	WSDOT
Steve Worley (Vice Chair)	City of Spokane Valley

Guests.

Paul Kropp	Moran Prairie N.C.
Jim Dingfield.....	CH2MHill

Staff.

Val Melvin	SRTMC Traffic Engineer
Stacy Lehman	Pub. Info/Ed Coord.
Anna Ragaza-Bourassa	AQ Transportation Planner
Debbie LaCombe	Transportation Planner II
Deborah Napier.....	Transportation Planner II
Judy Hazard.....	Administrative Assistant

3. Approval of April Meeting Minutes.

Steve Worley made a motion to approve the April 18, 2007 meeting minutes. Harold White seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

4. Old Business

a) Concurrency Update

Val Melvin indicated SRTC is continuing to give presentations on the Concurrency Study findings to local agencies and others. They are working to get the private sector involved also. A presentation was given to the City of Spokane Planning Commission and Growth Management Steering Committee. Other agencies will receive presentations as requested.

It is anticipated that a recommendation on the next steps to be undertaken will be brought to the Board in July.

b) East Valley/West Rathdrum Prairie (EV/WRP) Transportation Study

Deborah Napier reported a second public meeting will be held the first week of June for the EV/WRP Transportation Study. SRTC is working with Spokane County and Kootenai County to get out land use numbers for 2015. Once these numbers have been received they will be put into the model. A scoping meeting will be set up shortly.

Regarding the demand model, Val Melvin advised she got back the updated model with the revised capacities just this morning. It is hoped it will be out in the next two weeks.

c) Comp Plan Amendment Checklist

Debbie LaCombe gave a presentation on the draft Comp Plan Amendment Checklist. She has received several comments from the County and responded to them in the presentation. This was followed by discussion among the TTC members. It was suggested that a descriptive addendum accompany the checklist with an explanation and example of the items on the checklist and also that a workshop be scheduled.

SRTC will have a draft addendum available at the next TTC meeting. At that time a date will be scheduled for a workshop.

5. Technical Member Comments.

Ron Edgar reported that May is National Clean Air Month. Also, SCAPCA is in the middle of a name change which will be final June 3rd. They will then be called Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency. Mr. Edgar reminded the members that letters will be sent out in June regarding sweeping the streets.

Katherine Miller said the City of Spokane is focusing on their 6-Year Street Program.

Steve Worley indicated the Valley is also working on their 6-Year Program. The Valley is having an open house today at CenterPlace for the joint Valley/WSDOT Sullivan Road Project. Sullivan between Mission and Indiana will be closed for 3 weeks during July.

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

Mike Frucci reported on the status of the Viaduct project, which started Monday. All the traffic has been moved to the south side of the viaduct. There have been a few problems so far, one of them being the eastbound Division off-ramp. If it continues to back up onto the freeway it may need to be closed down. He also thanked Tom Arnold for his years of work to the region.

John Pederson thanked Val Melvin for her presentation to the Growth Management Steering Committee this morning.

Harold White stated he attended a Washington Traffic Safety Commission meeting on Highway 27 Corridor (Trent to Rockford) regarding corridor collisions. This deals with safety concerns that would be operational changes not capacity changes. There will be more meetings in this regard and if anyone is interested they should contact Mr. White.

Tom Arnold is leaving the City of Spokane and going into the private sector. He advised that Scott Egger will be the interim Director of Engineering Services for the City. Mr. Arnold said he is extremely happy with the Street Bond Program and appreciates the coordination the jurisdictions have given to make it happen so smoothly. He also gave an update on the City's construction season. He indicated there are \$24 million in projects bid this year. Impact Fees are a priority for the City at this time; details are available at www.spokaneengineering.org. They hope to get this out to the public process in June.

6. New Business.

a) TIP Amendment (Projects to be Added)

The members were asked to identify any projects they have that need to be amended into the Transportation Improvement Program. These must be received by SRTC by next week.

Also, the members discussed visualization that is now required by Safetea-LU legislation in both the TIP and the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).

b) Election of Officers

As this is the last meeting Tom Arnold, TTC Chair, will be attending, it is necessary to hold another election of officers.

John Pederson made a motion to elect Steve Worley (who is the current vice-chair) as chair of the TTC for the remainder of 2007. Harold White seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Mike Frucci made a motion to elect Mike Gribner vice-chair of the TTC for the remainder of 2007. John Mercer seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

7. Adjournment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:33 pm.

JUDY HAZARD
Recording Secretary