

MEETING MINUTES

Spokane Regional Transportation Council
Transportation Technical Committee
August 15, 2007
SRTC Office - Intermodal Center - Third Floor
Spokane, Washington

1. Call to Order.

Steve Worley, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:32 pm and introduced the guests at the meeting.

2. Roll Call/Record of Attendance.

Bob Brueggeman	Spokane County
Ron Edgar	Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency
Mike Gribner (Vice Chair)	WSDOT
Gordon Howell	STA
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 (Chair)	City of Spokane Valley

Guests/Alternates.

Gloria Bennett	Transportation Improvement Board
Keith Martin	WSDOT
Louis Meuler.....	City of Spokane
Dale Smith	

Staff.

Val Melvin.....	SRTMC Traffic Engineer
Debbie LaCombe	Transportation Planner II
Deborah Napier	Transportation Planner II
Jeff Selle	Manager of Transportation Relations
Judy Hazard	Administrative Assistant

3. Approval of July Meeting Minutes.

Bob Brueggeman made a motion to approve the July 18, 2007 meeting minutes. John Mercer seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

4. Old Business.

a) Regional Transportation Concurrency Update

Presentations have been made to City of Spokane, City of Spokane Valley, and the State House Local Government Committee. Airway Heights, Cheney, and Liberty Lake presentations have all been scheduled. Once the presentations have all been made SRTC will return to the GMA Steering Committee.

b) East Valley/West Rathdrum Prairie Transportation Study Update

Staff is working with new ESD employment data for the Spokane side. They will grow that data and then distribute to jurisdictions for their review. Building permit data is almost completed. For the Kootenai side they are working with new data received from Post Falls. The goal is to have results some time next week.

c) Comp Plan Amendment Checklist (Training Status)

City of Spokane, Spokane Valley, and Liberty Lake technical staff have now attended a Comp Plan Amendment Checklist workshop. The training for the technical staff is now complete and staff will be meeting with the elected officials as the next step. There will be three workshops at this level which will explain the implications and why it is necessary and being proposed.

5. Technical Member Comments.

Several members gave their jurisdiction's construction update.

Harold White reported that Seattle has started a project similar in nature to Spokane's viaduct project. They used the lessons learned in Spokane's project and due to this, the project is going smoothly. The first day of the project, they had 50% fewer vehicles (approximately 60,000). He also said the SR 27 Traffic Safety Committee has had two planning meetings. They are in the planning stages now but intend for their findings to be brought to the public next year.

Bob Brueggeman advised the reason the traffic signal at Market and Magnesium is dark is due to issues they are having with BNSF.

Gordon Howell said STA has been working with the City of Spokane on a problem near Riverpark Square with buses blocking traffic. Also, he explained about a Park and Ride STA is planning to build near Spokane Community College. The property is being purchased from WSDOT. It is to be built next year and have approximately 600 parking stalls. They will have to work out the potential problem of students parking in the lot for free and leaving no spaces for the bus riders. Mr. Howell gave the status of the STA Cooperative Funding Call for Projects. It is anticipated it will be brought to the TTC in September and then approved by both the SRTC and STA Boards in October.

John Mercer reported that Eldon Brown is the new acting Planning Director for the City of Spokane. He anticipates there will be changes in the City of Spokane's TTC membership in the next month.

Katherine Miller reminded the TTC they were going to have a review of the applications and application process for the various funding call for projects to make sure the applications and criteria fit for all projects being submitted.

Ron Edgar of Spokane Clean Air asked Gordon Howell about the status of STA's bus retrofitting program. Mr. Howell indicated it was well under way.

Steve Worley gave an update on the City of Spokane Valley's city center quest. Nothing has been decided at this time.

6. New Business.

a) Regional Transportation Model Update 2015 and 2030

The 2030 model is being updated with data they just received this morning from Spokane County, WSDOT, and City of Spokane Valley. This is the final update to the 2030. The 2015 will be the 2030 network with inactive links for those 2030 differences.

The 2005 model was being held up for a short time in order to give PTV as clean a land use as is possible. The model is now with PTV for calibration with the new land use numbers.

Jeff Selle gave an update on the history of land use in the model and also explained the steps taken to make the land use information used in the model as accurate as possible.

7. Adjournment.

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

Judy Hazard
Recording Secretary