

MEETING MINUTES

Spokane Regional Transportation Council
Transportation Technical Committee
June 20, 2007
SRTC Office - Intermodal Center - Third Floor
Spokane, Washington

1. Call to Order.

Steve Worley, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

2. Roll Call/Record of Attendance.

Bob Brueggeman	Spokane County
Ron Edgar	Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency
Scott Egger	City of Spokane
Mike Frucci	WSDOT
Mike Gribner (Vice Chair).....	WSDOT
Ryan Stewart.....	Spokane Transit Authority
Don MacDonald.....	City of Cheney
John Mercer	City of Spokane
Katherine Miller	City of Spokane
Inga Note.....	City of Spokane Valley
Steve Worley (Chair)	City of Spokane Valley

Staff.

Glenn Miles	Transportation Manager
Stacy Lehman	Pub. Info/Ed Coord.
Eve Nelson	Sr. Transportation Planner
Debbie LaCombe	Transportation Planner II
Deborah Napier	Transportation Planner II
Jennifer Wash	Administrative Assistant

3. Approval of May Meeting Minutes.

John Mercer made a motion to approve the May 16, 2007 meeting minutes. Mike Frucci seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

4. Old Business.

a) Concurrency Update

Glenn Miles gave a PowerPoint presentation on Regional Concurrency that has been given to several planning commissions, the Growth Management Steering Committee,

etc. and will be given to will be given to the City of Spokane City Council, Cheney, City of Spokane Valley and Spokane County as well as other elected officials in the area and at the House & Local Government Committee meeting. Mr. Miles asked for and received comments from the TTC members regarding the presentation.

b) East Valley/West Rathdrum Prairie Transportation Study

Eve Nelson reported there would be a multi-jurisdictional study session on June 22nd. They will be discussing land use, modeling, and all the public comments received at the public meetings held in both Idaho and Washington.

Mr. Miles met with the City of Liberty Lake and Greenstone yesterday and they sent their newest land use plans to SRTC today. He is meeting with Centennial Properties tomorrow – Liberty Lake has been asked to attend. A letter was received from Sunburst Engineering with their proposal for Liberty Lake also. He asked for names of other developers working in that area so they could be notified.

Glenn Miles introduced Deborah Napier to the TTC Members. He indicated she has been working on the migration of both the Idaho and Washington models together. Ms. Napier gave an overview of her career and experience.

c) Comp Plan Amendment Checklist and Guide

Preparation of a Comp Plan Checklist Guide was requested by TTC at their last meeting. Debbie LaCombe provided a Guide to the members prior to the TTC meeting and asked that members come to the meeting prepared to discuss it. The SRTC Board has requested the Checklist be moved forward as fast as possible.

SRTC will be setting up workshops for jurisdictional staff to get a better understanding of the Checklist.

Steve Worley complimented the SRTC staff on both the content of the Checklist and Guide and the speed in which it was prepared.

Mike Gribner made a motion to approve the SRTC Checklist Guide and the Checklist for Comp Plan Amendments. Inga Note seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

5. Technical Member Comments.

Ron Edgar reported SCAPCA's name change to Spokane Clean Air Agency is now official.

Don MacDonald said Cheney is moving along on their arterial street project.

Katherine Miller brought up the Section 5307 (now STA Cooperative) funding. The City

of Spokane has a time issue with the Maple/Ash project scored in the original Call for Projects.

Bob Brueggeman said Spokane County is turning back approximately \$80,000 from their Windsor Drive/Lewis Drive Overlay project from the 2005 STA Cooperative Call for Projects to the new Call for Projects. The County's Hastings Rd. left-turn lane for the Park & Ride project scored #7 in the scoring. The County has a time issue on this project as WSDOT is starting a project at the intersection of Hastings & Hwy 395 where the left-turn lane is to be added. They do not want to disrupt traffic during two separate seasons. This project will also be brought before the STA Board to request approval for funding. This project also scored high on the original Call for Projects.

Mr. Miles gave an overview of the SRTC Board's decision regarding the Section 5307 Call for Projects at their meeting last week. They chose Option 1 from the April 12, 2007 Board Memorandum which allocates the \$26.5 million in Section 5307 funds to STA for Preventative Maintenance and Transit Enhancements. In consideration of that, the STA Board will provide \$10 million (\$2.5 million per year for 4 years 2008-2011) for transit related road projects that were scored in that process. Also, STA will possibly add an additional \$2.5 million for 2007 which will make \$12.5 million available for the STA Cooperative Road & Street Projects. Because the PTBA is going to be using their sales tax funds to support those transit related road projects SRTC agreed to reopen a limited call for Airway Heights, Medical Lake, and Cheney to submit applications. They will be scored on the same criteria the other jurisdictions were scored on and then inserted into the prior list of projects. It will be scored by a sub-committee and then brought before the TTC for review and then to the SRTC Board and STA Board.

Mike Frucci made a motion to approve the moving forward of the City of Spokane's Maple/Ash at Northwest Blvd. and Boone project and Spokane County's Hastings Rd. Left Turn Lane for Park & Ride project for STA funding prior to the conclusion of the STA Cooperative Call for Projects. John Mercer seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Several jurisdictions gave updates on their summer construction that is underway.

Mike Frucci stated WSDOT was holding an open house on June 28th at the East Central Community Center regarding the North Spokane Corridor.

Glenn Miles indicated Deb LaCombe is in the process of scheduling a Model Users Group meeting. Val Melvin is diligently working on making sure the new model is accurate in all aspects. The model is now within 2% of where it should be. A copy was delivered to WSDOT and it available on the FTP site.

Steve Worley said he would like to see PTV and DKS invited to participate in the Model User's Group meeting so the users of the VISUM model can get a better understanding of the changes made within the intersection delay functions and the capacities so the users can understand what was there before and what is there now. They can be on a

speaker-phone for the meeting if they are unable to physically attend. Mr. Miles indicated there has been staffing changes at PTV. Craig Helman, who SRTC has worked almost exclusively with on the model development is not longer with PTV and is now with WSDOT.

6. New Business.

a) Enhancement Funding Discussion

Eve Nelson indicated there has been another Call for Projects for Enhancement Projects which is very abbreviated. She distributed the SAFETEA-LU Transportation Enhancement Program – 2007 Call for Projects to the TTC members. This Call is limited to the projects submitted last year unless one of the projects was a PE project and the jurisdiction wants to bring that project forward to construction.

This region can submit three projects from the list (from last year) and it must be completed by September.

Discussion took place among the members about who had projects that met the criteria and would be submitting a project.

The City of Spokane project (Hillyard Transportation Museum) has been removed from the table and it is hoped the \$271,086 allocated for that project will be returned to the Spokane area available funds.

The jurisdictions affected by cost overruns were asked to submit a listing by the end of next week so they can be compiled in a spreadsheet.

b) Local Funding Options

This item was deferred to the July meeting.

c) Commute Trip Reduction

Eve Nelson distributed a handout regarding Commute Trip Reduction (CTR). She explained that the Commute Trip Reduction Efficiency Act was signed into law in March 2006. The law requires Regional Transportation Planning Organizations (RTPOs) to adopt a Regional CTR Plan. The CTR Plan is to be incorporated into the region's Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). A major new element of the Act is the local option to designate a Growth and Transportation Efficiency Center (GTEC). SRTC is responsible for setting the regional criteria for GTECs.

She explained what a GTEC is and said if selected, a GTEC would be eligible for some State funding for CTR programs above and beyond what other employers get. Spokane County is looking at submitting two GTECs for funding. One is Liberty Lake and the other the Spokane Central Business District.

The TTC was presented with the following draft criteria:

- At a minimum a GTEC must be within one or more incorporated jurisdictions.
- The GTEC must have a transportation network that includes at least one state facility within the jurisdiction or provides access to the jurisdiction and has a network of principal arterials.
- The GTEC must support at least 1000 employees within its boundaries to serve as a basis for successful commute trip reduction.

The TTC members agreed with the draft criteria which will now be forwarded on to the SRTC Board for approval.

7. Adjournment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Judy Hazard
Recording Secretary