

MEETING MINUTES

Spokane Regional Transportation Council
Transportation Technical Committee
February 25, 2009
SRTC Office - Intermodal Center - Third Floor
Spokane, Washington

1. Call to Order.

Gordon Howell, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm.

2. Roll Call/Record of Attendance.

Gordon Howell (Chair)	Spokane Transit Authority
Bob Brueggeman	Spokane County
Chad Coles	Spokane County
Harold White	WSDOT
Ron Edgar (Vice-Chair)	Spokane Clear Air Agency
Katherine Miller	City of Spokane
Steve Worley	City of Spokane Valley
Teresa Eckard	Spokane International Airport
Roger Krieger	City of Deer Park

Staff.

Glenn Miles	Transportation Manager
Jeff Selle	Transportation Relations Manager
Stacy Lehman	Public Info/Education Coordinator
Donna Lively	Administrative Secretary

Alternates and Guests.

Neil Kersten	City of Spokane Valley
Eldon Brown	City of Spokane
Todd Ableman	City of Cheney
Ross Kelley	HDR, Inc.
Paul Kropp	Neighborhood Alliance
Diana Wilhite	City of Spokane Valley

3. Stimulus Package Project Prioritization.

Glenn Miles provided an overview of the recently published stimulus funding amounts and project delivery schedule. He provided handouts, which included a draft of the local share of the stimulus fund distribution, and a copy of the WSDOT American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Project Report form.

Mr. Miles noted that additional funding could be made available from states unable to obligate all of their stimulus funds. He added that WSDOT has requested the names of those projects eligible for enhancement funding by this Friday, February 27.

The committee then began a review of the list of non-motorized projects eligible for enhancement funding. Katherine Miller requested that the Fish Lake Trail Project be considered. The project risks losing previously allocated state funds if additional funding is unavailable to complete the project. She noted that the \$308,679.00 stimulus enhancement funds would allow the city to complete a condensed version of the project, which would make it available for public use and enable project supporters to solicit and retain the funds they are required to secure toward the project. The committee agreed that the project is regionally significant, is ready for construction, and is important from the standpoint of retaining state funding and securing future funding.

Steve Worley made a motion to recommend allocating the \$308,679.00 stimulus enhancement funds to the City of Spokane's Fish Lake Trail project. Roger Krieger seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

The committee then reviewed bridge work, reconstruction, reconstruction-widening, and resurfacing projects in light of their ad-readiness, regional relevance, and ability to create jobs with the following local share distribution criteria: jurisdictions with a population greater than 200,000 will receive \$7,794,050, jurisdictions with a population greater less than 200,000 will receive \$1,631,838, and smaller rural areas will receive \$673,750. Jurisdictions were asked to identify their top two projects. Based on committee discussion and consideration, the following projects were identified to receive federal stimulus funding:

>200,000 Population (\$7,794,050)

City of Spokane:	Havana St. Bridge 5 Mile Rd.
City of Spokane Valley:	Sprague Ave. #1
Spokane County:	Rutter Pkwy. 5 Mile + Strong Rd.

<200,000 Population (\$1,631,838) + residual TMA

City of Deer Park:	Crawford Ave. Phase V
City of Cheney:	Spangle Rd. (pending information) (\$.70)

<5,000 Population (\$673,750)

Small Town Projects pending confirmation to certify the ability to respond in 120 days to advertisement

Because of the stipulation that unobligated funds would be returned to the federal government for reallocation, and given the possibility that additional funding may be received, the committee developed an alternate list of projects eligible for funding:

Alternate Projects:

City of Spokane:	Wellesley from Assembly to Driscoll
City of Spokane Valley:	Sprague Ave. #2
Spokane County	Argonne
City of Cheney	Arterial St. Preservation Project

Roger Krieger made a motion to accept the reprioritized list of projects, and alternate projects, and forward this recommendation to the Board for approval. Katherine Miller seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:11 pm.

Donna Lively
Recording Secretary