

AGENCY CHANGES

New SRTC Office

SRTC made a big change in early 2016, with a move to a new office in March. After 16 years in the Spokane Intermodal Center, SRTC moved to the fifth floor of the Paulsen Center in downtown Spokane to be more centrally located and save money on lease expenses.

Staff settled into the new office over the year and is now looking at another office change- adding an additional conference room. In order to accommodate meetings with an increasing number of attendees, SRTC has leased additional space right next door to the current office to be made into a conference room. The room is unfinished at this time and is expected to be completed in April of 2017.

This change will allow for more meetings to take place at one time and more people to participate. SRTC Board, Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) and Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), meetings will be held in the new space.

New Management

SRTC is in the midst of a management change. At the end of 2016, Executive Director of five years, Kevin Wallace, resigned his position at SRTC to pursue personal interests. Senior Transportation Planner Ryan Stewart was named Interim Executive Director through at least March 2017 while a nationwide search is conducted for a permanent director.

The lineup of other SRTC staff members remains the same going into 2017.



SRTC staff at the beginning of 2017, from left to right: Amanda Mansfield, Kevin Shipman, Wayne Anderson, Anna Ragaza-Bourassa, Julie Meyers-Lehman, Sylvia Ferrin, Ryan Stewart (back), Greg Griffin, Staci Lehman (seated) and Eve Nelson.

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2016 Year in Review

The Spokane Regional Transportation Council (SRTC) is the lead agency for transportation planning for the area covered by Spokane County.

SRTC encourages coordination and collaboration between planning and transportation departments at member agencies and Tribes and conducts transportation studies, air quality analysis, provides geographic information services and travel demand modeling.

SRTC also ensures that transportation expenditures are distributed to local transportation projects and programs in a fair and equitable way.

Member agencies include the City of Spokane, Spokane Valley, Spokane County, the Washington State Department of Transportation, Spokane Transit, the Spokane Airport Board, the Washington State Transportation Commission, and small cities and towns.

This report summarizes SRTC's accomplishments in 2016.



SRTC 2016 Board



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Vice Chair
City of Cheney



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Transportation Technical
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Freight/Rail Representative
(Ex Officio)



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Spokane County



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Mike Gribner)
WSDOT



Mike Gribner (Shared
with Mike Frucci)
WSDOT



Council Member
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City of Spokane



Kitty Klitzke
TAC Chair (Ex Officio)



Lawrence Krauter
Spokane Airports



Nancy McLaughlin
Spokane County
Commissioner



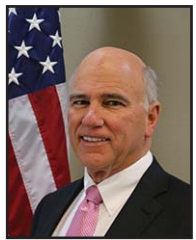
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Ed Pace
City of Spokane Valley



Mayor Steve Peterson
Liberty Lake



Larry Stone, SCAFCO
Major Employer
Representative



Joe Tortorelli
WA State Transportation
Commission

IN MEMORIAM

SRTC's Board and staff were saddened by the passing of Board member Richard Schoen in 2016 following an extended illness. Dick spent many years serving the city of Millwood and was an SRTC Board member for almost three years. Dick was a Central Valley graduate and attended Spokane Community College and Eastern Washington University.



SRTC's Board meets the second Thursday of each month at 1 p.m. in SRTC's office in the Paulsen Center at 421 W. Riverside, Suite 500. All Board and committee meetings are open to the public.

The Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) provides a technical planning and engineering perspective on behalf of member agencies; a forum for regional coordination among member agencies; and input on the programming of projects, the development of plans and policies impacting the transportation system. The TTC meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. at the address above. TTC members for 2016 included:

Derrick Braaten, City of Airway Heights
Todd Ableman, City of Cheney
Roger Krieger, City of Deer Park
Andrew Staples, City of Liberty Lake
Brandon Blankenagel, City of Spokane
Louis Meuler, City of Spokane
Inga Note, City of Spokane
Sean Messner, City of Spokane Valley

Steve Worley, City of Spokane Valley
Julia Whitford, Kalispel Tribe of Indians
Chad Coles, Spokane County
Barry Green, Spokane County
John Pederson, Spokane County
Lisa Corcoran, Spokane International Airport
April Westby, Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency

Heleen Dewey, Spokane Regional Health District
Gordon Howell, Spokane Transit Authority
Karl Otterstrom, Spokane Transit Authority
Mike Tedesco, Spokane Tribe of Indians
Mike Frucci, WSDOT
Robert Blegen, WSDOT
Glenn Wagemann, WSDOT

The Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) is a citizens committee that provides transparency and a community perspective. The group advises the Board regarding plans, programs and activities on consistency with SRTC policies and makes recommendation on regional transportation policies. The TAC meets every other month, starting in January, at 3 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month at the address above. TAC members in 2016 included:

Kennet Bertelsen
Brandi Colyar
John Dietzman
Shawn Dobbs

Hank Greer
Greg Francis
Kitty Klitzke

Paul Kropp
Bob Race
Rosemarie Schmidt

Jim Simon
Margaret Watson
Ben Wick

COMPLETED TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

SRTC member agencies obligated millions of dollars in SRTC regional funds in 2016. Obligation means that the funds are available to move forward on projects that will provide jobs in the local economy and improve mobility across the region. The following are examples of projects completed in 2016.



Interstate 90/Freya Street Interchange

The new I-90 westbound Freya Street off-ramp moved the freeway exit several blocks east of the old exit, to prevent cars exiting the freeway from backing up onto I-90 during busy times. This also helps to reduce air quality problems from idling vehicles. This \$3.9 million project was completed in September 2016.

Ben Burr Trail

This project constructed a shared-use paved trail from the Centennial Trail at the Gonzaga Bridge southeast of Erie Street to Liberty Park, where it connects with the already-existing portion of Ben Burr Trail that stretches to Underhill Park. This project cost \$1.7 million to complete.

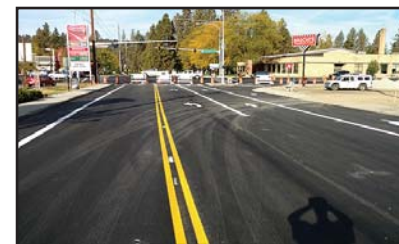


Washington Street Preservation

This project performed street and sidewalk preservation work on Washington Street between Betz Road and Oakland Street in Cheney. The total project cost was \$570,500.

Betz Street Preservation

This street and sidewalk preservation project on Betz Road between State Route 904 and 6th Street in Cheney cost \$350,200.



US 395/Hawthorne Intersection Improvements

This project revised turn movements at the intersection and upgraded the traffic signal system for a total cost of \$1,213,195.

Hawthorne Road from Division to U.S. 2

This project resurfaced the roadway and restriped it into three lanes with a two-way left turn lane between Colfax Street and U.S. 2. Sidewalk ramps were upgraded to ADA standards. Parking was removed on the north side of the street. This project was completed for \$665,654.



Walk Bike Bus Spokane

Walk Bike Bus Spokane is a campaign offering support to individuals to encourage people to replace short car trips with walking, biking and using transit. The Garland neighborhood in north Spokane was targeted by this program in 2016 at a cost of \$101,964.



South 1st Street Sidewalk Project

This project constructed curb, gutter and sidewalk along the south side of 1st Street in Rockford, WA between Willow Street and the south boundary of the city park. The project also included constructing a new bus shelter and new ADA compliant curb ramps. The entire project cost \$387,300.



PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

Horizon 2040: Where Will We Be?

SRTC started work on an update to the region’s long-range plan, Horizon 2040, in 2016. The plan is a “blueprint” for meeting the mobility needs of the area through 2040. Horizon 2040 is required to be updated every four years. The current update will be complete in late 2017.

Horizon 2040 includes transportation programs and a list of “regionally significant” projects, transportation policies, and is “financially constrained,” or able to demonstrate that adequate funding is available to cover all projects included in it.

In 2016, staff worked with the Transportation Advisory Committee and Transportation Technical Committee

to review and revise Horizon 2040’s policy framework. In particular, policies were identified and reviewed that had not been specifically addressed since the plan was adopted in 2013.



Also in 2016, SRTC hosted a series of stakeholder discussions to solicit feedback on transportation issues to guide development of the Horizon 2040 update. Groups that participated included:

- Social service representatives
- Major employers
- Neighborhood groups
- Bicyclists, pedestrians and transit users or advocates
- Housing/homeless advocates
- Youth/senior representatives
- Economists
- Plan commissioners
- Healthcare workers
- Emergency services responders
- General contractors

Input on all aspects of transportation was gathered at these sessions. A complete report on feedback received is on the SRTC website at www.SRTC.org.

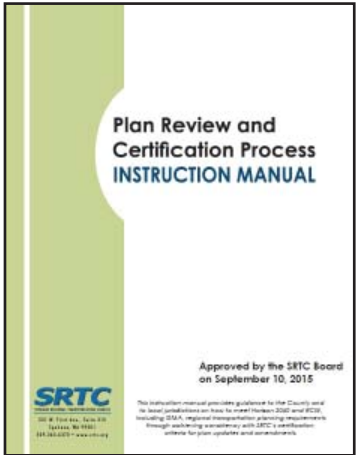


Comprehensive Plan Review and Certification Process

As the Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) for Spokane County, SRTC is required by the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) to ensure that Countywide Planning Policies (CWPP) and the transportation elements of local comprehensive plans are consistent with SRTC’s regional transportation plan (Horizon 2040), as well as state guidelines and principles related to regional transportation planning.

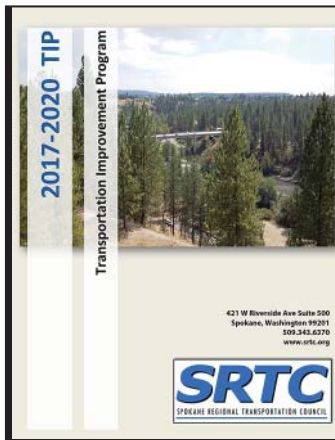
The GMA requires comprehensive plan updates every eight years. Spokane County and the cities and towns within it are required to have these updates completed before June 30, 2017.

Several jurisdictions completed those updates in 2016. SRTC conducted consistency and corridor level of service (LOS) analyses on them then brought these updates to the SRTC Board for action. The Board may either certify the comprehensive plan updates or provide specific actions to be taken in order for the update to be certified.



PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program



The 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) includes two dozen new projects and \$563.4 million in local transportation investments.

The TIP is a document of projects and programs that area jurisdictions plan to complete in the next four years. It is updated every year as some projects included in the program are completed and new ones are added.

All projects receiving federal funds are required to be included in the TIP. It includes project names and descriptions, sponsor jurisdictions, funding attached to each project, and where the funding came from (local, state or federal).

Projects in the TIP vary from road preservation to construction of new roadways like the North Spokane Corridor, bridge replacement projects, public transit improvements and new bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

The 2017-2020 TIP can be viewed at <http://www.srtc.org/tip.html>. To see how projects will be distributed throughout Spokane County, click the Transportation Improvement Program interactive map. You can zoom in to see what projects are planned for your neighborhood, as well as read project descriptions, costs and submit comments on each project.

New Projects in the 2017-2020 TIP

Agency	Project Name
Spokane	Sprague Ave at Sherman St. Pedestrian Plaza
Spokane County	Harvard Road
Spokane County	Bigelow Gulch/Forker Road Connector Project #6
WSDOT	Eastern Region BST Rumble Strips E - Install Rumble Strip
WSDOT	Eastern Region Guardrail Installation and Retrofit 2021-23
WSDOT	Eastern Region Safety Improvements - Install Rumble Strip
WSDOT	I-90/Geiger I/C to Latah Creek - Illumination Rebuild
WSDOT	I-90/Lincoln Co Line to Geiger Rd - Roadside Safety Improvements
WSDOT	US 2/Fairchild AFB - Signal Replacement
WSDOT	US 2/Garfield Rd - Signal Rehabilitation
WSDOT	US 2/Lawson Rd - Signal Rehabilitation
WSDOT	US 395/NSC Columbia to Freya
WSDOT	US 395/NSC Spokane River Crossing
WSDOT	US 395/NSC Spokane River to Wellesley
WSDOT	US 395/NSC Sprague Ave to Spokane River
WSDOT	US 395/NSC Wellesley to Columbia
WSDOT	2021-23 ER Region Wide Basic Safety - Signing
WSDOT	2021-23 ER Region Wide Safety - Guardrail
WSDOT	I-90/Barker Rd Intersection Improvements
WSDOT	I-90/ER Illumination Rehab Phase 2 - Retrofit Luminaires
WSDOT	US 2/ER Illumination Rehab Phase 2 - Retrofit Luminaires
WSDOT	US 395/Deer Park Corridor Safety Improvements
WSDOT	US 395/Illumination Rehab Phase 2 - Retrofit Luminaires
WSDOT	US 2/N Fork Deep Creek Bridge - Replace Rail