

MEETING MINUTES

Spokane Regional Transportation Council Transportation Technical Committee
 April 26, 2017
 421 W Riverside Ave Suite 504, Spokane, Washington

1. Call to Order

Mr. Brandon Blankenagel, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Committee Members Present

Brandon Blankenagel	City of Spokane	Lisa Corcoran	Spokane Airports
Mike Tedesco	Spokane Tribe of Indians	April Westby	Spokane Regional Clean Air
Derrick Braaten	City of Airway Heights	Heleen Dewey	Spokane Regional Health Dist
Todd Ableman	City of Cheney	Karl Otterstrom	Spokane Transit Authority
Andrew Staples	City of Liberty Lake	Mike Frucci	WSDOT-Eastern Region
Gloria Mantz	City of Spokane Valley	Larry Larson	WSDOT-Eastern Region
Ray Wright	City of Spokane Valley		

Committee Alternates Present

Sean Messner	Spokane County	Kathleen Weinand	Spokane Transit Authority
Scott Englehard	Spokane County		

Guests

Tom Richardson	City of Millwood	Rich Burnett	Citizen
Sabrina Minshall	COMPASS		

Staff

Anna Ragaza-Bourassa	Senior Transportation Planner	Kevin Shipman	GIS Analyst
Eve Nelson	Senior Transportation Planner	David Lang	GIS Intern
Amanda Mansfield	Assoc. Transportation Planner	Julie Meyers-Lehman	Administrative Assistant

3. Approval of March 22, 2017 Minutes

Chair Blankenagel noted his name was spelled incorrectly on page 3, Agenda Item 9 of the minutes.

Mr. Staples made a motion to approve the March 22, 2017 minutes as amended. Mr. Messner seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

4. Public Comments

There were no public comments

5. Technical Member Comments

Chair Blankenagel demonstrated how to locate staff contact information on the City of Spokane website. He showed organizational charts from the Public Works and the Neighborhood & Business Services divisions.

Ms. Mantz described how the Public Works and Community & Economic Development departments have been consolidated at Spokane Valley and she distributed copies of an organizational chart, with a disclaimer that it was not yet finalized.

Ms. Weinand stated that STA would hold a Connect Spokane Comprehensive Planning workshop on Monday and planners and engineers from all jurisdictions served by STA have been invited.

Mr. Otterstrom announced the Plaza renovation was almost complete, both on time and under budget. He said STA would soon submit an application for evaluation under the Small Starts program for the Central City Line project. He noted personnel restructuring was in progress and several positions were waiting to be filled.

Mr. Ableman reported that road preservation projects begin next week in Cheney and WSDOT was currently working on ADA ramps on SR 904.

Mr. Staples said preservation work would begin next week in Liberty Lake if the weather cooperates.

Mr. Larson reported that county-wide ADA improvements were underway.

Mr. Wright stated that consultants had been selected for the Pines/BNSF and Barker/BNSF grade separation projects and explained some of the reasons the firms had been selected. He reported that construction had started on of the next section of the Appleway Trail.

Mr. Frucci remarked that weather related road closures were causing a lot of problems in northern counties. He noted that the first Bailey bridge ever built in our region was completed on SR 21 south of Republic and was completed in three days.

Ms. Corcoran announced that Felts Field Neighbor Day would be held on Saturday June 3; last year attendance was between 15,000 to 20,000 visitors. She said the first phase just started for a gas station/convenience store project at the Spokane International Airport and a master plan at Felts Field was underway.

Mr. Messner reported there had been several personnel changes at the County. He outlined several of the recent changes and noted there were likely more to come.

Ms. Dewey noted SRHD has not yet filled the Health Officer position, but interviews are being held shortly. She reported the Quality of Life report would be released next week and the *Walk-Bike-Bus Millwood* program begins soon.

Mr. Braaten said, with the addition of Mr. Kevin Anderson and Mr. Mark Bergam, the City has professional engineers on staff for the first time, which streamlines the civil and transportation review process. He provided an update of the new recreation center project and remarked that are so many other projects underway that he will do a full presentation at the next meeting.

Mr. Tedesco described the structure of the Spokane Tribe Planning and Economic Development department. He announced that the Consolidated Human Services Grant awards were released earlier today and the Moccasin Express was approved for funding to build ten covered transit shelters on the Spokane Indians Reservation.

6. Draft State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2018 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Ms. Mansfield described UPWP federal requirements and the nine task categories. She presented the development schedule and noted any comments on the UPWP document must be received by May 3, as it will be presented to the Board at their May meeting. She noted a successful on-site coordination meeting with SRTC, STA, WSDOT-Eastern Region, Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration was held on April 19; she said there was no significant feedback in terms of how to improve the document.

Chair Blankenagel called for questions and there were none.

7. Horizon 2040 Chapter Two Update

Ms. Nelson noted each chapter of Horizon 2040, the long-range regional transportation plan, will be brought before the group throughout the year. She stated action will not be requested until October; however comments or suggestions by the group are encouraged. She said Chapter Two covers the existing conditions of Horizon 2040.

She described the most recent regional statistics on:

- Spokane County population
- Mode of Travel to Work
- Vehicle Miles Traveled
- Total STA Boardings
- Airport Cargo
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Trail Usage
- Travel Time to Work
- Average Travel time on I-90 from Argonne Rd to Division St.

Ms. Nelson noted the most significant revisions to Chapter Two as being the addition of Performance Management language/data and an update of the State of the Regional Transportation System. She shared several infographics which showed data for bridge and interstate pavement conditions; she then outlined the top eight issues.

Chair Blankenagel asked if there was additional information agencies need to provide to staff. Ms. Nelson replied that staff was waiting on some maintenance backlog data, but she will continue to be in touch with agencies and jurisdictions as additional chapters are updated.

Chair Blankenagel thanked Ms. Nelson.

8. New SRTC Interactive Maps presentation

Mr. Lang announced that many different maps were available on the SRTC ArcGIS website and he would focus on the 2017 Construction Map and the new Spokane Recreational Rides Map. He demonstrated how to locate the maps gallery on the website, opened the construction map and described its features, then pulled up several examples of specific construction projects.

He presented details about the new Spokane Recreational Rides Map, explained how it differed from the Spokane Regional Bike Map and noted that staff was looking into adding additional shorter length rides to the map.

Chair Blankenagel thanked Mr. Lang for his presentation.

9. TIP Working Group Update

Ms. Ragaza-Bourassa brought attention to a document outlining regional project delivery status. She noted one side of the document listed projects that have obligated since the start of the federal fiscal year and the other side were projects that still plan to obligate. She requested that those agencies which have projects on the planned list to be diligent about getting paperwork submitted on time so that the projects are able to obligate before the deadline. She reported that 53% of the \$11.7 million target has been met and that includes a \$1.3 million buffer. She called for questions and there were none.

10. Agency Update

Ms. Ragaza-Bourassa reminded the group of the reception later today to meet the SRTC Executive Director candidates. She noted the Washington State Senate passed the 2017-2019 transportation budget, which was essentially a continuation of the funding for Connecting Washington, but specific details about freight projects were not available yet. She announced that the SRTC Board had certified both the City of Cheney and City of Spokane comprehensive plan updates.

12. Future Agenda Items

Chair Blankenagel noted potential agenda items for the next meeting as:

- STA Organization chart information
- Spokane Regional Health District Quality of Life Report
- City of Airway Heights construction program update

13. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Julie Meyers-Lehman
Recording Secretary