

MEETING MINUTES

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

1. Call to Order

Mr. Brandon Blankenagel, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Committee Members Present

Brandon Blankenagel	City of Spokane	Matt Zarecor	Spokane County
Inga Note	City of Spokane	Gloria Mantz	Spokane Valley
Louis Mueller	City of Spokane	Mike Basinger	Spokane Valley
Todd Ableman	Cheney	Gordon Howell	Spokane Transit
Andrew Staples	Liberty Lake	Larry Larson	WSDOT
Barry Green	Spokane County	Mike Frucci	WSDOT
Brandi Colyar	Spokane County		

Committee Alternates Present

Mike Tressider	STA	Scott Englehard	Spokane County
Keith Martin	WSDOT	Sean Messner	Spokane County

Guests

Mark Bergam	Airway Heights	Rich Burnett	Citizen
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Staff

Sabrina Minshall	Executive Director
Anna Ragaza-Bourassa	Transportation Planner
Ryan Stewart	Transportation Planner
Eve Nelson	Transportation Planner
Kevin Shipman	GIS Analyst
Staci Lehman	Communications Coordinator

3. Approval of June 28, 2017 Minutes

Mr. Mike Frucci made a motion to approve the June 28 TTC meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Todd Ableman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

4. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

5. Technical Member Comments

Ms. Inga Note said the City of Spokane had kicked off the process of updating impact fees with a small committee of developers. They are expecting to have five meetings by the end of the year and are adding the West Plains to the impact fee system.

Mr. Keith Martin said the state is \$38 million under its obligation target. If the local target isn't met, sanctions can be put in place. If the statewide target is met, all is forgiven.

Mr. Frucci talked about the WSDOT's kickoff community meeting for placemaking for the neighborhoods surrounding the North Spokane Corridor. He said close to 200 people attended and work will continue over the next 12 to 18 months.

Mr. Frucci also said the US 2 Costco project in Airway Heights and the Tribal Casino project both start construction sometime in mid-August.

Mr. Todd Ableman said the City of Cheney is wrapping up construction projects in the next few weeks, including work on SR 904.

6. TIP Working Group Update

Ms. Anna Ragaza-Bourassa said that locally we are looking good to hit our obligation target. There are some pending de-obligations that could happen but either way there is still a buffer.

Ms. Brandi Colyar and Mr. Shawn Messner came in at 1:39 p.m.

Mr. Blankenagel asked about the 38 million statewide shortage. Mr. Martin said the shortage is mostly in rural counties.

Mr. Andrew Staples came in at 1:40 p.m.

7. Horizon 2040: Chapter Three Update

Ms. Eve Nelson said Chapter Three of SRTC's long-range plan, Horizon 2040, looks at projections for the future. She said it contains a lot of data, including a forecasted 21% increase in population and employment.

She said SRTC's travel demand model shows a 23% increase in vehicle trips, 16% increase in transit trips, a 21% increase in freight tonnage inbound, and 18.5% increase in trucking. Spokane International Airport is expected to almost double passenger boardings. Fairchild Air Force Base got 12 more KC-135s and a KC-46a so the crews required for those will put additional stress on our roadways.

Chapter Three also includes future needs, including sufficient funding for roads, bridges, transit, and for maintenance and preservation.

She also said there is a need to manage peak hour congestion and make a better effort to coordinate solutions regionally.

8. Horizon 2040: Update on Project Evaluation Tool Results

Mr. Kevin Shipman talked about results from the Project Evaluation Tool. He said SRTC undertook the Horizon 2040 Toolkit Study several years ago and the resulting data-based tool used to evaluate projects was accepted by the Board in February 2016.

He said that in January or February most agencies submitted projects for Horizon 2040. He said that Horizon 2040 is required to be financially constrained but that the plan shows enough funds to cover all submitted projects.

Mr. Shipman handed out a list of results from the projects that were run through the tool. The score of each individual project and category are shown on the sheet. Mr. Scott Englehard asked what the "X" in the funds column means. Mr. Shipman said that means there are some funds secured for those projects. Mr. Mueller asked if all these projects have been accepted into the plan. Mr. Shipman said they will be when the plan is accepted by the Board this fall.

Mr. Larson asked what Quality means. Mr. Shipman said that refers to Quality of Life.

Mr. Mueller asked why some projects show negative points. Mr. Shipman said the Vehicle Hours Traveled (VHT) could cause a net increase in CO emissions, which can cause a negative score.

Mr. Messner asked how the tool will be used for the upcoming call for projects. Mr. Shipman said he's not sure at this point.

Mr. Shipman said, for the safety criteria, the tool didn't award points for new facilities or new bridges. Mr. Frucci has suggested changing this in the future. Mr. Blankenagel suggested putting "N/A" in the column instead of a zero to denote this.

Mr. Larry Larson said the methodology is vague. Mr. Frucci pointed out there were several hours-long workshops on the topic and this is the outcome of that. Ms. Sabrina Minshall asked Mr. Shipman to send the methodology out to the group again.

Ms. Nelson said in the future, smaller projects could be grouped, such as into corridors, to be analyzed by the tool.

Ms. Minshall said there are definitely some elements of the tool to address in the next update to Horizon 2040, such as that a new facility will increase VHT but also decrease congestion. Also, points are awarded for developing outlying land but not to infill projects.

Mr. Blankenagel said it is important to remember that the tool is exactly that, a tool to help the conversation to the next step; not an end-all, be-all.

9. Agency Updates

Ms. Ragaza-Bourassa reminded those who haven't gotten their projects into Secure Access to please do so in order for her to move forward with development of the TIP.

10. Future Agenda Items

There were no future agenda items.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

Staci Lehman
Recording Secretary