

MEETING MINUTES

Spokane Regional Transportation Council Transportation Technical Committee
November 20, 2019
421 W Riverside Ave Suite 504, Spokane, Washington

1. **Call to Order** - Chair Karl Otterstrom called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Committee Members Present

Mark Bergam	City of Airway Heights	April Westby	Spokane Regional Clean Air
Todd Ableman	City of Cheney	Heleen Dewey	Spokane Regional Health Dist
Roger Krieger	City of Deer Park	Karl Otterstrom	Spokane Transit Authority
Brandon Blankenagel	City of Spokane	Mike Tedesco	Spokane Tribe
Louis Meuler	City of Spokane	Mary Jensen	WSDOT-Eastern Region
Inga Note	City of Spokane	Adam Jackson	City of Spokane Valley

Committee Alternates Present

Mike Tressider	Spokane Transit Authority	Keith Martin	WSDOT-Eastern Region
Mike Basinger	City of Spokane Valley	Barry Greene	Spokane County

Guests

Sean Messner	HDR	LeAnn Yamamoto	Spokane County
Kara Mowry	City of Spokane	Alex Pantagotacos	Spokane Census 2020 Complete Count Committee

Staff

Eve Nelson	Senior Transportation Planner	Mike Ulrich	Senior Transportation Planner
April Gunderson	Asst. Transportation Planner	Julie Meyers-Lehman	Administrative Asst.
Michael Redlinger	GIS Intern		

3. **Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes** - *Mr. Tedesco made a motion to approve the October 23, 2019 minutes as presented. Mr. Greene seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.*

4. **Public Comments** - There were no public comments.

5. **Technical Member Comments** – Members spoke about current projects or programs in their jurisdiction or agency.

6. **Chair Report on SRTC Board of Directors Meeting** – Chair Otterstrom shared highlights from the November 14 Board meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

7. **2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) January Amendment** - Ms. Gunderson provided details about the one project in the proposed amendment, which was City of Millwood's Argonne Road: Empire to Liberty Congestion Relief project. She said this amendment extends the termini from Liberty Avenue to just south of the Argonne Road bridge; the expanded project includes an extended multi-use trail and additional lighting. She noted that their 10/10/19 meeting, the SRTC Board of Directors awarded an additional \$380,000 in Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funding to this project.

Mr. Krieger made a motion to recommend Board approval of the 2020-2023 TIP January Amendment and Mr. Blankenagel seconded the motion. All votes were in favor.

8. Funding for Priority List Projects - Ms. Nelson spoke about the types of contingency funds projected to be available and the years they will become available. She explained that contingency funds become available when a project closes, when funds are de-obligated, and from annual federal funding allocations to SRTC.

She explained that the TIP Working Group evaluates projects and funding availability details in depth; after much consideration the group recommends the following package of projects to be awarded funding:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Funding Type</u>
City of Spokane	Thor/Freya Couplet Reconstruction: Hartson-Sprague	\$955,000	STBG
Spokane County	Bigelow/Forker Project 6: New Roadway Alignment	\$1.27 M	STBG
Spokane Transit Authority	Five Mile Park & Ride Study	\$200,000	STBG
City of Spokane Valley	Argonne Road Reconstruction	\$2.47 M	STBG & HIP
Spokane County	Greta to Whitworth Bike Route & Path	\$299,300	CMAQ
City of Spokane Valley	Wilbur Sidewalk	\$500,000	STBG-SA

Ms. Nelson highlighted the importance of delivering projects which are funded with federal dollars; she spoke about the risks of losing future funding if the federal obligation target is not met. Mr. Blankenagel indicated there may be challenges to generating local match in the future due to the passage of Initiative 976. The group discussed the evaluation methods of the TIP Working Group and the discussed their concerns with allocating funding at this point in time in light of I-976.

Mr. Tedesco made a motion to recommend the Board award contingency fund to the priority projects listed above. Mr. Krieger seconded the motion. All votes were in favor.

9. 2020 TTC Officer Elections – Chair Otterstrom reminded the group that as Vice Chair, he stepped into the Chair position in August 2019 after Sean Messner stepped down and Mr. Jackson was voted in as Vice Chair; this item is to select officers for 2020. He opened the floor to nominations for 2020 Chair and Vice Chair.

Mr. Tedesco nominated Karl Otterstrom for 2020 TTC Chair. Ms. Note seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. All votes were in favor.

Mr. Tedesco nominated Adam Jackson for 2020 TTC Vice Chair. Mr. Greene seconded the motion. There were no additional nominations. All votes were in favor.

INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ITEMS

10. Census 2020 Complete County Committee Update – Alex Panagotacos, Coordinator of the Spokane County Complete Count Committee, presented highlights of the strategies, programs and tools being used to ensure a complete and accurate 2020 census in Spokane County. She explained the ways in which census data is used, the reasons why an accurate count is so important and how people can get involved.

11. Central City Line Update – Chair Otterstrom provided an update on STA’s Central City Line project. He spoke about changes to total cost estimates and the completion schedule. He also reported on refinements to station placement, the station identification design process and the systems engineering management plan which addresses the technology required for high-performance transit. He described upcoming milestones and preliminary construction phasing.

12. Group Discussion: Initiative 976 – Chair Otterstrom said since the topic was discussed in earlier items, there are so many unknown factors at this point in time and because meeting time was running short, this item would be skipped.

13. **Adjournment** - There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Julie Meyers-Lehman
Recording Secretary