

MEETING MINUTES

Spokane Regional Transportation Council Transportation Technical Committee
June 24, 2020
Zoom Video Conference

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

2. **Roll Call**

Committee Members Present

Karl Otterstrom	Spokane Transit Authority	Adam Jackson	City of Spokane Valley
Heather Trautman	City of Airway Heights	Brandi Colyar	Spokane County
Todd Ableman	City of Cheney	Scott Englehard	Spokane County
Kara Mowry	City of Spokane	April Westby	Spokane Regional Clean Air
Inga Note	City of Spokane	Mary Jensen	WSDOT-Eastern Region
Kevin Picanco	City of Spokane	Larry Larson	WSDOT-Eastern Region
Gloria Mantz	City of Spokane Valley	Glenn Wagemann	WSDOT-Eastern Region

Committee Alternates Present

Amber Lenhart	Spokane Regional Health Dist.	Jamie Hayes	Spokane County
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Guests

Paul Kropp		Char Kay	WSDOT-Eastern Region
Sean Messner	HDR	Keith Martin	WSDOT-Eastern Region
Brandon Blankenagel	KPFF Consulting Engineers		

Staff

Eve McMenamy	Principal Transportation Planner	Sabrina Minshall	Executive Director
Jason Lien	Principal Transportation Planner	Kylee Jones	Assoc. Transportation Planner II
Ryan Stewart	Principal Transportation Planner	Michael Redlinger	Assoc. Transportation Planner II
David Fletcher	Assoc. Transportation Planner III	Julie Meyers-Lehman	Admin-Exec. Coordinator

3. **Approval of May 2020 Meeting Minutes**

Ms. Trautman made a motion to approve the May 27, 2020 minutes as presented. Mr. Jackson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

5. **Technical Member Comments** – Members shared information about projects/programs happening in their jurisdictions.

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

ACTION ITEMS

7. **2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) July Amendment** – Ms. McMenamy provided details about the one project included in the proposed amendment (WSDOT’s Port of Entry Weigh Station Pit Repair). She said a 10-day public comment period began on June 17 and there have thus far been none. Any comments that occur in the remaining time will be relayed to the Board at their July meeting.

Ms. Colyar made a motion to recommend Board approval of the July TIP amendment; Mr. Ableman seconded the motion. All votes were in favor.

INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ITEMS

8. Metropolitan Transportation Plan Priority Networks –Mr. Lien explained that in preparation for the upcoming update to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) staff is reviewing priority networks of the transportation system to determine what the networks should offer and how they can be better defined and tied to performance metrics. He explained the purpose of priority networks and provided details about the federal requirements for transportation facility planning in MTPs. The group was asked to respond via an online poll to the question “What are important outcomes for regional network planning?”

Mr. Lien then outlined bicycle network criteria and implementation. A second poll asked the group if they felt the criteria were appropriate for defining a regional bikeway network. There was some discussion about clarifying language in some criteria items. Mr. Lien briefly described the other modal networks which will be evaluated as part of the MTP update: transit, roadway, and freight. He noted that the TTC will be reviewing the priority network as the update process moves along and provided a timeline.

9. US 195 / I-90 Study Update– Mr. Stewart stated that this study, which began in 2019, is a multimodal effort to address safety, operations, access and infrastructure issues along the US 195 corridor near the I-90 interchange and is a multi-jurisdictional effort. The study approach has four elements; community engagement, existing conditions, future conditions, and strategies.

Mr. Stewart reported that two major milestones have been reached so far: (1) Establishing five goals and evaluation criteria, each of which has performance measures assigned to them and (2) Completion of the existing conditions analysis; which is posted to the study website. He presented maps of AM peak origin/destination maps and explained that data was obtained from passive location-based data (cell phone apps, GPS devices, etc). He showed a map marking collisions along the corridor, which are mostly clustered around access points and noted that safety issues will be considered when evaluating solutions. The next major task for the study is a market-based land use analysis, which should be wrapped up in the next few weeks. He said the study is anticipated to be complete in first quarter 2021 and presented a schedule; a list of recommended strategies and a phased implementation plan will be developed. He emphasized that past studies of this corridor will be evaluated when developing future scenarios. Next steps in the process are;

- Land use inputs
- Forecast future conditions
- Package project ideas
- Model packages

10. Electrification Grant Update –Ms. Jones summarized the work done to date on the Department of Commerce Electrification of Transportation Systems (ETS) Grant, which is a collaborative effort with Avista. She explained that, if awarded, the grant would be used to fund electric vehicle charging throughout Spokane County for personal/workplace/fleet vehicles and electric buses. The goal is to create the critical mass need to move a significant portion of vehicles to electric power.

She said this project focuses on installing charging stations in historically underserved neighborhoods where people will be able to connect to, libraries, community centers, etc. She explained that next steps in the process will concentrate on micro-mobility (scooters, e-bikes). She thanked the project team and project partners. Notification of award will be in December 2020.

11. Agency Update – Ms. McMenemy reported on:

- The D.A.T.A. (Data Applications for Transportation Analysis) project is in full swing; the project team is hosting a series of listening sessions with stakeholders.
- The Division *Connects* corridor study will provide an update to the TTC next month.
- We are still at 40% of the TIP federal obligation target. However, with several projects delivering earlier than anticipated, such as the Spokane County’s Bigelow Gulch project, that will hopefully be enough to reach the target by the preliminary deadline of July 31.

- MTP Financial Forecast SME team will be meeting soon to select the consultant that will conduct the long-range revenue forecasting analysis.
- She asked all the member jurisdictions to forward their six-year TIP documents to her by July 5

12. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:35 pm.

Julie Meyers-Lehman
Recording Secretary