

MEETING MINUTES

Spokane Regional Transportation Council Transportation Technical Committee
September 23, 2020 | Zoom Video Conference

1. Call to Order / Record of Attendance – Mr. Karl Otterstrom, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:32 pm.

Committee Members Present

Heather Trautman	City of Airway Heights
Kevin Picanco	City of Spokane
Inga Note	City of Spokane
Gloria Mantz	City of Spokane Valley
Adam Jackson	City of Spokane Valley
Jami Hayes	Spokane County
April Westby	Spokane Regional Clean Air
Karl	Spokane Transit Authority
Mary Jensen	WSDOT-East. Region
Larry Larson	WSDOT-East. Region
Glenn Wagemann	WSDOT-East. Region

Committee Alternates Present

Barry Greene	Spokane County
Mike Tressider	Spokane Transit Authority

Guests

Char Kay	WSDOT-East. Region
Colin Quin-Hurst	City of Spokane
Keith Martin	WSDOT-East. Region
Shauna Harshman	City of Spokane
Sean Messner	HDR
LeAnn Yamamoto	CommuteSmart NW
Paul Kropp	
Adam Miles	DOWL

Staff

Ryan Stewart	Principal Transportation Planner	Mike Ulrich	Principal Transportation Planner
Jason Lien	Principal Transportation Planner	Michael Redlinger	Assoc. Transportation Planner II
Kylee Jones	Assoc. Transportation Planner II	Julie Meyers-Lehman	Admin-Exec. Coordinator
David Fletcher	Assoc. Transportation Planner III		

2. Approval of August 2020 Meeting Minutes – *Mr. Picanco made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Jackson seconded the motion. All votes were in favor.*

3. Public Comments – There were no public comments.

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

5. Chair Report on SRTC Board of Directors Meeting – Mr. Otterstrom shared highlights from the September 8 Board meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

6. 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – Ms. Jones provided an overview of the TIP and the amount of funding it contains. She outlined the projects included in the TIP by type and percentage of funding, described the public involvement efforts and the six projects new to this TIP.

Ms. Jensen presented information about WSDOT Bridge Preservation Priority Funding. Because of a deficit in preservation funding, WSDOT has had to shift from priority based on bridge deterioration to focus only on bridges on Interstate Mainline and T-1 freight routes. Consequences of this shift in priority means bridge closures, routes taken out service, detours and increased costs to open closed infrastructure rather than preserving them now. She provided details about the upcoming projects on the following bridges:

- I-90/3rd Ave Crossing
- I-90/Lindeke St Crossing
- I-90/Rosamond, Sherman, Arthur St Crossings

She spoke about the negative impacts these consequences will have on residents and freight movement, especially in rural areas, and discussions WSDOT is holding about rural community equity. Mr. Jackson remarked that the lack of funding for bridge preservation is a very important issue and suggested spreading the message to a wide audience.

Mr. Jackson made a motion to recommend Board approval of the 2021-2024 TIP and Ms. Mantz seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ITEMS

7. Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update – Regional Bike Network – Mr. Lien explained the purpose of regional networks, described how bike network criteria were determined and outlined them as:

- Provides connection between incorporated cities
- Provides connection to major activity centers (such as recreation centers, shopping, event venues, etc)
- Provides connection to major employment centers
- Provides connection to transit activity centers, such as park and ride lots
- Dedicated bike facility on or adjacent to the NHS roadways
- Existing regional multi-use pathways (Appleway Trail, Centennial Trail, etc) are automatically included in the network

He highlighted major destinations and employment centers; he presented maps illustrating Class I, II and III bike facilities within .25 miles of NHS roads. He said next steps will start to define where the regional priorities are for bike facilities and incorporate that into the MTP update. Mr. Lien explained that implementation of the network update will identify future needs and work to close gaps in the system.

Next steps in the process are further discussions with member agencies, coordination with local plans, coordination of modal networks, another update to the TTC in Q1 2021, and development of a policy framework for the MTP.

8. Highway Systems Plan Update – Chair Otterstrom reported that he is participating on the HSP Advisory Committee as a representative of the State Transit Association. He said the HSP is just one of many WSDOT modal plans (others include , and the HSP was last updated in 2007.

He described the goals and objectives for the HSP update and emphasized that topics not included in the scope of this update are; a project list, identifying/evaluating needs outside of the State ROW, project level/network analysis. He showed the HSP update timeline and stated that he will continue to provide status updates to the TTC. Additional information can be found at <https://wsdot.wa.gov/planning/hsp.htm>.

9. Agency Update – Mr. Stewart reported on:

- In preparation for printing hard copy maps of the regional bicycle network, staff will be reaching out to member jurisdictions to ensure accuracy of the network information and he mentioned what other types of things will be updated.
- The DivisionConnects' social engagement tool "Social Pinpoint" is live on the project website, which lets users post comments onto the map along with a questionnaire for users to complete.
- The DATA project technical memo is scheduled to be released next week and will be asking stakeholder review and provide comment.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:52 pm.

Julie Meyers-Lehman
Recording Secretary