

MEETING MINUTES

Spokane Regional Transportation Council Transportation Technical Committee
July 28, 2021 | Zoom Video Conference

1. Call to Order/Record of Attendance

Mr. Adam Jackson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE

TTC Members:

Adam Jackson, *City of Spokane Valley* (Chair)
Inga Note, *City of Spokane* (Vice Chair)
Heather Trautman, *City of Airway Heights*
Todd Ableman, *City of Cheney*
Kevin Picanco, *City of Spokane*
Gloria Mantz, *City of Spokane Valley*
Roger Krieger, *City of Deer Park, Small Towns Rep.*
Brandi Colyar, *Spokane County*
Barry Greene, *Spokane County*
April Westby, *Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency*
Cindy Green, *Spokane Regional Health District*
Karl Otterstrom, *Spokane Transit Authority*
Kristine Williams, *Spokane Transit Authority*
Chamisa Radford, *Spokane Tribe of Indians*
Glenn Wagemann, *WSDOT-Eastern Region*

Guests:

Anna Ragaza-Bourassa, *WSDOT-Eastern Region*
Alberto Valentin, *WSDOT-Eastern Region*
Sean Messner, *HDR*
Mike Tresidder, *Spokane Transit Authority*

SRTC Staff:

Eve McMenemy, *Deputy Executive Director*
Kevin Wallace, *Interim Executive Director*
Ryan Stewart, *Principal Transportation Planner*
Jason Lien, *Principal Transportation Planner*
Mike Ulrich, *Principal Transportation Planner*
David Fletcher, *Associate Transportation Planner III*
Michael Redlinger, *Associate Transportation Planner II*
Julie Meyers-Lehman, *Admin.-Exec. Coordinator*

Alternate TTC Members:

Keith Martin, *WSDOT-Eastern Region*
Char Kay, *WSDOT-Eastern Region*
Colin Quin-Hurst, *City of Spokane*
Jami Hayes, *Spokane County*

2 Approval of June 2021 TTC Meeting Minutes

Mr. Greene made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Mr. Martin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

3 Public Comments

There were no public comments.

4 Technical Member Comments

Members spoke about current projects or programs in their jurisdiction/agency.

5 Chair Report on SRTC Board of Directors Meeting

Chair Jackson gave an overview of the July Board meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

6 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) August Amendment

Ms. McMenemy provided an overview of the four projects in the proposed TIP amendment. There were no comments or questions from the group.

Mr. Otterstrom made a motion to recommend Board approval of the 2021-2024 TIP August amendment and Mr. Krieger seconded. All votes were in favor.

7 Transportation Improvement Program Call for Preservation Projects

Mr. Lien shared the history of this call for projects, the funding available and highlighted Board approved policies/principles of investment. He spoke about the recommended awards and prioritization from each applicant.

Eight agencies submitted a total of 18 projects for consideration totaling \$12M of requests; there is \$6M of funding available. He explained the scoring ranks, agency ranks and categories of funding available; he relayed comments from the Transportation Advisory Committee and their concerns about the difficulties for small towns' projects scoring high enough and possible solutions for future calls. The group discussed the pros and cons of fully funding projects compared to awarding partial funding.

Mr. Ableman made a motion to recommend Board approval of the 2021 Call for Preservation Projects as outlined in the attachment. Mr. Picanco seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ITEMS

8 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update: Regional Priority Networks

Mr. Lien noted that all priority transportation networks (freight, vehicular, transit and bike) are being revisited as part of the MTP update, but only the bike priority network contains significant changes. The key purposes for defining regional networks are to:

- Establish core facilities for planning and policy purposes
- Maintain consistency with federal requirements
- Focus SRTC's mission
- Provide for coordinated planning of the regional system focusing on performance, safety, access, and stewardship

He spoke about the work completed so far to update and refine the bike priority network. The next steps are the creation of an online map, launched soon, to allow for review of the draft network updates.

9 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update: Needs Analysis Update

Mr. Fletcher said that there had been concern expressed regarding the time allowed for review of the needs analysis prior to making a recommendation to the Board; therefore, this item will be moved to next month. Staff is wrapping up the final parts of the analysis and it will be emailed to TTC members by the end of the week.

10 Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Horizon 2045: Chapters 1 and 2

Mr. Ulrich noted the number of occasions that the MTP update has been presented to the TTC since early

2020. The tasks completed or substantially completed for the update are:

- Land Use: Base and Horizon Year
- Financial Assessment Task 1: Forecasted Revenues
- Freight Study
- Updating Existing Conditions Data
- System Performance Report
- Draft Chapters 1 and 2
- Appendices B, C and D

The basic framework of the Horizon 2045 document will be essentially the same as Horizon 2040, with most the notable changes occurring in Chapter 2 “Where We are”. All chapters and appendices will be posted to a dedicated page on the SRTC website for review and comments. October 8 is the deadline to submit comments/suggestions. Mr. Ulrich outlined the remaining tasks to complete the update and said the TTC will be asked to make a recommendation to the Board on the final draft of the MTP document in November.

11 WSDOT Guest Speaker: Healthy Environment for All (HEAL) Act

Mr. Alberto Valentin provided a background of the Civil Right acts of 1964 and impacts to transportation. He compared the similarities and differences between Title VI and Environmental Justice. Ms. Char Kay spoke about the two new state laws that came out of the last legislative session and gave an overview of the Governor’s Environmental Justice Task Force findings. They both addressed some of the many initiatives and plans being undertaken at WSDOT in response to the recently passed HEAL Act.

Several members shared how their agencies were starting to respond to the new requirements of the HEAL Act.

12 Agency Update

Ms. McMenemy reported on:

- Ms. Bollenback’s first day at SRTC is August 16 and hopefully can attend the next TTC meeting.
- Mr. Stewart said the final report of the US-195/I-90 Study is currently being reviewed by the study advisory team; they will convene in August to discuss and the report be presented at the September TTC meeting.
- Mr. Stewart noted that the draft 2019 base travel demand model is available for review. He said the draft 2045 model will be available for viewing with the most recent version of the modeling software, but he can accommodate alternative formats if needed. He emphasized that there is an ESD requirement to sign a statement of non-disclosure to view the draft 2019 base model information and this requirement pertains to any consultants using modeling data.

12 Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:58 pm.

Julie Meyers-Lehman, Recording Secretary