

MEETING MINUTES

**Spokane Regional Transportation Council
05/24/2021 Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting
Zoom Video Conference**

#1 Call to Order/Roll Call – Chair Todd Coleman brought the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

Members Present:

Todd Coleman, Chair
Kennet Bertelsen
Rachel Callary
Mark Haberman
Melanie Rose, Vice Chair
Carlie Hoffman
Liz Hall
Rhonda Young

Guests Present:

Holly Chilinski, Special Mobility Services
Shauna Harshman, City of Spokane
Char Kay, WSDOT-Eastern Region

SRTC Staff Present:

Kylee Jones, Associate Transportation Planner II
David Fletcher, Associate Transportation Planner III
Mike Ulrich, Principal Transportation Planner
Kevin Wallace, Executive Director

Michael Redlinger, Associate Transportation Planner III
Julie Meyers-Lehman, Admin-Exec Coordinator
Eve McMenamy, Principal Transportation Planner

ACTION ITEMS

2 Approval of March 2021 TAC Meeting Minutes

Ms. Rose made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Bertelsen seconded. All votes were in favor.

3 2022-2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Mr. Redlinger presented an overview of planned milestones by each of the eight tasks, a summary of the plan's anticipated revenue and expenditures, and recapped the review coordination meeting. There was discussion about the social equity element.

Ms. Rose made a motion to recommend Board approval of the 2022-2023 UPWP and Mr. Bertelsen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ITEMS

4 Chair Report on Board Meeting

Chair Coleman provided a summary of the May Board meeting and the group discussed issues around the Dept of Commerce electrification grant and the Executive Director recruitment process to date.

5 Spokane Transportation Collaborative

Holly Jean Chilinski of Special Mobility Services provided information about the developing Mobility Management program being spearheaded by the Spokane Transportation Collaborative. This program seeks to engage consumer groups to co-create a One-Click One-Call system for transportation, to fill transportation needs in Spokane County in areas outside the transit service area, and to evaluate the ability for removal of transportation barriers

6 Unified List of Regional Transportation Priorities

Staff explained the reasons for the development of the list, highlighted the draft work plan, and noted that currently work is being done to narrow down the list of projects provided to around 20-25 projects. The TAC is being asked to review the screening criteria and provide input or identify fatal flaws. TAC reviewed the 14 screening criteria questions.

The group discussed; some comments included:

- The need to have discussions about how electric vehicles add to wear and tear on roadways, but do not pay for repair costs via the gas tax.
- The group discussed the recently passed Healthy Environment for All (HEAL) act and how it could impact transportation planning.

7 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update

Mr. Ulrich explained that while the TAC has received an update on several individual elements on the MTP, this information a high-level overview of the entire plan update. Staff reviewed the methodology changes for the financial assessment and land use, the new elements in the MTP (regional freight study and systems performance report), and those elements being significantly updated (financial assessment, public participation plan, and regional priorities network.

There was discussion about the financial needs analysis currently in progress and the gap between what is expected in revenue and the funding needed for adequate preservation and maintenance

Conversation included comments, such as:

- Funding levels for preservation and maintenance have never been enough.
- Showing the gap of funding in the MTP creates a more compelling argument for funders.
- Interest in SRTC's new methodology for land use forecasting.
- Some corridors have regional and local needs overlap, such as on US 195 with is a freight corridor with at-grade crossing issues.

8 TAC Work Plan Status

Members discussed that they originally decided to concentrate on *Focus Area 1: Increased engagement of business and the public for transportation decisions and education. Heightened interagency communication.* Work on the Public Participation Plan has addressed this and Chair Coleman asked the group if they wanted to continue to concentrate on this topic or move to a different Focus Area. There was interest *Focus Area 3: Linkages between Economic Development and Transportation* in light of the HEAL Act.

There was discussion about overlap between Focus Area 1 and *Focus Area 2: Livability, Active Transportation, Equity, and Accessible Design for Roadways and Transportation*. The group discussed bringing in guest speakers for topics such as regional economic development arena, changes to commuting patterns in the post-COVID environment, and regional freight issues.

8 Agency Update

Ms. Jones reported on:

- An update of the SRTC Call for Preservation projects; application scoring will begin soon.
- Phase 1 of the DATA project is nearly final
- The next Public Participation Plan workshop is on June 15
- A consultant has been hired to assist with MTP public outreach
- The final report on the US 195/I-90 study will be released in June and more public outreach will begin.
- The new SRTC interlocal agreement is out for ratification and will result in additional Board members.

8 Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:36 pm.

Julie Meyers-Lehman,
Acting Recording Secretary