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Wednesday, May 25, 2022 | 3:00PM

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MEETING MINUTES

Spokane Regional Transportation Council - Transportation Advisory Committee
April 27, 2022 | Zoom Video Conference

1 Call to Order/Attendance

Ms. Rhonda Young, TAC Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:02 pm.

IN ATTENDANCE

TAC Members:

Rhonda Young, Chair
Raychel Callary
Todd Coleman
Carlie Hoffman
Bill White
Charlie Wolff
Claudine Zender
Kim Zentz

SRTC Staff:

Kylee Jones, *Assoc. Transportation Planner III*
Lois Bollenback, *Executive Director*
Eve McMenamy, *Deputy Executive Director*
Jason Lien, *Principal Transportation Planner*
David Fletcher, *Principal Transportation Planner*
Michael Redlinger, *Assoc. Transportation Planner II*
Julie Meyers-Lehman, *Admin.-Exec. Coordinator*

Guests:

Kimberly Merritt, Epic Land Solutions

2 Approval of March 2022 TAC Meeting Minutes

Mr. Coleman made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Mr. White seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3 Public Comments

There were no public comments.

4 TAC Member Comments

There were no comments.

5 Chair Report on SRTC Board of Directors Meeting

Chair Young provided an overview of actions and discussions from the April 14 Board meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

6 Toll Credits Policy

Ms. Jones spoke about the toll credit program recently made available to MPOs, read the proposed toll credit policies, and shared the action taken by the TTC at their meeting earlier in the day.

Ms. Zentz made a motion to recommend Board approval of the Toll Credits Policy as presented. Ms. Callary seconded.

Chair Young called for discussion. The group discussed:

- De-obligations and how they impact the potential use of toll credits
- Further explanation of toll credits as an incentive from the federal government for states to develop their own revenue streams (tolling) instead of relying solely on federal dollars.

- Ways that SRTC set itself up for future success in meeting the federal obligation target by promoting the toll credit policy, especially to small towns
- The number of project applications from small towns may increase if they don't have to come up with local match.
- As of now, this program is only available through 2026.
- SRTC's policies about use of toll credits are able to be modified in the future.
- The TTC's reasons for removing the word "evenly" from the draft policies.

Ms. Callary made a friendly amendment to the motion to remove the word "evenly". Mr. Wolff seconded.

Motion to recommend Board approval of the policies with the word "evenly" removed passed unanimously.

7 Select Replacement for Vice-Chair Position

Ms. Jones explained that the current TAC Vice Chair Heidi Christensen had to resign due to a change in her employment. She went over the responsibilities of the Vice-Chair position and asked for a volunteer.

Mr. White made a motion to nominate Ms. Zentz as Vice-Chair for the remainder of 2022. Ms. Callary seconded.

Ms. Zentz accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations.

Motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ITEMS

8 Transportation Discussion Series: Stewardship

Ms. Jones defined how stewardship is defined in the long-range metropolitan transportation plan, Horizon 2045, and discussed stewardship in terms of climate change and transportation. She spoke about sustainable development and provided examples of resilient transportation systems. The group was asked for input about additional metrics for stewardship. Member comments included:

- Of all the listed screening criteria, stewardship is the only one that is a negative statement. Suggested rewording it to be positive.
- Adding a metric to determine if a project siting improves or decreases access to affordable housing.
- Incorporating new technology can also refer to things like pedestrian hawk beacons, which encourage more active transportation opportunities and decrease reliance on driving.

9 2024-2026 Call for Projects Update

Ms. McMenemy recapped the Call for Projects development process. Application scoring began on 4/20 and is being done by staff and volunteers from the TTC and TAC. Nine agencies submitted 50 project applications totaling \$151M; there is \$32M of funding available for distribution. Results will be brought back before the committees and the Board will be asked to take action in July.

10 2022 TIP Obligation Target Update

Ms. McMenemy provided a background of the annual federal obligation target and described what happens when the target is met and when it is missed. This year's target is \$12.79M of project obligations by 6/30/22. The target will likely be met by the end of FFY 2022, however not by the 6/30 deadline. The State does not expect meeting their target either. Ms. McMenemy shared Q1 obligations, anticipated project delivery, and discussed project delays and supply chain problems.

11 Agency Update

Ms. Jones reported that in addition to Ms. Christensen's resignation, Leasa Bolen and Tom Sahlberg also resigned (because of a change in employment and appointment to the Liberty Lake City Council, respectively), and staff hopes to fill all three vacancies. She said staff is going to review other applications from the 2021 TAC recruitment process to see if other applicants are still interested in joining the TAC. If so, staff will present the information to the Board in June, then ask the Board to approve their membership in July. So the earliest the new TAC members would be seated is August.

Ms. Jones announced that another SRTC member, Mr. Jason Lien, will be stepping in as the TAC liaison in June.

She said that an informal group has been formed for the purpose of exploring regional activities to increase energy efficiency and to implement decarbonization projects and programs. Transportation is such a large contributor to these issues so much of the conversation thus far has revolved around transportation topics. This group is seeking representatives from the City of Spokane Valley and Spokane County. The TAC and TTC will receive updates about the group's discussions and anyone who would like to participate can contact her for more information.

12 Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:28 pm.

Julie Meyers-Lehman, Recording Secretary

To: Transportation Advisory Committee 05/18/2022
From: Kylee Jones, Associate Transportation Planner III
Topic: **2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) June Amendment**

Requested Action:

Recommend SRTC Board of Directors approval of the June amendment to the 2022-2025 TIP as shown in the **Attachment**.

Key Points:

Two agencies have requested an amendment to the 2022-2025 TIP for the following four projects. See **Attachment** for more details.

- **WSDOT**
 - I-90/Rosamond Bridge Crossing – Bridge Deck Rehab
 - 2024-2026 SRTMC Operations
- **SRTC**
 - 2024 Metropolitan Transportation Planning
 - 2025 Metropolitan Transportation Planning

Board/Committee Discussions:

This is the first time the 2022-2025 TIP June amendment has been discussed by the TTC; the Transportation Advisory Committee will also discuss on 05/25/22 and it will be presented to the Board for action at their June meeting.

Public Involvement:

The proposed amendment will be published for a public review and comment period from 05/18/2022 through 05/27/2022. On 05/18/22 notice of the amendment will be published in the Spokesman Review, posted to the SRTC website (www.srtc.org), and posted to social media platforms. Public comments received during the public comment period will be addressed by SRTC staff and presented to the Board in their June 2022 meeting packet.

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**Supporting Information for:
2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) June Amendment**

The TIP is a programming document that identifies specific projects and programs to be implemented during the upcoming four years. Any project with federal funds from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) or Federal Transit Administration (FTA), as well as any regionally significant projects, must be included in the TIP. After a TIP has been incorporated into the Washington State TIP (STIP), project changes can be requested by local agencies. Minor changes can be made administratively by SRTC staff. Significant changes must be made through the amendment process, which requires a 10-day public comment period and action by the SRTC Board of Directors.

The TIP serves as an important tool in implementing the goals, policies, and strategies identified in Horizon 2045, SRTC's long-range plan. As such, any projects included in the TIP, including projects added through monthly amendments, must be consistent with Horizon 2045. Consistency with Horizon 2045 includes a demonstration of financial constraint and conformity with regional air quality plans. The September amendment has been reviewed by SRTC staff for compliance with federal and state requirements and consistency with Horizon 2045.

TIP amendments must be approved by the SRTC Board to be incorporated into the Washington State TIP (STIP). Projects receiving federal funds must be in both the TIP and the STIP to access those funds.

Pending approval by the SRTC Board, the June amendment will be incorporated into the STIP on or around 07/15/2022.

2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program

June Amendment (22-06)

Agency	Project Title Amendment Description	Funding Adjustment		Amendment	
				New Project	Existing Project
WSDOT	I-90/Rosamond Bridge Crossing - Bridge Deck Rehab Bridge deck rehab on Bridge 90/535 with preparation, deck repair, and a new wearing surface.	Federal - STP	\$ 1,089,120	✓	
		Local	\$ 25,582		
		Total	\$ 1,114,702		
WSDOT	2024-2026 SRTMC Operations Operations of the Spokane Regional Traffic Management Center. (SRTMC)	Federal - STP-UL	\$ 2,104,115	✓	
		Total	\$ 2,104,115		
SRTC	2024 Metropolitan Transportation Planning This project will support the tasks outlined in SRTC's Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), primarily tasks related to the maintenance and implementation of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and any approved planning and consultation studies.	Federal (STBG-UL)	\$ 500,000	✓	
		Local	\$ 78,035		
		Total	\$ 578,035		
SRTC	2025 Metropolitan Transportation Planning This project will support the tasks outlined in SRTC's Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), primarily tasks related to the maintenance and implementation of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and any approved planning and consultation studies.	Federal (STBG-UL)	\$ 500,000	✓	
		Local	\$ 78,035		
		Total	\$ 578,035		

STBG-UL Surface Transportation Block Grant Program - Urban Large

STP(UL) Surface Transportation Program

To: Transportation Advisory Committee
From: Michael Redlinger, Associate Transportation Planner II
Topic: **Transportation Discussion Series: Equity**

05/18/2022

Requested Action:

None. For information and discussion.

Key Points:

- SRTC is interested in developing a more robust process for identifying transportation system needs along with a quantitative evaluation strategy for determining the highest value projects.
- During the first half of 2022, staff will conduct a series of discussions with the SRTC Board and Committees to develop a deeper understanding of transportation topics, seek input and direction from members on key issues, and revisit screening criteria to develop a more data driven evaluation strategy for transportation project prioritization.
- This month's topic is Equity,

Board/Committee Discussions:

This is the fifth in a series of discussions for the Board and Committees. Prior discussions were:

- The Role of an MPO (January)
- Quality of Life (February)
- Safety (March)
- Stewardship (April)

Public Involvement:

All meetings of the Board and Committees are noticed and open to the public.

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To: Technical Advisory Committee 05/18/2022
From: Kylee Jones, Associate Transportation Planner III
Topic: **2024-2026 Call for Projects**

Requested Action:

None. For information and discussion

Key Points:

- **Overview** – The 2024-2026 Call for Projects was issued on 02/11/2022, to identify and prioritize transportation projects eligible for a variety of funding types totaling roughly \$32M. The awards will be for projects and programs to be executed in Federal Fiscal Years 2024-2026.
- **Application Review Process** - Eight Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) members on the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Working Group reviewed & edited the SRTC 2018 Call for Projects Application to update the application. Updates included improved question clarity, minor scoring adjustments, and removed duplicative questions across sections.
- **Applications Received** - SRTC received 51 applications from nine member agencies. Applications include the initiation of new projects as well as advancing existing projects to the next phase or to completion.
- **Eligibility** - SRTC Staff and WSDOT Local Programs worked with member agencies to ensure application completeness, consistency with SRTC policies, and eligibility for various funding programs.
- **Scoring Process** – Three members of the TTC, two members of the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) and two SRTC Staff reviewed and scored applications. As a result of those efforts, the 2024-2026 SRTC Draft Priority Scoring is attached, **Attachment 1**. Individual scores were entered into a master score sheet to develop an average overall score for each project. The master score sheet can be provided upon request.
- **Funding Allocation Principles** – With input from the committees, the SRTC Board developed Principles of Investment for this Call for Projects to help guide funding decisions. Other important funding considerations include program eligibility and project delivery timelines. SRTC staff will be seeking additional feedback on funding considerations that are related to this Call.

Board/Committee Discussions:

On 12/09/2021, the SRTC Board approved the 2022 TIP Guidebook which includes the 2024-2026 Call for Projects schedule and additional guidance on TIP project delivery.

On 02/10/2022, as part of the 2024-2026 Call for Projects, the SRTC Board approved resolution 22-04 awarding \$2.1M to the Spokane Regional Transportation Management Center (SRTMC) for operations, \$1.5M to SRTC for planning activities, allocation of at least \$1.5M to small towns during this call and held \$9.2M aside for a future preservation call for projects.

Public Involvement:

Participating agencies and the public are provided an opportunity to comment on the TIP development through a variety of means. Throughout the year, the public is invited to attend SRTC advisory committee meetings to discuss project selection, TIP amendments, the TIP Guidebook, and the development of the next four-year TIP. Documentation from the meetings is also posted on the SRTC website.

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2024-2026 SRTC Draft Priority Scoring

							STBG			CMAQ	STBG Set-Aside			HIP	HIP-CRRSSA	AWARD
							Urban	Rural	Flex	inside AQ boundaries	Urban	Rural	Flex	Urban Large Only	Urban Large Only	
														must obligate before Sept 30, 2024	must obligate before Sept 30, 2024	Total Award for 2024-2026
Priority Ranking	Agency	Project Name	Match	Final Score as %	Requested	Project Phase	\$11,198,000	\$1,767,000	\$2,536,000	\$9,267,000	\$2,635,000	\$495,000	\$1,619,000	\$341,772	\$2,440,778	\$32,299,550
1	SV	Pines Rd/BNSF Grade Separation*	33.5%	86.0%	\$23,130,199	CN										
2	STA	Division St BRT Project Development	33.5%	80.8%	\$1,000,000	PE										
3	CoS	Sunset Highway Pathway - Royal St to Spotted Rd*	33.5%	79.8%	\$4,437,000	PE, RW, CN										
4	SV	Bigelow-Sullivan Corridor: Sullivan/Trent Interchange	33.5%	77.7%	\$2,212,500	PE										
5	AH	SR2 Multi-Modal and Pedestrian Enhancements (with 2 Roundabouts)	13.5%	74.2%	\$876,991	PE										
6	STA	I90/Valley HPT Line Park & Ride Construction	33.5%	74.0%	\$1,200,000	RW, CN										
7	SV	Argonne Rd/I-90 Bridge	13.5%	72.1%	\$1,297,500	PE										
8	CoS	Pacific Ave Neighborhood Greenway	33.5%	71.0%	\$5,257,000	PE, RW, CN										
9	SV	Barker Corridor: Appleway to Sprague	33.5%	69.7%	\$2,095,072	PE, RW, CN										
10	CoS	US 195/Meadowlane	33.5%	69.4%	\$2,417,000	PE, CN										
11	SC	Bigelow Gulch Road Project 2*	33.5%	68.6%	\$6,000,000	CN										
12	CoS	Fish Lake Trail Connection Phases 1-3	23.5%	64.6%	\$19,477,771	PE, RW, CN										
13	CoS	Spokane Falls Blvd Reconstruction - Post St to Division St*	33.5%	63.8%	\$9,074,000	RW, CN										
14	SC	Commute Trip Reduction Program	33.5%	63.0%	\$991,924	Program										
15	CoS	Broadway Ave Reconstruction - Ash St to Lincoln St	33.5%	63.0%	\$7,589,000	PE, RW, CN										
16	CoS	Millwood Trail - Children of the Sun Trail to Fancher*	33.5%	62.7%	\$6,406,000	PE, RW, CN										
17	CoS	Palouse/Freya Roundabout	23.5%	62.3%	\$4,900,000	PE, RW, CN										
18	CoS	Riverside Ave - Monroe to Wall Reconstruction*	33.5%	61.8%	\$5,343,000	CN										
19	CoS	Cook St Greenway	33.5%	61.7%	\$1,682,000	CN										
20	SC	Harvard Rd Phase 2 (all phases-PE)	13.5%	60.0%	\$5,481,000	PE, RW, CN										
21	SC	Cascade Way Reconstruction & Stormwater Project	23.5%	59.7%	\$1,123,000	PE, CN										
22	SC	Nevada Rd Reconstruction: Hawthorne to US 2	23.5%	59.3%	\$1,234,000	PE, CN										
23	CoS	Signals - Maple & Rowan and Ash & Rowan	33.5%	57.7%	\$1,966,000	PE, RW, CN										
24	CoS	Wellesley Ave, Freya to Havana	33.5%	57.4%	\$379,000	PE, RW, CN										
25	SC	Argonne Rd & Upriver Driver Intersection	13.5%	57.3%	\$260,000	PE										
26	SV	Barker Corridor: 4th Ave Roundabout	33.5%	56.6%	\$2,272,157	PE, RW, CN										
27	SV	Barker Corridor: Sprague to 4th	33.5%	56.2%	\$1,735,025	PE, RW, CN										
28	SV	Barker Corridor: 8th Ave Roundabout	33.5%	55.3%	\$1,967,633	PE, RW, CN										
29	SC	Centennial Trail Argonne Gap Alternatives Study	13.5%	53.7%	\$160,000	Study										
30	SV	Barker Corridor: 4th to 8th	33.5%	53.7%	\$1,849,290	PE, RW, CN										
31	CoS	Signal Controller Upgrades	33.5%	53.6%	\$258,000	PE, CN										
32	STA	Sunset HPT - Preliminary Engineering	13.5%	53.5%	\$600,000	PE										
33	CoS	Nevada/Lincoln Intersection	23.5%	52.2%	\$1,160,000	PE, RW, CN										
34	SV	Appleway Trail & Stormwater Improvements	13.5%	51.1%	\$1,110,059	PE, CN										
35	SC	Magnesium Rd Preservation: Crestline to Market	13.5%	50.0%	\$616,000	PE, CN										
36	SV	Broadway Ave Reconstruction (Havana to Fancher)	33.5%	48.9%	\$2,618,547	PE, RW, CN										
37	SC	Wall St & Country Homes Blvd Intersection	13.5%	48.5%	\$2,493,000	PE, RW, CN										
38	STA	Wellesley HPT - Preliminary Engineering	13.5%	47.6%	\$400,000	PE										
39	SV	Spokane Valley River Loop Trail	33.5%	46.9%	\$2,021,033	PE, RW, CN										
40	CoS	Mallon Ave - Monroe to Howard Reconstruction	33.5%	46.2%	\$2,521,000	PE, RW, CN										
41	DP	N Colville Reconstruction, Third St to North City Limits	13.5%	45.1%	\$3,239,717	PE, RW, CN										
42	SC	Deno Rd Reconstruction - Rambo Rd to Craig Rd	13.5%	44.2%	\$2,374,400	PE, RW, CN										
43	CoS	Arthur St Sidewalk & Greenway	33.5%	43.2%	\$1,224,000	PE, RW, CN										
44	FF	Railroad Ave Rehabilitation	13.5%	41.8%	\$320,232	PE, CN										
45	CoS	Driscoll Sidewalk - Garland to Wellesley	33.5%	41.3%	\$1,741,000	PE, CN										

46	SC	Craig Rd Project 1	13.5%	40.4%	\$2,424,000	PE, RW, CN										
47	CoS	King Cole Way - Wood Bridge in Riverfront Park	13.5%	38.7%	\$869,000	PE, CN										
48	SC	Starr Rd Preservation	13.5%	36.1%	\$1,359,000	PE, RW, CN										
49	ML	Lake St ADA Upgrades	13.5%	32.9%	\$442,015	PE, CN										
50	SG	Patching and Chip Seal Various Locations	13.5%	29.9%	\$311,212	PE, CN										
51	SG	Old Hwy 195 Rehabilitation	33.5%	19.2%	\$500,277	PE, CN										
					\$	152,416,554										

Legend:

*	Projects that are currently in the Transportation Improvement Program
SV	City of Spokane Valley
CoS	City of Spokane
SC	Spokane County
DP	Deer Park
STA	Spokane Transit Authority
ML	Medical Lake
SG	Spangle
FF	Fairfield
AH	Airway Heights

To: Transportation Advisory Committee 05/18/2022
From: David Fletcher, Principal Transportation Planner
Topic: **Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board (FMSIB) Investment Priorities**

Requested Action:

None. For information and discussion.

Key Points:

- In 2021, the Washington State Legislature directed the state's Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board (FMSIB) to develop a statewide prioritized list of freight investments.
- FMSIB's process for developing this list is detailed in their [Phase 1 report](#), which was completed last year and presented to the 2022 Legislature. In the report, the FMSIB Board established general investment priorities by defining "Target Areas" and "Desired Freight Outcomes," which include "Relative Investment Amounts" identifying the percentage of overall investment that should be spent towards the various targets and outcomes. More information on this is provided in Sections 2 and 3 of the Phase 1 report.
- Phase 2 of this effort will include collecting project and investment priorities from local governments, regional planning organizations, and other statewide associations. To inform this work, FMSIB has requested that the state's MPOs and RTPOs provide a list of their regional freight investment priorities. Eligible investments must be: (1) located on the state's Freight and Goods Transportation System (FGTS) or benefit the FGTS and (2) under construction within six years.
- FMSIB will prioritize projects statewide using the following criteria: (1) tonnage—based on FGTS classification—supplemented by truck percentage and/or number of trucks, (2) non-state match percentage of total cost, and (3) percentage of funding committed.
- SRTC must provide FMSIB with its list of regional freight investment priorities by 08/15/2022. FMSIB's final report is due to the Legislature on 12/01/2022.

Board/Committee Discussions:

This is the first time the FMSIB Investment Priorities has been discussed.

Public Involvement:

All Board and committee meetings are open to the public.

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