

MEETING MINUTES

Spokane Regional Transportation Council - Transportation Technical Committee
June 22, 2022 | Hybrid Meeting
421 W Riverside Ave Suite 500, Spokane WA 99201 and on Zoom

1 Call to Order/Record of Attendance

Ms. Inga Note, TTC Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:01 pm.

IN ATTENDANCE

TTC Members:

Inga Note, *City of Spokane* (Chair)
Char Kay, *WSDOT-East. Region* (Vice-Chair)
Heather Trautman, *City of Airway Heights*
Bret Lucas, *City of Cheney*
Kevin Picanco, *City of Spokane*
Colin Quin-Hurst, *City of Spokane*
Adam Jackson, *City of Spokane Valley*
Jeremy Clark, *City of Spokane Valley*
Roger Krieger, *Small Towns Representative*
Brandi Colyar, *Spokane County*
Barry Greene, *Spokane County*
Jami Hayes, *Spokane County*
April Westby, *Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency*
Cindy Green, *Spokane Regional Health District*
Karl Otterstrom, *Spokane Transit Authority*
Chad Simonson, *WSDOT-East. Region*
Glenn Wagemann, *WSDOT-East. Region*

Guests:

Due to a technical issue, guest names were not recorded

Alternate TTC Members:

N/A

SRTC Staff:

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

2 Approval of May 2022 TTC Meeting Minutes

Ms. Green noted that her name was missing from list of attendees at the May meeting.

Mr. Picanco made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected; Mr. Otterstrom seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

3 Public Comments

There were no public comments.

4 Technical Member Comments

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

5 Chair Report on SRTC Board of Directors Meeting

Chair Note provided a summary of the June 9 Board meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

6 2024-2026 TIP Call for Projects

Ms. Jones summarized the call for projects timeline and the application scoring process. She reviewed in detail the two programming options under consideration, Options 1 and 2, and discussed the differences between them. The group discussed the use of toll credits for the Medical Lake project, distributing the funding with geographic equity in mind, and the importance of consideration of project phasing when developing a funding program.

Mr. Otterstrom was made to recommend Board approval of Option 2 Program of Project as presented. Mr. Picanco seconded.

The group discussed. Comments included:

- A suggestion to consider modifying the funding program of Option 2 to fully fund project 9 instead of awarding only partial funding.
- The percentages of the total funding package being allotted the largest three agencies (City of Spokane, City of Spokane Valley, and Spokane County) in Option 1 vs Option 2.
- Consideration of geographic equity and the proportional size of City of Spokane's population

Mr. Jackson made a motion to recommend Board approval of Option 2, with the modification of removing the funding from project #21 Cascade Way Reconstruction and applying those funds to project #9 Barker Corridor: Appleway to Sprague. Mr. Clark seconded the motion. There were 2 votes in favor and 15 votes against. Motion did not pass.

The vote was taken on the original motion. There were 16 votes in favor and 1 against. Motion passed.

7 Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board Priorities

Mr. Fletcher summarized FMSIB's directive from the state legislature to develop a statewide prioritized list of freight investments; this process includes collecting freight project data and regional freight investment priorities from Metropolitan Planning Organizations throughout the state. He explained that currently no funding source is tied to this process, however, it is possible that funding will be made available in the future.

He reviewed FMSIB's investment categories and target areas and described the process developed, in coordination with TTC volunteers, to prioritize the regional freight projects. He then presented two different options for prioritization, based on this process. Option A prioritized projects using criteria identified by FMSIB. Option B added regional prioritization activities to this initial criterion—such as Horizon 2045, the Unified List of Regional Transportation Priorities, the Freight Priority Network and project readiness—in its prioritization of projects.

The group discussed the pros and cons of a submitting a more focused list of projects versus the entire project list and also discussed the ranked order of project prioritization.

Mr. Greene made a motion to recommend Board approval of submitting a focused list of projects to FMSIB, based on the Option B methodology, and also including the full list of projects in order to demonstrate the extent of the region's freight-related need; the motion included a request that the Board consider reversing

the order of prioritization of the Pines Rd/BNSF Grade Separation project and the South Barker Rd Corridor Improvements project. Mr. Jackson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ITEMS

8 Transportation Discussion Series: Equity

Mr. Redlinger defined equity in terms of regional transportation planning and reported on the federal and state regulations regarding equity which SRTC must follow. He explained that a key reason that equity is so important in the planning process is to counter inequitable planning policies from the past; he spoke about equity metrics in Spokane county and highlighted the benefits of equitable transportation systems. He shared maps of Spokane County containing potential disadvantage data indicators by census tracts. The group was asked to consider other ways in which SRTC could analyze equity, how to define success in this regard, and what additional criteria could make the equity process stronger.

9 Equity Planning Framework Update

Mr. Redlinger reported on the work that began in 2022 to develop an equity planning framework at SRTC and shared details of progress made by the Equity Planning Work Group, which is made up of staff and representatives of the TTC, TAC and Board.

10 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment

Ms. McMenemy explained that Spokane Transit Authority (STA) is adding the *Division Street Bus Rapid Transit Corridor Land Use and Infrastructure Plan* to their work program. Because SRTC's Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) also includes the major planning activities of STA (and WSDOT), this means the UPWP must be amended to include this project.

11 DivisionConnects Conclusion

Mr. Lien announced that the final DivisionConnects Steering Committee meeting was held yesterday, and they reviewed the Phase 2 final report materials, which includes information about land use opportunities, active transportation projects along the corridor and travel demand modeling information. The final report will be posted to the [DivisionConnects](#) website soon.

12 Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan Update

Mr. Lien said the CPT-HSTP update process has involved public outreach, particularly focusing on a public survey, which closes at the end of July. More information can be found on the [project page](#).

13 Transportation Discussion Series: Funding

Due to lack of time, this item will be covered at a future meeting.

14 Agency Update and Future Information Items

Mr. Stewart reported that SRTC staff met with staff from City of Spokane, City of Spokane Valley and Spokane County to discuss a new grant program created by the bipartisan infrastructure package called Safe Streets for All, which provides funding for the development of a safety action plan. The Board will be asked to consider approving SRTC to pursue this grant and develop a regional safety action plan.

15 Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:46 pm.

