

Spokane Regional Transportation Council – Transportation Technical Committee

December 21, 2022 | Meeting Minutes

Hybrid Meeting at SRTC, 421 W Riverside Ave Suite 504, Spokane WA 99201 and virtually on Zoom

1 Call to Order/Record of Attendance

In Attendance

TTC Members

Char Kay, *WSDOT-Eastern Region* (Chair)
Heather Trautman, *City of Airway Heights* (Vice-Chair)
Brett Lucas, *City of Cheney*
Roger Krieger, *City of Deer Park*
Inga Note, *City of Spokane*
Colin Quinn-Hurst, *City of Spokane*
Kevin Picanco, *City of Spokane*
Adam Jackson, *City of Spokane Valley*
Jerremy Clark, *City of Spokane Valley*
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*
Matt Kenney, *Spokane Transit Authority*
Glenn Wagemann, *WSDOT-Eastern Region*

TTC Alternate Members

Mike Tresidder, *Spokane Transit Authority*

Guests

Samantha Hennessy, *Spokane Regional Health District*
Tyler Kimbrell, *City of Spokane*
Jennifer Simmons
Cecelia Evans
K. Miller

SRTC Staff

Ryan Stewart, *Principal Transportation Planner*
Jason Lien, *Principal Transportation Planner*
Mike Ulrich, *Principal Transportation Planner*
Lois Bollenback, *Executive Director*
Eve McMenemy, *Deputy Executive Director*
Julie Meyers-Lehman, *Admin-Exec Coordinator*

2 Approval of November TTC Meeting minutes

Ms. Trautman noted a correction on page 3; it should read “Ms. Trautman made a motion to approve the nomination of Ms. Kay as 2023 Chair”, not Vice Chair.

Mr. Picanco made a motion to approve the November minutes as amended. Ms. Trautman seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

3 Public Comments

There were no comments.

4 TTC Member Comments

Members shared updates on projects and programs from their jurisdictions/agencies.

5 Chair Report on SRTC Board of Directors Meeting

As Chair Kay did not attend the December SRTC Board meeting, Ms. Note provided an overview of actions and discussions from the meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

6 Human Services Transportation Plan: Consolidated Grant Rankings

Mr. Lien summarized the WSDOT Consolidated Grant Program, which provides funding for capital and operating projects for human services public transportation projects. He said WSDOT tasks RTPOs to assign rankings to project

applications received in their planning areas. Four applications were received by SRTC; three are projects which have received funding from this program in the past. Mr. Lien described the ranking process and said volunteers from the TTC and TAC assisted in scoring the applications. The ranking recommendation is:

<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Ranking Grade</u>
Deer Park Dial-A-Ride & Community Shuttle	A
Neighbors on the Go	A
Replacement Buses to Sustain Deer Park Services	A
Spokane County Mobility Management	B

There were no questions or discussion.

Mr. Krieger made a motion to recommend Board approval of 2023-2025 Consolidated Grant project rankings through the Spokane County RTPO as shown. Mr. Jackson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

7 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program January Amendment

Ms. McMenemy provided a background about the TIP and the TIP amendment process. She presented the list and shared details of projects in the proposed amendment. There were no questions or discussion.

Mr. Tresidder made a motion to recommend Board approval of the 2023-2026 TIP January Amendment. Mr. Krieger seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

8 Recommend Board Presentation of Rail Corridor Identification Program

Ms. Note discussed the recent presentation from All Aboard Washington (AAWA) about their efforts to gain support from the Governor's office for a comprehensive study on restoration of long-distance passenger rail and establishing inter-city passenger rail in Washington. The group discussed the importance of the SRTC Board being aware of this information and TTC members sharing other relevant studies regarding passenger rail.

Mr. Jackson made a motion to recommend that the SRTC Board be presented with information from AAWA regarding the study of intercity passenger rail in Washington State and the Corridor Identification & Development Program. Ms. Note seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ITEMS

9 Preservation Call for Projects

Ms. McMenemy said SRTC holds a preservation call for project every 2-3 years; the Board set aside \$9.2M from last year's 2024-2026 call for projects to be used for a preservation/maintenance call for projects in 2023. In collaboration with the TIP Working Group, staff has developed three proposed principles of investment:

- Limit project applications to include grind and overlays, chip seals, and other sealant projects;
- Limit project awards not to exceed \$1.5M; and
- Limit any one jurisdiction total awards not to exceed \$3M

The group reviewed the draft application and scoring areas; there were no suggestions for edits or modifications.

10 DATA Project Update: Household Travel Survey Final Report

Mr. Ulrich shared a background of the DATA (Data Applications for Transportation Analysis) project, which began in 2018. The household travel survey is one of six tasks within DATA project. The survey final report has just been released and has been posted to the SRTC website. He shared details about the sampling plan, response rates, survey

design, materials, expansion/weighting, and survey results. The group discussed how the results compare with data sets from other sources, active transportation data, and calculating margin of error.

11 Bridge Program

Mr. Ulrich shared information about the WSDOT Bridge Formula Program and funds expected to be available in 2023 for bridge projects in the following categories (1) replacement and rehabilitation (2) preventative maintenance and (3) bundled projects. He provided data about bridge conditions county wide and shared an example of a bridge formula funding award in the region in 2022. The group was asked to consider:

- What challenges to local jurisdictions face in impacting bridge performance?
- Are there specific challenges to deliver projects once bridge funding has been obligated?
- How can SRTC be of value to members relative to the Bridge Program?

The group discussed and comments included:

- Challenges include the fact that so much bridge infrastructure in Spokane is quite old and there are many bridges with lots of deferred maintenance
- The program is interesting, but the cost of replacing bridges is much more than the program funds available
- There would probably need to be discussions about regional prioritization
- Short-span bridges have difficulty getting maintenance and preservation funding

12 Transportation Performance Measures: PM1 Safety

Mr. Ulrich provided a background of transportation performance management and provided details about safety performance measures and regional safety data trends. The SRTC Board must decide by 2/27/23 whether to plan and program projects which support the state's safety targets or set a quantifiable target of its own.

SRTC recently applied for a Safe Streets for All Grant, which, if awarded, will be used to explore developing a regional safety plan. For now, staff is proposing that the TTC consider recommending Board approval of supporting state targets until it is known if the Safe Streets for All grant will be awarded to SRTC. Award announcements are expected within the next couple of weeks.

13 Agency Update and Future Information Items

Mr. Ulrich announced that SRTC staff will be reaching out to member agencies requesting building permit data as for the DATA project's land use allocation information; he requested that members coordinate with their building permit departments to let them know the requests are forthcoming.

Mr. Stewart spoke about the RAISE grant funding opportunity and asked members to notify SRTC as soon as possible if their agencies plan to apply so a support letter can be prepared in advance. He also encouraged members to consider information items or guest presenters for meetings next year.

14 Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at [insert time].

Julie Meyers-Lehman, Recording Secretary