

Spokane Regional Transportation Council – Transportation Technical Committee

January 25, 2023 | 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

Vice-Chair Heather Trautman called the meeting to order at 1:02pm and attendance was taken.

IN ATTENDANCE

TTC Members

Heather Trautman, *City of Airway Heights* (Vice-Chair)
Brett Lucas, *City of Cheney*
Roger Krieger, *City of Deer Park*
Inga Note, *City of Spokane*
Kevin Picanco, *City of Spokane*
Adam Jackson, *City of Spokane Valley*
Jerremy Clark, *City of Spokane Valley*
Brandi Colyar, *Spokane County*
Jami Hayes, *Spokane County*
Samantha Hennessy, *Spokane Regional Health District*
Matt Kenney, *Spokane Transit Authority*
Chad Simonson, *WSDOT-Eastern Region*
Glenn Wagemann, *WSDOT-Eastern Region*

TTC Alternate Members

Katherine Miller, *City of Spokane*
Matt Zarecor, *Spokane County*
Mike Tresidder, *Spokane Transit Authority*

Guests

Shea Suski, *WSDOT-Eastern Region*
Paul Kropp
Steven Polunsky, *WA Dept. of Commerce*
LeAnn Yamamoto, *CommuteSmartNW*
Sean Messner, *CivTech*

SRTC Staff

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

2 Approval of December 2022 TTC Meeting minutes

Mr. Clark made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Picanco seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

3 Public Comments

There were no comments.

4 TTC Member Comments

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

5 Chair Report on SRTC Board of Directors Meeting

Vice-Chair Trautman provided an overview of the January SRTC Board of Directors meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

6 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program February Amendment

Ms. Jones reported that City of Spokane Valley requested an amendment to the TIP to add RAISE funding for the Pines Rd Grade Separation. There were no questions or discussion.

Mr. Jackson made a motion to recommend Board approval of the February TIP Amendment. Mr. Krieger seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

7 SRTC 2024-2026 Preservation Call for Projects

Ms. McMenemy explained the purpose of setting Principles of Investment and listed the three proposed principles. She outlined the draft project application, highlighted changes as recommended by committees, and summarized the draft scoring factors. Assuming these items are approved by the Board at their next meeting, the call will be released on 2/10/23 with applications due 4/14/23. Project application scoring will be done with the assistance from volunteers from the TTC and TAC.

Mr. Jackson made a motion to recommend Board approval of the 2024-2026 Preservation Call for Projects principles of investment and application as reported in the Attachment. Mr. Krieger seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

8 Transportation Performance Measures: PM1 Safety

Ms. McMenemy spoke about the federal requirement for MPOs to set safety targets annually; the option is to either support state targets or set region specific quantifiable targets. She shared data about current safety performance measures in Spokane County. SRTC has applied for a Safe Streets & Roads for All planning grant and if awarded, it will be used to research the development of a regional safety plan. The target setting deadline for this cycle is in February, therefore staff is recommending continued support of state targets for the time being.

Members discussed and comments included:

- It doesn't appear that the state's Target Zero is working – fatalities and serious injury rates continue to climb; it may be that regional and local level planning may be more effective.
- The SS4A grant, if awarded, will be used to develop a local safety plan and approach applicable to this region. SRTC is also collaborating with WSDOT-Eastern Region on a new safety pilot program.
- Supporting Target Zero appears to be the easy route to setting a target, but also seems unrealistic.
- Roadways have not changed and become unsafe; its human behavior that has changed, which is much more difficult to correct.
- There no magic bullet to achieve zero fatalities and serious injuries.
- What is important is what action is being taken, and actions may or may not be driven by a specified target.

Mr. Wagemann made a motion to recommend that the SRTC Board agree to plan and program projects so that they contribute to the accomplishment of WSDOT HSIP targets. Mr. Clark seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ITEMS

9 SFY 2024-2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Development Review

Mr. Stewart shared information about the UPWP; its purpose, federal planning factors and emphasis areas, state emphasis areas, and the eight major SRTC planning activities contained in the plan. He shared the development schedule for the update, which will culminate in June and the 2024-2025 UPWP will be effective 7/1/23. There were no questions.

10 Bicycle Level of Traffic Stress (LTS)

Mr. Lien explained that SRTC will be conducting a LTS analysis this spring in order to provide information about the functionality and barriers on the Regional Bicycle Priority Network. He summarized the LTS factors and grading system. Staff will build a database of factors and apply to the Horizon 2045 Regional Bicycle Priority Network.

11 Guest Presentation: WSDOT Complete Streets

Shea Suski, WSDOT Principal Multimodal Planner, provided an overview of the WSDOT Complete Streets program for State transportation projects.

12 Introduction to Carbon Reduction Program Funding

Ms. Jones reported a new federal funding program has been created through the recent Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act. The Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) is expected to bring about \$5M to the region through 2026 for projects that help reduce vehicle emissions. Using the Contingency List Process from the SRTC TIP Guidebook, staff will identify projects eligible to receive CRP funds and the CRP funds will be included in the annual federal obligation target.

13 Agency Update

Mr. Stewart reminded the group about the short SRTC end of year online survey recently distributed and asked members to participate.

13 Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:29pm.

Julie Meyers-Lehman, Recording Secretary