

Spokane Regional Transportation Council – Transportation Advisory Committee

02.22.2023 | 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

Chair Kim Zentz called the meeting to order at 3:00 and attendance was taken.

In Attendance

TCC Members

Raychel Callary
 Todd Coleman
 Charles Hansen
 Carlie Hoffman
 Caleb Newbill

Bill White
 Charlie Wolff
 Rhonda Young
 Claudine Zender
 Kim Zentz

SRTC Staff

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*

GuestsShauna Harshman, *WSDOT-Eastern Region***# 2 Approval of January 2023 TAC Meeting minutes**

Ms. Callary noted two typographical errors in the minutes.

Mr. Newbill made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Mr. Hansen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

3 Public Comments

There were no comments.

4 TAC Member Comments

Chair Zentz shared details about attending the WTS Awards Gala last month, at which SRTC received the 2022 Employer of the Year award and Deputy Executive Director Eve McMenemy received the 2022 Rosa Parks Diversity award.

5 Chair Report on SRTC Board of Directors Meeting

Chair Zentz summarized actions and discussions at the February Board meeting.

ACTION ITEMS**# 6 TAC Correspondence Regarding Proposed North Spokane Corridor Delays**

Mr. Lien recapped the conversation from the last meeting and the Board's action sharing opposition to NSC delays with state legislators. Chair Zentz and Vice-Chair Charlie Wolff drafted a statement from the TAC to the Board Chair endorsing the Board's position about possible NSC delays, a copy of which was included in the packet. The group reviewed the statement.

Ms. Young made a motion to approve forwarding the TAC's statement to the SRTC Board Chair. Mr. White seconded.

Members discussed adding some wording to relay the urgency of NSC completion, with its scheduled multi-use pathway, after the recent emergency removal of the Magnolia St pedestrian bridge over I-90.

Ms. Young made a motion to amend the document to include language about the loss of an important pedestrian connection. Mr. White seconded. The motion to amend passed unanimously.

Chair Zentz called for a vote on the primary motion as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

7 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program March Amendment

Ms. Jones reported on the project in the proposed TIP amendment, the City of Spokane's Arterial Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon project.

Ms. Callary made a motion to recommend Board approval of the March TIP amendment. Mr. Hansen seconded. Motion passed with 9 votes in favor and 1 abstention.

8 Carbon Reduction (CRP): Urban Funding Allocations

Ms. Jones shared details about the new federal formula funding program for projects that reduce vehicle emissions on roadways; it is a 5-year program and divided into three suballocations: Urban, Urban Small, and Rural. Staff spoke about the three projects proposed for Urban funding (Urban small and Rural allocations will be addressed at another time) and explained that they were chosen based on the Board approved project contingency list, the contingency funding policies as specified 2023 TIP Guidebook, and from input by the TIP Working Group.

Ms. Young made a motion to recommend Board approval of the set of projects to receive Urban CRP allocations for 2022-2026 as shown. Mr. Wolff seconded.

The group discussed the locations of the three Fish Lake Trail Phases and the difference between preliminary engineering and construction phases.

Motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ITEMS

9 Congestion Management Process (CMP) Introduction

Mr. Fletcher shared details about the launch of a CMP update, last done in 2014. He described the update process which will culminate at year end. A CMP Working Group consisting of TTC members, TAC members, and other agency staff will be established to assist in setting regional objectives, performance metrics, network evaluation, etc. Ms. Young volunteered. Chair Zentz suggested incorporating mapping data about areas of disadvantage into the discussions about congestion management.

10 Transportation Performance Management: PM2 Infrastructure

Mr. Ulrich shared the requirements of the MPO to set performance targets for infrastructure for bridges in the planning area on National Highway System (NHS) and pavement on the Interstate System and non-interstate NHS. He spoke about the ways SRTC is currently addressing pavement performance; SRTC must respond to WSDOT regarding infrastructure targets by 6/17/23.

The group discussed and comments included:

- Availability of obtaining infrastructure data on regions similar to ours.

- Pavement reporting is challenging because it relies on visual inspections on sections of the roadway and then the data is expanded out. Not enough resources to examine every single road mile.
- Suggestion to consider developing repair standards or a regional pavement management system.
- Currently each regional jurisdiction has its own pavement rating system.
- The Board is showing support for maintenance and preservation of existing facilities.
- Funding for preservation and maintenance is not adequate. Suggestion to explore ways to obtain additional funding.

10 Agency Update

Mr. Lien said future TAC agendas will contain a consent agenda for routine administrative items, such as meeting minutes and TIP amendments. He emphasized that TAC members are always welcome to request an item to be removed from the consent agenda and considered separately. Several members commented this was a good idea to save additional meeting time for discussion. Mr. Lien also noted to let him or Julie know if any members are not receiving the link to the TAC packets that are sent out a week prior to the TAC meeting.

11 Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:23pm.

Julie Meyers-Lehman, Recording Secretary