

Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, March 22, 2023 | 3:00 PM

Hybrid In-Person/Online Meeting

SRTC Conference Room, 421 W Riverside Ave Suite 504, Spokane WA 99201

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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

TAC 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 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 Program (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 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, including bridges in the planning area on the 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

To: Transportation Advisory Committee 03/15/2023

From: Kylee Jones, Associate Transportation Planner III

TOPIC: 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) APRIL AMENDMENT

Requested Action:

Recommend Board approval of the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program April amendment.

Key Points:

Three member agencies have requested an amendment to the 2023-2026 TIP for the following projects. See the **Attachment** for more details.

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Project</u>
City of Spokane	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fish Lake Trail – Phase 1• Fish Lake Trail – Phase 2• Millwood Trail – Children of the Sun Trail to Fancher
Spokane County	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coulee Hite Railroad Safety Project• Argonne Rd. And Upriver Drive Intersection Improvement
Spokane Valley	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sullivan/Trent Interchange Design

Board/Committee Discussions:

This is the first discussion of the 2023-2026 TIP April amendment by the TAC.

Public Involvement:

The proposed amendment was published for a public review and comment period from 03/15/23 through 03/24/23. On 03/15/23 notice of the amendment was published in the Spokesman Review, posted to the SRTC website (www.srtc.org), and posted to social media platforms. All public comments received will be presented to the Board prior to any action taken.

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2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program

April Amendment (23-04)

Agency	Project Title Amendment Description	Funding Adjustment		Amendment	
				New Project	Existing Project
Spokane	Coulee Hite Railroad Safety Project	Federal (HSIP)	\$ 929,000	✓	
County	Install railroad advanced warning sign, flashing beacon, and red flashing light signal	Local	\$ -		
		Total	\$ 929,000		
Spokane	Sullivan/Trent Interchange Design	Federal (NHFP)	\$ 2,552,000		✓
Valley	Updated design (PE) total and added NHFP funding	Fed(CRRSAA(UL)	\$ 1,367,500		
		Local	\$ 611,714		
		Total	\$ 4,531,214		
City of	Fish Lake Trail - Phase 1	Federal (TA)	\$ 787,984		✓
Spokane	Added Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funding to the construction phase.	Federal (CRP)	\$ 2,291,720		
		Local	\$ 945,052		
		Total	\$ 4,024,756		
City of	Fish Lake Trail - Phase 2	Federal	\$ 650,250	✓	
Spokane	New project added to the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Design (PE) phase funded by Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funds. This is phase 2 of the Fish Lake Trail project. Remaining funding is not secured.	Local	\$ 199,750		
		Total	\$ 850,000		
City of		Millwood Trail - Children of the Sun Trail to Fancher	Federal (STBG)	\$ 2,486,104	
Spokane	Added CRP funding for PE. Modified project title and termini. Updated ROW and CN phase costs.	Federal (CRP)	\$ 237,405		
		Local	\$ 520,896		
		Total	\$ 3,244,405		
Spokane	Argonne Road and Upriver Drive Intersection Improvement	Federal (NHFP)	\$ 300,000		✓
County	Added \$180,000 in local funds to the project	Local	\$ 180,000		
		Total	\$ 480,000		
HSIP	Highway Safety Improvement Program				
NHFP	National Highway Freight Program				
STBG	Surface Transportation Block Grant				
CRP	Carbon Reduction Program				
TA	Transportation Alternative Program				
CRRSSA	Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021				

Supporting Information

TOPIC: 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) APRIL 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 proposed February 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 April amendment will be incorporated into the STIP on or around 04/21/2023.

To: Transportation Advisory Committee

03/15/2023

From: Mike Ulrich, Principal Transportation Planner

TOPIC: TRANSPORTATION PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT: PM2 - INFRASTRUCTURE

Requested Action:

Recommend that the SRTC Board agree to plan and program projects so that they contribute to the accomplishment of WSDOT PM2 targets.

Key Points:

- At the October 2022 Committee meeting staff introduced Transportation Performance Management including regulatory requirements and SRTC's role in setting targets for Safety (PM-1), Infrastructure (PM-2), and System Performance (PM-3).
- Discussion at the February meeting focused on infrastructure; staff presented background information, historical data, and target setting options.
- Targets for the following six statewide performance measures are set by MPOs every four years:
 1. Percentage of pavements of the Interstate System in Good condition
 2. Percentage of pavements of the Interstate System in Poor condition
 3. Percentage of pavements of the non-Interstate NHS in Good condition
 4. Percentage of pavements of the non-Interstate NHS in Poor condition
 5. Percentage of NHS bridges classified as in Good condition
 6. Percentage of NHS bridges classified as in Poor condition
- To set a target, MPOs must either agree to support the State DOT target or establish a numerical target specific to the MPO planning area.
- Last cycle, in November 2019, the SRTC Board set targets by agreeing to plan and program projects which contribute to the accomplishment of WSDOT statewide performance targets for infrastructure.
- The deadline for the SRTC Board to set the PM2 targets is 06/14/2023.

Board/Committee Discussions:

TAC and the Transportation Technical Committee discussed this topic on 2/22/23; both groups will be asked to make a recommendation to the Board on 03/22/2023.

Public Involvement:

Data reporting across all the federally mandated performance management categories is included in a [System Performance Report](#) as an appendix to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). A formal public comment period for the MTP was open from 10/12/2021 – 11/13/2021.

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To: Transportation Advisory Committee

03/15/2023

From: Mike Ulrich, Principal Transportation Planner

TOPIC: TRANSPORTATION PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT: PM3 – SYSTEM PERFORMANCE

Requested Action:

None. For information and discussion.

Key Points:

- At the October 2022 Committee meeting staff introduced Transportation Performance Management including regulatory requirements and SRTC's role in setting targets for Safety (PM-1), Infrastructure (PM-2), and System Performance (PM-3).
- Discussion at the March meeting will focus on system performance; staff will present background information, historical data, and target setting options.
- Targets for the following six statewide performance measures are set by MPOs every four years:
 1. Percent of the person-miles traveled on the Interstate that are reliable
 2. Percent of the person-miles traveled on the non-Interstate NHS that are reliable
 3. Truck Travel Time Reliability (TTTR) Index
 4. Annual Hours of Peak Hour Excessive Delay Per Capita
 5. Percent of Non-SOV travel
 6. Total Emissions Reduction
- Last cycle, in November 2019, the SRTC Board set targets by agreeing to plan and program projects which contribute to the accomplishment of WSDOT statewide performance targets for system performance.
- The Board will be asked to take action on system performance targets on 05/11/2023.

Board/Committee Discussions:

This is the first discussion of this topic by the TAC and the Transportation Technical Committee; both groups will be asked to make a recommendation to the Board on 04/26/2023.

Public Involvement:

Data reporting across all the federally mandated performance management categories is included in a [System Performance Report](#) as an appendix to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). A formal public comment period for the MTP was open from October 12 – November 13, 2021.

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To: Transportation Advisory Committee

03/15/2023

From: Mike Ulrich, Principal Transportation Planner

TOPIC: SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL GRANT UPDATE

Requested Action:

None. For information and discussion.

Key Points:

- In March 2022, as part of the discussion series, the Board received a presentation on safety. Topics discussed included the decision-making process, what role SRTC plays in impacting human behavior, safety planning, project weighting, and the idea of a regional safety plan.
- The recently passed Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) includes a new grant program called Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A). The SS4A program is a discretionary program with \$5 billion in appropriated funds over the next 5 years and makes funds available to develop action plans or implementation plans.
- The purpose of SS4A grants is to improve roadway safety by significantly reducing or eliminating roadway fatalities and serious injuries through safety action plan development and implementation focused on all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation users, motorists, personal conveyance and micromobility users, and commercial vehicle operators.
- To be eligible for implementation (projects) funding, an applicant must have an adopted action plan.
- SRTC was chosen as a recipient of a \$400,000 grant. The grant will be used by SRTC to collaborate with regional partners to develop a Regional Safety Action Plan for SRTC's planning area with the goal of reducing serious and fatal injury crashes.
- At the March committee meeting staff will present an updated schedule, discuss next steps, and ask for volunteers to support RFP development.

Board/Committee Discussions:

The TAC and Transportation Technical Committee discussed this topic in July and August 2022.

Public Involvement:

All Board and committee meetings are open to the public.

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