

Spokane Regional Transportation Council – Transportation Advisory Committee

04.26.2023 | 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 3:00pm and attendance was taken. In attendance were:

TAC Members

Raychel Callary	Bill White
Todd Coleman	Todd Williams
Charles Hansen	Charlie Wolff
Carlie Hoffman	Rhonda Young
Caleb Newbill	Claudine Zender
Paul Vose	Kim Zentz

SRTC Staff

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

Guests

Terrence Lynch, WSDOT	Shauna Harshman, WSDOT
Robin Lashbrook	Corie Lahr, Epic Land Solutions

2 Public Comments

There were no comments.

3 TAC Member Comments

There were no comments.

4 Chair Report on SRTC Board of Directors Meeting

Chair Zentz shared highlights of the April 13 SRTC Board meeting.

ACTION ITEMS**# 5 Consent Agenda (a) March TAC Meeting Minutes (b) 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement program May Amendment***Mr. Hansen made a motion to recommend Board approval of the Consent Agenda as presented. Ms. Young seconded. Motion passed unanimously.***# 6 Transportation Performance Management: PM3 System Performance**

Mr. Ulrich reviewed the WSDOT PM3 targets and stated that SRTC has the choice to support state targets or develop region specific quantifiable targets. He reviewed the six system performance measures and the statewide targets set by WSDOT. Last month, neither the Board, the TAC or TTC gave any indication that setting region specific targets was preferable, therefore staff recommended supporting state targets. There were no questions or discussion.

Mr. Vose made a motion to recommend that the SRTC Board agree to plan and program projects that contribute to the accomplishment of WSDOT PM3 targets. Mr. Newbill seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

7 2024 Unified List of Regional Transportation Priorities

Mr. Ulrich recapped the purpose of the Unified List and summarized feedback received from legislators about the 2023 list. The group reviewed the criteria and project submittal form. TAC members discussed pros and cons of ranking the projects on the Unified List.

Ms. Young made a motion to recommend Board approval of the Unified List process, including reaffirming the criteria, and timeline. Mr. Coleman seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ITEMS

8 North Spokane Corridor/I-90 Connection Alternatives

Terrence Lynch, NSC Project Engineer spoke about three potential NSC-I-90 connections and shared visual representations of each alternative. He noted that a key component of the connection design is a FHWA requirement that I-90 must function at or better than it would without the NSC. Significant public engagement is currently underway and WSDOT will be utilizing community input gathered to guide the connection design decision.

Members discussed:

- Impacts on the connection for local residents
- Use of eminent domain for residential and commercial properties
- Likelihood of drivers exceeding the speed limit on the frontage roads and need for traffic calming strategies
- Location of the proposed land bridge
- Environmental justice and equity considerations
- Future discussions with neighborhoods and community members regarding the best use of surplus land

9 SFY 2024-2025 Unified Planning Work Program Draft

Mr. Stewart summarized the purpose and requirements of a UPWP and shared highlights of the upcoming program. The TAC will be asked at the May meeting to make a recommendation to the Board for approval of the UPWP; the Board will be asked to approve the program at their June meeting. There were no questions or discussion.

10 Agency Update

Mr. Lien provided an update on the Preservation Call for Projects process; the application period ended April 14 and SRTC received 18 applications, which are currently being evaluated by the scoring team. The scoring process will wrap up soon and preliminary results will be presented to both committees in May.

11 Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:28pm.

Julie Meyers-Lehman, Recording Secretary