

Spokane Regional Transportation Council – Transportation Technical 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 Char Kay called the meeting to order at 1:00pm. In attendance were:

TTC Members

Char Kay, *WSDOT-Eastern Region* (Chair)
 Brett Lucas, *City of Cheney*
 Roger Krieger, *City of Deer Park*
 David Williams, *City of Liberty Lake*
 Inga Note, *City of Spokane*
 Colin Quinn-Hurst, *City of Spokane*
 Kevin Picanco, *City of Spokane*
 Jerremy Clark, *City of Spokane Valley*
 Barry Greene, *Spokane County*
 Jami Hayes, *Spokane County*
 April Westby, *Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency*
 Samantha Hennessy, *Spokane Regional Health District*
 Karl Otterstrom, *Spokane Transit Authority*
 Glenn Wagemann, *WSDOT-Eastern Region*

TTC Alternate Members

Jake Saxon, *Spokane County*
 Cecelia Evans, *Spokane Tribe of Indians*
 Brian Jennings, *Spokane Transit Authority*

Guests

Wende Wilber, *Kittelson & Associates*
 Brandon Blankenagel, *KPFF*
 Terrence Lynch, *WSDOT-Eastern Region*
 Shauna Harshman, *WSDOT-Eastern Region*
 Paul Kropp
 Mike Tresidder, *Spokane Transit Authority*
 Matt Zarecor, *Spokane County*
 Robyn Lashbrook, *WSDOT*

SRTC Staff

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

2 Public Comments

There were no comments.

3 TTC Member Comments

Members shared highlights of current projects/programs in their jurisdiction/agency.

4 Chair Report on SRTC Board of Directors Meeting

Chair Kay provided an overview of the April SRTC Board meeting.

ACTION ITEMS**# 5 Consent Agenda: March TTC Meeting Minutes & 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program May Amendment**

Mr. Otterstrom made a motion to approve the consent agenda, which included a recommendation for Board approval of the May TIP amendment. Mr. Greene seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

6 Spokane County Harvard Road Project Scope Change

Ms. Jones introduced Jake Saxon from Spokane County who provided information and maps that outlined details of the proposed scope change. There was discussion about the project's facilities for pedestrians and bicycles.

Mr. Clark made a motion for TTC concurrence with requested scope change for Spokane County's Harvard Road Reconstruction project. Mr. Wagemann seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

7 Transportation Performance Management: PM3 System Performance

Mr. Ulrich reviewed the federal funding programs applicable to PM3 measures. He stated that MPOs are required to set targets every four years for the following system performance measures:

1. Percent of person-miles traveled on the Interstate that are reliable
2. Percent of person-miles traveled on the non-Interstate National Highway System that are reliable
3. Truck Travel Time Reliability Index
4. Annual Hours of Peak Hour Excessive Delay Per Capita
5. Percent of Non-Single Occupancy Vehicle Travel
6. Total Emissions Reduction

He provided definitions of all six measures and shared WSDOT's statewide 4-year targets for each. As with previous performance measures, SRTC has an option to agree to plan and program projects that support WSDOT's targets or commit to a quantifiable target for the planning area. In 2019 the SRTC Board agreed to plan and program projects in support of WSDOT statewide performance system performance targets. There were no questions or discussion.

Mr. Picanco 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. Krieger seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

8 2024 Unified List of Regional Transportation Priorities: Process & Timeline

Mr. Ulrich recapped the purpose of creating a Unified List as a communication tool to be used with state and federal legislators when discussing potential funding opportunities. He summarized feedback from legislators and the TTC/TAC on the 2023 Unified List, the development process, the proposed scoring criteria, and the draft project submission form. Criteria will remain the same as the 2023 process, but the timeline will be accelerated.

The group discussed at length and comments included:

- The state legislature will have a supplemental budget in 2024 so there may not be much value in a priority list or in accelerating the development process. There seems to be a disconnect in developing a priority list without available funding.
- There can be a gap between stated regional values on a priority list and jurisdictions' cultural values.
- SRTC's Needs Assessment is currently under development but will not be done in time to apply to the 2024 Unified List. It will be finalized and available for use on the 2025 Unified List.
- SRTC heard from legislators that they would like to receive this information well in advance of the legislative session.
- Narrowing the list to fewer projects is difficult because naturally jurisdictions would like to see their projects on the priority list. However, legislators expressed their desire to see a more compressed list.
- Projects on the priority list are not ranked. They are divided into three categories:
- Updating the list annually, regardless of the state budget cycle, is beneficial because (1) the region should always be clear about its current priorities and (2) the priority list development process will be continually

refined and improved doing it annually; skipping a year and then reactivating the process would be more difficult than doing it consistently each year.

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

INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ITEMS

9 North Spokane Corridor/I-90 Connection Alternatives

Terrence Lynch from WSDOT presented detailed information about three alternatives for the NSC-I-90 connection. WSDOT is currently engaged in significant public engagement on this topic and will be using the input to decide on the connection design.

10 SFY 2024-2025 Unified Planning Work Program

Due to lack of time, this item was not discussed. Mr. Stewart asked members to review the draft UPWP document (a link was included in the packet), as at the next meeting the TTC will be asked to make a recommendation for Board approval.

11 Agency Update

None.

12 Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:41pm.

Julie Meyers-Lehman, Recording Secretary