

Spokane Regional Transportation Council – Transportation Advisory Committee

05.24.2023 | 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 3:03pm and attendance was taken. In attendance were:

TAC Members

Raychel Callary
Charles Hansen
Carlie Hoffman
Todd Williams

Charlie Wolff
Rhonda Young
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*
Lois Bollenback, *Executive Director*
Eve McMenemy, *Deputy Executive Director*
Julie Meyers-Lehman, *Admin-Exec Coordinator*

Guests

Angie Comstock, *JUB Engineers*
John Griffin, *Spokane County Target Zero*
S. Montgomery
Molly Loucks

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.

As there was not a quorum, the group agreed to move to the informational items first to allow additional time for another member to join the meeting.

INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ITEMS**# 8 Preservation Call for Projects**

Ms. Jones reviewed the Board action in 2022 that set aside \$9.2M of funding for a call for projects for preservation and maintenance projects. An unexpected reduction in obligation authority has reduced the amount of current funding to only \$1.3M. Staff has collaborated with the TIP Working Group to develop strategies to continue come up with additional funds (subject to Board approval) as follows:

1. Utilize \$7.9M of future STBG allocations;
2. Approve the Preservation project list totaling \$9.2M in 07/2023;
3. Program \$1.3M of projects now and \$7.9M in the 2024-2027 TIP
4. Maintain flexibility on which projects(s) receive the \$1.3M and amended into the 2023-2026 TIP

A list of draft project programming was reviewed. Members discussed the boundaries of the FHWA urbanized area in our region and concern was expressed about “borrowing” future funding to pay for projects now.

9 Congestion Management Process (CMP): Regional Objectives and Network

Mr. Fletcher shared details about the process to update the CMP, which was last done in 2014. A multi-jurisdictional CMP Working Group has been convened and, in collaboration SRTC staff, they have started work on the CMP by discussing existing regional objectives and the CMP network. Mr. Fletcher presented details about regional objectives development, data collection, and metrics used for analyzing the CMP network.

10 WSDOT-Eastern Region/SRTC Collaboration Pilot Project

Mr. Ulrich explained how a statewide investment strategy group consisting of WSDOT and MPO/RTPOs throughout the state was launched in 2020. The investment strategy group proposed a pilot project focused on safety to be conducted by a collaboration between SRTC and WSDOT-Eastern Regio with the goal of identifying 3 – 5 safety projects that reflect both regional and state policy goals.

Members discussed the need to elevate the safety conversation for the entire community and not just at the agency or municipal level. It was suggested that perhaps SRTC could team up with planning students from local universities to assist with data analysis for this project.

ACTION ITEMS

5 Consent Agenda (a) April TAC Meeting Minutes (b) 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement program June Amendment

There was not a quorum, so no action was taken.

6 SFY 2024-2025 Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Stewart summarized the presentations of the UPWP update reviewed by the TAC year to date and highlights of the work program, including development of the 2024 Unified List of Regional Transportation Priorities & Policy Statements, an update to the land use forecast, implementation of the Equity Planning Framework and the Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant, among others. Mr. Stewart reviewed the revenue forecast associated with the two-year work program. There were no questions or discussion.

Due to lack of quorum, no formal action was taken, but members came to a consensus that the UPWP as presented is recommended for Board approval.

10 Agency Update

Mr. Lien announced that the Associated of Washington Cities annual conference will be held in Spokane this year June 20-23, and includes a meeting of the Joint Transportation Committee on June 20. He stated that with the completion of the 2020 census, the FHWA urbanized area boundaries are under review. The TAC will receive updates as the process moves forward.

11 Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:18pm.

Julie Meyers-Lehman, Recording Secretary