

Spokane Regional Transportation Council – Transportation Advisory Committee

08.23.2023 | 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 3:02pm. In attendance were:

TAC Members

Raychel Callary	Todd Williams
Todd Coleman	Charlie Wolff
Charles Hansen	Claudine Zender
Paul Vose	Kim Zentz

SRTC Staff

Jason Lien, *Principal Transportation Planner*
 Lois Bollenback, *Executive Director*
 Eve McMenemy, *Deputy Executive Director*
 Ryan Stewart, *Principal Transportation Planner*
 Mike Ulrich, *Principal Transportation Planner*
 David Fletcher, *Principal Transportation Planner*
 Michael Redlinger, *Associate Transportation Planner*
 Savannah Hayward, *Communications/PR Coordinator*
 Julie Meyers-Lehman, *Admin-Exec Coordinator*

Guests

Adam Jackson, *City of Spokane Valley*
 Shauna Harshman, *WSDOT-Eastern Region*

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 summarized actions and discussions at the June SRTC Board meeting.

ACTION ITEMS**# 5 CONSENT AGENDA: JULY TTC MEETING MINUTES & 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM JULY AND SEPTEMBER AMENDMENTS**

There were no questions or discussion.

Mr. Vose made a motion to approve the consent agenda, which included a recommendation for Board approval of the July and September TIP amendments. Mr. Coleman seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

6 REGIONAL BICYCLE LEVEL OF TRAFFIC STRESS

Mr. Lien summarized the process of the development of the Bicycle Level of Traffic Stress (LTS) analysis, data collection, application of bike LTS methodology, and calculation of assigned LTS values. There were no questions or discussion.

Ms. Zender made a motion to recommend Board approval of the regional Bicycle Level of Traffic Stress analysis. Mr. Hansen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

7 2024 UNIFIED LIST OF REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES

Mr. Fletcher spoke about the purpose of the Unified List development and the schedule for the 2024 update. In August he presented the TAC with two versions of the project list, one with fewer projects and one with more projects. The proposed list has 4 projects in the Implementation category, 13 in the development category and 5 in the initiation category. There have been several updates to the project list since the last meeting.

- The *Latah Bridge Rehabilitation* project was officially identified as a legislative priority for the City of Spokane.

- The following two projects identified as part of the SRTC/WSDOT Safety Pilot collaboration have been added to the list: *Regal St & 44th Ave* and *Spotted Rd/Airport Dr*.
- The SRTC Board discussed potentially adding Spokane County's *Craig Rd I-90 to US 2 & I-90/SR 904 Interchange Revisions* project.

He provided details about the possible addition of Spokane County's Craig Rd project. It was not on the original list as it scored below the scoring thresholds, however it recently obtained federal funding, and therefore the Board discussed possibly adding it to the 2024 Unified List.

Mr. Fletcher outlined the two options for the requested action:

- Option A to recommend Board approval of the Unified List as shown; or
- Option B to recommend Board approval of the list with the addition of the Craig Rd project.

Member discussion points included:

- Clarification that projects are not required to be on SRTC's Unified List to be eligible for funding
- The funding for the Craig Rd project is coming from a federal earmark
- The Craig Rd project will bring jobs to the area; there is a lot of support for this project because it is being proactive in addressing potential future transportation issues on the West Plains

Mr. Vose made a motion recommending Board approval of the 2024 Unified List of Regional Transportation Priorities Option B, including the Craig Rd project.. Mr. Hansen seconded.

Ms. Bollenback shared details about the project screening/scoring process and emphasized that the purpose of the Unified List is to be used as a communication tool for discussions with legislators for future funding opportunities. She said the advisory committees are being asked to provide input before the Board takes action. Mr. Coleman spoke about heavy traffic levels in the area on eastbound I-90.

The vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ITEMS

8 CITY OF SPOKANE VALEY TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES

Mr. Jackson provided a summary of current and upcoming priority transportation projects in the City of Spokane Valley.

Guest speakers from other member agencies and community partner organizations will also be invited to present information to the TAC, TTC and Board.

9 RECONNECTING COMMUNITIES & NEIGHBORHOODS GRANT PROGRAM

Mr. Jackson presented information on behalf of LEIA (Liberty to Edgecliff Improvements to Accessibility) Program, which is a collaboration between City of Spokane Valley, City of Spokane, and Spokane Transit Authority. This group is applying for a federal grant for multi-modal improvements to transportation facilities in the East Central neighborhood/8th Ave to Park Rd corridor.

10 DRAFT 2024-2027 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Mr. Stewart is the new SRTC staff lead on the TIP. He explained the TIP and development of a new TIP each year. The draft 2024-2027 document will be posted for review and public comment next week. He shared a list of projects in the TIP sorted by project type along with the expected dollar amounts for each category. SRTC will be engaging in public outreach throughout the TIP's 30-day public comment period. A public meeting [will be held](#) on 9/21 to share information and obtain comments.

Members discussed how the forthcoming Equity Working Group will engage in the development and outreach for future TIPs.

11 HIGHWAY URBAN BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENTS

Mr. Lien explained that SRTC is helping to facilitate the highway urban boundary review and updates that are done [every 10 years](#) following the federal decennial census [in accordance with FHWA requirements](#). The areas under review in this region are Spokane/Spokane Valley and Cheney. Area jurisdictions are involved in the update process. He presented a map showing ~~current boundaries~~ [recommended boundary adjustments](#), which are essentially the same as the 2013 boundaries, but with several small additions.

12 AGENCY UPDATE

Mr. Lien introduced SRTC's new Communications & Public Relations Coordinator, Savannah Hayward. Ms. Bollenback shared information about the upcoming Transportation Summit on 10/~~18~~[19](#). Mr. Wolff spoke about a TedEx event being held in Spokane on 10/14.

13 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.

Julie Meyers-Lehman, Recording Secretary