

Spokane Regional Transportation Council – Transportation Technical Committee

December 20, 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 Kay called the meeting to order at 1:05pm

In Attendance

TTC Members

Heather Trautman, *City of Airway Heights (Vice Chair)*

Brett Lucas, *City of Cheney*

Colin Quinn-Hurst, *City of Spokane*

Kevin Picanco, *City of Spokane*

Adam Jackson, *City of Spokane Valley*

Jeremy Clark, *City of Spokane Valley*

Sonny Weathers, *Small Cities/Towns Rep*

Barry Greene, *Spokane County*

Jami Hayes, *Spokane County*

April Westby, *Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency*

Samantha Hennessy, *Spokane Regional Health District*

Tara Limon, *Spokane Transit Authority*

Karl Otterstrom, *Spokane Transit Authority*

Char Kay, *WSDOT Eastern Region (Chair)*

Mike Pea, *WSDOT Eastern Region*

TTC Alternate Members

Tyler Kimbrell, *City of Spokane*

Guests

Matt Zarecor

SRTC Staff

Angel Jackson, *Admin-Exec Coordinator*

Eve McMenemy, *Deputy Executive Director*

Jason Lien, *Principal Transportation Planner*

Lois Bollenback, *Executive Director*

Mike Ulrich, *Principal Transportation Planner*

Ryan Stewart, *Principal Transportation Planner*

#2 Public Comments

There were no Public Comments

#3 TTC Member Comments

- Mr. Picanco informed the committee the Latah Bridge will have low weight ratings based on recent inspections. This rating will not affect all vehicles but will impact 2-3 axle vehicle travel. Also, informed that they will be seeking letters of support from WSDOT and SRTC for the Bridge Investment grant application that was released 12/20/23 (with a deadline of 03/2024).
- Mr. Quinn-Hurst highlighted the grant application for Safe Streets has been approved for \$9.6 million for mostly bicycling, sidewalks, and pedestrian walkways throughout Spokane. In addition, they received some supplementary funding from others for design standards.
- Mr. Lucas updated the status of the Traffic Circle on North 6th and Betz Road is in the Design Phase to be constructed in late 2024-25.
- Ms. Trautman stated 6th Ave Project has received additional funding and is currently under design with goal to be under construction in the summer of 2024. The Sandy Williams Connected Community grant to Design project in the downtown area that will increase mobility and safety in that corridor.

#4 Chair Report on SRTC Board of Directors Meeting

Ms. Kay shared highlights of the November SRTC Board meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

#5 Consent Agenda

Mr. Picanco moved to approve the October TTC meeting minutes. Mr. Clark seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#6 January TIP Amendment

Mr. Stewart explained this amendment is requesting the updated January TIP amendment be approved. He explained that one of the projects, Division Line: Division BRT Construction and Implementation, was revised based on updated information. Both State and local funds for right of way in CY2027 are now secured per Spokane Transit Authority.

There was one public comment seeking additional detailed information on future TIP Projects. Mr. Stewart provided the requested information in response.

There were no questions/comments.

Mr. Clark made a motion to approve the January 2024 TIP amendment as presented. Seconded by Ms. Hayes. The motion was approved unanimously.

#7 TTC Chair Elections

Mr. Ulrich explained the committee bylaws and historical practice for officer nominations. Chair Kay opened the floor for nominations.

- Ms. Kay nominated *Heather Trautman for 2024 TTC Chair* which was seconded by Mr. Picanco. No other nominations were offered. Ms. Trautman's nomination for TTC Chair passed unanimously.
- Ms. Hayes nominated *Barry Green for 2024 TTC Vice Chair* which was seconded by Mr. Quinn-Hurst. No other nominations were offered. The motion was passed unanimously.

INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ITEMS

#8 Transportation Improvement Board: Complete Streets Update

Mr. Beagle reviewed the historical components for the Complete Streets Program. He identified there would be some changes to the program that include funding increase, and ordinance saturation points. He stressed the lack of nominations for small cities and how other locations are obtaining nominations consistently. He highlighted a change in the new timeline in process as well as how the application/eligibility process will be one of the changes. He reviewed and explained the difference between WSDOT and TIB Complete Streets programs.

There were several questions for Mr. Beagle:

- Ms. Trautman asked if there would be any workshops and training. Mr. Beagle stated there will be typical funding workshops in addition to a Project Management class. The dates for these are will be determined at a later date.
- Mr. Jackson wondered if this program's distribution is statewide or whether there were regional buckets. Mr. Beagle identified this would be statewide.
- Ms. Trautman asked if there would be any technical assistance for grant applications. Mr. Beagle stated to please reach out to him as soon as possible for him to assist with any questions or concerns.
- Ms. Hayes asked how the ordinances are scored and if there is a timeline. Mr. Beagle stated they will be based off Smart Growth America and Complete Street Coalition in the High, Med, Low realm. He explained the step-by-step process for the ordinance review/approval.
- Mr. Quinn Hurst questioned if TIB would only consider a discreet project or if they would also consider a suite of dispersed projects. Mr. Beagle stated both would be considered. He identified what would be priority and also to make sure projects include all parts without missing any identifiable areas.

Mr. Beagle highlighted the 2023 regional allocations and various other projects in small cities pavement ratings. He also identified some funding that was awarded for scrub sealing in various counties. There were no other comments/questions.

#9 Spokane County: Transportation Priorities

Mr. Zarecor explained the size of the lane road system in Spokane is one of the largest in the region and the revenue sources to maintain the roadways. He highlighted the costs for treatment of the roadways and the breakdown of the type of work vs cost to complete. He also explained the cost effectiveness of contracting work vs County crews completing work. He reviewed some of the new processes for preservation that include chip seal and thin overlays. Lastly, he reviewed the short span bridge repairs and tracking bridge inventory. There were no questions/comments.

#10 Transportation Performance Management: PM1 – Safety

Mr. Ulrich provided historical context of the program while highlighting the following programs: Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) is the federal program used to reduce traffic fatalities, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) has several goals for performance measures, and Transportation Performance Management (TPM).

He reviewed the five performance measures required. When using the rolling average is trending higher in each of the measures in Spokane County. WSDOT calculates statewide targets by setting a goal of zero fatal and serious injury crashes by 2030 and selecting the target along that trendline for 2024. Mr. Ulrich highlighted the SS4A grant to develop a regional safety action plan.

There were no questions/comments.

#11 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update: Work Items in Development

Mr. Lien explained what the long-range plan is and why MPOs develop a plan.

Mr. Lien identified needs assessment and what items are impacting the outcome. There will be a way to synthesis to present a problem statement. He reviewed Smart mobility items and defined what qualifies for this body as well as what is needed in this area. He reviewed the system resilience and who would be ideal for coordination. Please contact Mr. Lien directly if there any items that have not been identified and should be highlighted. He reviewed the 2024 timeline for each quarter and how that will lean into 2025. He reviewed the MTP components that may be highlighted through needs assessment.

- Mr. Quinn-Hurst asked about the new requirements for tracking GHGs and other related data and would this be shareable between City comp plan and MTP update work. Mr. Lien agreed to coordinate and asked if there is a person that would be a primary contact. Mr. Quinn-Hurst offered that coordination could occur through the TTC.

#12 Agency Update and Future Information Items

There were no agency updates.

Ms. Limon asked what is the current Latah Bridge restriction. Mr. Picanco stated he would research the exact amount and circle back to her.

#13 Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Kay moved to adjourn at 2:17pm. Mr. Jackson motioned. Mr. Weathers seconded.

Angel Jackson, Recording Secretary