

Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, February 28, 2024 | 3:00 PM

Hybrid In-Person/Online Meeting

SRTC Conference Room, 421 W Riverside Ave Suite 504, Spokane WA 99201

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Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting Agenda

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AGENDA ITEM 5a

02/28/2024 TAC Meeting

Hybrid Meeting at SRTC, 421 W Riverside Ave Suite 504, Spokane WA 99201 and virtually on Zoom

1 Call to Order/Record of Attendance 3:00 PM

Chair Vose called the meeting to order at 3:04pm and attendance was taken. In Attendance:

TCC Members

Michael Ankey
John Barber
Raychel Callary
Carlie Hoffman
Charles Hansen
Mark Johnson

Katie Melby
Tom Sahlberg
Paul Vose
Rhonda Young
Kim Zentz

SRTC Staff

Lois Bollenback, *Executive Director*
David Fletcher, *Principal Transportation Planner*
Savanah Hayward, *Communications*
Angel Jackson, *Admin-Exec Coordinator*
Jason Lien, *Principal Transportation Planner*
Eve McMenamy, *Deputy Executive Director*
Michael Redlinger, *Associate Transportation Planner 2*
Mike Ulrich, *Principal Transportation Planner*

2 Public Comments

No comments

3 TAC Member Comments

During roll call, each member, including the five newest additions, introduced themselves and provided rationale for joining the TAC committee.

4 Chair Report on SRTC Board of Directors Meeting

There was no meeting held for the SRTC Board in December 2023.

ACTION ITEMS

5 Consent Agenda

December TAC Minutes

There were no questions or discussion.

Mr. White made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Ms. Zentz seconded. Mr. Hansen and the new members of the committee abstained from voting on this motion. A motion to approve the consent passed.

6 Transportation Performance Management: PM1 Safety

Mr. Ulrich is seeking a recommendation to the SRTC Board to plan and program projects that contribute to the accomplishment of WSDOT HSIP (Highway Safety Improvement Program) targets. He provided a recap of HSIP, emphasizing both funding and the statewide program allotment. Mr. Ulrich reviewed the selection process for awarded projects and discussed the five measures used to assess safety performance, detailing the statewide target setting methodology. Despite a slight improvement from the previous year specific to fatal crashes, all performance categories were observed to be trending unfavorably. He also highlighted the Washington State Department of Transportation's (WSDOT) Target Zero policy, which aims for zero fatalities and serious injuries statewide, and explained the calculation of targets based on trend lines. Moreover, it was noted that the SRTC should consider its own target or commit to a quantifiable target by the upcoming deadline of 02/28/2024.

There was a comment:

Appreciation of SRTC with the work around safety action plans to include the local and regional context.

A motion to approve the Transportation Performance Management: PM1 Safety was made by Mr. Green. Mr. Weathers seconded the motion. This was passed unanimously.

INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ITEMS

7 WA State County Road Administration Board (CRAB) Presentation

Ms. Wall provided a comprehensive overview of the agency, focusing on various aspects of county road management and funding programs. She highlighted the extensive county road network, totaling 78,000 lane miles, and emphasized the creation of CRAB to oversee all 39 County road agencies. She explained the fuel tax allocation and county oversight. She discussed the agency's support services to the community by highlighting the four funding programs administered by CRAB: Rural Arterial Program (RAP), County Arterial Preservation Program (CAPP), County Ferry Capital Improvement Program (CFCIP), and the Emergency Loan Program (ELP). Each of the programs were explained with specific allocations and purposes. She then detailed the motor vehicle fuel tax and the challenges counties are facing. Opportunities for improvement included investing in road preservation and maintenance, exploring new funding avenues, and addressing gaps in the county transportation system. She stressed ongoing efforts to conduct studies and audits to better serve rural communities, offering training and collaboration opportunities.

There were a few comments and questions:

- Every county contributes to the Ferry Fuel tax even though it only benefits four counties directly.
- Kansas and Nebraska currently have the best practice in their utilization of the sales tax toward their transportation budget.

#8 Regional Safety Action Plan - Update

Mr. Ulrich provided background on the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant program, a discretionary grant with substantial funding. He outlined eight components of the action plan and discussed the local match, which included contributions from member agencies. Ms. Wilber, representing a consultant firm, elaborated on the actionable safety plan's purpose, adopting a safe system approach to address various safety concerns collaboratively. Community engagement and data

analysis were highlighted as initial steps, aiming to develop strategies by mid-February. Concerns such as low seatbelt usage and lighting deficiencies were discussed, along with crash trends and demographics. Ms. Dean also explained the increasing crash rates and behavioral factors contributing to such crashes. Mr. Ulrich emphasized the need for target zero action planning and outlined strategies to achieve this goal, aligning with regional objectives for reducing fatalities and serious injuries (FSI) within a specified timeframe.

There were a few comments and questions:

- Other forms of micro mobility should be considered.
- The DOT language for “vulnerable road user” was defined

9 TAC Member Orientation

Mr. Lien provided an overview of the roles of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and the Spokane Regional Transportation Council (SRTC), highlighting SRTC's status as a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), Transportation Management Area (TMA), and Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO), all based on population metrics within Spokane County's boundary. He presented a map delineating the MPOs in Washington state and explained the historical development of MPOs since the 1960s, emphasizing their role in local and regional planning. Mr. Lien detailed the member agencies across the region and outlined the organizational structure:

- SRTC Board with 20 seats,
- Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) with 22 seats,
- TAC with 14 seats, and
- SRTC staff.

The standing meeting schedule was reviewed, with sessions lasting approximately 90 minutes. Core programs such as the long-range plan (Horizon 2045), Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) were discussed, along with their impacts on regional projects. He also provided various resources available to TAC members and where they could be accessed.

10 Agency Update and Future Information Items

- Mr. Fletcher will be the new TAC liaison for SRTC starting in February 2024.
- Mr. Lien explained the rationale behind adding guest speakers as a part of the agenda and information session.
- Ms. Bollenback’s attendance at the GIS Summit in Olympia, WA was discussed and highlighted the future of the Climate Commitment Act.

No additional comments

11 Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:33pm.

Angel Jackson, Recording Secretary

To: Transportation Advisory Committee 02/21/2024

From: Ryan Stewart, Principal Transportation Planner

TOPIC: CY 2024-2027 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) MARCH AMENDMENT

Requested Action:

Recommend Board approval of the CY 2024-2027 TIP March amendment.

Key Points:

Eleven projects are included in the March amendment to the CY 2024-2027 TIP. Please see the **Attachment** and **Supporting Information** for more details.

AGENCY	PROJECTS
City of Spokane	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scott Elementary Sidewalk (remove project – obligated) • Bridge Deck Repair Bundle (add new project)
City of Spokane Valley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Argonne I-90 Bridge (PE Only) (remove project – obligated) • S Sullivan Preservation (8th - 24th) (add new project) • Sprague Preservation at SR 27 (add new funding to existing project)
Spokane County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Little Spokane Drive Bridge No.3704 Replacement (remove project – obligated) • Country Homes Boulevard Preservation (add new project) • Market Street Preservation (add new project)
Spokane Transit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fixed Route Bus Purchase (5339) (adjust funding for existing project)
WSDOT - Eastern	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • US 395/Hatch Rd to Hamilton Rd – Paving (remove obligated PE phase) • US 195/Cornwall Rd to Cheney-Spokane Rd - NB Lanes Only – Paving (add new project)

Board/Committee Discussions:

This is the first discussion of the proposed March amendment.

Public Involvement:

The proposed March amendment was published for a public review and comment period from 02/12/24 through 02/21/24. On 02/12/24 notice of the amendment was published in the Spokesman Review, posted to the SRTC website (www.srtc.org) and social media platforms. Any public comments received will be shared with the Board prior to their taking action.

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2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program

March Amendment (24-03)

CONSENT AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM 5b

ATTACHMENT

02/28/2024 TAC Meeting

Project Title		Amendment	
Agency	Amendment Description	Funding Adjustment	New Project Existing Project
City of Spokane	Scott Elementary Sidewalk Remove PE phase, obligated in December 2023.	Federal	No funding change ✓
		State	
		Local	
		Total	
City of Spokane	Bridge Deck Repair Bundle Bundled bridge preventative maintenance project comprised of four bridges: Greene St., Freya at SIRR, Freya at BNRR, and Havana St. Work includes deck sealing and a thin polyester concrete overlay to seal and protect the bridge deck surface.	Federal (BR)	\$ 4,665,400 ✓
		State	
		Local	
		Total	
City of Spokane Valley	Argonne I-90 Bridge (PE Only) Remove project, funds obligated in September 2023.	Federal	No funding change ✓
		State	
		Local	
		Total	
City of Spokane Valley	S Sullivan Preservation (8th - 24th) Pavement repair, overlay, fill sidewalk gaps, ITS facilities, and elevation of sidewalk crossing improvements on 12th Ave.	Federal (NHPP)	\$ 3,957,000 ✓
		State	
		Local	
		Total	
City of Spokane Valley	Sprague Preservation at SR 27 Added NHS (NHPP) Funds. Updated Total Project Cost. Moved CN to 2026.	Federal (NHPP)	\$ 1,347,000 ✓
		State	
		Local	
		Total	
Spokane County	Little Spokane Drive Bridge No.3704 Replacement Remove project, funds obligated in September 2023.	Federal	No funding change ✓
		State	
		Local	
		Total	

BR Federal Local Bridge Funding Program

NHPP National Highway System (NHS) Asset Management Program

2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (cont')

March Amendment (24-03)

Agency	Project Title Amendment Description	Funding Adjustment		Amendment	
				New Project	Existing Project
Spokane County	Country Homes Boulevard Preservation Grind and inlay, extend and widen bike lane, and upgrade curb ramps.	Federal (NHPP)	\$ 1,586,000	✓	
		State			
		Local			
		Total	<u>\$ 1,586,000</u>		
Spokane County	Market Street Preservation Overlay roadway, widen shoulders, and upgrade to crosswalks and curb ramps.	Federal (NHPP)	\$ 2,359,000	✓	
		State			
		Local			
		Total	<u>\$ 2,359,000</u>		
Spokane Transit	Fixed Route Bus Purchase (5339) Adjustment to the total amount of secured funding for 2024.	Federal (5339)	\$ 4,164,206		✓
		State			
		Local	\$ 1,041,050		
		Total	<u>\$ 5,205,256</u>		
WSDOT Eastern Region	US 395/Hatch Rd to Hamilton Rd - Paving PE phase removed since funds were obligated in 2023.	Federal	No funding change		✓
		State			
		Local			
		Total			
WSDOT Eastern Region	US 195/Cornwall Rd to Cheney-Spokane Rd - NB Lanes Only - Paving Adding project in preparation for 2024 construction.	Federal (NHPP)	\$6,227,652	✓	
		State	\$127,095		
		Local			
		Total	<u>\$6,354,747</u>		

BR Federal Local Bridge Funding Program

NHPP National Highway System (NHS) Asset Management Program

5339 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5339 Funding

Supporting Information**TOPIC: 2024-2027 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) MARCH AMENDMENT**

- The TIP is a programming document that identifies specific projects and programs to be implemented during the upcoming four years. Any project with federal funds from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) or Federal Transit Administration (FTA), as well as any regionally significant projects, must be included in the TIP.
- After a TIP has been incorporated into the Washington State TIP (STIP), project changes can be requested by local agencies. Minor changes can be made administratively by SRTC staff. Significant changes must be made through the amendment process, which requires a 10-day public comment period and action by the SRTC Board of Directors.
- The TIP serves as an important tool in implementing the goals, policies, and strategies identified in Horizon 2045, SRTC's long-range plan. As such, any projects included in the TIP, including projects added through monthly amendments, must be consistent with Horizon 2045.
- Consistency with Horizon 2045 includes a demonstration of financial constraint and conformity with regional air quality plans. The proposed January amendment has been reviewed by SRTC staff for compliance with federal and state requirements and consistency with Horizon 2045.
- TIP amendments must be approved by the SRTC Board to be incorporated into the Washington State TIP (STIP). Projects receiving federal funds must be in both the TIP and the STIP to access those funds.
- Pending approval by the SRTC Board, the March amendment will be incorporated into the STIP on or around 04/19/2024.

To: Transportation Advisory Committee

2/2 /2024

From: David Fletcher, Principal Transportation Planner

TOPIC: 2025 UNIFIED LIST DEVELOPMENT & PROJECT EVALUATION CRITERIA

Requested Action:

None. For information and discussion.

Key Points:

- The Unified List of Regional Transportation Priorities is a strategic tool used to communicate current regional transportation priorities to state legislators and Congressional representatives for potential funding opportunities. SRTC is committed to annually updating the Unified List.
- Since 2023 SRTC has developed two versions of the list, one for state legislative use and one for federal use.
- The SRTC Board of Directors approved the 2024 Unified List at their 09/14/2023 (state version) and 11/09/2023 (federal version) meetings.
- SRTC staff is proposing changes to the safety and equity project selection criteria, based on recent work efforts relating to the Regional Safety Action Plan and Equity Working Group. These changes are detailed in the 2025 project selection criteria document, included as an **Attachment**.
- SRTC staff is also proposing that needs identified in the Regional Safety Action Plan be incorporated into the 2025 Unified List document.

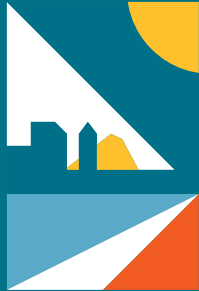
Board/Committee Discussions:

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Public Involvement:

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Project Evaluation Criteria

The SRTC Unified List of Regional Transportation Priorities outlines critical investments to improve the performance of the regional transportation system. The Unified List includes a variety of project types supported collectively by members of SRTC with consideration for equity, economic vitality, and safety among other screening criteria that indicate beneficial outcomes to both the state and the region.

► Proposed revisions to criteria shown in **RED**.

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POINTS

ECONOMIC VITALITY

Targets transportation investments aimed at the development of a multi-modal system that enhances accessibility and connections among regional activity centers.

Question 1A (5 points)

► Does the project provide access within or between two or more regional/local activity centers?

Question 1B (5 points)

► If yes to 1A, does the project either: (A) contain active transportation or transit-supportive elements and improve access in a transit focused, mixed focus, or local activity center; or (B) contain freight-supportive elements and improve access in a freight or mixed focus activity center?

Question 2 (10 points)

► What is the forecasted 2045 employment density of transportation analysis zones (TAZ) within a 0.25 mile buffer of the project?

Question 3 (10 points)

► Is the project located on the FGTS? *Points scaled based on FGTS classification from T-1 through T-5.

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POINTS

COOPERATION & LEADERSHIP

Relates to SRTC's role as a regional forum to identify regional transportation needs, establish priorities, and develop strategies to acquire funding in accordance with federal and state planning requirements.

Question 1 (15 points)

► Is the project identified in the local TIP (or Transit Development Plan) and/or Comprehensive Plan?

Question 2 (15 points)

► Is the project identified in other agency plans and/or has it gone through a documented public outreach process?

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POINTS

STEWARDSHIP

Emphasizes transportation investments that maximize positive impacts on the human environment while minimizing negative impacts to the natural environment.

Question 1 (10 points)

► Does the project incorporate electrification or other clean fuel strategies?

Question 2 (10 points)

► Does the project increase resilience by adding redundancy in areas of limited connectivity?

Question 3 (10 points)

► Does the project reduce air quality emissions or VHT/VMT? *This question relates to the State Vehicle Miles of Travel Targets Proviso.

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POINTS

OPERATIONS, MAINTENANCE & PRESERVATION

Involves strategically investing limited resources to maximize the operations and physical condition of the transportation network.

Question 1 (10 points)

- Does the project incorporate TDM/TSMO solutions or improve capacity without adding travel lanes or roadways? **Criteria relates to federal transportation performance management (TPM) requirements.*

Question 2 (10 points)

- Does the project improve NHS pavement/bridge condition or contributes to STA's adopted public transit asset management targets? **Criteria relates to federal TPM requirements.*

Question 3 (10 points)

- Does the project address a need identified in the SRTMC ITS Architecture Plan, SRTMC Implementation Plan, or local technology plan?

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POINTS

SAFETY & SECURITY

Focuses on designing a safe and secure system for all transportation modes through best-practice design, operational improvements, education and outreach, and technological strategies.

Question 1 (15 points)

- ~~Is the project identified in a state or local plan, or an approved prioritized list of safety projects?~~ Does the project address an identified safety need in the Regional Safety Action Plan?

Question 2 (15 points)

- ~~What countermeasures does the project incorporate to address crashes that result in serious or fatal injury? If the project is a transit project, how does it contribute to STA safety targets?~~ Does the project incorporate countermeasures to address safety issues on the High Injury Network, as identified in the Regional Safety Action Plan? Or, if the project is a transit project, does it contribute to STA safety targets?

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POINTS

QUALITY OF LIFE

Aims to improve choice and mobility by providing safe and convenient transportation options for people of all abilities.

Question 1 (10 points)

- Is the project on the Regional Bicycle Priority Network and does it have a active transportation element(s); or does the project add a new pedestrian connection or feature beyond what is required for ADA compliance?

Question 2 (10 points)

- Is the project on the Regional Transit Priority Network and does it have a transit supportive element(s)? **Examples include new/enhanced transit, bus stops, AT facilities, pavement work, signal improvements, TSMO improvements.*

Question 3 (10 points)

- Does the project extend or fill gap in one of the regional trails, or provide new active transportation connectivity to one of the regional trails? **Regional trails: Centennial, Children of the Sun, Ben Burr, Fish Lake, Millwood, and Appleway*

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POINTS

EQUITY

**These criteria directly relate to the federal planning factor for equity, the Justice 40 initiative, and the state HEAL Act.*

Addresses protecting disadvantaged communities from disproportionately high adverse impacts, while equitably distributing the benefits of transportation investments.

Question 1 (10 points)

- Does the project directly benefit residents in an area of potential disadvantage or an area rated 7 or higher for overall environmental health disparities?

Question 2 (5 points)

- If yes to question one, has the project gone through a documented public outreach process, or has targeted engagement been conducted, with communities of potential disadvantage?

Question 3 (10 points)

- Does the project incorporate appropriate countermeasures to address safety issues on the High Injury Network, or contribute to STA safety targets, in an area of potential disadvantage or an area rated 7 or higher for overall environmental health disparities?

Question 4 (10 points-5 points)

- Does the project provide access, or increase transit frequency, between an area of potential disadvantage or an area rated 7 or higher for overall environmental health disparities and local/regional activity centers?

To: Transportation Advisory Committee

From: David Fletcher, Principal Transportation Planner

**TOPIC: SOLICITATION FOR PROJECT FUNDING:
FREIGHT MOBILITY STRATEGIC INVESTMENT BOARD (FMSIB)**

2/2 /2024

Requested Action:

None. For information and discussion.

Key Points:

- The Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board (FMSIB) is preparing to release a solicitation for project funding.
- FMSIB anticipates a 6-year program with roughly \$90 million in funding. The project submittal period is expected to run from late March to early May 2024. Specific details regarding the timeline, available funding, and project evaluation criteria will be forthcoming.

Board/Committee Discussions:

This is the first discussion of this topic by the TAC.

Public Involvement:

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To: Transportation Advisory Committee

02/2 /2024

From: Michael Redlinger, Associate Transportation Planner

TOPIC: TRANSPORTATION PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT: NEW GREENHOUSE GAS RULE AND TARGETS

Requested Action:

None. For information and discussion.

Key Points:

- In December 2023, the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 23 Part 490 was amended to include an additional Transportation Performance Management (TPM) reporting requirement for states.
- The new greenhouse gas (GHG) rule requires states to report the percent change in total tailpipe CO₂ emissions on the NHS as compared to the reference year (calendar year 2022).
- Federal regulations also require MPOs to set targets for their respective planning areas.
- At the February meeting, staff will present background information and target setting options.
- MPOs have until July 30 to either commit to support WSDOT targets or establish their own declining 4-year target for the MPA.
- The TAC will be asked to take action related to target-setting for the new GHG rule on 03/27/2024.

Board/Committee Discussions:

The new performance measure is being implemented off-cycle, and this is SRTC staff's first discussion with the TAC on this topic. Targets in the other two PM 3 performance categories are set on four-year cycles. Targets for PM₂ – Infrastructure and PM₃ – System Performance were most recently adopted in Spring 2023.

Public Involvement:

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