

Spokane Regional Transportation Council – Transportation Advisory Committee

12/20/2023 | 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 3:04

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

TCC Members

Raychel Callary	Charlie Wolff
Carlie Hoffman	Rhonda Young
Paul Vose	Claudine Zender
Todd Williams	Kim Zentz

SRTC Staff

Angel Jackson, *Admin-Exec Coordinator*
 David Fletcher, *Principal Transportation Planner*
 Eve McMenemy, *Deputy Executive Director*
 Jason Lien, *Principal Transportation Planner*
 Lois Bollenback, *Executive Director*
 Michael Redlinger, *Associate Transportation Planner 2*
 Mike Ulrich, *Principal Transportation Planner*
 Ryan Stewart, *Principal Transportation Planner*
 Savannah Hayward, *Communications & Public Relations Coordinator*

Guests

Shauna Harshman, *WSDOT*
 Matt Zarecor, *Spokane County*

2 Public Comments

No comments

3 TAC Member Comments

No comments

4 Chair Report on SRTC Board of Directors Meeting

Chair Zentz reviewed and highlighted the minutes from the November 9, 2023 SRTC Board meeting. No comments or questions were made.

ACTION ITEMS

5 Consent Agenda

October TAC Minutes

There were no questions or discussion.

Mr. Vose made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Ms. Hoffman seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

6 January TIP Amendment

Mr. Stewart reviewed the TIP amendment update for individual action. He explained TIP's state and local funded projects must have secured funds, which was confirmed by Spokane Transit Authority (STA). The amendment would add the highlighted information back into the program along with the funding adjustment. He highlighted one comment that was made during the public comment period and explained that he will be updating the committee on a new platform to share the information in the future.

There were no comments.

Mr. Wolff made a motion to approve as amended. Mr. Vose seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

7 TAC Officer Elections

Chair Zentz highlighted the duties/responsibilities for the chair and vice chair position. She also identified the role the Chair would have in attending the SRTC Board meetings. Mr. Lien briefly reviewed the committee bylaws and reiterated the roles each position would have throughout their annual term. The Chair and Vice Chair nominees will be formalized through Board action at their January 11, 2024 meeting. Chair Zentz opened the floor for 2024 TAC Chair and Vice Chair nominations.

- Mr. Vose volunteered for the Chair position. There were no other nominations. Ms. Callary made a motion and it was seconded by Mr. Wolff. ***Mr. Vose nomination for TAC Chair passed unanimously.***
- Ms. Young volunteered for the Vice Chair position. There were no other nominations. Mr. Vose made a motion and it was seconded by Ms. Callary. ***Ms. Young's nomination for TAC Vice Chair passed unanimously.***

INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ITEMS

8 Spokane County: Transportation Priorities

Mr. Zarecor highlighted Spokane County as having the largest lane-mile road system compared to other counties. He highlighted the revenue, expenses and preservation budgets. The labor cost to maintain these roadways has increased 37% since 2018. He explained pavement condition and how to keep the status to excellent by utilizing service treatment and overlay. He also identified short span bridges and maintenance that is needed to preserve bridge assets throughout the County. He explained the cost effectiveness of using County staff compared to hiring an outside contract team.

Members discussed-

- Safety performance of the county roadways and what items need to be reviewed to make them safer;
- The amount of lane-miles in Spokane County compared to King County.

There were no further comments.

#9 Transportation Performance Management (TPM): Safety Targets

Mr. Ulrich identified this is PM1 of 3. He reviewed the historical context containing the following items:

- Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) - It is federal funding to reduce traffic fatalities on all public roads. Every two years (alternating between city and county) would be eligible for an average of \$2.5 million per year in the region.
- Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) – Funding there are seven goals to establish national performance measures for Fed Highway Program.
- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) – Uses the seven goals and develop series of goals
- Transportation Performance Management (TPM) – utilizes the performance measures set by the pre-determined goals of FHWA.

One of the goals is safety performance based off five highlighted areas ranging from fatalities to non-motorist fatalities and serious injury. Mr. Ulrich showed all five categories are trending in the wrong directions. WSDOT has implemented a policy of Target Zero by 2030. He identified two options for MPOs to achieve the WSDOT target.

Ms. Young asked if the Safe Streets for All solely internal or consulted out. Mr. Ulrich stated an RFP was sent out and a consultant has to adopt the plan by spring as well as doing other community engagement efforts throughout the city.

No additional comments.

10 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update: Work Items in Development

Mr. Lien explained that the long-range plan is the region's future vision for the multimodal transportation system. Horizon 2045 is the current long-range plan, adopted by the SRTC Board in December 2021.

Mr. Lien identified needs assessment items that will be undertaken as part of the next plan update. He explained Smart mobility and system resilience and asked the committee for related work or projects that SRTC should be coordinating with. Please contact Mr. Lien directly if there are any items that have not been identified and should be highlighted. He reviewed the 2024 timeline for each quarter. He also reviewed the major MTP components that will be part of the broader plan update work over the next two years. Ms. Young offered that GU has done work with climate resiliency that should be looked at.

11 Agency Update and Future Information Items

- Mr. Lien thanked outgoing TAC members Charlie Wolff and Todd Coleman.
- Mr. Lien stated there were nine applications for the five available seats on the TAC.
- Mr. Fletcher will be the new SRTC liaison for the TAC meetings in 2024.

No additional comments

12 Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:12pm.

Angel Jackson, Recording Secretary