

Transportation Technical Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2024 | 1:00 PM

Hybrid In-Person/Online Meeting

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Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) Meeting Agenda

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Hybrid Meeting at SRTC, 421 W Riverside Ave Suite 500, Spokane WA 99201 and virtually on Zoom

1 Call to Order/Record of Attendance

Chair Trautman called the meeting to order at **1:03 pm**

In Attendance

TTC Members

Heather Trautman, *City of Airway Heights (Chair)*
 Brett Lucas, *City of Cheney*
 Luke Michels, *City of Liberty Lake*
 Inga Note, *City of Spokane*
 Colin Quinn-Hurst, *City of Spokane*
 Kevin Picanco, *City of Spokane*
 Adam Jackson, *City of Spokane Valley*
 Jerremy Clark, *City of Spokane Valley*
 Sonny Weathers, *Small Cities/Towns Rep*
 Jami Hayes, *Spokane County*
 Barry Greene, *Spokane County*
 Matt Zarecor, *Spokane County*
 Margee Chambers, *Spokane Regional Clean Air*
 Samantha Hennessy, *Spokane Regional Health District*
 Brian Jennings, *Spokane Transportation Authority*
 Mike Tresidder, *Spokane Transportation Authority*
 Greg Figg, *WSDOT-ER*
 Mike Pea, *WSDOT-ER*

Guests

Dan Pratt
 Leann Yamamoto, *Spokane County*
 Tyler Kimbrell, *City of Spokane*

SRTC Staff

Eve McMenemy, *Deputy Executive Director*
 Jason Lien, *Principal Transportation Planner*
 Michael Redlinger, *Asso. Transportation Planner*
 David Fletcher, *Principal Transportation Planner*
 Benjamin Kloskey, *Asso. Transportation Planner*
 Ryan Stewart, *Principal Transportation Planner*
 Mike Ulrich, *Principal Transportation Planner*
 Savannah Creasey, *Communications & PR Coord.*
 Angel Jackson, *Admin-Exec Coord.*

2 Public Comments

There were no Public Comments.

3 TTC Member Comments

The members provided an update on the events happening within their organization.

4 Chair Report on SRTC Board of Directors Meeting

Ms. Trautman shared highlights of the SRTC Board meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

5 Consent Agenda

- a) November Minutes for the TTC Meeting
- b) CY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) January Amendment

Mr. Greene motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Picanco seconded the motion. This motion was passed unanimously.

6 Transportation Technical Committee Chair & Vice Chair Elections

Mr. Ulrich outlined the process and responsibilities of the elected chair, reviewing the bylaws and noting that there is no fixed cadence for elections. However, he explained that historical practice suggests the Spokane Transit Authority (STA) would assume the role of vice chair, with Barry Greene becoming the chair. Both offices had been consulted and confirmed their willingness to participate.

Ms. Trautman nominated Mr. Greene (Spokane County) for Chair. Mr. Jackson seconded the motion. No other nominations were offered. Mr. Greene accepted the nomination, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Tressider nominated Ms. Limon (STA) for the position of Vice Chair, with Mr. Clark seconding the nomination. No other nominations were offered. Although Ms. Limon was not in attendance, she had been informed of the nomination and expressed her acceptance beforehand. The motion was approved unanimously.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

7 Transportation Performance Management: PM1 Safety

Mr. Ulrich provided an overview of the annual process required for transportation performance management, focusing on the PM1 safety measures. He explained that this program serves as the mechanism for tracking and improving safety performance through five key measures, each of which he reviewed in detail. Mr. Ulrich outlined how data for these measures is calculated, emphasizing the five-year "look-back" period, which reveals a negative trend in safety outcomes. He noted that the state is required to set targets annually and report them to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Mr. Ulrich demonstrated how targets are measured under PM1 and clarified that separate targets exist within the Regional Safety Action Plan (RSAP). He emphasized the federal requirement to establish annual targets and concluded by outlining next steps, including bringing the discussion back next month to make a recommendation to the SRTC Board.

8 2025 Call for Projects Criteria & Principles of Investment

Mr. Stewart outlined the 2025 Call for Projects (CFP), allocating \$36 million for 2027-2029. He outlined the criteria, application process, and funding allocations. Proposed set-asides include 23% for preservation projects, 3.75% (\$1.35M) for small cities, \$1.5M for planning, an undetermined amount for an I-90 study and \$2.8M for SRTMC operations. He noted that fewer applications are expected due to limited funding. In response to Mr. Jackson's question about the I-90 study, he stated the focus is on identifying investments, with discussions ongoing. With Board approval, the CFP will be released on February 14, 2025, and a timeline was provided.

9 Regional Activity Center Update

Mr. Fletcher presented an overview of SRTC's Regional Activity Centers and the various planning efforts they inform. He explained why they are being updated, highlighting refinements to the methodology used to identify and evaluate them. This includes increasing the precision with which Activity Center boundaries are drawn, based on feedback SRTC has received in the past. He then provided details on the methodology for identifying and classifying Activity Centers and introduced the Regional Activity Index, detailing its indicators and point system. He also showcased mapping efforts to identify activity hot spots.

#10 Congestion Management Process (CMP) Strategies

Mr. Fletcher discussed the Congestion Management Process strategies, which are contained in two documents: the Toolkit of Strategies and Strategies Matrix. The Toolkit is a compilation of strategies to address congestion that could realistically be applied in the Spokane region, with each strategy outlining key details such as cost range, description, and applicable locations. The Matrix identifies specific strategies from the Toolkit that are applicable for each Tier 1 CMP Corridor and helps ensure a least cost planning approach. These documents were updated based on feedback received during the CMP strategies workshop SRTC held in October.

#11 Agency Update and Future Information Items

Mr. Ulrich highlighted a few upcoming events:

- Reminder: Public engagement period in February for MTP update;
- Reminder: If agencies are planning to make any member changes/updates, please contact SRTC by mid-January 2025;
- Grant opportunity: US Forest Service Grant for communities at risk of wildfires are due on February 28th.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

Angel Jackson, Recording Secretary

To: Transportation Technical Committee

01/15/2025

From: Ryan Stewart, Principal Transportation Planner

TOPIC: CY 2025-2028 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) FEBRUARY AMENDMENT

Requested Action:

Recommend Board approval of the CY 2025-2028 TIP February amendment.

Key Points:

There are two projects included in the February amendment to the CY 2025-2028 TIP. See the **Attachment** and **Supporting Information** for more details.

AGENCY

PROJECTS

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| City of Spokane Valley | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• S. Barker Rd. (Appleway-Sprague)• Barker Road and 8th Avenue Roundabout |
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Board/Committee Discussions:

This is the first discussion of the proposed February 2025 amendment.

Public Involvement:

The proposed February amendment was published for a public review and comment period from 01/13/25 through 01/22/25. On 01/13/25 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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2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program

February Amendment (25-02)

Agency	Project Title Amendment Description	Funding Adjustment		Amendment		WA STIP ID
				New Project	Existing Project	
City of Spokane Valley	S. Barker Rd. (Appleway-Sprague) Updated DEMO, state, and total amounts.	Federal (DEMO)	\$ 1,516,525		✓	WA-14652
		State (Freight Mobility)	\$ 3,000,000			
		Local				
		Total	\$ 4,516,525			
City of Spokane Valley	Barker Road and 8th Avenue Roundabout Final design and construction phases for new single lane roundabout with multi-modal facilities.	Federal (HSIP)	\$ 1,500,000	✓		WA-16303
		State				
		Local	\$ 1,735,000			
		Total	\$ 3,235,000			

DEMO

Congressionally Directed Spending

HSIP

Highway Safety Improvement Program

Supporting Information**TOPIC: 2025-2028 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) FEBRUARY 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 February 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 February amendment will be incorporated into the STIP on or around 03/14/2025.

To: Transportation Technical Committee

01/15/2025

From: Ryan Stewart, Principal Transportation Planner

TOPIC: 2025 CALL FOR PROJECTS CRITERIA AND PRINCIPLES OF INVESTMENT

Requested Action:

Recommend Board approval of the 2025 Call for Projects criteria and Principles of Investment.

Key Points:

- Pending Board approval SRTC will release a Call for Projects on 2/14/2025 for the following funding types:
 - Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program
 - Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ) program
 - STBG Set-Aside
 - Carbon Reduction Program (CRP)
- [STBG](#) is the most flexible of all FHWA funding programs. Eligible STBG project types include: roadway and bridge construction; transit capital projects and repair; safety; active transportation; programs; and, studies.
- The purpose of the [CMAQ program](#) is to fund transportation projects that reduce congestion and improve air quality in the Spokane region. Eligible CMAQ project types include transit improvements, travel demand management strategies, traffic flow improvements, and pedestrian and bicycle facilities.
- The [STBG Set-Aside program](#) funds transportation alternatives. Examples of eligible projects include on- and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities, infrastructure projects for improving non-driver access to public transportation, and safe routes to school projects.
- [CRP](#) provides funds for projects designed to reduce transportation emissions, specifically carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions from on-road highway sources. Eligible projects are detailed [here](#).
- There will be approximately \$36 million in the 2025 Call for Projects for the years 2027-2029.
- The application criteria are directly related to Horizon 2045's Guiding Principles and Policies as well as updates for Horizon 2050. Revisions to the criteria include the Congestion, Safety, Quality of Life and Mobility, and Equity sections. The draft main application is [here](#) and the draft preservation application is [here](#).
- Historically, the Principles of Investment include, but are not limited to, funding decisions about off-the-top requests, set-aside for preservation projects, set-aside for small towns/small cities, and setting application limits per agency.
- For the purposes of discussion, staff requests input from the Board on the following Principles of Investment:
 - Preservation set-aside of 23% of the anticipated total funding, approximately \$8.3M

- Limit of \$1.35 million award per application, \$2.7 million total per agency
- Limit project applications to include grind and overlays, chip seals and other sealant projects
- 3.75% set-aside of the anticipated funding for small towns/small cities (<5,000 population), approximately \$1.35M
- Off-the-top allocations for operations and planning
 - SRTMC (approx. \$2.8M), SRTC (\$1.5M), and an I-90 study (\$800K)

Please see the **Supporting Information** for the 2025 Call for Projects schedule and estimated available funding.

Board/Committee Discussions:

The TIP Working Group is currently involved in reviewing and providing suggested improvements to the call for projects applications. The committees were briefed at their 12/18/24 meetings and the Board was briefed at their 01/09/25 meeting.

Public Involvement:

The 2025 call for projects information and schedule is in the TIP Guidebook. The TIP Guidebook has been presented at Board, TAC, and TTC meetings which are open to the public.

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Supporting Information

TOPIC: 2025 Call for Projects Criteria & Principles of Investment

- Pending approval by the SRTC Board, the 2025 Call for Projects will be released on 02/14/2025.
- The schedule and estimated available funding are as follows:

Call for Projects Schedule

2025	
Jan 9	SRTC Board of Directors - begin Principles of Investment discussion
Jan 14	TIP Working Group – develop applications, evaluation criteria, principles of investment discussion
Jan 22	TAC & TTC meetings – Call for Projects update, principles of investment discussion, applications & evaluation criteria update
Feb 13	SRTC Board of Directors - Principles of investment, off the top funding action
Feb 14	CALL FOR PROJECTS RELEASED
Mar 7	Project Eligibility Worksheet and Complete Streets Checklist is due by 4:00 pm.
Apr 4	Application Package due by 4:00 pm.
Apr 7-25	SRTC staff screens projects for completeness and for consistency with the MTP and CMP. SRTC staff will also calculate the air quality benefits for each CMAQ and CRP project at this time
Apr 28 - May 16	Project scoring
May 28	TAC & TTC meetings - review preliminary results
Jun 12	SRTC Board meeting - review preliminary results
Jun 25	TAC & TTC meetings - recommend prioritized lists of STBG, CMAQ, STBG Set-Aside, and CRP projects to fund and contingency lists for Board approval
Jul 10	SRTC Board – Approve STBG, CMAQ, STBG Set-Aside, HIP and HIP COVID projects to fund and contingency lists.
Aug – Oct	2026-2029 TIP development process which includes a 30-day public comment period on the draft TIP.

Approximate Available Funding

Fund Type	Fund Qualifications	Projected Amount
STBG	Flexible	\$24,500,000
STBG-Set Aside	Transportation alternatives	\$2,100,000
CMAQ	Reduce congestion and improve air quality	\$4,900,000
CRP	CO ₂ emissions reduction	\$4,200,000

To: Transportation Technical Committee

01/15/2025

From: Mike Ulrich, Principal Transportation Planner

TOPIC: TRANSPORTATION PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT: PM1 – SAFETY TARGETS

Requested Action:

Recommend that the SRTC Board agree to plan and program projects which contribute to the accomplishment of WSDOT HSIP targets.

Key Points:

- Pursuant to 23 CFR 924, State Departments of Transportation (DOTs) are required by the federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) to annually set five safety performance targets.
- Federal regulations also require MPOs to set targets for their respective planning areas.
- The following five statewide safety performance measures are set annually and use a five-year rolling average:
 1. Number of fatalities
 2. Rate of fatalities per 100 million VMT (vehicle miles traveled)
 3. Number of serious injuries
 4. Rate of serious injuries per 100 million VMT
 5. Number of non-motorized fatalities and non-motorized serious injuries.
- To set a target, MPOs must either agree to support the State DOT target or establish a numerical target specific to the MPO planning area.
- In February 2024 the SRTC Board approved a resolution agreeing to plan and program projects which contribute to the accomplishment of WSDOT statewide performance targets for safety.
- Target Zero is WSDOT's plan to reduce the number of traffic deaths and serious injuries on Washington's roadways to zero by the year 2030.
- The Board will be asked to take action on safety targets on 02/13/2025.

Board/Committee Discussions:

The TTC previously made a recommendation to the SRTC Board regarding safety targets in January 2024. Targets in the other two performance categories are set on four-year cycles. On 12/18/24 the TTC and TAC discussed safety targets, and the Board received a presentation for information and discussion on 01/09/25.

Public Involvement:

All SRTC Board and committee meetings are open to the public.

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To: Transportation Technical Committee

01/15/2025

From: Lois Bollenback, Executive Director

TOPIC: MPO-RTPO OVERVIEW OF AGENCY PURPOSE AND UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Requested Action:

None. For information and discussion.

Key Points:

- The Spokane Regional Transportation Council (SRTC) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) serving the Spokane Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) as designated under federal law (23 CFR 450).
- SRTC is also established under state law (RCW 47.80) to serve as the Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) in the Spokane Region.
- There are a variety of requirements associated with serving as an MPO and RTPO. There are also a number of activities that can be pursued as planning options to benefit the region.
- In this presentation, SRTC staff will review the role of an MPO and RTPO as well as some of the activities that will be undertaken by SRTC in Calendar Year 2025.

Board/Committee Discussions:

This is the first and only presentation expected on this topic.

Public Involvement:

All SRTC Board and committee meetings are open to the public.

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To: Transportation Technical Committee

01/15/2025

From: Lois Bollenback, Executive Director

TOPIC: SFY 2026-2027 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) DEVELOPMENT OVERVIEW

Requested Action:

None. For information and discussion.

Key Points:

- The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is the foundational document outlining the core functions, planning studies, technical support and other ongoing planning activities conducted by SRTC.
- The state fiscal years (SFY) 2026-2027 UPWP covers a two-year period from 07/01/2025 to 06/30/2026.
- Staff is beginning work on a preliminary draft of the UPWP. The UPWP development schedule is included in the following **Supporting Information**.
- Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) has released guidance for developing the UPWP that is intended to assist organizations in meeting Federal and State requirements.
- The Federal emphasis areas focus on: tackling the climate crisis; equity and Justice 40; complete streets; public involvement; Strategic Highway Network coordination; Federal land management agency coordination; planning and environmental linkages; and data in transportation planning.
- The State emphasis areas include: updating Regional Transportation Planning Organizations (RTPO) duties; making public documents accessible; enhancing diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts; support comprehensive plan updates; supporting various statewide planning efforts; updating functional classifications as a result of urban area boundary revisions; supporting DOT in asset management reporting; and, financial accounting, including the implementation of a consolidated planning grant.
- The UPWP should also include major planning activities identified by other agencies such as Spokane Transit Authority (STA) and WSDOT Eastern Region.
- SRTC staff are seeking input and direction from members regarding potential planning activities to include in the next UPWP. We encourage members to share thoughts on how SRTC can best serve the region.

Board/Committee Discussions:

The SFY 2026-2027 UPWP development process is beginning and this is the first presentation and discussion in a series of activities.

Public Involvement:

All SRTC Board and committee meetings are open to the public.

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Supporting Information

TOPIC: SFY 2026-2027 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT OVERVIEW

The following is the tentative SFY 2026-2027 UPWP development schedule.

SRTC SFY 2026-2027 UPWP Development Schedule	
Key Due Dates	Key Action
22-Jan-2025	SFY 2026-2027 UPWP Overview provided to TAC and TTC
13-Feb-2025	SFY 2026-2027 UPWP Overview provided to the Board
Feb-2025	SRTC staff considers input and develops a proposed set of activities. SRTC staff requests/collects regional planning activities from other agencies including STA, WSDOT, cities & county.
26-Feb-2025	UPWP Preliminary set of projects & budget presented to TAC and TTC
13-Mar-2025	UPWP Preliminary set of projects & budget presented to Board
25-Mar-2025	Preliminary draft to WSDOT TRIP (3 weeks in advance of on-site meeting)
23-Apr-2025	Draft SFY 2026-2027 UPWP presented to TAC and TTC (1 st touch)
15-April-2025 <i>(tentative)</i>	Review meeting with WSDOT TRIP, Public Transportation Division, WSDOT, FHWA, and FTA (onsite and/or remote)
8-May-2025	Draft SFY 2026-2027 UPWP presented to Board (1 st touch)
TBD	UPWP out for public comment (30-day review period)
TBD	Comments due from TAC and TTC and public comment period
28-May-2025	Presentation to TAC and TTC for recommended Board approval of draft SFY 2026-2027 UPWP (2 nd touch)
12-Jun-2025	Board approval of SFY 2026-2027 UPWP (2nd touch)
13-Jun-2025	Submit approved SFY 2026-2027 UPWP to WSDOT TRIP
TBD	WSDOT TRIP submits approved SFY 2026-2027 UPWP to FHWA/FTA
30-Jun-2025	FHWA/FTA UPWP approval date
1-Jul-2025	SFY 2026-2027 UPWP takes effect

To: Transportation Technical Committee

From: Benjamin Kloskey, Associate Transportation Planner I

TOPIC: COMMUTE TRIP REDUCTION (CTR) PLAN UPDATE

01/14/2025

Requested Action:

None. For information and discussion.

Key Points:

- SRTC staff have completed the [draft Regional Commute Trip Reduction \(CTR\) Plan update](#).
- The new four-year plan will be in effect from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2029.
- In 1991, the Washington State Legislature passed the CTR Law (RCW 70A.15.4000-4110) to address air pollution, petroleum fuel consumption, and traffic congestion.
- WSDOT established a Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Technical Committee after the adoption of the CTR Law. The TDM Technical Committee acts as the reviewing body for the local and regional plans.
- SRTC's requirements as part of the update cycle included reviewing all affected local agency plans for consistency with SRTC major planning documents and the draft Regional CTR plan.
- SRTC collaborated with local agencies and Commute Smart Northwest to complete the regional plan update, local plan updates, and to conduct all the engagement activities as part of the update.
- SRTC submitted local agency plans and the regional plan to the statewide Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Technical Committee in November 2024. Local plans and the regional plan were approved by the TDM Technical Committee at their December 6th and January 8th meetings, respectively.

Board/Committee Discussions:

This is SRTC staff's first discussion with the TTC on this topic in 2025. TTC last discussed CTR at their March 2024 meeting.

Public Involvement:

SRTC conducted an extensive outreach campaign as part of the CTR Plan update. Over the six months it was open, the CTR survey collected a total of 247 responses, including 107 public comments. SRTC attended a total of 13 public events with CTR materials, including the El Mercado event in August with a Spanish language interpreter and translated materials.

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To: Transportation Technical Committee

01/15/2025

From: Jason Lien, Principal Transportation Planner

TOPIC: HORIZON 2050 – METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN - NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Requested Action:

None. For information and discussion.

Key Points:

- A central component of the region's Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) are the projects and programs that will move us toward shared transportation goals and performance objectives. To understand the array of transportation investment options, SRTC is conducting a Needs Assessment. The Needs Assessment will evaluate the many needs of the regional transportation system as documented through agency plans, studies, and Capital Improvement Programs, as well as input from the SRTC Board and committees, interviews with agency staff, and public engagement.
- Understanding regional options for investment that are aligned with expected revenue will help inform decisions on transportation priorities, that will in turn inform the development of the next MTP, Horizon 2050 and its program areas.
- This agenda item will verify sources of potential transportation needs that are regional in scale, the general evaluation criteria to be used, and the overall approach and schedule for the Needs Assessment project. The outcome will be a Needs Assessment Summary with a matrix of projects and programs evaluated against SRTC's Guiding Principles. The project will be conducted with consultant assistance.

Board/Committee Discussions:

An introduction to the Needs Assessment was presented at the January Board meeting.

Public Involvement:

All SRTC committee and Board meetings are open to the public. The project will include targeted public and stakeholder outreach.

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To: Transportation Technical Committee

01/15/2025

From: Mike Ulrich, Principal Transportation Planner

TOPIC: METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE: REGIONAL PRIORITY NETWORKS

Requested Action:

None. For information and discussion.

Key Points:

- The Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) is currently being updated. The new plan, Horizon 2050, is scheduled for adoption in November 2025.
- The current MTP, Horizon 2045, identifies priority networks for transportation modes that include bicycles, freight, automobiles, and transit. These priority networks represent the region's key transportation facilities and guide SRTC's planning efforts.
- As part of the MTP update, the priority networks are being refreshed to ensure they align with future regional needs.
- At the January TTC meeting, staff will present an overview of the modal priority networks, details on the network updates, and discuss the next steps.

Board/Committee Discussions:

This is the first discussion of regional priority networks for the current MTP update cycle.

Public Involvement:

All SRTC Board and committee meetings are open to the public.

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