

Spokane Regional Transportation Council – Transportation Technical Committee

June 26, 2024 | 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

Vice Chair Greene called the meeting to order at **1:00pm**

In Attendance

TTC Members

- Brett Lucas, *City of Cheney*
- Lisa Key, *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*
- Sonny Weathers, *Small Cities/Towns Rep* (left at 2:03)
- Brandi Colyar, *Spokane County*
- Barry Greene, *Spokane County (Vice Chair)*
- Jami Hayes, *Spokane County*
- April Westby, *Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency*
- Samantha Hennessy, *Spokane Regional Health District*
- Tara Limon, *Spokane Transit Authority*
- Mike Tresidder, *Spokane Transit Authority*
- Char Kay, *WSDOT-ER*
- Mike Pea, *WSDOT-ER*
- Glenn Wagemann, *WSDOT-ER*

Guests

- Wende Wilber, *Kittleson and Associates*
- Charlotte Sobol, *Kittleson and Associates*
- Lance Mueller, *City of Liberty Lake*
- Luke Michaels, *City of Liberty Lake*
- Tyler Kimbrell, *City of Spokane*
- Erica Amsden, *City of Spokane Valley*
- Brian Jennings, *Spokane Transit Authority*
- Shauna Harshman, *WSDOT-ER*
- Spencer Montgomery
- Leann Yamamoto, *Spokane County*
- Sean Messner
- Gregg Figg
- Paul Kropp

SRTC Staff

- Lois Bollenback, *Executive Director*
- Eve McMenemy, *Deputy Executive Director*
- Jason Lien, *Principal Transportation Planner*
- Mike Ulrich, *Principal Transportation Planner*
- Michael Redlinger, *Transportation Planner III*
- Savannah Hayward, *Comm. & Public Rel. Coord.*
- David Fletcher, *Principal Transportation Planner*
- Benjamin Kloskey, *Asso. Transportation Planner*
- Ryan Stewart, *Principal Transportation Planner*
- Angel Jackson, *Admin-Exec Coordinator*

#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

Vice Chair Greene shared highlights of May’s SRTC Board meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

#5 Consent Agenda

- a) May minutes for TAC Meeting

b) CY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) July Amendment

Ms. Kay motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Weather seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

#6 Regional Safety Action Plan

Ms. Wilber, Kittleson and Associates and Mr. Ulrich gave an overview, highlighting the crash analysis, community feedback, safety strategies, and detailed data included in the plan. The plan establishes a target of a 50% reduction in fatal and serious injuries on the High Injury Network and bike and pedestrian crashes by 2030 and zero fatal crashes by 2042.

Ms. Wilber emphasized the involvement of various stakeholders and the public's positive feedback on the plan. She outlined the high injury network, strategies for improving road safety, and the importance of updating local plans to include safety projects. The plan also includes sections on emerging technologies and post-crash care.

Ms. Note made a motion to postpone approval until the revisions to Appendix G are completed. Mr. Jackson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#7 DATA Project Deliverables

The DATA project is aimed to operationalize the application of data in the planning process, including updating the travel demand model. After addressing concerns about the travel demand model through multiple meetings with the model users' group, updates were shared. The project delivered a valid regional scale model meeting industry standards, but some model users requested revisions and additional localization. Staff developed an option to address these requests, focusing on the federal aid network. The proposed plan involves creating a separate scope for these revisions, costing approximately \$80,000, partially funded by leftover WSDOT funds and SRTC reserves.

Ms. Kay motioned to defer the approval until the revisions are addressed in option A. Ms. Note seconded the motion. The motion passed.

INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ITEMS

8 Transportation Priorities: Spokane International Airport

Ms. Corcoran, Chief Development Officer-Spokane Airports, which includes Spokane International Airport and Felts Field Airport, is focused on expanding and improving its facilities. Major projects include the Concourse C expansion and Central Hall project at Spokane International, which aim to enhance passenger experience and accommodate more flights. They are also upgrading airfield infrastructure and parking systems, while improving safety with a new interchange on Spotted Road. Additionally, a rail truck transload facility is being developed to streamline cargo transport.

9 Smart Mobility/Resiliency: Goals and Objectives

There are two separate projects, led by SRTC with consultant assistance, happening concurrently to assess current practices, identify technologies for smart mobility, and evaluate vulnerabilities in the transportation system. These projects aim to recommend programs and strategies to advance regional transportation goals. Smart mobility involves using technology and data to improve the multimodal transportation system, ensuring safe, efficient, resilient, and equitable movement of people and goods. Project objectives include advancing regional goals by adapting to new technologies, using data to empower travelers, supporting seamless mobility initiatives, and promoting environmental responsibility. Additionally, the project focuses on reducing system vulnerabilities to human-caused and natural disasters.

The resiliency goal aims to improve the region's ability to anticipate, prepare for, adapt to, withstand, and recover from disruptions. This involves understanding regional risks, identifying critical infrastructure and vulnerabilities, and determining needs for redundancy and preparedness. The project will continue to develop detailed strategies and engage stakeholders, including a stakeholder advisory group with representatives from the TTC, TAC, and other regional agencies/organizations.

#10 2025 Unified List of Regional Transportation Priorities: Draft

Mr. Fletcher highlighted the receipt of 30 project submissions, noting that this includes one project in the current Unified List that was submitted as two separate project phases this year. Four new projects were submitted this year: Market Street Reconstruction, Wellesley High Performance Transit, LEIA - Liberty to Edgecliff Improvements for Accessibility, and Craig Road Complete Streets Project. The total unfunded need is just under \$700 million, up from \$576 million last year due to more submissions and cost increases. SRTC reviewed project submissions to ensure they meet eligibility criteria, accurately categorize status, and verify self-scoring consistency.

The 30 project submittals were presented, grouped by project status (implementation, development, and initiation) and sorted by score based on the board-approved evaluation criteria. Mr. Fletcher explained that staff considers a variety of factors when developing the draft list. These include consistency with previous years, natural breaks in the projects' scores, and feedback from legislators for a concise, flexible list that reflects regional needs and diverse funding opportunities. Based on this, staff suggest removing the three lowest-scoring projects in development and initiation to maintain a focused and competitive list. This results in 24 projects, similar in size to last year's list.

#11 SRTC Website Project Update

Ms. Hayward presented an update on the SRTC website project. The project aims to redesign the SRTC website, brand and logo, strengthening SRTC's outreach efforts. The selected local consultant, The Woodshop, has a strong track record with projects for various Spokane-based and national entities. The project is in conjunction with the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) update, Horizon 2050, and is scheduled for completion in February 2025. The project consists of four phases: 1. Intake, discovery and site analysis; 2. Brand update; 3. Website design and build; and 4. Collateral update.

The current phase involves understanding SRTC's current brand and website status, gathering internal and external feedback, and analyzing the website's functionality. This information will guide subsequent phases, including an 8–10-week brand and logo update and a 10-12 week website redesign aimed at improving user experience and navigation. The target launch date for the SRTC website is mid-December. Phase four will focus on creating collateral pieces to utilize the new brand and logo. Savannah emphasized the importance of

community input and mentioned upcoming steps, including completing phase one interviews and seeking committee approval for the new brand and logo in August, with the final board approval expected in September.

#12 Agency Update and Future Information Items

- The committees will not convene in July but will reconvene in August.

#13 Adjournment

There being no further business, Vice Chair Greene adjourned the meeting at 2:40pm.

Angel Jackson, Recording Secretary