

# Spokane Regional Transportation Council – Transportation Advisory Committee

9/25/2024 | Meeting Minutes

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

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

Chair Vose informed that he would be delayed for the meeting. Ms. Zentz volunteered to be the Chair until Mr. Vose was available. She called the meeting to order at 3:03pm and attendance was taken. In Attendance:

### Members

Michael Ankney

John Barber

Raychel Callary

Charles Hansen

Carlie Hoffman

Katie Melby

Tom Sahlberg

Paul Vose

Kim Zentz

### Guests

Brian Jennings, STA

### SRTC Staff

Eve McMenamy, *Deputy Executive Director*

David Fletcher, *Principal Transportation Planner*

Ryan Stewart, *Principal Transportation Planner* Jason

Lien, *Principal Transportation Planner*

Benjamin Kloskey, *Associate Transportation Planner*

## # 2 Public Comments

No comments

## # 3 TAC Member Comments

Each member was given the opportunity to highlight events/projects in their respective areas.

## # 4 Chair Report on SRTC Board of Directors Meeting

Chair Vose reviewed action and discussions from the previous SRTC Board meeting.

## ACTION ITEMS

### # 5 Consent Agenda

- a) June minutes for TAC Meeting
- b) CY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment
- c) SFY 2024-2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), Amendment Two

***Ms. Zentz made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Sahlberg seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.***

### # 6 2025 Unified List of Regional Transportation Priorities

Mr. Fletcher presented an overview of the Unified List, including an explanation of how the Unified List process is integrated with other SRTC planning products. He then presented the draft 2025 list, highlighting the various factors that were considered in determining which projects to include in the list. He also showed where the different potential break points were on the list. After discussing these different options, the group motioned to recommend approval of the draft list with the inclusion two additional projects, Spokane Falls Boulevard and the Craig Road Complete Streets Project.

***Mr. Sahlberg motioned to recommend the Board to approve the 2025 Unified List of Regional***

*Transportation Priorities as presented with the inclusion of the Craig Road Complete Streets Project and the Spokane Falls Boulevard Project. Ms. Zentz seconded this motion. This action passed unanimously.*

## **INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **# 7 Website Project – New SRTC Logo/Brand**

Ms. Bollenback updated the committee on the status of SRTC's brand, logo, and website project before introducing the Woodshop team (Tony and Cassi) to talk more in depth about the logo design process. After presenting on the design process for each of the three logo options, the Woodshop opened the floor for discussion and feedback on the options. The group made a few points about the different logos, and that the Woodshop did an excellent job with the background information/story behind each logo. After a robust discussion on the various logo options, many of the committee members expressed interest in each the logos but did not come to a concise decision on one as the stronger contender.

### **# 8 Congestion Management Process (CMP): Corridor Analysis & Strategies**

Mr. Fletcher introduced the CMP and how it is used at SRTC. He highlighted the main point of the CMP which is to pursue cost effective strategies to maximize the efficiency of investments made on the existing transportation system. Mr. Fletcher let the group know about an upcoming CMP workshop next month, which will focus on reviewing and updating the strategies that are identified in the CMP.

### **# 9 Smart Mobility & Resiliency Projects**

Mr. Lien detailed the components contributing to the region's Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) update, including the Smart Mobility Plan and System Resiliency Assessment. The broad scope of the Smart Mobility Plan was outlined, covering infrastructure aspects such as Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS). Mr. Lien also detailed the overall Smart Mobility goals, new technology evaluation criteria, and previewed the related work being done in Regional EV Infrastructure Planning. Mr. Lien started out the presentation about Resiliency by outlining project goals, and the broader scope of the work in Resiliency along with the methodology for analyzing the transportation system. The Resiliency project will look at critical infrastructure assets in our region and vulnerability to natural and human-caused disruptions. A stakeholder advisory group is set to convene in September to review the draft reports. Mr. Lien highlighted the upcoming steps to be completed by the year's end as part of this comprehensive transportation planning process.

### **# 10 Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Grant Update**

Mr. Lien presented on the regional EV Charging Grant project that SRTC is the project manager of. The project began back in 2021, when the Washington State Department of Commerce awarded SRTC the grant. Mr. Lien identified the project partners as the DOC, Avista, STA, and other local agencies/private businesses. As part of this project update, Mr. Lien said there are 20 different sites in service and more coming soon. Mr. Lien highlighted challenges some sites are facing that may preclude their completion. The project close-out date is December 2025, so build out of remaining sites will continue until then. Following the presentation, there was a short discussion about the different benefits and drawbacks of using public funds to allow free EV chargers at municipal locations.

### **# 11 Draft 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

Mr. Stewart gave the committee an update on the draft 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program. After briefly explaining the TIP, what it is, and how it is used, Mr. Stewart gave a few key notices:

- the public comment period for the new 2025-2028 TIP Draft will be from September 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>, and
- hybrid public meeting (in person and virtual) will be held on September 26<sup>th</sup> at 12 p.m.

### **# 12 Agency Update and Future Information Items**

Mr. Fletcher and Ms. Bollenback gave a few agency updates:

- The October 17<sup>th</sup> Regional Transportation Summit will be at the Centerplace Regional Event Center in Spokane Valley from 8-10 a.m., tickets are available now on the SRTC website.
- Rhonda Young has resigned from the committee, and a new Vice Chair will need to be elected next month.
- Revisions on the model are underway as the Task Work Order and Notice to Proceed has been issued to the consultant.
- SRTC has submitted a grant application for SS4A, which will prospectively be used for an education campaign around safety.

### **# 13 Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:25 pm.

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Benjamin Kloskey, Recording Secretary