

# SRTC

*Spokane Regional Transportation Council*

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## Public Input Sought On WP-SIA Study

A stakeholder meeting is scheduled for January 26th for participants of the West Plains- Spokane International Airport (WP-SIA) Study to review results of travel demand modeling within the study area. The study covers an area from approximately Highway 2 on the north to Hallett Road on the south and Brooks Road on the west to about I90 on the east. A map of the study area can be found at [www.srtc.org](http://www.srtc.org) on the 'Projects' page.

Study participants will also prepare for a series of public meetings to be held in March. The purpose of the meetings is to gather public opinion about transportation issues within the study area.

The WP-SIA study is being conducted in response to rapid development in the West Plains and its impact on the Geiger Interchange.

## 2030 SRTC Model Near Completion

The SRTC forecast model is nearing completion. SRTC Staff are in the process of incorporating comments from local jurisdictions into the draft 2030 model.

The model is expected to be finalized by the end of January and distributed to the Model Users' Group representatives from each jurisdiction.

TTC members will be asked at their February meeting for a recommendation to the SRTC Board for acceptance of the model.

### SRTC's Mission Statement

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## SRTC 'Visioning Process' Gets Underway

Spokane Regional Transportation Council, in partnership with local jurisdictions and community partners, will soon begin a 'Visioning Process' to develop a 'Unified Regional Transportation Vision'. The goal is to come up with a vision and an implementation plan for a fully integrated, multimodal transportation system to be developed over the next 30-50 years.

The Visioning Process will look at all modes of transportation (transit, bicycling, walking, personal vehicles, freight) within Spokane County, as well as how they contribute and interact with each other and economic development.

A selection committee of area business and civic leaders are in the process of choosing a consultant to lead the visioning process. A contractor could be decided upon by early February.

The Visioning Process will include extensive public input. If you are interested in being involved, please email your name and contact information, especially your email address, to [contact.srtc@srtc.org](mailto:contact.srtc@srtc.org) with a note saying you would like to be involved in and kept up-to-date on the Visioning Process.

## TAC Members Wanted

SRTC is seeking members for its new Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC). The TAC is being formed to promote transparency and provide an opportunity for the public to be involved in SRTC's programs. Members will advise the Board on plans, programs, and activities conducted by SRTC.

The TAC will consist of 13 members that meet on a quarterly basis. Members must be able to read and understand the fundamentals of land use and transportation planning as established in the Revised Code of Washington..

For more information on the TAC, or to apply to be a member, go to [www.srtc.org](http://www.srtc.org). **The deadline to submit applications is February 19, 2010.**

**Check out [www.srtc.org](http://www.srtc.org) for all SRTC's latest projects**

## SRTC & Partners Look Into Complete Streets For Spokane

SRTC is working with a broad base of community partners to look into educating elected officials and citizens about a possible 'complete streets' policy in our area. A complete streets policy would direct planners and engineers to consistently design roadways with all users in mind. This means pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit users would be considered just as important as motorists.

Some amenities that make a street complete include crosswalks, sidewalks, street lighting, median islands, pedestrian signals, street trees, bike lanes, and bus pullouts. Under a complete streets policy, every street would **not** have all these options. Each street would be evaluated to determine who uses it and which of the above items would make travel on that street easier and safer.

Besides increased safety, some other benefits of complete streets include:

- Improving air quality by reducing the number of cars on local roadways.
- Cutting down on health problems such as obesity and diabetes by encouraging physical activity.
- Saving money on construction costs by installing non-motorized transportation facilities at the time of construction or reconstruction rather than at a later date.

Some of the groups working with SRTC to look into complete streets include Spokane County Commute Trip Reduction, the Spokane Plan Commission, Spokane Transit, Spokane Regional Health District, Futurewise, The Lands Council, Neighborhood Alliance of Spokane County, and Spokane City Councilman Jon Snyder.

## SRTMC Adding New Traffic Cameras

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New live traffic camera feeds will be available soon on the Spokane Regional Transportation Management Center (SRTMC) website. The City of Spokane recently installed 20 new traffic cameras. Live feeds from those cameras will be fed to the SRTMC website at [www.srtmc.org](http://www.srtmc.org) for public viewing.

The SRTMC website is a high-tech website with real-time, customizable information for the Spokane area. 24-hours a day you can watch live traffic cameras, read about incidents and events that are automatically updated as they happen, and check construction updates. All this is done in an effort to help drivers avoid congestion and backups.

The new camera locations include several intersections along the Maple/Ash corridor, at Browne and Second in downtown Spokane, Hamilton and Trent, Indiana and Maple, and several other intersections.

When the new traffic cameras come online in early February there will be over 60 live traffic cameras available for viewing at [www.srtmc.org](http://www.srtmc.org).

## SRTC Board Has New Members

The SRTC Board has some new faces for the new year. Mayor Mary Verner and City Councilman Jon Snyder will represent the City of Spokane and Gary Schimmels is the new representative for the City of Spokane Valley. Representatives from other area jurisdictions remain the same. A complete list of SRTC Board members is available at [www.srtc.org](http://www.srtc.org) on the 'Boards and Committees' page. All 2010 SRTC Board meeting dates are also posted there.

Spokane County Commissioner Mark Richard will serve as Board Chair in 2010 and Gary Schimmels will be Vice Chair.

## Interesting Conversations On SRTC Blog

An easy way to keep up on what is happening with transportation is to check out the SRTC blog at [www.srtctransportation.blogspot.com](http://www.srtctransportation.blogspot.com). The blog is updated every day with the latest news articles, meeting announcements, and happenings from agencies that deal with transportation, and of course national items as well.

Recently, blog readers have spoken out about the high number of pedestrians hit by vehicles in our area, the possibility of getting bike lanes on Crestline, and controversial red light cameras.

We're always looking for topics of interest to blog about so either email [contact.srtc@srtc.org](mailto:contact.srtc@srtc.org) to make blog topic suggestions, or log onto the blog itself and feel free to comment on whatever you see there.



*SRTC's blog: So fun even your dog wants to read it.*