



Spokane Regional Transportation Council

Transportation Technical Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 13, 2025- 1:00pm

1 Call to Order/ Excused Absences

Chair Greene called the meeting to order at 1:02pm and attendance was taken.

In attendance were:

Committee Members:

Brett Lucas - *City of Cheney*
Luke Michaels - *City of Liberty Lake*
Inga Note - *City of Spokane*
Colin Quinn-Hurst - *City of Spokane*
Kevin Picanco - *City of Spokane (arrived at 2pm)*
Adam Jackson - *City of Spokane Valley*
Jerremy Clark - *City of Spokane Valley*
Brandi Colyar - *Spokane County*
Barry Greene - *Spokane County (Chair)*
Jami Hayes - *Spokane County*
Margee Chambers - *Spokane Reg. Clean Air Agency*
Brian Jennings - *Spokane Transit Authority*
Tara Limon - *Spokane Transit Authority (Vice Chair)*
Mike Pea - *WSDOT*
Glenn Wagemann - *WSDOT*
Larry Larson - *WSDOT*

Absent Members:

Heather Trautman, *City of Airway Heights*
Julia Whitford, *Kalispel Tribe of Indians*
Sonny Weathers, *Small Cities Towns Rep*
Samantha Hennessy, *Spokane Regional Health Dist.*
Maria Cullooyah, *Spokane Tribe of Indians*

Staff

Lois Bollenback, *Executive Director*
Eve McMenamy, *Deputy Exec. Director*
Angel Jackson, *Admin-Executive Assistant*
Savannah Creasey, *Comm. & Public Relations Coor.*
Ben Kloskey, *Associate Transportation Planner 1*
Ryan Stewart, *Principal Transportation Planner*
Jason Lien, *Principal Transportation Planner*
David Fletcher, *Principal Transportation Planner*
Michael Redlinger, *Associate Transp. Planner 3*

Guests:

Paul Kropp
Dan Pratt - *City of Deer Park*
David Istrate - *Spo County Pub Works*
Sean Messner - *CivTech*
Tyler Kimbrel - *City of Spokane*
Matt Zarecor - *Spokane County*



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2 Public Comments

There were no public comments.

3 Member Comments

Members provided updates to current construction projects within their agency/region.

#4 Chair Report on SRTC Board Meeting

Chair Greene gave a brief overview of February's SRTC Board meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

5 Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes of February 2025 Board of Directors Meeting
- b. CY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) March Amendment
- c. Commute Trip Reduction (CTR) Plan Update

Ms. Colyer made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Larson seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

6 CY 2026 Unified List Development Process & Evaluation Criteria

Mr. Fletcher presented an action item requesting the committee's recommendation that the SRTC Board approve the 2026 Unified List Development Process and Project Evaluation Criteria. He emphasized that the Unified List is a strategic tool for communicating regional transportation priorities to legislators for funding opportunities. The process is updated annually to incorporate new projects and remove funded ones as they progress through initiation, development, and implementation. Due to the Horizon 2050 MTP update, this year's process will be expedited, maintaining the current evaluation criteria and foregoing any major changes. Existing projects will not be required to submit new forms unless updates are necessary. The development schedule includes project submittal due between April 14th and May 9th with final the final list presented to the committee in August (state version) and October (federal version).

Mr. Clark made a motion to approve the CY 2026 Unified List Development Process & Evaluation Criteria as presented. Ms. Hayes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ITEMS

7 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Development Overview

Ms. Bollenback provided an overview of the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) development process, outlining key requirements such as required and ongoing planning activities and various administrative components. She emphasized that this serves as the scope of services for our operating grant agreement and noted that this year marks a significant shift in federal policy that will influence the program's direction. A primary challenge is meeting the March 25th submission deadline while maintaining flexibility to incorporate emerging topics. She reviewed the required and ongoing activities,

as well as optional activities, highlighting three key additions that SRTC staff has recommended for inclusion. These recommended additions include updates to the transportation forecasting model, the formal integration of resiliency metrics into project evaluation, and an update of the High Injury Network (HIN) to ensure the most current safety data is utilized. Additionally, she identified several optional, candidate projects for consideration in future activities. Moving forward, Ms. Bollenback emphasized staff efforts to develop a comprehensive UPWP document and to finalize the proposed two-year work program while allowing some flexibility for potential adjustments.

She invited questions and comments on the projects that were listed and other thoughts regarding planning activities needed in the region. There was a robust discussion focused on the transportation model update, its timeline, and its integration with ongoing planning efforts and the importance of data to inform decision-making. The conversation continued and highlighted the regional master plan, which aims to align priorities across agencies, particularly regarding I-90. WSDOT raised concerns about SRTC's role, and emphasized WSDOT holds authority over I-90 projects. They stressed the importance of aligning the plan with statewide values and resiliency efforts rather than focusing solely on I-90. WSDOT also questioned whether the project should be included on the list, given that funding has been set aside for 2027-2029 and scope development will not begin until then. In response, it was noted that the board has already approved the project, and funding is being assigned now, reinforcing the need for clear priorities and advocacy.

Ms. Bollenback concluded by showing the timeline of next steps and stated the information would be posted to the website and available after the March 25th deadline.

8 Transportation Performance Management (TPM) Bridges Update

Mr. Redlinger provided an update on bridge performance as part of Transportation Performance Management (TPM), highlighting current bridge condition data from the National Bridge Inventory (NBI) in the context of the current four-year cycle ending in 2025. He commented on the National Highway Performance Program (NHPP) and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), which support infrastructure maintenance and improvements. Of the 307 NBI bridges in the region, 157 are in good condition, 129 are fair, and 21 are poor—an improvement from 2022. However, NBI data can lag behind local data and may not account for recent inspections.

While the region is on track to meet WSDOT's target of less than 10% of bridges in poor condition, Mr. Redlinger noted that long-term trends show a decline in overall bridge conditions. Bridges rated as "fair" have increased, raising concerns about future deterioration. Despite recent short-term improvements, challenges with funding and prioritization remain.

There were no comments.

9 Congestion Management Process (CMP) Update - Draft

Mr. Fletcher provided an overview of the Congestion Management Process (CMP), which is federally required for urban areas with populations of 200,000 or more. He explained that the draft update to the CMP report details our region's approach to managing congestion and provided an overview of the document. He highlighted the regional objectives, which were approved in July

2023, and outlined how the CMP network defines where we collect and monitor data for the CMP.

Mr. Fletcher discussed the CMP's multimodal performance measures and data collection plan. He also introduced the CMP strategies toolkit and matrix, which evaluate and identify potential strategies that were developed with input from member agencies. He ended with a summary of the next steps in the process, which include returning to the committee in April to request a recommendation for the SRTC Board's approval of the updated CMP report.

There were no comments.

10 Vehicles Miles Traveled (VMT) Reduction Framework

Mr. Stewart provided an update on the scope of the project, explaining that its goal is to develop a framework and strategies to reach Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) reduction targets. He mentioned that a best practices memo has been distributed to the working group, and several strategies for reducing VMT are being developed. With access to strong data, the team will also be updating the comprehensive plan certification process. Mr. Stewart reviewed the WSDOT report on VMT. He emphasized the benefits of reducing VMT, including improvements in health, safety, livability, climate, and mobility. The analysis is exploring several scenarios, including "business as usual," meeting the state's target, or benchmarking against peers. He highlighted that land use is the primary factor influencing VMT, making it a critical topic for future discussions. Mr. Stewart also mentioned that tomorrow marks the first working group meeting, where they will explore various data sources, including HPMS data and Replica, a tool that utilizes data from cellphones and in vehicle navigation systems to help forecast future trends. He concluded by discussing the engagement process and outlining the next steps for the project.

12 Agency Update and Future Information Items

Ms. McMenamy reported:

- SRTC is conducting several public outreach events this week related to Horizon 2050.
- At the federal level, SRTC is monitoring activity. Delays in reimbursement and project delivery may occur, as seen with the January TIP amendment, agencies are advised to plan ahead for longer timelines.
- Work on the UPWP and Call for Projects are continuing with a newer approach to distinguish between state and federal requirements, including removing federal-specific language in certain circumstances.
- The agency is evaluating funding risk assessments, particularly for targeted programs like National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI), but the agency's mission remains unchanged unless further notice is received.

There were no comments or questions.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:21 PM



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Angel Jackson, Clerk of the Board