



Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 26, 2025- 3:00 pm

1 Call to Order/ Excused Absences

Mr. Vose called the meeting to order at 3:02 pm and attendance was taken.

In attendance were:

Committee Members:

John Barber
Rachel Callary
David Eash
Charles Hansen
Carlie Hoffman
Mark Johnson
Katie Melby
Paul Vose (Chair)
Bill White
Todd Williams
Kim Zentz
Ann Winkler – New Member

Tom Sahlberg has stepped down from the committee.

Absent Members:

Michael Ankney (Vice Chair)

Staff

Lois Bollenback, *Executive Director*
Eve McMenamy, *Deputy Exec. Director*
Anadia Grier, *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:

Sean Messner – *CivTech*

2 Public Comments

There were no public comments.



3 Member Comments

There were no member comments.

#4 Chair Report on SRTC Board Meeting

Mr. Vose gave a brief overview of March's SRTC Board meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

5 Consent Agenda

- a. February Minutes for the TTC Meeting
- b. CY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) April Amendment

Mr. Barber moved to approve the Consent Agenda, which was seconded by Mr. Hansen. The motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

6 Horizon 2050 Needs Assessment – Regional Project Matrix

Presenters: Jason Lien & Sean Messner

Mr. Lien and Mr. Messner provided an update on Horizon 2050, the long-range transportation plan that aims to develop a regional project list, assess projects based on SRTC's guiding principles, and integrate them into future planning efforts. A draft project matrix has been completed, categorized by agency, and filtered for regional significance. No questions or comments were provided following the update.

Next steps include refining the project matrix, identifying Regionally Significant projects for inclusion in the Horizon 2050 bill scenario, and categorizing financially constrained projects that still require funding. Financial forecasts are being updated with projected costs and revenues for the next 20+ years. The Committees and Board will continue reviewing these updates, with further discussions scheduled next month. The project is expected to conclude in early May, with public outreach continuing through summer. A draft of Horizon 2025 will be released in September, with adoption anticipated in November.

Mr. Eash inquired about the inclusion of maps in the project matrix. Mr. Messner confirmed that a GIS map is in development and will be finalized along with the project list.

7 Guest Presentation: Spokane Regional Health District

Presenter: Samantha Hennessy

Ms. Hennessy introduced the Walk Audit Pilot Program, developed in response to community concerns about pedestrian safety and walkability. The program evaluates sidewalk conditions and accessibility across various neighborhoods and jurisdictions, with findings compiled into reports that



support grant applications and guide infrastructure improvements.

Five audits have been completed: four in the City of Spokane and one in Spokane Valley. Ms. Hennessy is working to publish audit summaries online by the end of April, assess the program's effectiveness, and plan the 2025 audit schedule. Data from these audits has also been used in an EPA Community Change Grant application.

Attendees discussed key stakeholders who could benefit from the audit summaries, including city departments responsible for sidewalk repairs, ADA upgrades, and crosswalk improvements, as well as city insurance pools focused on reducing liability risks. Additional input was requested on engaging more community groups interested in pedestrian safety.

8 Horizon 2050 SRTC Board Workshop – Report Back

Presenter: Jason Lien

At the March Board meeting, an interactive workshop was held to explore key regional transportation issues. Mr. Lien presented data on four main topics: regional growth, infrastructure, safety, and revenue. He highlighted employment trends, infrastructure maintenance needs, bridge conditions, safety statistics, and concerns about the long-term stability of gas tax revenue. Using interactive polling software, Board members responded in real time via smartphones, tablets, or computers, providing insight into regional transportation priorities.

Polling results showed that most participants believe the region will exceed the projected 2050 population of 670,000. Maintenance and preservation were identified as the top transportation challenges, followed by funding concerns. Efficient land use planning was ranked as the best strategy for system optimization, while system resiliency was seen as the most important emerging trend, followed by micromobility, electrification, and alternative fuels. When asked about options to replace declining gas tax revenue, most respondents indicated they needed more information before choosing a solution. In allocating future transportation funding, participants gave the highest priority to maintenance and preservation. Mr. Lien invited further input, leading to discussions on infrastructure needs, regional connectivity, safety, and long-term planning.

In response to a question from Mr. Eash, Mr. Lien clarified that the survey respondents were members of the SRTC Board of Directors. No additional questions were raised.

9 SFY 206 – 2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) - Draft Review

Presenter: Lois Bollenback

Ms. Bollenback provided an update on the development of the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), a two-year plan set to begin this summer. Following discussions at the last Board meeting, a draft has been submitted to state and federal partners for review, with a meeting scheduled on April 15 to address feedback. The document is expected to be released for public comment by April 16, with continued opportunities for input. She emphasized that while the UPWP outlines SRTC's scope of services for state and federal funding, adjustments remain possible.



The plan maintains core administrative functions, such as Board and committee support, while expanding public outreach through more frequent "Lunch and Learn" sessions, updates to the Public Participation Plan, and a structured communication strategy like an e-newsletter. Data management efforts will focus on streamlining collection processes, refining safety data, implementing a traffic counting strategy, and preparing for a regional model update in early 2027. Long-range planning priorities include finalizing Horizon 2050, updating the Safe and Complete Streets policy, and completing a truck parking study. The TIP program will incorporate economic analysis, resiliency planning, and potential continued TIP tracking. Congestion management efforts will support TMC's update of the regional ITS architecture, while additional planning studies will focus on transportation funding, I-90 corridor planning, and a safety and education awareness campaign.

Ms. Bollenback invited feedback on SRTC's regional priorities. Ms. Zentz questioned the Board's objections to a port district as a potential revenue source, suggesting leaders work with legislators rather than dismissing the idea outright. Ms. Bollenback noted that while the UPWP will proceed as planned, the concept could be reconsidered during the regional funding study. Ms. Zentz added that opportunities may now exist that were not previously considered.

INFORMATION (NO PRESENTATION)

10 Agency Update

Mr. Fletcher congratulated TAC member Charles Hansen on being named the Northeast PDA Resident of the Year.

Mr. Stewart is seeking volunteers to help score applications for the Call for Projects. A total of 59 pre-eligibility worksheets have been received, and volunteers are needed to review and score applications in mid-April. Kim Zentz, Katie Melby, and Paul Vose have volunteered to assist with this process.

Mr. Stewart clarified that the scoring will be conducted remotely. There were no additional comments or questions.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:03 PM

Anadia Grier, Clerk of the Board