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**AGENDA ITEM 3a** 

# **Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes - Revised**

Wednesday, April 23, 2025 - 3:00 pm

These minutes were originally approved on 05/28/2025 with instructions to revise by adding the names of members who requested an excused absence. This version reflects those revisions as of 05/29/2025.

## # 1 Call to Order/ Excused Absences

Mr. Greene called the meeting to order at 1:01 pm and attendance was taken.

### **Excused Absences:**

David Eash
Carlie Hoffman

#### In attendance were:

**Committee Members:** Staff:

John Barber Lois Bollenback
Raychel Callary *Executive Director*Charles Hansen Eve McMenamy

Mark Johnson Deputy Exec. Director

Katie Melby Megan Clark

Paul Vose (Chair) Legal Counsel

Bill White Savannah Creasey
Ann Winkler Comm. & PR Coor.
Kim Zentz

**Anadia Grier** 

Admin-Executive Coor.

Jason Lien

Principal Transp. Planner

**David Fletcher** 

Principal Transp. Planner

Michael Redlinger

Associate Transp. Planner 3

Ben Kloskey

Associate Transp. Planner 2

Guests: Absent Members:

Michael Ankney (Vice Chair)

**Todd Williams** 

#### # 2 Public Comments

There were no public comments.

#### # 3 Member Comments

There were no member comments.

# **#4 Chair Report on SRTC Board Meeting**

Chair Vose gave a brief overview of April's SRTC Board meeting.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

# #3 Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes of the March TTC Meeting
- b. Spokane Regional Commute Trip Reduction Plan: 2025-2029: Amendment 1

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

# #4 Congestion Management Process (CMP) Update — Final Draft

Mr. Fletcher presented the final draft of the Congestion Management Process (CMP) Update, seeking the committee's recommendation for approval by the SRTC Board. He emphasized that the CMP is a federally mandated framework for MPOs serving urban areas with populations exceeding 200,000, aimed at supporting a unified, regional strategy to address congestion across Spokane County.

The update features revised regional goals, a substantially broadened CMP network, enhanced performance measures, improved data collection and analysis methods, refreshed strategies, and clearly defined strategies to ensure alignment with SRTC's other planning efforts. Mr. Fletcher reminded the committee that a full overview was provided at the February meeting and pointed members to the complete report, supporting documents, and performance map included in the packet and available online.

Mr. White made a motion to approve the CMP Update as presented, which was seconded by Mr. Barber. The motion passed unanimously.

The committee mistakenly referred to the Commute Trip Reduction (CTR) Plan as the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). When asked if they would like to formally vote to correct the reference, they agreed that a vote was unnecessary but requested that the clarification be noted in the minutes.

### **INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

## #5 SFY 2026-2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Ms. Bollenback reported on the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) following a review with federal and state partners on April 15. While overall feedback was minimal, two additions were requested: the inclusion of the ongoing Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) and Certification Process Review, now expected to continue into July, and a table linking federally required planning factors with specific UPWP tasks.

These updates will be added to the draft, which is currently open for public comment through May 16. Although feedback is accepted up to final approval, submitting significant input by mid-May will help ensure a completed version is ready for committee recommendation and board approval in June.

Ms. Bollenback also noted a change in funding structure, with separate grants from the Federal Highway and Transit Administrations now combined into a single consolidated planning grant, streamlining reporting requirements without affecting funding levels or work activities.

There were no questions or comments.



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# # 6 Horizon 2050 — Regional Priority Networks Update

Mr. Redlinger gave an update on the priority networks for the Horizon 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) update, outlining the four core networks: vehicular (NHS and major roadways), transit (based on STA's long-range plans for high-performance corridors), freight (key truck routes, economic corridors, and intermodal facilities), and bicycle (existing and planned infrastructure aligned with local agency priorities).

He noted that a draft web map is available for local agencies to explore these networks interactively, with features to toggle layers and jurisdictional boundaries. Comments are being accepted via email through May 30, after which they will be incorporated into a final draft for presentation this summer. The updated networks will ultimately be included in the full MTP for approval later this year.

Mr. Redlinger also confirmed that updates to the rail and air components of the MTP are underway in tandem with the priority network revisions.

There were no questions or comments.

# # 7 Horizon 2050 — Review of Financial Constraint and Project Needs

Mr. Lien shared an update on Horizon 2050, highlighting how identified project needs will be incorporated into the plan. He described two key project types: program areas, which align with Horizon 2045 funding targets, and regionally significant projects, which are included in both the plan and the travel demand model. All projects must fit within a financially constrained framework, recognizing that funding will fall short of overall transportation needs.

Program areas propose allocating \$1.79 billion across categories such as active transportation, bridges, transit, and roadway capital, with targets meant to guide, not strictly dictate, investment. Regionally significant projects are identified based on factors like roadway classification, capacity changes, freeway connections, and fixed transit routes. Mr. Lien encouraged agencies to review and update their project priorities.

Operations, maintenance, and preservation continue to represent the region's greatest needs. Horizon 2045 projected \$4.95 billion for operations and \$5.9 billion for preservation, and updated estimates for Horizon 2050 are currently in development to better define expected expenditures and funding gaps. The initial revenue forecast for Horizon 2050 is approximately \$14 billion, slightly lower than Horizon 2045 due to reduced local revenues.

Revenue forecasting draws from actual collections, historical trends, growth assumptions, and jurisdictional input. Sources are categorized by funding level: local, regional, state (WSDOT), and transit (Spokane Transit Authority).

Public engagement through workshops, events, and surveys continues to show strong support for maintenance and preservation. While priorities differ somewhat between agencies, the



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public, and the Board, maintenance, funding constraints, and regional growth were consistently ranked as top concerns in Board polling.

Next steps include finalizing the financial forecast and allocating projects into funding categories by early summer. A draft of Horizon 2050 is anticipated for release in September, with final Board adoption in November. Public input will continue through the open survey, available until the end of June.

There were no questions or comments.

### **INFORMATION (NO PRESENTATION)**

## #8 Agency Update

Mr. Fletcher informed the committee that the City of Deer Park recently received recognition from WSDOT for its preservation project. He also announced that SRTC has an Associate Planner position open and encouraged members to share the opportunity with anyone who might be interested. More information is available at <a href="https://www.srtc.org/careers">www.srtc.org/careers</a>.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:39 PM

Anadia Grier, Clerk of the Board