



Transportation Technical Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 26, 2025– 1:00 pm

1 Call to Order/ Excused Absences

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

In attendance were:

Committee Members:

Luke Michels, *City of Liberty Lake*
Inga Note, *City of Spokane*
Colin Quinn-Hurst, *City of Spokane*
Kevin Picanco, *City of Spokane*
Jerremy Clark, *City of Spokane Valley*
Erica Amsden, *City of Spokane Valley*
Sonny Weathers, *Small Cities/Towns Rep*
Jami Hayes, *Spokane County*
Brandi Colyar, *Spokane County*
Barry Greene, *Spokane County (Chair)*
Margee Chambers, *Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency*
Samantha Hennessy, *Spokane Regional Health District*
Tara Limon, *Spokane Transit Authority (Vice Chair)*
Brian Jennings, *Spokane Transit Authority*
Mike Pea, *WSDOT-ER*
Glenn Wagemann, *WSDOT-ER*

Absent Members:

Heather Trautman, *City of Airway Heights*
Todd Ableman, *City of Cheney*
Julia Whitford, *Kalispel Tribe of Indians*
Maria Cullooyah, *Spokane Tribe of Indians*
Greg Figg, *WSDOT-ER*

Staff

Lois Bollenback, *Executive Director*
Eve McMenamy, *Deputy Exec. Director*
Anadia Grier, *Admin-Executive Assistant*
Savannah Creasey, *Comm. & Public Relations Coord.*
Ben Kloskey, *Associate Transportation Planner 1*
Ryan Stewart, *Principal Transportation Planner*

Guests:

Sean Messner – *CivTech*



Jason Lien, *Principal Transportation Planner*
David Fletcher, *Principal Transportation Planner*
Michael Redlinger, *Associate Transp. Planner 3*

2 Public Comments

There were no public comments.

3 Member Comments

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

#4 Chair Report on SRTC Board Meeting

Mr. Greene 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. Clark motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Picanco seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

6 Guest Presentation: Spokane Regional Health District

Presenter: Samantha Hennessy

Ms. Hennessy presented the Walk Audit Pilot Program, initiated in response to community concerns about pedestrian safety. This program conducts audits across neighborhoods to assess sidewalk conditions and accessibility, compiling the findings into reports for grant applications and infrastructure improvements.

Five audits have been completed: four in the City of Spokane and one in Spokane Valley. The audits included participation from city council members and yielded sixteen pending requests for additional routes.

Ms. Hennessy plans to post audit summaries online by the end of April, evaluate the program's effectiveness, and develop the 2025 audit schedule. The data has also been used to apply for an EPA Community Change Grant, and she has partnered with the Spokane Regional Transportation Council (SRTC) for pedestrian safety campaign funding.



Attendees identified key groups that could benefit from the audit summaries, including city departments focused on sidewalk repairs, ADA upgrades, and crosswalk enhancements. Ms. Note mentioned that the City of Spokane is interested in using the audits to prioritize specific locations for improvements.

Mr. Greene suggested coordinating with a local center for the blind to support the walk audit request on 57th Ave, and Mr. Weathers expressed appreciation for the program and the availability of its data. Ms. Hennessy encouraged attendees to reach out with any questions or requests for further information.

7 Horizon 2050 Needs Assessment – Regional Project Matrix

Presenters: Jason Lien & Sean Messner

Mr. Lien and Mr. Messner provided an update on Horizon 2050. The objective is to develop a comprehensive list of regional projects and programs, assess them based on SRTC's guiding principles, and integrate them into future planning efforts, including maintenance, preservation needs, cost estimates, and project timelines. Mr. Lien introduced the needs assessment project, emphasizing the goal of understanding regional needs.

Mr. Messner explained that a draft project matrix has been completed, sourced from various agency plans and local TIP/CIPs. The attached matrix is sorted into projects that are regional in scope and organizes projects by agency. Committee input was sought, but no comments were received. Mr. Messner invited members to provide feedback.

Next steps include refining the project matrix, defining regionally significant projects for inclusion in the Horizon 2050 build scenario, and categorizing projects that require funding. Financial forecasts will be updated for the next 25 years. The Needs Assessment project is expected to conclude in early May, with further reviews before the committees and Board scheduled for the next few months.

Public outreach will continue through spring and summer, with a draft of Horizon 2025 planned for release in September and adoption at the November Board meeting. Mr. Lien shared key dates for outreach activities.

Mr. Greene noted that some information in the community packet matrix was cut off and requested a cleaner version. Mr. Lien and Mr. Messner confirmed a revised version would be shared. Mr. Greene also asked about the comment deadline, which Mr. Messner clarified as next Friday or within 5 to 10 working days. Ms. Bollenback inquired about feedback from a public MTP survey, and Mr. Lien confirmed he would review those results as part of his next agenda item.

8 Horizon 2050 SRTC Board Workshop – Report Back



At the March Board meeting, an interactive workshop addressed key regional transportation topics, including growth, infrastructure, safety, and revenue challenges. Mr. Lien presented data on population growth, employment trends, infrastructure maintenance needs, bridge condition, safety statistics, and uncertainties regarding future gas tax revenue. Board members used smartphones and tablets for real-time polling on transportation priorities.

Key polling results showed that most respondents 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 for projects. Efficient land use planning was the preferred method to optimize the transportation system, while the need for more information was the top response for addressing declining gas tax revenue. Over the next 20 years, maintenance and preservation received the highest projected allocation of funds at 34%, nearly matching public response at 32%. System resiliency emerged as the most important trend for planning, scoring 7.5 out of 10.

Additional suggestions included the need for truck parking outside city limits, the potential for light rail, corridor preservation, improvements to the I-90/SR 195 interchange, and concerns about safety not ranking higher. Other topics discussed were future transportation modes and the impact of the Idaho Transportation Department's widening of I-90.

During the discussion, Ms. Bollenback commented on the potential differences between the Board's priorities and those of the Technical Committee. Mr. Greene noted that the prioritization of maintenance and preservation aligns with Spokane County Public Works' priorities. Mr. Lien invited the Board to bring attention to any additional topics as part of the polling activity and presentation.

9 SFY 2026 – 2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) - Draft Review

Ms. Bollenback updated the committee on the development of the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). A full draft was prepared following Board feedback and submitted to state and federal partners. A meeting is scheduled for April 15 to discuss additional input. The new two-year UPWP will begin this summer, replacing the current plan. Today's discussion highlighted Board input, key tasks, and invited further feedback.

The UPWP includes core areas such as administrative support (Board and committee activities, financial management) and enhanced public outreach, including updates to the public participation plan, more frequent "Lunch and Learn" sessions, and a new communications strategy like an e-newsletter.

Data management efforts will improve collection processes, enhance performance measures, and prepare for a 2027 update to the regional travel demand model. Long-range planning will focus on finalizing Horizon 2050, updating the Safe and Complete Streets policy with smart mobility



recommendations, and conducting a truck parking study.

Additional work includes TIP enhancements like economic analysis and resiliency metrics, congestion management system updates, and planning studies on transportation funding, I-90 support, and a safety awareness campaign. The UPWP draft will be available for public review on April 16. Ms. Bollenback noted that feedback is welcome until the scope of services is finalized; no comments were provided by the committee.

There were no comments.

INFORMATION (NO PRESENTATION)

10 Agency Update

Ms. McMenamy reminded local agencies that Mr. Fletcher had sent an email regarding updates to the 2025 Freight and Goods Transportation System request. SRTC is coordinating with WSDOT on this initiative, and agencies must submit their updates by May 9.

Mr. Stewart is looking for volunteers to assist with scoring applications for the Call for Projects. 59 pre-eligible worksheets have been received, and volunteers are needed to review and score applications in mid-April. Margee Chambers from the Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency, Samantha Hennessy from the Spokane Regional Health District, and Brandi Colyar from Spokane County have already volunteered to help with this process.

There were no comments or questions.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:04 PM

Anadia Grier, Clerk of the Board