



# Spokane Regional Transportation Council

TTC MEETING 09/24/2025  
CONSENT AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM 3a

## Transportation Technical Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 27, 2025- 1:00 pm

### # 1 Call to Order/ Excused Absences

Mr. Greene called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm and attendance was taken.

In attendance were:

#### **Committee Members:**

Luke Michaels  
*City of Liberty Lake*  
Inga Note  
*City of Spokane*  
Colin Quinn-Hurst  
*City of Spokane*  
Kevin Picanco  
*City of Spokane*  
Adam Jackson  
*City of Spokane Valley*  
Sonny Weathers  
*Small Cities/Towns Rep*  
Brandi Colyar  
*Spokane County*

Barry Greene  
*Spokane County (Chair)*  
Jami Hayes  
*Spokane County*  
Margee Chambers  
*SRCAA*  
Samantha Hennessy  
*SRHD*  
Brian Jennings  
*STA*  
Shauna Harshman  
*WSDOT-ER*  
Mike Pea  
*WSDOT-ER*  
Glenn Wagemann  
*WSDOT-ER*

#### **Staff:**

Eve McMenamy  
*Deputy Executive Director*  
Savannah Creasey  
*Comm. & PR Coor.*  
Anadia Grier  
*Admin-Executive Coor.*  
Jason Lien  
*Principal Transp. Planner*  
Ryan Stewart  
*Principal Transp. Planner*  
Michael Redlinger  
*Associate Transp. Planner 3*  
Ben Kloskey  
*Associate Transp. Planner 2*  
Angela Paparazzo  
*Associate Transp. Planner 1*

#### **Absent Members:**

Heather Trautman  
*City of Airway Heights*  
Dan Ferguson  
*City of Cheney*  
Jeremy Clark  
*City of Spokane Valley*  
Julia Whitford  
*Kalispel Tribe*  
Tara Limon  
*STA (Vice Chair)*  
Maria Cullooyah  
*Spokane Tribe*

#### **Guests:**

Matt Versdahl  
*WSDOT*  
Tyler Kimbrell  
*City of Spokane*  
LeAnn Yamamoto  
*Commute Smart NW*  
Matt Zarecor  
*Spokane County*  
Dean Pratt  
*City of Deer Park*



## # 2 Public Comments

There were no public comments.

## # 3 Member Comments

There were no member comments.

## #4 Chair Report on SRTC Board Meeting

Mr. Greene gave a brief overview of July's SRTC Board meeting.

## ACTION ITEMS

### # 3 Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes of the June TTC Meeting
- b. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment - September

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

### # 4 CY 2026 Unified List – State Version

Mr. Fletcher presented the 2026 Unified List (state version) as an action item, requesting a recommendation for SRTC Board approval. He explained that the list is used to communicate regional transportation priorities to legislators for potential funding opportunities. This year's process was expedited due to the Horizon 2050 MTP update, with the same evaluation criteria applied. Agencies were not required to resubmit projects already on the list but were allowed to provide updates if needed.

He reviewed the development timeline, noting the submittal period in April and May, SRTC's review in May and June, and draft presentations to the committee in June and to the Board in July. Because of the streamlined process, only one new project was submitted—STA's Clean Energy Campus Phase 1. Three projects previously submitted but not listed were resubmitted, and seven projects already on the list were updated with new information.

The final list includes 26 projects, totaling just under \$1 billion in costs, with \$285.4 million requested in the state version. Of these, five are in implementation, sixteen in development, and five in initiation. Mr. Fletcher highlighted category changes since the draft: the Sullivan and Trent Interchange remains in development, the US Highway 2 Multimodal Improvements Phase 1 advanced to implementation, and the Latah Bridge Rehabilitation and Wellesley High Performance Transit projects advanced from initiation to development. The STA Clean Energy Campus Phase 1 was added as a new initiation project.

***Mr. Weathers motioned to recommend the approval of the CY 2026 Unified List – State Version as presented. Ms. Hayes seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.***



## INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

### # 5 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program – Draft

Mr. Stewart presented the first draft of the 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). He explained that the TIP is a four-year program of regional transportation projects that receive federal funding or are deemed regionally significant by the SRTC Board. Smaller projects funded solely at the state or local level are generally not included. The TIP must be consistent with Horizon 2045, the region's Metropolitan Transportation Plan, and align with performance management requirements, the congestion management process, and the complete streets checklist. It must also demonstrate fiscal constraint, showing that available funding is sufficient to cover programmed projects.

He noted that performance management is a key requirement, including certification that the National Highway System is in adequate condition. An appendix in the TIP details how programmed projects support regional performance targets. Mr. Stewart clarified a correction from his memo: federal rules require a new TIP every four years, not every two. SRTC updates the TIP annually to account for the shifting funding landscape and new projects submitted through the Call for Projects.

The draft TIP includes 73 projects totaling approximately \$884 million, with 14 new additions. While many projects focus on preservation and active transportation, the largest share of funding continues to support road capital projects, including the North Spokane Corridor. Other programs include Transportation Demand Management, such as Commute Smart Northwest and the Commute Trip Reduction program, and Transportation System Management and Operations initiatives. Revenues are estimated at just over \$900 million, keeping the program fiscally constrained.

Mr. Stewart highlighted the interactive online map that will be available next week, allowing users to view projects, programming years, and descriptions. Maps in PDF form and the full draft document will also be posted online. The public comment period will run from September 2 through October 2, with a hybrid public meeting scheduled for September 23 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Riverside Room at SRTC offices and via Zoom. Committee members were encouraged to participate and review the draft TIP.

### # 6 Transportation Asset Management Plan Local NHS Data Update

Mr. Redlinger introduced the agenda item, noting that he had already been in touch with some agencies that administer sections of the local NHS. He then welcomed guest speaker Matt Versdahl from WSDOT, who joined the meeting virtually to present on the data request.

Mr. Versdahl explained that he serves as a statewide asset manager in WSDOT's Capital Program Development and Management Division. He noted that the request supports preparation of the Transportation Asset Management Plan (TAMP), required by FHWA every four years. For the first time, WSDOT is seeking local input on pavement and bridge preservation and maintenance costs to provide a more accurate statewide picture of NHS needs.



The request is for a 10-year projection of anticipated spending on preservation and maintenance for pavement and bridges. Jurisdictions may submit either detailed program information or broader programmatic totals, and estimates are acceptable if exact numbers are not available. Mr. Versdahl noted that this initial effort will not be perfect and may rely on approximate figures. The information will be aggregated to a statewide total, not broken out by jurisdiction, and used to help identify the funding gap between needs and available funding. WSDOT is targeting November for data submittal to allow time for review before the June 2026 federal certification deadline.

During the discussion, members asked how to handle project costs that include multiple activities. Mr. Versdahl clarified that only the costs directly related to bridge or pavement preservation should be reported. Concerns were also raised about the ability to break out maintenance costs by federal function class; Mr. Versdahl responded that jurisdictions could instead provide total NHS maintenance budgets or estimates based on historical spending. Finally, members suggested that the presentation slide deck could be shared with the TTC as a reference.

## **# 7 Horizon 2050 Draft Status Update**

Mr. Lien presented an update on Horizon 2050, the region's long-range transportation plan, noting that the release of the draft has been moved back one month to allow additional time for final refinements. The revised schedule calls for a public release in October, committee recommendation in November, and board action in December. A complete draft will be available in the September meeting packets. The document is structured in four chapters, with the first two covering current conditions and the latter two focusing on forecasts, projects, and strategies for the future.

He highlighted major themes, which remain consistent with Horizon 2045: the importance of maintenance and preservation, challenges in securing sufficient funding to keep the system in good repair, the need to address troubling safety trends, opportunities to improve efficiency through technology, and the development of a well-functioning multimodal network. Horizon 2050 reflects work from a wide body of local, regional, and state plans and studies.

Financially, the plan anticipates \$15.6 billion in reasonably expected revenues over the next 20+ years. These funds are divided among four categories of need: program areas, regionally significant projects, maintenance & operations, and preservation. Approximately \$2.1 billion is allocated to program areas and just over \$2 billion to regionally significant projects, with the remainder dedicated to maintenance and preservation. Preservation needs, however, are projected to exceed anticipated revenues. Mr. Lien noted that operations and maintenance costs appear high because they include STA operating expenses.

He reviewed the program areas which document essential projects that enhance the system across modes such as active transportation, freight, and transit. Funding targets have been slightly adjusted over recent months based on input from committees, the Board, and the



public.

From a public outreach standpoint, SRTC has shifted from seeking active input to raising awareness as the draft release date approaches. Recent activities included participation in Unity in the Community, business community luncheons with Chambers of Commerce and related organizations, and presentations to local groups. Upcoming outreach includes meetings with the Good Roads Association, Spokane's Community Assembly, and the Spokane Transportation Commission. Once the draft is released in October, it will undergo a 30-day public comment period with a hybrid public open house to be scheduled.

In response to a question from Mr. Jennings, Mr. Lien reported that the business community luncheons were modestly attended, with about four to five participants at each. It was noted that the invitation list successfully reached a broad mix of stakeholders, including chambers of commerce, the Downtown Spokane Partnership, tourism representatives, and other civic and business organizations.

## **INFORMATION (NO PRESENTATION)**

### **# 8 Agency Update**

Mr. Fletcher announced that SRTC will host its third annual Regional Transportation Summit on October 7 from 8-10 a.m., followed by networking. This year's theme will focus on the Horizon 2050 update and include a fireside chat with local leaders. Early registration is open, and additional information is available on SRTC's website or from Savannah Creasey (screasey@srtc.org).

Mr. Stewart reported that the EPA has determined the region is no longer subject to federal transportation conformity requirements for pollutants, including carbon monoxide and PM10. He highlighted this as a significant milestone after more than 20 years of maintenance and conformity work. While transportation control measures remain in place, local and state partners have made strong progress in improving regional air quality. In response to a question from Mr. Quinn-Hurst, Mr. Stewart confirmed the region will continue to receive CMAQ funding despite the change in status, though planning stipends will no longer be provided. Ms. McMenamy added that the current transportation bill guarantees funding through 2026, after which future allocations will be determined.

She also noted the agency recently hosted Senator Murray's staff for a tour of projects on the unified list, with assistance from STA and local project managers. She emphasized the value of creating one-page project handouts for use during such visits. Mr. Jackson commended the effort and suggested making congressional staff tours an annual practice, similar to the approach taken in Spokane Valley, to build stronger connections with federal representatives. Ms. McMenamy agreed it would be beneficial to formalize the practice going forward.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:51 PM

Anadia Grier, Clerk of the Board