

EQUITY WORKING GROUP

SEPTEMBER MEETING NOTES

Location: 421 W Riverside Ave, Suite #500
Date: September 26th, 2025
Time: 4:15 – 5:15 pm
SRTC Staff: Michael Redlinger, Jason Lien
Attendees: Jared A., Madeline A., Monica H., Paul K.

Michael welcomed the group, discussed ongoing activities related to the Equity Working Group, and commented on the agenda items for the day – which included three planning documents that are either in their public comment period or will soon be. Spokane Regional Health District’s scheduled presentation for the September meeting was postponed to the next meeting due to illness.

The first agenda item—2026-2029 Title VI Program Update—was presented by STA’s Madeline Arredondo, which followed up on her presentation at the July meeting. She provided an overview of STA’s demographic analysis as part of the Program update, including a review of low-income and minority populations within STA’s Public Transportation Benefit Area (PTBA). Madeline also provided an overview of the results of STA’s rider census, conducted in spring 2025. Madeline reviewed several key findings from the rider census and noted that all findings were also documented through a Title VI lens (minority, low-income, and limited-English responses). To better understand community needs and travel patterns, STA also conducted a provider survey over the summer, including engagement with community-based organizations, low-income, and limited English proficiency (LEP) populations. Madeline reviewed the key findings of the provider survey, commented on STA’s outreach and engagement activities as part of the Title VI Program update, and reviewed their remaining outreach schedule. STA will hold a public hearing on the program update on November 20 and anticipates a resolution to adopt the update at their [December 18 Board of Directors meeting](#). Madeline responded to several questions regarding interactions with members of the public, sharing their survey results with other agencies, Marshallese translation services, and the availability of data on the region’s LEP communities.

Michael then thanked Madeline for her presentation and introduced the next agenda item, the draft [Horizon 2050 update](#) to the Spokane Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), presented by Jason Lien. Jason summarized the purpose, key components, and update cycle for the MTP. He displayed the timeline for the update, including a forthcoming draft release and public comment period after the October SRTC Board of Directors meeting, as well as a target adoption date in December. Jason described some of the major themes within Horizon 2050, including a focus on maintaining and preserving the region’s transportation assets, challenges related to funding, improving the safety and security of the transportation system, opportunities to leverage new technologies, and the multimodal character of transportation throughout the region. He showed maps to the group illustrating where future housing and employment growth is anticipated to occur and provided an overview of expected future expenditures by areas of need. Jason then reviewed the public engagement and outreach that contributed to the update process, including a survey, public workshops, and appearances at numerous public events. Survey results

indicated public interest in funding maintenance and preservation, active transportation, safety, and public transportation (with other categories receiving a notable but smaller number of votes). On October 21, SRTC will hold a public open house on the Horizon 2050 update. Participant questions addressed Jason's upcoming presentation to the Spokane Community Assembly; the difference between operations, maintenance, and preservation; coordination with planning agencies in Idaho, and interactions with members of the public during outreach and engagement.

Michael then presented the next item, the draft 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and public comment period. Michael noted that the draft TIP update, led by SRTC planner Ryan Stewart, was released in early September, with a public comment period extending through October 2. Michael commented on the purpose of the TIP - including a fiscally constrained list of regionally significant and federally funded prioritized transportation projects - and summarized its contents. Michael showed the group an overview of programmed funds in the TIP by project type - with a total of over \$880 million programmed. He also pointed the group to SRTC's interactive TIP web map, where interested members of the public can view project locations and learn more about each project. The draft TIP can be found on the SRTC website at srtc.org/tip.

Michael then closed out the meeting by providing a preview of SRTC's annual Regional Transportation Summit, held on October 7 at CenterPlace Regional Event Center. He discussed scheduling for the November meeting and promised to send a Doodle poll out to participants to help select the meeting date.