



Spokane Regional Transportation Council

TAC MEETING 09/24/2025
CONSENT AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM 3a

Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 27, 2025– 3:00 pm

1 Call to Order/ Excused Absences

Mr. Vose called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm, and attendance was taken. Mr. Vose requested a vote to amend the agenda to add member comments and the board meeting summary.

Mr. Barber moved to add the two items to the agenda. Mr. Eash seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously

Excused Absence:

In attendance were:

Committee Members:

Michael Ankney (Vice Chair)
John Barber
Raychel Callary
David Eash
Charles Hansen
Carlie Hoffman
Katie Melby
Paul Vose (Chair)
Ann Winkler
Kim Zentz

Absent Members:

Mark Johnson

Guests:

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



2 Public Comments

There were no public comments.

3 Member Comments

Mr. Eash asked about the TAC's role in the October transportation forum. Mr. Kloskey and Ms. Creasey responded that attendance is optional but encouraged. A table can be arranged for TAC members, and early bird tickets are available. Ms. Creasey noted the event offers networking and a presentation by a national expert on topics included in Horizon 2050.

#4 Chair Report on SRTC Board Meeting

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

ACTION ITEMS

3 Consent Agenda

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

Mr. Eash moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Ms. Zentz seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously with a note to amend the attendance list in the June Minutes to include members who were incorrectly marked absent.

4 CY 2026 Unified List – State Version

Mr. Fletcher presented the requested action to recommend Board approval of the 2026 Unified List (state version), a tool for communicating regional transportation priorities to legislators for funding. With the Horizon 2050 MTP update still in progress, this year's list used an expedited process: evaluation criteria remained the same, and only new projects were considered.

He reviewed the timeline: project submittals occurred in April and May, staff review and draft list development in May and June, TAC review in June, Board review in July, and final action in August. Submittals included one new project—STA's Clean Energy Campus, Phase 1—three resubmissions, and seven projects updated with revised scope or funding.

The list was shaped by federal feedback to ensure a September-ready version and separate state and federal lists tailored to their audiences. Fletcher emphasized keeping the list focused while reflecting regional priorities across project types. Projects are organized by status—initiation, development, and implementation—to track progress as funding is secured.

Recent updates included moving the Sullivan-Trent Interchange back to development, advancing US 2 Multimodal Improvements Phase 1 to implementation, and moving the Latah Bridge Rehabilitation and Wellesley High Performance Transit projects into development. The new Clean Energy Campus project was added to the initiation category after scoring well.



There were no questions or comments.

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

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

5 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program – Draft

Mr. Stewart presented an overview of the draft 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and noted he would return next month to seek TAC recommendation for Board approval. The TIP, required by both federal and state law, programs regionally significant and federally funded transportation projects over a four-year period, ensuring consistency with the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, performance targets, and fiscal constraints. While the TIP is required to be updated every four years, SRTC refreshes it annually to reflect changes in funding, new projects from calls for projects, and emerging regional priorities.

The draft TIP programs approximately \$884 million across 73 projects, including 14 new projects. Preservation projects are prominent due to a recent preservation set-aside in the call for projects, and the North Spokane Corridor continues to account for the majority of roadway capital funding. Projects are categorized by type including active transportation, TDM (Transportation Demand Management), and TSMO (Transportation System Management and Operations).

Public engagement is a core component of TIP development. The draft TIP will be available starting September 2 for a 30-day comment period, accompanied by an interactive online map showing project details, construction timing, and funding. A hybrid public meeting is scheduled for September 23 to provide additional opportunities for review and feedback.

During discussion, Mr. Vose asked whether the small share of TIP funding for bridges reflects their condition. Mr. Stewart explained that bridge maintenance often relies on local and state funds outside the TIP, and jurisdictions actively maintain bridges. Mr. Redlinger added that the region meets national preservation targets for bridges and pavement, with annual TIP amendments ensuring projects remain responsive to funding and regional priorities.

6 Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Feedback for 2026

Mr. Kloskey opened a discussion on TAC membership and effectiveness, highlighting attendance trends and current vacancies. Since the last appointments in 2024, four members had resigned, two new members were appointed, and two positions remained vacant. He noted that typical attendance includes one or two absences per meeting and emphasized appreciation for members' ongoing commitment.

To increase engagement and maintain quorum, Mr. Kloskey proposed expanding the TAC from 14 to 16 members by adding two alternate seats. Alternates would attend meetings and vote only in place of absent members, ensuring quorum without increasing the total number of required voting members. He also suggested broadening outreach to recruit members from



student organizations, community groups such as Latinos En Spokane, and the Community Assembly to improve geographic and demographic representation. He encouraged members to consider renewing their appointments, noting that all current appointments expire this year, and that he would contact members individually.

Members generally supported the proposals. Ms. Zentz and Mr. Vose endorsed both the alternate positions and expanded outreach. Ms. Winkler raised concerns about the time commitment required to effectively participate, noting the volume of materials provided for meetings and questioning whether alternates would be sufficiently prepared to contribute. Mr. Kloskey acknowledged these concerns and explained that alternates would likely have opportunities to vote at most meetings, minimizing the risk of underutilization. He noted that outreach efforts would include presenting to the City of Spokane Transportation Commission and Community Assembly in the coming months to raise awareness of TAC opportunities.

7 Horizon 2050 Draft Status Update

Mr. Lien provided an update on Horizon 2050, the region's long-range transportation plan, summarizing recent progress and upcoming steps. The plan's adoption schedule has been adjusted to December to allow additional time to finalize the draft. The formal draft will be released in October, committees will make a recommendation in November, and board action is expected in December, keeping the federally required four-year update cycle. Committees will receive the full draft in September for preview before their meeting.

Horizon 2050 is organized into four chapters. Chapters 1 and 2 describe current conditions, including demographics and the economy. Chapters 3 and 4 focus on future conditions, forecasts, and proposed projects, strategies, and programs. Key themes include maintenance and preservation of the existing system, safety and security, investment in technology, and development of a multimodal transportation network to support regional mobility, economic growth, and quality of life.

The plan draws on regional and state plans, studies, and technical analyses. Chapter 4 outlines expenditure categories and balances projected revenue of about \$15.6 billion through 2050 against needs for regionally significant projects, program areas, operations and maintenance, and preservation. Capital investments focus on system improvement and expansion, while operations, maintenance, and preservation funding supports STA operations as well as regional street maintenance/preservation activities. Recent public outreach has included Unity in the Community, business and chamber luncheons, and planned presentations to the Good Roads Association, Community Assembly, and Spokane Transportation Commission. Outreach will continue through October and will include a 30-day public comment period and a formal public meeting for the Horizon 2050 draft.

There were no questions or comments.

INFORMATION (NO PRESENTATION)

8 Agency Update

Mr. Ryan Stewart announced that SRTC received encouraging news regarding regional air



quality. The region, designated as a non-attainment area in the late 1980s and early 1990s, successfully met Clean Air Act requirements through a series of maintenance plans. As of August 30, SRTC is no longer required to comply with Transportation Conformity regulations, though some control and contingency measures remain in place. Mr. Stewart thanked member agencies, particularly the Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency and local jurisdictions, for their work in improving air quality.

Mr. Kloskey provided additional updates. SRTC will host its third annual Regional Transportation Summit on October 7, from 8:00–10:00 a.m., followed by a 30-minute networking session. This year's theme focuses on Horizon 2050 and will include a keynote presentation and a local leaders' fireside chat. Early registration is available through SRTC.org or by contacting Ms. Creasey or Mr. Kloskey directly.

Mr. Kloskey also noted that Mr. Bill White has resigned from the TAC, effective this meeting, and thanked him for his contributions.

Deputy Director Eve McMenamy shared that Senator Patty Murray's staff recently toured several local projects, including STA, West Plains, and City of Spokane projects. The visit highlighted the community collaboration behind these projects and provided project managers with direct engagement with federal funding decision-makers.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:56 PM

Anadia Grier, Clerk of the Board