



Spokane Regional Transportation Council

Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, November 19, 2025 at 3:00 PM

Hybrid In Person/Virtual Meeting

- **In Person: 421 W Riverside Ave, Suite 504, Spokane WA 99201**
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The deadline for submitting written comments is 10:00 am on the day of the meeting and can be submitted:

- By email: contact.srtc@srtc.org
- By mail: 421 W Riverside Ave Suite 500, Spokane WA 99201
- By phone: 509.343.6370

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3:00	1	Call to Order/Record of Attendance/Excused Absences	
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3:05	2	Public Comments/TAC Member Comments/Chair Report on September Board of Directors Meeting	
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FOR ACTION

3:10	3	Consent Agenda	
		a) October TAC Meeting Minutes	3

3:15	4	Horizon 2050 – Approval <i>(Jason Lien)</i>	9
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INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

3:30	5	2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Guidebook – Approval <i>(Ryan Stewart)</i>	10
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3:40	6	Transportation Performance Management (TPM): PM1 – Safety Targets <i>(Ben Kloskey & Michael Redlinger)</i>	11
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3:50	7	2026 Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Officers Election <i>(Chair & Ben Kloskey)</i>	12
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3:55	8	Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Reduction Framework and Comprehensive Plan Certification Final Report <i>(Ryan Stewart)</i>	13
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4:05	9	FFY 2027-2032 National Highway Freight Program (NHFP) Project Solicitation and Selection Process <i>(David Fletcher)</i>	14
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4:20	10	Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Application and Selection <i>(Ben Kloskey)</i>	15
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INFORMATION: No Presentation

4:25	11	Agency Update and Future Information Items <i>(Ben Kloskey)</i>	
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4:30	12	Adjournment <i>(Chair)</i>	
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Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 22, 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.

Excused Absence:

Michael Ankney (Vice Chair)

In attendance were:

Committee Members:

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

Absent Members:

Mark Johnson

Guests:

Nina Stocker
WSDOT
Seth Stark
WSDOT

Staff:

Lois Bollenback
Executive Director
Eve McMenemy
Deputy Executive Director
Savannah Creasey
Comm. & PR Coor.
Anadia Grier
Admin-Executive Coor.
David Fletcher
Principal Transp. Planner
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. Barber commented on the recent Transportation Summit, noting it was an excellent event. He recognized Mr. Lien for moderating the panel, Ms. Creasey for coordinating behind the scenes, and the staff for their contributions. He added that the summit was well attended, informative, and provided useful insights on upcoming transportation issues. Mr. Eash agreed, affirming that it was a great presentation and a valuable opportunity for discussion.

#4 Chair Report on SRTC Board Meeting

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

ACTION ITEMS

3 Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes of the September TAC Meeting

Mr. Barber moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Eash seconded the motion. Ms. Callary requested to abstain from voting due to her absence from the previous month's committee meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.

4 CY 2026 Unified List (Federal Version) – Approval

Mr. Fletcher introduced an action item recommending SRTC Board approval of the federal version of the Unified List, noting that the list functions as the region's strategic tool for communicating transportation funding priorities to legislators.

He explained that this year's process was accelerated due to overlapping efforts with the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) update and the Call for Projects. Key steps included the project submittal period in April and May, followed by staff review and preparation of the draft list in August.

Mr. Fletcher clarified that the state and federal versions of the Unified List include the same projects, with differences only in the funding request amounts, which reflect the respective shares of federal and state funding sought.

He outlined the organization of the list by project status: initiation, development, and implementation. Initiation projects are in early stages and have little to no funding. Development projects are further along and have some funding but are not yet ready for construction. Implementation projects are nearing construction and typically have substantial funding in place.

The Unified List represents approximately \$886 million in total project costs, with federal funding requests totaling just under \$380 million, or about 43 percent of the total.



Within the implementation category, four projects are included, one of which is new: the US 2 Multimodal Improvements Phase 1 project in Airway Heights, which advanced following funding from the recent SRTC Call for Projects. The development category includes sixteen projects, comprising the majority of the list. One new project in the initiation category is Spokane Transit Authority's Clean Energy Campus Phase 1.

There were no questions or comments.

Ms. Zentz made a motion to recommend the approval of the CY 2026 Unified List (Federal Version) as presented. Mr. Barber seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

5 Guest Presentation: Travel Washington Intercity Bus 2024 Study Update

Ms. Nina Stocker from WSDOT's Public Transportation Division provided an overview of the statewide Travel Washington Intercity Bus program, which she has managed since 2019. She explained that the program operates as a public-private partnership between WSDOT and private carriers such as Northwestern Stage Lines, Greyhound, and FlixBus, with WSDOT providing partial subsidies on certain routes through the federal 5311 Rural Formula Program.

The program was launched in 2007 to restore intercity bus service to rural communities following Greyhound's reduction of several routes. It currently operates four main subsidized routes—the Apple Line (Omak–Ellensburg), Dungeness Line (Port Angeles–SeaTac), Gold Line (Kettle Falls–Spokane), and Grape Line (Walla Walla–Pasco). Two pilot routes are also running using remaining COVID relief funds: an overnight service along I-90 (Spokane–Seattle) and a service along I-82 (Yakima–Pasco), established to address gaps identified in the 2024 study.

Ms. Stocker presented the [2024 Intercity Bus Study](#) Update, completed in December 2024 and submitted to the Legislature. The study included an inventory of subsidized and unsubsidized services, provider interviews, travel demand and demographic analysis, and extensive public engagement across WSDOT regions. Findings informed service and policy recommendations, including opportunities for program expansion, supported by a GIS portal for analysis and planning.

A key outcome is a proposed new route between Spokane and Pasco, with a connection in Moses Lake—an area identified as a high priority. The route is planned to offer two to three round-trips per day, with a four-hour travel time each way and a projected annual ridership of approximately 12,000. Annual operating costs are estimated between \$2.5 and \$3.5 million. WSDOT plans to coordinate with local transit providers to ensure connectivity at intermodal hubs, including airports and rail stations.

Ms. Stocker invited feedback from agencies and stakeholders and offered to meet individually with interested organizations.



During discussion, Ms. Bollenback asked how the new route would be promoted to the public and how agencies could assist. Ms. Stocker explained that WSDOT will hold public engagement and outreach sessions along the route prior to service launch, supported by social media campaigns, local press releases from WSDOT and the service operator, and collaboration with partner transit agencies to advertise connectivity. Ms. Bollenback offered the committee's assistance in spreading the word to potential riders, which Ms. Stocker welcomed and thanked her for.

6 2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Guidebook – Draft

Mr. Stewart provided an overview of the 2026 TIP Guidebook draft, noting that this month's review was for informational purposes only. He explained that the TIP Guidebook serves as the primary resource for developing and updating the TIP, outlining goals, policies, procedures, and schedules for programming regional transportation funding. The guidebook also addresses circumstances such as project delays or returned funding and guides committees, the Board, and local agency staff.

Key updates in the 2026 draft include revisions to the definition of regionally significant projects, removal of air quality conformity references following completion of the region's limited maintenance plans, updates to the project selection section reflecting the recent Call for Projects, revised schedules for TIP development and amendments, and updates to language regarding the Congestion Management Process.

Mr. Stewart also discussed a potential revision related to Policy 4.4, which allows agencies to apply for a two-year extension on project phases or entire projects. Currently, the extension is automatically granted, but large projects late in the fiscal year could affect the region's annual obligation target of approximately \$12–13 million, impacting funding and eligibility for redistributed obligation authority. Options under consideration include setting an earlier deadline for extension requests or introducing a review process through the committees and the Board.

Next steps include returning to the committee next month for a recommendation to the Board, briefing the Board, and seeking Board approval in December. Once approved, the guidebook will take effect immediately, with schedules outlined for amendments and administrative processes.

There were no questions or comments.

7 Horizon 2050 Draft for Public Review

Mr. Lien provided an update on the [draft Horizon 2050](#) plan, which was released for public review earlier this month following the SRTC Board meeting. He noted that the plan remains on track for approval and encouraged committee members to review the document. Horizon 2050 builds on themes from the previous Horizon 2045 plan while highlighting continued priorities for the region's long-range transportation planning.



He explained that the plan is organized into four chapters: Chapters 1 and 2 cover SRTC's role and current conditions, Chapter 3 outlines anticipated future conditions, and Chapter 4 details projects, programs, and financial forecasts through 2050. Investments are categorized by regionally significant projects, transportation programs, maintenance & operations, and preservation, constrained to \$16.1 billion of reasonably expected revenue. While funding for maintenance and preservation does not fully meet current or projected needs, the plan acknowledges these shortfalls.

Mr. Lien outlined the public review process, which runs through November 10th. An open house was held to provide additional opportunities for public input, and comments can also be submitted via the SRTC website, by phone, or by mail. Feedback received will be used to refine the draft.

He noted that the revised draft will be presented to the committee at the November 19th meeting, at which time a recommendation to the Board will be requested. The SRTC Board is scheduled to consider approval of Horizon 2050 at its December 11th meeting. Committee members were invited to submit questions or comments to Mr. Lien before these meetings.

There were no questions or comments.

INFORMATION (NO PRESENTATION)

8 Agency Update

Mr. Fletcher provided several updates to the committee. He reported on WSDOT's Transit Asset Management Plan (TAMP), noting that data has been received from several agencies and requesting that any remaining submissions be sent by the end of the following week. Questions regarding TAMP were directed to Michael Redlinger at SRTC, who is leading the effort.

Mr. Fletcher also discussed the upcoming National Highway Freight Program (NHFP) Call for Projects for the 2027-2032 cycle. The solicitation will begin in early November for regional freight projects eligible for NHFP funding. Eligibility requirements are outlined in U.S.C. and on WSDOT's website, and Mr. Fletcher will provide a follow-up link to committee members. MPOs and RTPOs across the state are asked to submit a consolidated list of regional freight priorities. The NHFP process includes an informational webinar in mid-November, with consolidated submittals due to WSDOT in late February 2026. He highlighted the success of the 2022 solicitation, when the region received funding for four projects totaling approximately \$9 million, exceeding the region's population share of the state. Criteria from the previous cycle are likely to be retained unless significant changes are introduced by WSDOT. SRTC plans to present more detailed information at the next meeting, with a draft list of regional freight priority projects targeted for review in December. The Board is expected to consider approval of the final list in mid-January 2026 to meet program deadlines. Mr. Fletcher concluded by noting that additional information will be provided as it becomes available and that questions are welcome in the meantime.

Following Mr. Fletcher's updates, Mr. Kloskey provided additional information for the



committee. He noted that the November and December meetings will be moved up a week to accommodate the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, with updated calendar invites to follow. He also announced a small celebration on November 19th to thank committee members for their commitment, with food and refreshments provided, and members may attend in person or remotely if needed. Mr. Kloskey reminded the committee that discussions on officer elections for 2026 will begin next month, with voting scheduled for December. The Board will consider approval of new members and the elected chair and vice chair at its January meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 PM

Anadia Grier, Clerk of the Board

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To: Transportation Advisory Committee
From: Jason Lien, Principal Transportation Planner
Topic: Horizon 2050 – Approval

Requested Action:

Recommend SRTC Board approval of Horizon 2050.

Key Points:

- Horizon 2050 is the latest iteration of the region’s Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). It also serves as the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) in accordance with Washington state requirements. Staff have generated the plan based on the past several months of public engagement and coordination with the SRTC Board and committees as well as other stakeholders. After the October 9 Board meeting, the Draft Plan was formally released for a 30-day public comment period, which ended on November 10.
- The Horizon 2050 Draft is available for [review on the SRTC website](#). An open house/hybrid meeting was held on October 21 for public information and feedback. Comments received during the public comment period resulted in minor updates to the plan that are in progress. The updated plan version will be posted at the link above and include the revision date on the front cover.
- Horizon 2050 identifies transportation needs and recommends projects, policies, and strategies that support regional goals as embodied in SRTC’s Guiding Principles. Regular updates to the MTP make the region eligible for federal funding and provide guideposts for transportation investments. Upon approval by the SRTC Board, Horizon 2050 will be the new MTP and RTP for the planning area of Spokane County.

Board/Committee Discussions:

Horizon 2050 items have been presented at multiple Board and Committee meetings. The TTC and TAC received a preview of the Horizon 2050 working draft at their 9/24/25 meetings, and the draft was presented again at the October Board and committee meetings. The Board was given an update at their November 13 meeting.

Public Involvement:

[Horizon 2050](#) had an ongoing public outreach schedule.

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To: Transportation Advisory Committee
From: Ryan Stewart, Principal Transportation Planner
Topic: 2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Guidebook

Requested Action:

None. For information and discussion.

Key Points:

- The SRTC TIP Guidebook establishes goals and objectives for the TIP, outlines specific programming policies, provides critical TIP timelines, and details other TIP-related information.
- The TIP Guidebook is a programming resource for SRTC member agencies, the Board of Directors, and advisory committee members.
- The initial TIP Guidebook was developed in 2013 and is updated yearly to incorporate new schedules, procedures, and programming policies.
- Changes to the draft 2026 TIP Guidebook include:
 - Revisions to the definition of Regionally Significant projects to remove transportation air quality conformity requirements.
 - Revision to the Project Selection section to reflect the 2025 call for projects.
 - Updates to the 2027-2030 TIP development schedule.
 - Revisions to the Congestion Management Process section to reflect the updates in the CMP that was approved by the SRTC Board earlier this year.
 - A potential change to Policy 4.4 regarding one-time extensions if a project will not meet its targeted obligation date.
 - Updates to the amendment and administrative modification schedules.
- The draft 2026 TIP Guidebook document is available on the [SRTC website](#).

Board/Committee Discussions:

The draft 2026 TIP Guidebook was presented to the TAC and TTC at their 10/22/25 meetings and to the Board at their 11/13/25 meeting.

Public Involvement:

All SRTC Board and Committee meetings at which the draft 2026 TIP Guidebook is discussed are open to the public.

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To: Transportation Advisory Committee
From: Ben Kloskey, Associate Transportation Planner II
Topic: Transportation Performance Management: PM1 – Safety Targets

Requested Action:

None. For information and discussion.

Key Points:

- Pursuant to 23 CFR 924, State Departments of Transportation (DOTs) are required by the federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) to support statewide safety performance targets or to set separate numerical targets for their respective planning areas annually for the following:
 1. Number of fatalities
 2. Rate of fatalities per 100 million VMT (vehicle miles traveled)
 3. Number of serious injuries
 4. Rate of serious injuries per 100 million VMT
 5. Number of non-motorized fatalities and non-motorized serious injuries.
- In February 2025, the SRTC Board approved a resolution agreeing to plan and program projects which contribute to the accomplishment of WSDOT statewide performance targets for safety.
- Target Zero is WSDOT's plan to reduce the number of traffic deaths and serious injuries on Washington's roadways to zero by the year 2030.
- The Board will be asked to take action on safety targets on 01/08/2025.
- SRTC has adopted separate regionwide safety targets through its Regional Safety Action Plan, adopted by the SRTC Board on September 12, 2024.
 - Supporting statewide targets does not change SRTC's regional safety efforts or priorities.

Board/Committee Discussions:

The TTC makes a recommendation to the SRTC Board regarding safety targets annually, and last did so on January 22, 2025. Targets in the other two performance categories (PM 2 - Infrastructure and PM 3 - System Performance) are set on four-year cycles.

Public Involvement:

All SRTC Board and Committee meetings at which the Transportation Performance Management (TPM) target setting is discussed are open to the public.

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To: Transportation Advisory Committee
From: Paul Vose, Chair
Topic: Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Chair & Vice-Chair Elections

Requested Action:

For information and discussion only.

Key Points:

- The 2021 Interlocal Agreement relating to the formation and operation of the Spokane Regional Transportation Council established that the TAC shall exist as a Standing Committee of the SRTC Board.
- The [TAC bylaws](#) outline the requirements for the committee to elect officers for each yearly cycle.
- The bylaws declare that a Chair may not serve more than two consecutive one-year terms.
- The bylaws declare that the Vice Chair may become the Chair upon completion of the Chair's term or vacation for any reason.
- Any vacancy of the Chair or Vice Chair position must be filled through the nomination of a member and subsequently a motion to approve must be successful via a simple majority of voting TAC members.
- For the purposes of this information and discussion item, members may announce their interest or intention of filling the Chair or Vice Chair position in 2026.

Board/Committee Discussions:

This is the first discussion on this topic with the TAC in 2025.

Public Involvement:

SRTC Committee and Board meetings are open to the public.

Staff Contact: Benjamin Kloskey, SRTC | bkloskey@srtc.org | 509.343.6370



To: Transportation Advisory Committee
From: Ryan Stewart, Principal Transportation Planner
Topic: Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Reduction Framework and Comprehensive Plan Certification Final Report

Requested Action:

None. For information and discussion.

Key Points:

- The Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Reduction Framework and Comprehensive Plan Certification Process Update project is an effort to monitor VMT per capita and update comprehensive plan certification elements.
- The project has resulted in a [draft VMT reduction framework](#).
- At this time, staff are **not** recommending SRTC set regional VMT per capita reduction targets.
- The project has also resulted in recommendations for updating [SRTC's Comprehensive Plan Certification Process](#), including a revised checklist.
- The checklist will be used to document the certification of comprehensive plan's conformity with the Growth Management Act transportation element requirements and consistency with the regional transportation plan, Horizon 2050.
- An update on this effort will be presented to the committees this month and staff will request a recommendation for Board approval at the December committee meetings.

Board/Committee Discussions:

The VMT Reduction Framework and Comprehensive Plan Certification Process Update project was presented at the 03/13/25 Board meeting. The information was also presented to the TAC and TTC at the 02/26/25 and 05/28/25 committee meetings.

Public Involvement:

All Board and committee meetings where the VMT Reduction Framework and Comprehensive Plan Certification Process Update project is discussed are open to the public.

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To: Transportation Advisory Committee
From: David Fletcher, Principal Transportation Planner
Topic: FFY 2027–2032 NHFP Project Solicitation and Selection Process

Requested Action:

None. For information and discussion.

Key Points:

- The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) has announced the upcoming federal fiscal year (FFY) 2027–2032 National Highway Freight Program (NHFP) project solicitation and selection process.
- WSDOT will coordinate with MPOs and RTPOs to identify regional priority freight investments that align with statewide priorities and meet NHFP funding eligibility requirements, as defined in [23 U.S.C. § 167\(h\)\(5\)](#). Project submittals are due to WSDOT by late February 2026.
- A project selection committee will be convened by WSDOT to evaluate submitted projects using established criteria and to recommend projects for FFY 2027–2032 NHFP funding. Additional details are available on [WSDOT's NHFP webpage](#).
- WSDOT last conducted an NHFP solicitation in 2022. During that cycle, SRTC submitted a list of six priority projects, four of which were awarded NHFP funding totaling approximately \$9 million.

Board/Committee Discussions:

This is the first discussion on the upcoming NHFP project solicitation.

Public Involvement:

All SRTC Board and committee meetings are open to the public.

Staff Contact: David Fletcher, SRTC | dfletcher@srtc.org | 509.343.6370



To: Transportation Advisory Committee
From: Benjamin Kloskey, Associate Transportation Planner II
Topic: Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Application and Selection

Requested Action:

None. For information and discussion.

Key Points:

- The 2021 Interlocal Agreement relating to the formation and operation of the Spokane Regional Transportation Council established that the TAC shall exist as a Standing Committee of the SRTC Board.
- The [TAC bylaws](#) outline the requirements for committee membership.
- The [TAC application](#) is available on SRTC's website and has been publicly promoted at several locations and social media sites.
- The TAC is recruiting for six new members, four permanent and two alternates.
- TAC applications opened on October 13th and will close on November 28th.
- SRTC staff have assembled a review team of four staff persons to review applications by early December and will then give a list of the recommended new members to the Board for final approval at their January 2026 meeting.
- The application asks questions from the following categories:
 - Demographics
 - Transportation modes of interest
 - Community/Professional affiliations
 - Experience/Expertise areas
 - Regional concerns
 - What they hope to achieve and learn if selected
- The application review process takes geographic, disciplinary, and demographic diversity into account, along with other qualitative factors.

Board/Committee Discussions:

This is the first discussion on this topic with the TAC in 2025.

Public Involvement:

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