



## 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

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Anadia Grier, Clerk of the Board