



# Spokane Regional Transportation Council

## Transportation Technical Committee Meeting

**Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at 1:00 PM**

**Hybrid In Person/Virtual Meeting**

- **In Person: 421 W Riverside Ave, Suite 504, Spokane WA 99201**
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1:00	1 <b>Call to Order/Record of Attendance</b>	
1:05	2 <b>Public Comments/TTC Member Comments/Chair Report on February Board of Directors Meeting</b>	

**FOR ACTION**

1:10	3 <b>Consent Agenda</b>	
	a) January TTC Meeting Minutes	3
	b) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment – March	9

**INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1:15	4 <b>Guest Presentation: Managing I-90 Corridor Transportation Operations</b> <i>(Glenn Wagemann, WSDOT)</i> <b><u>No Memo</u></b>	N/A
1:45	5 <b>CY 2027 Unified List Process &amp; Criteria – Draft</b> <i>(David Fletcher)</i>	12
2:00	6 <b>Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan (CPT-HSTP) – Update</b> <i>(Angela Paparazzo)</i>	13
2:05	7 <b>Public Participation Plan (PPP) Workshop</b> <i>(Savannah Creasey)</i>	14
2:25	8 <b>Local Agency Comprehensive Plan Updates Check-In</b> <i>(Ryan Stewart)</i> <b><u>No Memo</u></b>	N/A

**INFORMATION: No Presentation**

2:30	8 <b>Agency Update and Future Information Items</b> <i>(David Fletcher)</i>	
2:35	9 <b>Adjournment</b> <i>(Chair)</i>	



## Transportation Technical Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 28, 2026- 1:00 pm

### # 1 Call to Order/ Excused Absences

Ms. Limon called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm, and attendance was taken.

In attendance were:

#### Committee Members:

- Pete Fisch  
*City of Airway Heights*
- Dan Ferguson  
*City of Cheney*
- 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*
- Jeremy Clark (Vice Chair)  
*City of Spokane Valley*
- Brandi Colyar  
*Spokane County*
- Barry Greene  
*Spokane County*
- Jami Hayes  
*Spokane County*
- Margee Chambers  
*Spokane Clean Air*
- Samantha Hennessy  
*SRHD*
- Brian Jennings  
*STA*
- Tara Limon (Chair)  
*STA*
- Mike Pea  
*WSDOT-ER*
- Glenn Wagemann  
*WSDOT-ER*

#### Absent Members:

- Julia Whitford  
*Kalispel Tribe*
- Sonny Weathers  
*Small Cities/Towns Rep*
- Maria Cullooyah  
*Spokane Tribe*
- Shauna Harshman  
*WSDOT-ER*

#### Guests:

- Tyler Kimbrell  
*City of Spokane*
- Wende Wilber  
*Kittleson & Assoc.*
- Leann Yamamoto  
*Commute Smart NW*
- Dan Pratt  
*City of Deer Park*
- K Merritt

#### Staff:

- Lois Bollenback  
*Executive Director*
- Eve McMenamy  
*Deputy Executive Director*
- Savannah Creasey  
*Comm. & PR Coord.*
- Anadia Grier  
*Admin-Exec Coord.*
- David Fletcher  
*Principal Transp. Planner*
- Jason Lien  
*Principal Transp. Planner*
- Ryan Stewart  
*Principal Transp. Planner*
- Ben Kloskey  
*Associate Transp. Planner 2*
- Angela Paparazzo  
*Associate Transp. Planner 1*
- Greg Griffin  
*Administrative Services Manager*



## # 2 Public Comments

There were no public comments.

## Member Comments

There were no member comments.

## Chair Report on SRTC Board Meeting

Ms. Limon gave a brief overview of January's SRTC Board meeting.

## ACTION ITEMS

### # 3 Consent Agenda

- a. December TTC Meeting Minutes
- b. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment - February

*Mr. Jennings made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Greene seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.*

### # 4 FFY 2027-2032 National Highway Freight Program (NHFP) Regional Priority Freight Projects List - Final

Mr. Fletcher presented the requested action to recommend SRTC Board approval of the 2027-2032 National Highway Freight Program (NHFP) Regional Priority Freight Projects List, as shown in the meeting attachment. He provided a brief overview of WSDOT's 2027-2032 project selection and solicitation process, noting that approximately \$11 million per year statewide is expected to be available for local freight projects based on prior funding levels. While final funding authorization is still pending, WSDOT is proceeding with planning under the assumption that funding will be similar and wants to ensure the process is ready once funds are approved.

Mr. Fletcher explained that, as in previous cycles, WSDOT has requested MPOs and RTPOs to submit consolidated regional freight priority lists. Local agencies first submit their candidate projects to SRTC, and SRTC then submits a coordinated regional list to WSDOT. After submittal, WSDOT will convene a statewide project selection committee made up of city, county, MPO, and RTPO representatives to evaluate projects and develop a prioritized list for potential funding.

He reviewed the upcoming deadlines, stating that agencies with projects included on SRTC's final priority list must submit completed applications to SRTC by February 16, allowing SRTC to meet WSDOT's February 27 deadline for the regional submittal.

Mr. Fletcher reminded the Committee that 13 candidate projects were evaluated using six criteria areas consistent with WSDOT guidance: preservation, safety, stewardship, mobility, economic vitality, and environment. He noted that the evaluation was intended to identify projects from the region that would be competitive at the statewide level.



He then presented the proposed regional priority freight projects list included in the packet. He noted that a natural break in scoring occurred after Project #8, Inland Empire Way. He added that the top eight projects also reflect geographic equity across the region, including at least one project from each submitting agency.

Mr. Fletcher also reported that two projects originally included on the candidate list were removed at the request of the sponsoring agency: the South Barker Road Corridor project and the Barker I-90 Interchange project.

He discussed Project #7, the Harvard Road BNSF Grade Separation Planning Study, explaining that WSDOT has indicated that planning projects will not be funded in this NHFP cycle to focus on projects that are further along in design and construction and have more refined cost estimates. SRTC is proposing to keep the project on the priority list to signal its importance for future funding opportunities, but to not include a funding request at this time.

In closing, Mr. Fletcher stated that, with these adjustments, the total regional funding request was approximately \$22 million.

***Ms. Note made a motion to recommend FFY 2027-2032 National Highway Freight Program (NHFP) Regional Priority Freight Projects List – Final as presented. Mr. Picanco seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.***

## INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

### **# 5 MPO-RTPO Overview and Upcoming Activities in 2026**

Ms. Bollenback provided an overview of MPO and RTPO roles and responsibilities, along with a preview of upcoming activities in 2026. She noted that most members are familiar with the organization's role but offered a brief refresher for new members or those who may benefit from additional context.

She explained that Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) were established in the 1960s for two primary reasons. First, as the interstate highway system was being developed, there was no effective mechanism for federal agencies to coordinate with local governments, resulting in significant impacts on communities. Second, there was a growing need for a forum where agencies within regions could coordinate transportation planning in a continuous, collaborative, and comprehensive way. MPOs were created to address those gaps and provide a structured process for regional transportation planning and coordination with federal partners.

Ms. Bollenback then described the evolution of Regional Transportation Planning Organizations (RTPOs) in Washington State following the Growth Management Act in the 1990s. She noted that some parts of the state were not covered by MPOs and that there was a need for a similar regional planning structure that integrated land-use considerations. State legislation established RTPOs to fill that role, and today the entire state is covered by either



an MPO or an RTPO, with RTPOs placing greater emphasis on the relationship between transportation and land-use planning.

She reviewed SRTC's structure, emphasizing that the organization is ultimately governed by a Board of elected officials. Staff, along with the Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) and Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), provide technical support and carry out the detailed work needed to inform Board direction and policy decisions.

Ms. Bollenback outlined required and optional activities. Required activities include development of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and other federally and state-mandated planning functions. She noted that SRTC recently completed its long-range MTP. Optional activities allow the organization to use federal and state planning funds for projects and initiatives that provide additional value to the region, such as specialized studies, enhanced public outreach, and data collection. She emphasized that staff regularly consider how to use available time and funding to best support member jurisdictions, describing SRTC as an extension of local governments that provides data, coordination, and planning support aligned with Board-adopted guiding principles. She also noted that, at the federal level, MPOs must meet specific planning requirements

She reiterated that SRTC is a planning organization and does not construct or operate transportation facilities, and that it is most effective when it helps local partners successfully deliver their own projects and programs.

Ms. Bollenback then reviewed a list of key projects and initiatives planned for the year, noting that the list represents a full and committed work program. She explained that staff have limited capacity to take on additional work beyond what has already been programmed and directed. She added that the work program reflects the "3C" planning approach, including public outreach, safety and economic initiatives such as a funding study, freight-related work, and comprehensive plan updates as part of SRTC's RTPO responsibilities.

She also highlighted ongoing core functions and supporting roles, including management of the TIP, coordination of public engagement activities and the annual summit, and staff support for partner planning efforts such as Division Connects and the Craig Road ARR. She noted that Mr. Fletcher, in addition to preparing the regional NHFP project list, has been asked to serve on the statewide project review group for that program. She explained that participating in statewide processes helps SRTC better understand how funding decisions are made and strengthens the region's ability to compete for funds.

Ms. Bollenback concluded by asking if there were any questions about MPO and RTPO roles or the upcoming year's work program. No questions were raised.

There were no questions or comments.

## **# 6 Public Participation Plan (PPP) Update Overview**



Ms. Creasey presented an overview of the Public Participation Plan (PPP), explaining that it is a federally required document outlining how SRTC engages the public throughout its work. She stated that the purpose of the plan is twofold: to inform the public about the ways they can participate in SRTC's activities and to guide staff on the organization's public outreach commitments.

She noted that, as both an MPO and RTPO, SRTC is required to conduct public involvement when updating plans and carrying out planning activities. The PPP documents how SRTC will meet those legal requirements and reflects the organization's broader commitment to meaningful public engagement.

Ms. Creasey explained that the current PPP was last updated in 2021, shortly after the COVID-19 pandemic, when outreach practices were shifting toward a hybrid approach. Since then, SRTC has grown and adapted to these new engagement methods. She noted that she was hired in August 2023 in a role dedicated specifically to executing and improving SRTC's outreach program. She highlighted several improvements made since 2021, including expanding the annual summit, increasing participation in community events, and offering a wider range of outreach opportunities. She added that a major milestone occurred in early 2025 with the launch of SRTC's new brand and website. As part of that effort, a consultant also developed an internal messaging guide to help staff and stakeholders tailor communications to different audiences.

Ms. Creasey stated that SRTC is now beginning the process of updating the PPP and wants to ensure the revised plan is clear, accessible to the public, and usable for staff. The update will include reorganizing content and more clearly distinguishing different types of outreach, including outreach to partner agencies and the general public, since those efforts require different approaches. She also noted that the update will incorporate stakeholder feedback and best practices. For example, SRTC is asking the public about their preferred engagement methods and intends to prioritize the favored answer in the plan.

She added that the update will also ensure the PPP reflects current federal requirements. She noted that SRTC received some minor recommendations during its recent federal certification review and that those items will be addressed as part of the update.

Ms. Creasey described several outreach activities planned to support the development of the updated PPP. These include an online survey and an in-person survey using an interactive sticker-board format similar to what was used during the Horizon 2050 process. She said staff will also attend community events, including the Lunar New Year celebration on February 14, which she described as a successful outreach venue in the past. Additional engagement will include a presentation to the Equity Working Group in March and a workshop with the committees at their February meetings. She also noted that a 45-day public comment period will be held on the draft PPP, including at least one public meeting.

She reviewed the overall timeline for the update, stating that staff will continue drafting the



plan through May, when the Board will review the draft and authorize release for public comment. As mentioned, she plans to return the following month with a workshop, and staff will seek a committee recommendation on the final PPP in June, followed by Board adoption in July.

Ms. Creasey invited comments and suggestions from members, both during the meeting and in the coming weeks. She asked for input on potential contacts, strategies, and ways SRTC can better coordinate outreach efforts with member agencies. She noted that staff aim to support local jurisdictions as they implement projects and are working to collaborate closely with the agency's public information and communications staff. She concluded by offering to connect one-on-one and welcomed additional feedback, questions, or suggestions.

There were no questions or comments.

## **INFORMATION (NO PRESENTATION)**

### **# 10 Agency Update**

Mr. Fletcher provided three agency updates. He first reminded members that Savannah recently distributed information about a grant opportunity through the Cascade Bicycle Club to support teen bicycle education programs in the Spokane area. He noted that grant awards range from approximately \$75,000 to \$250,000 and encouraged interested agencies to contact Savannah directly for additional information.

He next shared that the Horizon 2050 interactive web experience is now available on SRTC's website. He encouraged members to explore the tool, noting that Mr. Kloskey led the platform's development. The site provides an interactive way to view the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, allowing users to explore data and review plan details.

Mr. Fletcher concluded by noting that the March TTC and TAC meetings will likely be canceled. He stated that staff will confirm that decision as the dates get closer.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 PM

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Anadia Grier, Clerk of the Board



**To:** Transportation Technical Committee  
**From:** Ben Kloskey, Associate Transportation Planner II  
**Topic:** Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment – March 2026

**Requested Action:**

Recommend Board approval of the March amendment to the CY 2026-2029 TIP.

**Key Points:**

There are 4 projects included in the March amendment to the CY 2026-2029 TIP. See the **Attachment** and **Supporting Information** for more details.

<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>PROJECT</b>
Liberty Lake	N Molter Rd Overlay
Spokane County	Craig Rd & I-90 Four Lakes Connection Planning Study
Spokane Transit Authority	Division Line: Division BRT Project Development, Construction and Implementation
WSDOT	Asphalt/Chip Seal Preservation Spokane Regional Transportation Council

**Board/Committee Discussions:**

This is the first discussion of the March 2026 TIP Amendment.

**Public Involvement:**

The proposed March amendment was published for a public review and comment period from 02/16/26 through 02/25/26. On 02/16/2026 notice of the amendment was published in the Spokesman Review, posted to the SRTC website ([www.srtc.org](http://www.srtc.org)) and social media platforms.

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## 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program

March Amendment (26-03)

Agency WA STIP ID#	Project Title Amendment Description	Funding Adjustment	
<b>Liberty Lake</b> WA-16922	<b>N Molter Rd Overlay (NEW)</b>  New project being added to the TIP. Edge grind and overlay of N Molter Rd between E Appleway Ave and the roundabout at Mission Ave. Approximately 0.33 miles of work area with two driving lanes in each direction. ADA ramp upgrades will be made within project limits.	Federal (STBG)	\$1,109,183
		State	\$0
		Local	\$369,727
		Total	\$1,478,910
<b>Spokane County</b> C3320	<b>Craig Rd &amp; I-90 Four Lakes Connection Planning Study</b>  Project being re-added to the TIP with fully funded PL (planning) phase and DEMO (congressional earmark) funding. A planning study to determine the feasibility of a connection from I-90 to Craig Rd.	Federal (DEMO)	\$3,289,000
		State	\$0
		Local	\$311,000
		Total	\$3,600,000
<b>Spokane Transit Authority</b> WA-14727	<b>Division Line: Division BRT Project Development, Construction and Implementation</b>  Funding was updated in the outer years of 2028-2031.	Federal (5309)	\$82,000,000
		State	\$ 37,942,106
		Local	\$38,505,000
		Total	\$158,447,106
<b>WSDOT</b> BSRTC P1	<b>Asphalt/Chip Seal Preservation Spokane Regional Transportation Council</b>  Updated funding for preservation projects under this record.	Federal (STBG, NHPP)	\$17,308,767
		State (MVA)	\$4,244,283
		Local	\$0
		Total	\$21,553,050

STBG-Surface Transportation Block Grant | DEMO-Congressionally directed spending | 5309-FTA Section 5309: Capital Investment Grants | NHPP-National Highway Performance Program



## Topic: CY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment – March

### Key Points:

- The TIP is a programming document that identifies specific projects and programs to be implemented during the upcoming four years. Any project with federal funds from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) or Federal Transit Administration (FTA), as well as any regionally significant projects, must be included in the TIP.
- After a TIP has been incorporated into the Washington State TIP (STIP), project changes can be requested by local agencies. Minor changes can be made administratively by SRTC staff. Significant changes must be made through the amendment process, which requires a 10-day public comment period and action by the SRTC Board of Directors.
- The TIP serves as an important tool in implementing the goals, policies, and strategies identified in Horizon 2050, SRTC's long-range plan. As such, any projects included in the TIP, including projects added through monthly amendments, must be consistent with Horizon 2050.
- Consistency with Horizon 2050 includes a demonstration of financial constraint, the congestion management process, and the complete streets policy. The proposed March amendment has been reviewed by SRTC staff for compliance with federal and state requirements and consistency with Horizon 2050.
- TIP amendments must be approved by the SRTC Board to be incorporated into the Washington State TIP (STIP). Projects receiving federal funds must be in both the TIP and the STIP to access those funds.
- Pending approval by the SRTC Board, the March amendment will be incorporated into the STIP on or around 04/17/2026.



**To:** Transportation Technical Committee  
**From:** David Fletcher, Principal Transportation Planner  
**Topic:** CY 2027 Unified List Process & Criteria – Draft

### **Requested Action:**

None. For information and discussion.

### **Key Points:**

- The SRTC Unified List serves as a strategic tool for communicating current regional transportation priorities to state and federal legislators for potential funding opportunities. The list is updated annually.
- The SRTC Board of Directors approved the CY 2026 Unified List at its 10/09/2025 ([State Version](#)) and 11/13/2025 ([Federal Version](#)) meetings.
- On an annual basis, SRTC applies the [Unified List Project Evaluation Criteria](#) to assess candidate projects for potential inclusion. The criteria are designed to identify projects that align with [SRTC's Guiding Principles and Policies](#).
- As part of the CY 2027 Unified List development process, SRTC will review and update the Project Evaluation Criteria to incorporate recent planning work completed through the Horizon 2050 metropolitan transportation plan update.

### **Board/Committee Discussions:**

The committee has not previously discussed this item.

### **Public Involvement:**

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

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**To:** Transportation Technical Committee  
**From:** Angela Paparazzo, Associate Transportation Planner I  
**Topic:** Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan (CPT-HSTP)  
– Update

### **Requested Action:**

For information and discussion only.

### **Key Points:**

- The Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan (CPT-HSTP) update has begun. Public outreach is in progress.
- This plan is developed on a four-year cycle and is required both at the state and federal levels.
- Several of the major goals of this planning document are outlined below:
  - Avoid duplication of services
  - Maximize the amount of public awareness of the various regional programs
  - Coordination with local agencies and service providers to ensure cost-effective solutions are being implemented
  - Report on data including locations of residents with special transportation needs
  - Identify gaps in service and strategies to address those gaps
- The CPT-HSTP is developed in collaboration with Spokane Transit Authority.
- Expected plan adoption is Fall 2026.

### **Board/Committee Discussions:**

This is a continuation of discussion on this topic with the committee.

### **Public Involvement:**

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

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**To:** Transportation Technical Committee  
**From:** Savannah Creasey, Communications & Public Relations Coordinator  
**Topic:** Public Participation Plan (PPP) Workshop

### **Requested Action:**

For information and discussion only.

### **Key Points:**

- SRTC is currently updating the [Public Participation Plan](#) (PPP), last updated in 2021.
- One key update will include differentiating and defining outreach conducted with SRTC's different audiences, including SRTC partner organizations and committees.
- Staff will facilitate an interactive discussion to gather the TAC and TTC's perspective on public outreach, including engagement levels, outreach strategies, partnership opportunities, challenges, and successes.
- The first draft of the updated PPP will be presented at the April TTC meeting.

### **Board/Committee Discussions:**

This workshop is meant to generate more discussion about public outreach, which will inform part of the plan update. At the previous Board and Committee meetings, staff provided an overview of the update process.

### **Public Involvement:**

All SRTC Board and Committee meetings are open to the public. A survey is currently open to the public: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PPP2026>. In March, SRTC will attend El Mercado and present to the Equity Working Group.

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