

Spokane Regional Transportation Council – Transportation Advisory Committee

02/28/2024 | Meeting Minutes

Hybrid Meeting at SRTC, 421 W Riverside Ave Suite 504, Spokane WA 99201 and virtually on Zoom

1 Call to Order/Record of Attendance 3:00 PM

Chair Vose called the meeting to order at 3:00pm and attendance was taken. In Attendance:

Members

Michael Ankney
 John Barber
 Raychel Callary
 Charles Hansen
 Katie Melby
 Tom Sahlberg
 Paul Vose
 Rhonda Young
 Kim Zentz

Guests

David Eash
 Shauna Harshman
 S. Montgomery
 Thomas Sanderson
 Nina Stocker (WSDOT)
 Todd Trepanier (WSDOT)

SRTC Staff

Lois Bollenback, *Executive Director*
 David Fletcher, *Principal Transportation Planner*
 Savannah Hayward, *Comm. & Public Rel. Coord.*
 Angel Jackson, *Admin-Exec Coordinator*
 Benjamin Kloskey, *Associate Transportation Planner*
 Eve McMenemy, *Deputy Executive Director*
 Michael Redlinger, *Associate Transportation Planner 2*
 Ryan Stewart, *Principal Transportation Planner*

2 Public Comments

No comments

3 TAC Member Comments

Each member was given the opportunity to highlight events/projects in their respective areas.

4 Chair Report on SRTC Board of Directors Meeting

Chair Vose reviewed action and discussions from the February SRTC Board meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

5 Consent Agenda

January TAC Minutes
 TIP Amendment

There were a few clarifying questions and Mr. Stewart stated he would have a refresher session for the committee next month to discuss the ongoing amendments to the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) process.

Mr. Sahlberg made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Ms. Barber seconded. A motion to approve the consent passed. Mr. Sahlberg made a motion to approve the TIP Amendment as presented. Ms. Barber seconded. A motion to approve the TIP amendment passed.

INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ITEMS

6 **WA State Department of Transportation- Eastern Region (WSDOT-ER) Presentation**

Mr. Trepanier provided a comprehensive overview of the strategic planning for the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), emphasizing key priorities such as safety, diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI), resilience, and workforce development. He highlighted achievements from 2023, including progress on projects like the North Spokane Corridor (NSC) and the Children of the Sun Trail. He discussed the NSC plan's phased completion, focusing on community enhancement and mitigating harm. He emphasized the importance of prioritizing safety over congestion, particularly in addressing the rising trend of traffic fatalities. Additionally, he outlined priorities for future projects, such as the Airway Heights and I-90 interchanges, and highlighted funding challenges and infrastructure maintenance needs. Despite funding constraints, he underscored the importance of making strategic decisions to maximize available resources and ensure safety.

7 **2025 Unified List Development & Project Evaluation Criteria**

Mr. Fletcher provided an overview of the project list and its historical context, detailing the steps involved in funding and project progression. He emphasized the importance of improving the development schedule to enhance effectiveness and utility, noting a four-week project submission period followed by a three-week review period. The draft and final lists are slated for release in June and August (state version) and October and November (federal version).

He highlighted changes to project evaluation criteria and the ranking system, particularly focusing on safety criteria. He outlined proposed revisions to safety criteria, which incorporate findings from the Regional Safety Action Plan (RSAP). He then discussed alignment challenges related to the 2025 Unified List and RSAP schedules and presented three potential safety criteria options to address these schedule alignment challenges. The committee indicated a preference for option B, which involves adding the revised safety criteria.

8 **Solicitation for Project Funding: Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board (FMSIB)**

Mr. Fletcher informed the committee that the Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board (FMSIB) is preparing to release a solicitation for project funding. The project submittal timeline has not yet been announced, however, it is expected to run from late March through early May.

9 **Transportation Performance Management (TPM): Greenhouse Gas**

Mr. Redlinger presented information regarding target setting for the new Transportation Performance Management (TPM) performance measure, outlining the process as part of the current performance period from 2022 to 2025. He discussed the new greenhouse gas (GHG) rule and the due date for targets, as well as the performance period timeline extending from 2022 to 2031. He explained the metrics for CO2 emissions and reporting requirements, emphasizing the Washington State Department of Transportation's (WSDOT) target and methodology utilizing fuels data.

Additionally, he highlighted the reference target and year-to-achievement requirements based on current trend lines, illustrating how reductions can be achieved. He identified and explained the Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) requirements, emphasizing the turnaround time for

analysis and considering the impact on MPOs. Mr. Redlinger reviewed the target deadlines and requested action items to propel the implementation process forward.

10 Agency Update and Future Information Items

- Photo reminder to submit for the website poster;
- Reminder that as part of the Regional Safety Action Plan, SRTC is currently seeking feedback on safety concerns via an interactive survey and mapping tool linked on SRTC website;
- No additional comments

11 Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:22pm.

Angel Jackson, Recording Secretary