

Spokane PC Transportation Sub-Committee

February 6, 2018

Meeting Minutes: Meeting called to order at 9:05 am

Attendance:

- **Subcommittee Members Present:** John Dietzman- Chair (Plan Commission), Charles Hansen (PeTT Committee), Paul Kropp (Neighborhood Alliance and CA Transportation Committee), Kitty Klitzke (Futurewise), Heleen Dewey (Spokane Regional Health District), Eve Nelson (SRTC), Mike Tresidder (STA), Raychel Callary (Lilac Services for the Blind and Accessible Communities Advisory Committee), Rhonda Young (BAB), Joe Tortorelli (Good Roads Association and Transportation Commission), Lori Kinnear- City Council Liaison
- **Subcommittee Members Not Present:** Todd Beyreuther (PC), Kirk Tostenrude (Spokane Public Schools)
- **Staff Members Present:** Louis Meuler, Lisa Key, Jacqui Halvorson, Katherine Miller
- **Guests:** Patricia Kienholz (Plan Commission)

Public Comment:

- None

Briefing Session:

1. Minutes from the [January 9, 2018](#) meeting. Two corrections. Paul moved to approve; Charles seconded; minutes approved unanimously.
2. Chair Report- John Dietzman
No Report.
3. Secretary Report - Louis Meuler
 - **WSDOT Ramp Metering.** WSDOT is beginning the process of possibly metering the on-ramp on I-90 in the downtown area of Spokane. There will be community engagement this fall, with potential installation in 2019.
 - **NSC Flier:** The new charrette fliers for the NSC were shared. The charrettes will occur from the end of February through April for a half day on Saturdays. See www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/US395/NorthSpokaneCorridor for more information.
 - **Riverside CCL Survey.** The City will be offering a survey for the public to provide feedback on this project. Six concepts are being presented.
4. Council Liaison Report - Lori Kinnear
 - Regarding the **Riverside CCL project**, STA has done extensive public outreach and has concerns that there might be some replication and/or undoing of their efforts by the City. The STA staff and Board recommend not installing the center CCL station. Outreach to STA came too late.
 - City Council approved the **Infill Housing Ordinance** at the last Council meeting after revising several of the Plan Commission's recommendations.
5. Stakeholder Reports
 - a. **Joe Tortorelli**
 - **Road User Charges.** The Transportation Commission is kicking-off its pilot project to test road user charges. Spokane will be allowed 400 pilot project participants to track miles driven - not where you drive. If you get 20.5 mpg or less, you receive a simulated rebate; if more than 20.5 mpg, you pay extra by the mile. They would be charging by the use - not by the mile. The gas tax would be eliminated. Federal taxes would stay

the same. If this goes forward, it will not be implemented for 6-10 years. Patricia asked how this, if implemented, would affect the poor. Joe indicated they are not 'social engineering at this point - not to that detail'. Studded tires are another issue.

b. **Eve Nelson**

- SRTC currently has a call for projects. Applications are due by May 11, 2018. There is \$39 million available from various funding buckets.
- The SRTC Board Meeting will begin at 1:15 pm instead of 1:00 on February 13th.

c. **Rhonda Young**

- The BAB is setting-up a work plan for the year; we are involved with the NSC trail component.

d. **Raychell Callary** - No report.

e. **Paul Kropp**

- Slower Speeds Near Parks. Paul indicated that the PeTT Committee has a high interest in slowing speeds around parks and in residential areas. The speed varies too much throughout the City, and we need to decide on a standard. Enforcement is also part of the discussion. There will be a forum offered on this topic at the West Central Community Center on March 27 at 6:00 pm. Participants will include City Councilmembers, Police representatives, Streets and Parks staff, who will provide a discussion on this topic. There is a need to separate the perception of speeders with the data that may say otherwise. Heleen asked how this topic might relate to the House Bill 1045 - Speed Limits - Local Governments passed in 2013, which allows for more local control of non-arterial streets. She indicated this bill includes a tool that might be useful for design and engineering.

f. **Charles Hansen:**

- Plans to attend the NSC charrettes.

g. **Heleen Dewey:**

- Health Impact Assessments. Heleen indicated they have a new staff person who is an expert on Health Impact Assessments; how a policy or program impacts the health of a population; and will be offering training on this topic this spring.

h. **Kitty Klitzke:**

- Futurewise is working on a stormwater facility ordinance. This would not affect public stormwater facilities, only private stormwater treatment.
- Kitty is president of the Spokane Regional Food Policy Council who will be hosting a summit this fall. There will be a panel discussing food and transportation and how these mesh, and she is requesting suggestions for panel representatives.

Workshops/Presentations:

6 Year Transportation Program Update - Brandon Blankenagel

Brandon presented an overview of how the Prioritization Matrix was used to select projects for this year's update to the 6-Year Transportation Program (2019-2024). He also explained how the Reconciliation sheet is used to justify the project list. Brandon wants to make sure that we are justifying the project selections for the program based on data and PCTS input. Additionally, the City provides input opportunity through the SEPA process for other agencies to review the projects.

Last month, the PCTS selected seven projects out of the 20 year capital project list; plus Wellesley - Freya to Havana, due to its interaction with the NSC.

After discussion, it was decided that it would be best to also add Broadway to the list this year, rather than Belt, due to the visibility of this road to visitors, and the safety of Bloomsday participants.

There is a community perception of our street conditions, and there is a need to be consistent with scoring. Economic development opportunities are a factor in the selection process, and Broadway has broad community significance to be on the list. Also, STA is planning additional service on Broadway. Belt, which held a higher rank on the list, can be added next year.

It was also decided that Havana, being an 'interstate gateway' to the Fairgrounds (tourism factor); being at a visible location next to the Valley; and heavily used for freight; should also be a priority over Rowan.

Today, we are looking for the PCTS recommendation to the Plan Commission on this 6-Year Transportation Program list.

Paul Moved to advance the street program proposals, including the cost estimates.

Heleen seconded.

Passed unanimously.

John indicated that there is a recurring request for the Transportation Advisory Committee to be involved in the SRTC project selection process. They would appreciate having SRTC go through the rational of how their projects are selected. Eve said she would present that suggestion to the SRTC Director.

Street Standards Update

Brandon reviewed the Bicycling/Driving/Parking section of the Street Standards, including existing standards that could be revised or changed.

- Presentation given.
- Questions asked and answered.

Next PCTS meeting is scheduled for **March 6th**.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:36 am.