

Spokane PC Transportation Sub-Committee

March 6, 2018

Meeting Minutes: Meeting called to order at 9:02 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), John Van Sant (Spokane Public Schools), Todd Beyreuther (PC), Lori Kinnear- City Council Liaison.
- **Subcommittee Members Not Present:** Joe Tortorelli (Good Roads Association and Transportation Commission).
- **Staff Members Present:** Louis Meuler, Brandon Blankenagle, Jacqui Halvorson

Public Comment:

- None

Briefing Session:

1. Minutes from the [February 6, 2018](#) meeting. Eve moved to approve; Paul seconded; minutes approved unanimously 11/0.
2. Chair Report- John Dietzman
No Report.
3. Secretary Report - Louis Meuler
 - Gave a general overview of the NSC placemaking.
 - Brandon will provide a consistency review of the 6-Year Transportation Program Update. We can also meet next month on this subject and then make a recommendation to the Plan Commission.
4. Stakeholder Reports
 - a) Futurewise - Kitty Klitzke
 - The transportation budget should include transit. Please contact your federal representative if you care about transit.
 - b) Lilac Services for the Blind - Raychell Callary.
 - An audible pedestrian signal has been installed at Addison and Wellesley, where a lot of Lighthouse employees use the bus stop and cross the street. The consistent traffic noise on Wellesley vs. the inconsistent traffic noise on Addison can make it difficult to cross the street safely.
 - c) Spokane Public Schools - John Van Sant
 - We are working on the newest rounds of Safe Routes to School funding in developing that grant with our partners. We are looking at several locations; including infrastructure improvements at Audubon, which will also tie in to the bike route at Belt. Also, northwest of Arlington School north of Francis, there are no safe routes so we are partnering with the County to install new sidewalks.
 - City Council passed a resolution that allows us to look at other safe routes to school type projects that would be funded through the Flashing 21 Camera school zone money, which will replace the old hanging flashing lights with lights on the ground; and improving sidewalks. We are working with Heleen from the Health District and Bob Turner from the City.
 - John D asked about how the new snow sidewalk removal on the routes to school is working for the schools. John V noted that he hasn't heard any complaints.

- d) **WSDOT - Char Kay**
 - o No report.
- e) **Bicycle Advisory Board - Rhonda Young**
 - o No Report.
- f) **Council Liaison Report - Lori Kinnear - District 2**
 - o Last night Council put restrictions on companies that are filming reality TV shows including requiring permits and getting permission from people being filmed. We had a lot of testimony.
 - o Passed an ordinance to waive permit fees for solar installation and e-car charging stations.
 - o Sonneland property is being developed by Jim Frank - 240 residences. 150 people showed up at a meeting last week concerned about congestion and traffic flow at Crestline and 37th. No permits have been issued yet. Jim Franks will pay all impact fees and this money can go toward sidewalks. SEPA can require mitigation as well. This project is consistent with infill the City is working towards. Some zoning is commercial which will allow multi-family along with single family.
- g) **STA - Mike Tresiddor**
 - o Moving forward with the CCL - just completed an open house with over 200 comments. Working with Spokane Arts and the neighborhoods on station identification. Feeling comfortable with federal funding, which is on-going.
- h) **Spokane Regional Health District - Heleen Dewey**
 - o Avista had a round of funding for agencies to install electric car charging stations, and are giving away electric cars; SRHD applied and were successful. The Safe Routes to School program is addressing education, encouragement, enforcement, and engineering. We are wrapping up our program plan for 2018-2020, and looking at adding nine additional elementary schools in the district. The Walking School Bus at Cooper Elementary will be starting this spring, which addresses chronic absentee rates. Using photo ticketing dollars, we have funds to implement programs this spring and fall.
- i) **Charles Hansen**
 - o Charles attended a NSC charrette. Got application in for traffic calming to install sidewalks along Pittsburgh and Whitman, and flashing light application for Rogers.
- j) **Paul Kropp**
 - o Noted the benefit of the Walking School Bus: 10-15 minutes the kids get to socialize, they are more ready for class when they arrive at school.
 - o PeTT committee - Brandon gave a presentation on the new street standards.
 - o We have the Forum on Speed Limits this month.
- k) **Plan Commission - Todd Beyreuther**
 - o No report.
- l) **SRTC - Eve Nelson**
 - o Our board is meeting this Thursday, and we have a \$39M influx of grants that we will be making decisions on. Councilmembers Kinnear and Burke will be there. Some grant money will be used for studies including SR 195 and I-90; Division St; capital maintenance and road preservation; and the Spokane Regional Traffic Management Center.

Workshops/Presentations:

6 Year Transportation Program Update - Brandon Blankenagel

Last month Brandon reviewed the Plan's reconciliation, and will now review the Plan's consistency with the Comprehensive Plan, and how it aligns with the Strategic Plan. The PCTS vote will be next month.

Brandon reviewed two hand-outs including a consistency matrix and scheduling, and explained the process around two example projects: The Hatch Bridge Project - Interaction of land use and infrastructure design; and the Mallon Avenue project - Monroe to Howard Street - create a calmer street experience near the Arena.

A lot of goals and polices are being met, including crossing opportunities and traffic calming, and planning collaboratively with other agencies.

Brandon will check on the matrix LOS boxes, and re-examine land use and traffic impacts.

Paul recommended that the PCTS get a briefing on the Strategic Plan, perhaps with Rick Romero, at the next meeting. The PCTS will be sending a recommendation to the Plan Commission. **Louis to contact Rick.**

Brandon recommended that the PCTS review the Transportation Chapter and read the actions and policies.

Next steps for Brandon are to meet with the PCTS next month to seek a recommendation to the Plan Commission. The Consistency Review Workshop with the Plan Commission is scheduled to occur April 11th. Brandon to present the Plan to the Plan Commission at a public hearing in May, and then on to the City Council.

Paul suggested sending a copy of the 6-Year Plan to the Plan Commission a week prior to the PC Workshop for their review.

Street Standards Update

Brandon reviewed the Bicycling/Driving/Parking section of the Street Standards, including existing standards that may be revised or changed. Nelson-Nygaard is the consultant who has been assisting the City with revising the design standards. The design standards will have some impact on the Comprehensive Plan, the Spokane Municipal Code, and standard plans, all of which will need to be updated based on the new standards. Access and design speed were discussed.

- Presentation given.
- Questions asked and answered.

Next PCTS meeting is scheduled for **April 10th**.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:30 am.