

# Spokane PC Transportation Sub-Committee - Draft Minutes

February 4, 2020

City Council Briefing Center

Meeting Minutes: Meeting called to order at 9:02 PM by Paul Kropp

## Attendance:

- **Subcommittee Members Present:** Charles Hansen, Paul Kropp, Heleen Dewey, Raychel Callary, Eve Nelson, Charlene Kay, Mike Tresidder, Joe Tortorelli, Rhonda Young, Kitty Klitzke (in at 9:32 am)
- **Subcommittee Members Not Present:** Dennis Morford, John Dietzman (Chair), Todd Beyreuther, John Vasant
- **Quorum Present (50% +1):** YES
- **Staff Members Present:** Louis Meuler (Secretary), Kevin Picanco, Kara Mowery, Michael Cathcart (Council Liaison)

Public Comment: None

## Briefing Session:

Minutes from the November 5, 2019 meeting approved unanimously.

- **Chair Report - John Dietzman - absent**
  - None
- **Secretary Report - Louis Meuler**
  - None
- **Council Liaison Report - Council Member Michael Cathcart**
  - Introduced himself as a new Council Member and stated that he is excited to participate.
- **Stakeholders Report -**
  - Paul Kropp, Neighborhood Alliance - Praised STA for their long term planning. He also commented that Spokane County and Spokane Valley are pursuing "Complete Street Ordinances".
  - Mike Tresidder, Spokane Regional Transportation Council (SRTC) - Spokane Transportation Authority (STA) stops are open at SCC and SFCC. The City Line is moving forward with core construction which includes platforms and utilities. There is a survey out for proposed service changes on the website under "What's New". He also added the Annual Transit development process is going to be adopted in June.
  - Heleen Dewey, Spokane Regional Health District (SRHD) - Gave an update on the Walk, Bike, Bus evaluation for North Monroe. The evaluation is complete and the results show that there is a statistically significant increase in walking, biking, and busing trips. They have also started planning for Walk, Bike, Bus 2020. She also added that there are 11 schools participating in the Walking School Bus program.
  - Rhonda Young, Bicycle Advisory Board (BAB) - BAB is focusing on how to keep connectivity on Super Blocks and street vacations. BAB is looking forward to Don Kardong bridge completion. BAB is trying to get some high quality bike facilities on Riverside in spite of the lack of funding.
  - Joe Tortorelli, Eastern Washington State Transportation Commissioner - Stated that because of I-976, statewide projects have been put on hold and that Eastern Washington projects

account for almost 2/3 of funding that was put on hold. His term is up at end of June and the possibility that a person from Okanogan County will replace him was discussed.

- Raychel Callary, Lilac Services for the Blind- Gave an update on the detectable warning surfaces, or Tenji Blocks which are white or yellow, that have been placed so that people with low vision know where to cross the road. They are now are being used to help people with low vision know where to wait for the bus. They are placed at the new bus stops on Sprague and Monroe.
- Charles Hansen, Whitman Neighborhood Council- Went on a walking tour at the new Shaw Regal complex which is part of the walkability project.
- Eve Nelson, Spokane Regional Transportation Council (SRTC) - Introduced a new planner at SRTC, Kiley Jones. SRTC is kicking off the update to their long range plan and they are also reinstating their Transportation Advisory Committee and is accepting applications. SRTC studies for Division and 195 are currently underway.

#### **Workshops/Presentations:**

##### **1. 6 Year Streets Program 2021-2026**

- Presentation provided by Kevin Picanco
- Questions asked and answered
- Discussion ensued

##### **2. US 195 - I-90 and Division Corridor Study Update**

- Presentation provided by Kara Mowery
- Questions asked and answered
- Discussion ensued

\*Council Member Betsy Wilkerson joined at 10:00am

**Meeting Adjourned at 10:02 PM**

Next Plan Commission Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2020