

Spokane Plan Commission Transportation Sub-Committee (PCTS) - Draft Minutes

April 14, 2020

City Council Briefing Center

Meeting Minutes: Meeting called to order at 9:00am by John Dietzman

Attendance:

- Subcommittee Members Present: Charles Hansen, Paul Kropp, Raychel Callary, Eve Nelson, Charlene Kay, Mike Tresidder, Rhonda Young, Kitty Klitzke, John Dietzman (Chair), Todd Beyreuther, CM Michael Cathcart
- Subcommittee Members Not Present: Dennis Morford, John Vansant, Heleen Dewey, Joe Tortorelli
- Quorum Present: yes
- Staff Members Present: Louis Meuler (Secretary), Kevin Picanco, Katherine Miller, Inga Note, Jackie Churchill

Public Comment:

None

Briefing Session:

Minutes from the February 4, 2020 meeting approved unanimously.

1. Chair Report - John Dietzman

- Reported that the Street Department has continued to work on essential maintenance and is starting on a trail paving job at Bosch Lot and will start on Grind and Overlay on NW Blvd. They have been compensating for social distancing by issuing face masks to employees where appropriate.

2. Secretary Report - Louis Meuler-

- Reported that all City Street Projects are still moving forward that were in the pipeline and some additional grind and overlays are being worked on to help stimulate the economy. There is a survey going out for North Division Project led by SRTC and there is an ongoing I95 study and several others that are moving forward too.

3. Council Liaison Report -Michael Cathcart

- Reported that the City Council has compressed their Monday meetings to take place only at 3:30 meeting and that all of their meetings are held virtually. They are working on facilitating open forum options and are planning on starting that soon. They are limited per the Governor's Order to conducting business that is routine and necessary. They did pass a Parks Measure to reduce speed limits in a few parks.

4. Stakeholders Report -

- Eve Nelson, Spokane Regional Transportation Council (SRTC) - Reported that they are under way with I95 and Division Study and are coming up with creative ways to reach public during coronavirus pandemic. They are waiting to see how the Stimulus Package funds will be released so that they can better respond to it.
- Charles Hansen, Whitman Neighborhood Council - He reported that he has been working from home during the Covid-19 Stay at Home Order.
- Charlene Kay, Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) - She reported that many construction projects have been mostly suspended per the Governor's order. But they are working on post covid-19 personal safety plans. Studies and design efforts are continuing and

they are pursuing Phase 2 of West Plains study. She reported that they are also exploring ways to continue to engage with community.

- Rhonda Young, Bicycle Advisory Board - She reported that BAB did not meet in March; however, in February they discussed the construction plans for Post Street Bridge and how the Centennial Trail would be accommodated during construction and afterwards as well. She also reported that there is a 30% increase in bicycle traffic compared to last year at this time.
- Mike Tresidder, Spokane Transit Authority (STA) - has had a 10% reduction in service and has fare free buses. Face masks are available to employees. Construction is still moving forward. Revisiting service improvement program and funding. Also working on public engagement for the next 6 weeks.
- Raychel Callary, Lilac Services for the Blind- She reported that she is now a member of SRTC Advisory Committee. She reported that a new challenge that people with vision loss are experiencing is trying to adhere to 6ft. social distancing in public spaces.
- Paul Kropp, Neighborhood Alliance -He reported that the Pedestrian Transportation, and Traffic Committee (PeTT) Committee was looking ahead to discuss trails and greenways but Community Assembly meetings have been cancelled due to Covid-19 outbreak. But they are going to take a poll to see if members would be interested in holding virtual meetings.

Workshops/Presentations:

1. 6 Year Street Program Review

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

****Motion: The Plan Commission Transportation Subcommittee finds the new project selections for addition to the 20121-2026 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program to be consistent with the policies of Chapter 4 Transportation of the city's comprehensive plan and recommends them to the Plan Commission for its consideration.***

Motion seconded - motion passed unanimously*

Meeting Adjourned at 10:05 AM

Next Plan Commission Transportation Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 5, 2020