

# Spokane Plan Commission Transportation Subcommittee Minutes

October 5, 2021

City Council Briefing Center

Meeting Minutes: Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM by Clifford Winger

## Attendance:

- Subcommittee Members Present: Clifford Winger (Chair), Mary Winkes (Vice Chair), Charles Hansen, Paul Kropp, Eve McMenamy, Charlene Kay, Rhonda Young, Cindy Green, Raychel Callary
- Subcommittee Members Not Present: John Vansant, Todd Beyreuther, Mike Tresidder,
- Non-Voting Subcommittee Members Not Present: Council Member Michael Cathcart
- *Quorum Present: yes*
- Staff Members Present: Louis Meuler, Tirrell Black, Jackie Churchill, Inga Note, Kevin Picanco, Colin Quinn-Hurst

## Public Comment:

None

## Briefing Session:

October 5, 2021 meeting agenda approved unanimously.

Minutes from the April 6, 2021 meeting approved unanimously.

### 1. Chair Report - Clifford Winger

- Mr. Winger urged the members of the PCTS to review materials presented at the meeting and to follow up with project presenters and to give them feedback.

### 2. Secretary Report - Louis Meuler-

- Mr. Meuler reported that Cindy Green from the Spokane Health District is a new PCTS member and is working on filling the other vacancies in the subcommittee.

### 3. Council Liaison Report - Michael Cathcart

- None

### 4. Stakeholders Report -

- Paul Kropp, Neighborhood Alliance - Mr. Kropp watched as the City Council's Sustainability Action Subcommittee Action Plan was submitted to City Council. It includes a part called Transportation and Land Use report and suggested that PCTS members should read it. He also reported that he will not Chair the Pedestrian Transportation and Traffic (PeTT) committee next year.
- Rachel Callary, Lilac Services for the Blind - Ms. Callary reported that many Directional Curb ramps are being put in and stated that they are very helpful to those who have vision loss.
- Cindy Green, Spokane Regional Health District (SRHD)- Ms. Green introduced herself as Program Manager for Healthy Living, which is focused on active transportation.
- Charlene Kay Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) - Ms. Kay reported that WSDOT has been working on US-2 subarea study and is wrapping it up soon. Some major take-aways is how to address projected land-use problems and for this study they constrained the capacity of Highway 2 and has resulted in the use of Subject Matter Experts in subjects such as public transportation and walkability to help them find solutions. Ms. Kay gave an update about Rosemont Bridge which has been closed due to structural maintenance issues but WSDOT has made headway in this regard and is close to finding enough funding. Ms. Kay also

added area of Children of the Sun trail design build has motivated the contractor to include the community in their designs and to understand and reflect community interest.

- Rhonda Young, Bicycle Advisory Board (BAB) - Ms. Young reported that the BAB has been looking at the Transit Oriented Development study and construction detours, specifically around Upriver Drive park construction. They have also been examining the current regulations on E-Bikes and riding them in state parks and on sidewalks. The BAB Greenway study that has been going on. She also stated that although there was criticism towards the Children of the Sun Trail among the members of the BAB, she wanted to state that not all the BAB was against the project and that sometimes infighting about the financial aspect of trails gets in the way of development multimodal infrastructure and that connectivity between East Central and Chief Garry Park neighborhoods could be “game changing”.
- Charles Hansen, Whitman Neighborhood Council, PeTT Committee - Mr. Hansen reported that sidewalk construction in the Whitman Neighborhood has been completed. Also, Illinois has many potholes and patches and he suggested that it could be improved.
- Eve McMenemy, Spokane Regional Transportation Council (SRTC)- Ms. McMenemy reported that the SRTC Board will be approving the regional Transportation Improvement Plan and the final acceptance of US-195 study is coming up soon. SRTC is also working on unified list for member jurisdictions to use for legislative and congressional agendas. SRTC is going to finalize their long range plan called Horizon 2045. They will have a public meeting on Oct. 14 in evening. They are also working finalizing their public participation plan, which is currently open for public comment.

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

1. Transportation Resources
  - Presentation provided by Clifford Winger
  - Questions asked and answered
  - Discussion ensued
2. Ray Freya Alternatives Analysis
  - Presentation provided by Inga Note
  - Questions asked and answered
  - Discussion ensued
3. US-195 Transportation Study
  - Presentation provided by Inga Note
  - Questions asked and answered
  - Discussion ensued

**Meeting Adjourned at 10:23 PM**

Next Plan Commission Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 2, 2021