

Spokane Plan Commission Transportation Sub-Committee Minutes

March 5, 2024

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), Colin Quinn-Hurst (Secretary), Ryan Patterson, Charles Hansen, Paul Kropp, Pablo Monsivais, Samantha Hennessy, Raychel Callary, Char Kay, & Eve McMenamy
- Subcommittee Members Not Present: Lukas Yanni, Michelle Pappas, & Jennifer Soto
- Non-Voting Subcommittee Members Present: Council Member Kitty Klitzke, Colin Quinn-Hurst, Council Representative Abby Martin
- Non-Voting Subcommittee Members Not Present: *None*
- *Quorum Present: yes*
- Staff Members Present: Colin Quinn-Hurst, Tyler Kimbrell, Angie McCall

Quorum Present

Public Comment:

- None

Briefing Session:

Minutes from the February 6, 2024 meeting were approved unanimously.

1. Chair Report - Clifford Winger

- Clifford reported that he saw an article that people that are using e-bikes, electronic scooters and so forth, are not wearing helmets and may pose as a safety concern.

2. Secretary Report - Colin Quinn-Hurst

- Colin Quinn-Hurst informed the committee that the Inland Empire Waste Study is kicking off and the initial analysis is underway.
- The Bicycle Priority Network Study that Tyler Kimbrell presented awhile back, the public comment map closed at the end of February.
- Some projects that will have public involvement this spring are: The Centers and Corridors Study, the Pacific Avenue Greenway Study, and the West Central Infrastructure Project.

3. Council Liaison Report - Kitty Klitzke -

- She is on the Cooper Jones Active Transportation Subcommittee of the Washington Transportation Safety Commission of which they have two work groups every year. This year she is on the Transit Crossings work group in which they are looking to get data from six cities (hoping that Spokane is one of those) on injury and accident collisions between bike and pedestrian at all the transit stops within 1000 feet of the transit stops. They are looking to make these transit crossings safer. The goal is to make policy recommendations based upon this data.
- She recently found out that last year the PCTS recommended to the legislature, that they create legislation that the jurisdictions take control of sidewalks. If that

is an unfunded mandate that would bankrupt our city and probably most of the cities of Eastern Washington.

- Council did pass the parking lot definition for Centers and Corridors as well as legislation prohibiting new drive-throughs in Centers and Corridors.

4. Stakeholders Report -

- Paul Kropp, Neighborhood Alliance - Paul had no report at this time.
- Eve McMenemy, Spokane Regional Transportation Council - Eve reported that they have a board meeting coming up on March 14th. They are seeking public input on the Regional Safety Action Plan. Lots of studies are coming up in the near future on smart mobility, resiliency, and the state requirements for VMT.
- Raychel Callary, Citizen-At-Large - With recent discussions regarding quick builds, she is looking to compile documentation about accessibility.
- Lukas Yanni, Spokane Transit Authority - *Absent*
- Charles Hansen, Community Assembly PeTT Committee - Charles reported that PeTT met a couple of weeks ago and they discussed how to repair sidewalks.
- Jennifer Soto, Spokane Public Schools - *Absent*
- Samantha Hennessy, Spokane Regional Health District - They are working on a lunchtime webinar series for city planners and engineers working on transportation projects. They are also working on a couple of lock audits this year.
- Char Kay, WSDOT -
 - Char reported that the work regarding complete streets is still ongoing. During the last legislative session, the state legislature required that WSDOT address complete streets multimodal provisions on their preservation projects that have a value of \$500,000 or more (that is across the entire region).
 - Within the vicinity of Spokane, they are advancing their work on the US-395 Division Y to Wandermere Road and have started to convene a stakeholder's group for this initiative that will span from roughly Country Holmes vicinity up to Wandermere Road.
 - Some insight on some conversations that are happening regarding the remaining portion of the Children of the Sun Trail include: a) pursuing an at-rate facility that would coexist with Regal Street (regional only interest and issues with railroads), and b) exploring an elevated section with periodic touchpoints or connections at grade. The project team will be looking at this and coming back to community within the next few months with some concepts and to glean feedback.
 - They are continuing to advance the land bridge planning and design efforts in the vicinity of Liberty Park East Central Spokane. They are reviewing consultant proposals and will have hopefully secured a consultant by mid-April.
- Ryan Patterson, Plan Commission - No report for this month.
- Michelle Pappas, Futurewise - *Absent*
- Pablo Monsivais, Bicycle Advisory Board - In the Bicycle Advisory Board meeting in February they reviewed some of the route options for the Pacific Greenway (the alignment of the eastern part) and Tyler Kimbrell gave them an update on the Bicycle Priority Network. Ryan Shea also reviewed some statistics from the Police Department on bicycle thefts (rise in thefts since 2020) and only approximately 11%-12% of bicycles are recovered from those that are reported stolen.
- Abigail Martin, Manager of Neighborhood Connectivity Initiatives for City Council - They are convening a group to address quick, temporary, as well as cost-efficient ways to help our transportation landscape. The council members from district 3 (CM

Klitzke and Zappone) are planning on continuing their transportation focused town hall meetings. They are also still monitoring the traffic camera state legislation (helping to determine the 2025 project list and budget and what the traffic calming project looks like going forward). Also mentioned at the Community Assembly City Council joint meeting, the City Council as well as other city staff are working on what it means to codify what is meant in regard to traffic calming. The term traffic calming may need to be changed to safe streets instead.

Workshops/Presentations:

1. 2025-2030 Six-Year Comprehensive Street Program Consistency Matrix Scoring

- Staff member Kevin Picanco presented.
- Questions asked and answered.
- Discussion ensued.

2. Streets Maintenance Program Overview

- Staff member Clint Harris presented.
- Questions asked and answered.
- Discussion ensued.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:33 AM

Next Plan Commission Transportation Subcommittee Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 2, 2024