

# Spokane Plan Commission Transportation Sub-Committee Minutes

April 2, 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), Charles Hansen, Paul Kropp, Raychel Callary, Samantha Hennessy, Lukas Yanni, Ryan Patterson, Char Kay & Eve McMenamy
- Subcommittee Members Not Present: Michelle Pappas, Jennifer Soto, Pablo Monsivais
- Non-Voting Subcommittee Members Present: Council Representative Abbey Martin
- Non-Voting Subcommittee Members Not Present: Council Member Kitty Klitzke, Colin Quinn-Hurst (Secretary)
- *Quorum Present: yes*
- Staff Members Present: Tyler Kimbrell, Angie McCall, Kevin Picanco

## Public Comment:

- None

## Briefing Session:

Minutes from the March 5, 2024 meeting were approved unanimously.

### 1. Chair Report - Clifford Winger

- Clifford reported that his appointment to the Plan Commission has expired, and he has not been reappointed at this time. If this is not resolved by next month, then most likely this could be his last PCTS meeting. The position as chair of this subcommittee is appointed by the president of the Plan Commission.
- A few weeks ago, The Inlander had a [report](#) on more serious accidents with pedestrians and bicyclists because vehicles are of heavier weight.

### 2. Secretary Report - Colin Quinn-Hurst/Tyler Kimbrell

- Tyler Kimbrell presented in Colin's absence. Projects that are currently being worked on are:
  - Centers and Corridors Study (coming to Plan Commission on 4/10/24 and additional engagement opportunities are coming soon).
  - Division TOD RFQ was closed and are currently in negotiations (a study to look at land use recommendations in line with the Division BRT - Bus Rapid Transit - line).
  - Applied for an Accelerated Mobility Playbook (a grant through the company City Threads in which they receive federal funds to help cities come up with a marketing and communication strategy around pedestrian and bicycle mobility improvements). We were awarded this grant and now we will work on entering into a confirmation contract. More details to come in the near future.
  - There has been consideration for a Transportation Commission that would sit at the same level as the Plan Commission. Council and Council Staff are still working out the details of such. This would absorb a lot of the existing

transportation boards and committees including PCTS. Abbey Martin stated that the collaborative effort has been positive in nature and will go before P.I.E.S. (Public Infrastructure Environment & Sustainability) on 4/15/24.

### 3. Council Liaison Report - Kitty Klitzke - *Absent*

### 4. Stakeholders Report -

- Paul Kropp, Neighborhood Alliance - Paul does not have a report at this time except to warn to stay away from 29<sup>th</sup> avenue between Manito and Lincoln Heights as it is currently down to one lane of traffic.
- Eve McMenemy, Spokane Regional Transportation Council -
  - Eve reported that the development of the unified list of regional transportation priorities (which is the regional communication tool that they take out to our legislators to help educate about these priorities) is coming together quickly.
  - They are also working on a regional safety action plan (<https://www.srtc.org/rsap/>). This plan is going to use data trends and predictive analysis to come up with strategies in certain areas where we have high injuries and high fatalities. There will be a SRTC board presentation on this on 4/11/24.
  - They are working on a regional update to the Commute Trip Reduction plan. Updates will be due this fall.
- Raychel Callary, Citizen-At-Large - Raychel wants to express concern regarding pedestrian safety on the Monroe Street bridge (especially given construction on Post Street).
- Lukas Yanni, Spokane Transit Authority - Lukas does not have a report at this time.
- Charles Hansen, Community Assembly PeTT Committee - Charles reported that PeTT met again this last month where they elected new officers. CM Zappone was supposed to present at the meeting about sidewalk improvements and he was absent.
- Jennifer Soto, Spokane Public Schools - *Absent*
- Samantha Hennessy, Spokane Regional Health District -
  - Samantha reported that they are offering a lunchtime 3-part free webinar series for those that are working on transportation projects.
  - They are also hosting a walk audit (a pilot program in which safety for pedestrians and bicyclists has been identified). The location is being set by the neighborhood councils through the community assembly safety group.
- Char Kay, WSDOT -
  - Char reported that they are advancing the work of the East Central vicinity land bridge (this project is funded by our state legislature and through a RAISE - Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity - grant). <https://engage.wsdot.wa.gov/raise-grant/> They recently had a consultant selection process in which they chose Jacobs Engineering.
  - The State legislature requires WSDOT to address complete streets on preservation projects totaling \$500,000 or more. There is one current project here in Spokane and that is Division Street from the Y to Wandermere.
  - The North Spokane Corridor work continues. Coming soon will be a proposal for a grade separated pedestrian facility to connect into the I-90 vicinity.
  - A lot of work around and implementation of the restorative leased lands bill mostly in the north corridor and future coordination with the East Central neighborhood.
  - The governor is slated to come in June for the ribbon cutting for the [Children of the Sun Trail](#).

- Ryan Patterson, Plan Commission - No report for this month.
- Michelle Pappas, Futurewise - *Absent*
- Pablo Monsivais, Bicycle Advisory Board - *Absent*
- Abigail Martin, Manager of Neighborhood Connectivity Initiatives for City Council -
  - Abbey reported that the Transportation Commission has been a creative and strategic way to bolster what is happening in a lot of various spaces.
  - Cycle 10, 11, and 12 are on schedule for the Traffic Calming selected projects.
  - The traffic safety cameras are what generate our traffic calming fund. [HB2384](#) (the new legislation on traffic safety cameras) contains a lot of new stipulations and requirements which directly impact the fund. Impacts are:
    - What is permissible in terms of what is a traffic calming program.
    - Where cameras can be located now and in the future.
    - Our revenue stream.

### **Workshops/Presentations:**

#### **1. 2025-2030 Six-Year Street Program Consistency Review Recommendation**

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

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:52 AM.**

Next Plan Commission Transportation Subcommittee Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 7, 2024.