

Spokane Plan Commission Transportation Sub-Committee Minutes

June 4, 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, Raychel Callary, Samantha Hennessy, Ryan Patterson, Pablo Monsivais, Eve McMenamy, Paul Kropp
- Subcommittee Members Not Present: Michelle Pappas, Jennifer Soto, Lukas Yanni, Char Kay
- Non-Voting Subcommittee Members Present: Colin Quinn-Hurst (Secretary), Council Representative Abbey Martin, Council Member Kitty Klitzke
- Non-Voting Subcommittee Members Not Present: *None*
- *Quorum Present: yes*
- Staff Members Present: Colin Quinn-Hurst, Tyler Kimbrell, Angie McCall, Maren Murphy, Tirrell Black, Kevin Picanco, Abigail Martin

Public Comment:

- None

Briefing Session:

Minutes from the May 7, 2024 meeting were approved (per the recording if needed and clarification made by CM Klitzke) unanimously with 9-0. There was some discussion as to what a utility is from the last month's minutes. Discussion ensued. Karl Otterstrom shared the following article: [Councilman pushing for street utility | Spokane Journal of Business](#)

1. Chair Report - Clifford Winger

- Clifford reported that during the City Council meeting on June 3, 2024, a topic that was brought up a few times was traffic (especially micromobility as it pertains to pedestrian safety). He stated that working closely with SRTC (Spokane Regional Transportation Council) and STA (Spokane Transit Authority) is important for our city.

2. Secretary Report - Colin Quinn-Hurst

- Colin shared the following:
 - The Transportation Commission proposal (which would affect PCTS) would report directly to City Council and the Mayor's office (as requested). City Council will vote on this proposal on June 24, 2024.
 - There will be no PCTS meeting on July 3, 2024, due to the July 4th holiday. We will still meet on August 6, 2024, until the Transportation Commission (if it passes) is up and running. Abbey Martin spoke to the proposed amendments to the original Transportation Commission proposal.
 - The Wheelshare contract was approved by City Council last night, June 3, 2024, with various changes. Discussion ensued about the contract with Lime.

3. Council Liaison Report - Kitty Klitzke

- CM Klitzke reported that there was much discussion about the Lime contract and focusing on holding Lime accountable.

4. Stakeholders Report -

- Paul Kropp, Neighborhood Alliance -Paul stated that he did not really have anything for this subcommittee.
- Eve McMenemy, Spokane Regional Transportation Council -
 - Eve reported that the SRTC kicked off their Smart Mobility planning effort as well as their system resiliency assessments. They are embarking on two different analyses that will inform their needs assessments for their long-range plan (Metropolitan Transportation plan that they hope to have completed in 2025).
 - Their safety action plan is in draft form: <https://www.srtc.org/rsap/>
 - They are moving along with their yearly unified list process (communications tool with our state legislatures as well as the federal congressional members about the transportation priorities in the region).
- Raychel Callary, Citizen-At-Large - Raychel reported that she has concerns about the return of Lime scooters and appreciates the attention to sidewalk accessibility for pedestrians.
- Lukas Yanni, Spokane Transit Authority - *Absent*
- Charles Hansen, Community Assembly PeTT Committee - PeTT met on 5/28/24 of which they had three guest speakers: Eve McMenemy, Abbey Martin, and Drew Redmond (STA) all speaking to their various programs as it pertains to transportation.
- Jennifer Soto, Spokane Public Schools - *Absent*
- Samantha Hennessy, Spokane Regional Health District -
 - Samantha reported that SRHD has put on the 3-part webinar series for transportation, engineers, and planners. They have completed two out of the three parts thus far and the third will conclude at the end of this month.
 - They are launching a pilot project for walk audits to address pedestrian safety, walkability and what the barriers are for accessibility. They had twelve requested routes.
- Char Kay, WSDOT - *Absent*
- Ryan Patterson, Plan Commission -
 - Ryan wanted to remind everyone that the Post Street Bridge grand reopening is tomorrow, June 5, 2024, at 11:30am.
 - She stated that last night the Safe Streets Now resolution got delayed so it will be back on the City Council agenda in two meetings time.
- Michelle Pappas, Futurewise - *Absent*

- Pablo Monsivais, Bicycle Advisory Board - Pablo reported that he was not able to attend the last Bicycle Advisory Board meeting in May although the information that he received was that it was a mobile meeting (tour of East Central). It included a stop with a presentation about the East Central Subarea Plan and the Smart Growth Capacity Building Grant.
- Abigail Martin, Manager of Neighborhood Connectivity Initiatives for City Council -
 - Abbey reported that most of her topics have already been addressed regarding the Transportation Commission and Safe Streets Now resolution.
 - Post Street Bridge is a great example of adaptive design as well as Howard Street as you come out of the park.

Workshops/Presentations:

1. Climate Planning

- Staff member Maren Murphy presented.
- Questions asked and answered.
- Discussion ensued.

2. Safety Data

- Staff member Colin Quinn-Hurst presented.
- Questions asked and answered.
- Discussion ensued.

[WSDOT - Crash Data Portal \(wa.gov\)](https://www.wa.gov)

Meeting Adjourned at 10:45 AM.

Next regularly scheduled meeting on July 3, 2024, is **cancelled** due to the fourth of July holiday.

Next tentative Plan Commission Transportation Subcommittee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 6, 2024.